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FOREWORD

The New American Standard Bible has been produced with the conviction that the words of Scripture as originally penned in the Hebrew and Greek were inspired by God. Since they are the eternal Word of God, the Holy Scriptures speak with fresh power to each generation, to give wisdom that leads to salvation, that men may serve God to the glory of Christ.

The Editorial Board had a two-fold purpose in making this translation to adhere as closely as possible to the original language of the Holy Scriptures. To make the translation in a fluent and readable style according to current English usage. (This translation follows the principles used in the American Standard Version 1901 known as the Rock of Biblical Honesty.)

IMPORTANT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

SHOULD BE READ

SCRIPTURAL PROMISE

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God shall stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8

THE FOURFOLD AIM

OF

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1. These publications shall be true to the original Hebrew and Greek.
2. They shall be grammatically correct.
3. They shall be understandable to the masses.
4. They shall give the Lord Jesus Christ His proper place, the place which the Word gives Him; no work will ever be personalized.

PREFACE TO THE NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE

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The producers of this translation were imbued with the conviction that interest in the American Standard Version 1901 should be renewed and increased. They have labored with prayerful seriousness to this end. This great responsibility was assumed only after the need was thoroughly established in the minds of many. That which is forever settled in heaven (Psa. 119:89) must ever be available on earth. Such availability is contingent upon (1) clarity of language in its current understanding and (2) the most appealing form of presentation contemporary facilities afford.

All that exists has a cause from which it springs, and this important undertaking was born of no light impulses. It was inspired and encouraged by wholesome and meaningful reasons. The chief inducement, of course, was the recognized value of the version of 1901 which deserves and demands perpetuation. The following observations are advanced as justifiable encouragement:

1. The American Standard Version of 1901 has been in a very real sense the standard for many translations.
2. It is a monumental product of applied scholarship, assiduous labor and thorough procedure.
3. It has enjoyed universal endorsement as a trustworthy translation of the original text.
4. The British and American organizations were governed by rules of procedure which assured accuracy in the completed work.
5. The American Standard Version, itself a revision of the 1881-1885 edition, is the product of international collaboration, invaluable for perspective, accuracy and finesse.
6. Unlike many modern translations of the Scriptures, the American Standard Version 1901 retains its acceptability for pulpit reading and for personal memorization.

Perhaps the most weighty impetus for this undertaking can be attributed to a disturbing awareness that the American Standard Version of 1901 was fast disappearing from the scene. As a generation "which knew not Joseph" was born, even so a generation unacquainted with this great and important work has come into being. Recognizing a responsibility to posterity, THE LOCKMAN FOUNDATION felt an urgency to rescue this noble

achievement from an inevitable demise, to preserve it as a heritage for coming generations, and to do so in such a form as the demands of passing time dictate.

THE FOUNDATION, a corporation not for profit in the State of California, took the initiative in the work of revision, engaging consultants to lay the groundwork for text arrangement, textual revision, linguistic accuracy and editorial finalizing.

1. **TEXT ARRANGEMENT:** This initial step was taken with caution and concern. Page construction registers the first impression when attention is given to a volume. But appearance is not the only consideration in designing a format of the printed page; utility is a major factor! Whatever tends to make the reading easier and more enjoyable is the desirable design. To develop this format it was found best to place cross references and marginal notes in a column alongside the text. References are noted by letters and marginal notes by numerals. (See explanation of format.)
2. **TEXTUAL REVISION:** Words are the vehicle of thought, and most languages, especially the English, have a flexibility which economic and cultural progress utilizes. Passing time with myriads of inventions and innovations automatically renders obsolete and inexpressive words that once were in acceptable usage. The ever-present danger of stripping divine Truth of its dignity and original intent was prominently before the minds of the producers at all times. An editorial board composed of linguists, Greek and Hebrew scholars and pastors undertook the responsibilities of translation.

PRINCIPLES OF REVISION

Greek Text: In revising the ASV, consideration was given to the latest available manuscripts with a view to determining the best Greek text. In most instances the 23rd edition of the Nestle Greek New Testament was followed.

Modern English Usage: The attempt has been made to render the grammar and terminology of the ASV in contemporary English. When it was felt that the word-for-word literalness of the ASV was unacceptable to the modern reader, a change was made in the direction of a more current English idiom. In the instances where this has been done, the more literal rendering has been indicated in the margin.

Marginal Readings: In addition to the more literal renderings, the marginal notations have been made to include alternate translations, readings of variant manuscripts and explanatory equivalents of the text. Only such notations have been used as have been felt justified in assisting the reader's comprehension of the terms used by the original author.

It is enthusiastically anticipated that the general public will be grateful to learn of the availability and value of the New American Standard Bible. It is released with strong confidence that those who seek a knowledge of the Scriptures will find herein a source of genuine satisfaction for a clear and accurate rendering of divinely-revealed truth.

Hebrew Text: In the present translation the latest edition of Rudolph Kittel's *BIBLIA HEBRAICA* has been employed together with the most recent light from lexicography, cognate languages, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Hebrew Tenses: Consecution of tenses in Hebrew remains a puzzling factor in translation. The translators have been guided by the requirements of a literal translation, the sequence of tenses, and the immediate and broad contexts.

Greek Tenses:

1. A careful distinction has been made in the treatment of the Greek aorist tense (usually translated as the English past, "He did") and the Greek imperfect tense (rendered either as English past progressive, "He was doing"; or, if inceptive, as "He *began* to do" or He started to do"); or else if customary past, as "He used to do." "Began" is italicized if it renders an imperfect tense, in order to distinguish it from the Greek verb for "begin."

2. On the other hand, not all aorists have been rendered as English pasts ("He did"), for some of them are clearly to be rendered as English perfects ("He has done"), or even as past perfects ("He had done"), judging from the context in which they occur. Such aorists have been rendered as perfects or past perfects in this version.

3. As for the distinction between aorist and present imperatives, the Board has usually rendered these imperatives in the customary manner, rather than attempting any such fine distinction as, "Begin to do!" (for the aorist imperative), or "Continually do!" (for the present imperative).

4. As for sequence of tenses, the Board took care to follow English rules rather than Greek in translating Greek presents, imperfects and aorists. Thus, where English says, "We knew that he was doing," Greek puts it, "We knew that he does"; similarly, "We knew that he had done," is the Greek, "We knew that he did." Likewise, the English, "When he had come, they met him," is represented in Greek by: "When he came, they met him." In all cases a consistent transfer has been made from the Greek tense in the subordinate clause to the appropriate tense in English.

5. In the rendering of negative questions introduced by the particle **μή** (which always expects the answer, "No") the wording has been altered from a mere, "Will he not do this?" to a more accurate, "He will not do this, will he?"

The Proper Name for God: To professing Christians, whether of conservative or liberal persuasion, the name of God is most significant and understandably so. It is inconceivable to think of spiritual matters without a proper designation for the Supreme Deity. Thus the most common name for deity is God, a translation of the original Elohim. The normal word for Master is Lord, a rendering of Adonai. There is yet another name which is particularly assigned to God as His special or proper name, that is, the four letters YHWH. See Exodus 3 and Isaiah 42:8. This name has not been pronounced by the Jews because of reverence for the great sacredness of the divine name. Therefore, it was consistently pronounced and translated LORD. The only exception to this translation of YHWH is when it occurs in immediate proximity to the word Lord, that is, Adonai. In that case it is regularly translated GOD in order to avoid confusion.

It is known that for many years YHWH has been transliterated as Yahweh. No complete certainty attaches to this pronunciation. However, it is felt by many who are in touch with the laity of our churches that this name conveys no religious or spiritual overtones. It is strange, uncommon, and without sufficient religious and devotional background. No amount of scholarly debate can overcome this deficiency. Hence, it was decided to avoid the use of this name in the translation proper.

Editorial Board
The Lockman Foundation

EXPLANATION OF GENERAL FORMAT

MARGINAL NOTES AND CROSS REFERENCES are placed in a column on the outer edge of the page and listed under verse numbers to which they refer. Superior numbers refer to literal renderings, alternate translations, or explanations. Superior letters refer to cross references. Cross references in italics are parallel passages.

PARAGRAPHS are designated by bold face numbers or letters.

QUOTATION MARKS are used in the text in accordance with modern English usage.

PUNCTUATION CHANGES have been made in order to conform with modern practice.

“**THOU, THY AND THEE**” are changed to “you” except in the language of prayer when addressing Deity.

PERSONAL PRONOUNS are capitalized when pertaining to Deity.

ITALICS are used in the text to indicate words which are not found in the original Hebrew or Greek but implied by it. Italics are used in the marginal notes to signify alternate readings for the text.

SMALL CAPS in the New Testament are used in the text to indicate Old Testament quotes.

ASTERISK—In regard to the use in Greek of the historical present, the Board recognized that in some contexts the present tense seems more unexpected and unjustified to the English reader than a past tense would have been. But Greek authors frequently used the present tense for the sake of heightened vividness, thereby transporting their readers in imagination to the actual scene at the time of occurrence. However, the Board felt that it would be wise to change these historical presents into English past tenses. Therefore verbs marked with an asterisk (*) represent historical presents in the Greek which have been translated with an English past tense in order to conform to modern usage.

ABBREVIATIONS: The Old Testament margins use the following abbreviations: DSS—Dead Sea Scrolls. Gk.—Septuagint (LXX) text. Heb.—Hebrew text, usually Masoretic. M.T.—Masoretic text.

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GENESIS

The Creation.

מְלֵאמֵם

¹Ps. 102:25; Is. 40:21;
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C O S M O G R A P H Y

²Or, a waste and
emptiness ²Lit., face of ³Or,
hovering ^cJer. 4:13 ^bPs.
Jer. 4:23 ^bJob 38:9 ^cPs.
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⁴Ps. 145:9, 10 ^bIs. 45:7

⁵Ps 74:16 ^bPs. 65:8

⁶Or, firmament -
^aIs. 40:22

⁷Or, firmament
^aJob 38:8-11 ^bPs. 148:4

⁸Or, firmament

⁹Ps. 104:6-9; Jer. 5:22;
2 Pet. 3:5 ^bPs. 24:1, 2; 95:5

¹⁰Ps. 33:7; 95:5; 146:6

¹¹Or, grass ²Or, herbs
¹Lit., its ¹Lit., in which is its
seed
^aPs. 65:9-13; 104:14

¹²Or, grass ²Or, herbs
¹Lit., its ¹Lit., in which is its
seed

¹⁴Or, luminaries, light-
bearers ²Or, firmament
^aPs. 74:16; 136:7 ^bPs. 19:1;
150:1 ^cJer. 10:2 ^dPs. 104:19

¹⁵Or, luminaries, light-
bearers ²Or, firmament

¹⁶Or, luminaries, light-
bearers ²Or, luminary, light-
bearer ¹Lit., for the
dominion of
^aPs. 136:8, 9 ^bJob 38:7; Ps
8:3; Is. 40:26

¹⁷Or, firmament
^aJer. 33:20, 25

¹⁸ ¹Lit., for the dominion
of

²⁰Or, swarm ²Lit., on the
face of ²Or, firmament

²¹Ps. 104:25-28

^aIN the beginning ^bGod ^ccreated the heavens and the earth.

² And the earth was ^{1a}formless and void, and ^bdarkness was over the ²surface of the deep; and ^cthe Spirit of God ^dwas ³moving over the ²surface of the waters.

³ Then ^aGod said, "Let there be ^blight"; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw that the light was ^agood; and God ^bseparated the light from the darkness.

⁵ And ^aGod called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And ^bthere was evening and there was morning, one day.

⁶ Then God said, "Let there be an ^{1a}expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

⁷ And God made the ¹expanse, and separated ^athe waters which were below the ¹expanse from the waters ^bwhich were above the ¹expanse; and it was so.

⁸ And God called the ¹expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹ Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let ^bthe dry land appear"; and it was so.

¹⁰ And God called the dry land earth, and the ^agathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth sprout ^{1a}vegetation, ²plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after ³their kind, ⁴with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth ¹vegetation, ²plants yielding seed after ³their kind, and trees bearing fruit, ⁴with seed in them, after ³their kind; and God saw that it was good.

¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be ^{1a}lights in the ^{2b}expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for ^csigns, and for ^dseasons, and for days and years;

¹⁵ and let them be for ¹lights in the ²expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

¹⁶ And God made the two ¹great lights; the ^agreater ²light ³to govern the day, and the ^blesser ²light ³to govern the night; He made ^bthe stars also.

¹⁷ ^aAnd God placed them in the ¹expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

¹⁸ and ¹to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters ¹teem with swarms of living creatures, and let ^bbirds fly above the earth ²in the open ³expanse of the heavens."

²¹ And God created ^athe great sea monsters; and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed

²⁴ ¹Lit., its
^aGen. 2:19

²⁵ ¹Lit., its
^aGen. 7:21, 22; Jer. 27:5

²⁶ ¹Lit., heavens
^aGen. 3:22; 11:7; 19:24 ^bGen. 5:1; 9:6 ^cPs. 8:6-8
AN: K: *pology*

²⁷ ^a1 Cor. 11:7 ^bMatt. 19:4.
Mark 10:6
M... ..

²⁸ ¹Lit., heavens ²Or, creeps
^aGen. 9:1, 7; Ps. 127:3, 5

²⁹ ¹Lit., face of ²Lit., in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed
^aPs. 104:14; 136:25

³⁰ ¹Lit., heavens ²Or, creeps ³Lit., in which is a living soul
^aPs. 145:15

³¹ ^aPs. 104:24, 28; 119:68

¹ ^aDeut. 4:19; 17:3

² ^aEx. 20:8-11 ^bHeb. 4:4

³ ¹Lit., to make

⁴ ¹Lit., These are the generations
^aJob 38:4-11 ^bGen. 1:3-31

⁵ ¹Lit., work, serve
^aGen. 1:11 ^bJer. 10:12, 13

⁶ ¹Or, flow ²Lit., face of

after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

24 ^aThen God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after ¹their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after ¹their kind"; and it was so.

25 And God made the ^abeasts of the earth after ¹their kind, and the cattle after ¹their kind, and every thing that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let ^aus make ^bman in our image, according to our likeness; and let them ^crule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the ¹sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 And God created man ^ain His own image, in the image of God He created him; ^bmale and female He created them.

28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "^aBe fruitful and multiply; and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the ¹sky, and over every living thing that ²moves on the earth."

29 Then God said, "Behold, ^aI have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the ¹surface of all the earth, and every tree ²which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

30 and ^ato every ^bbeast of the earth and to every bird of the ¹sky and to every thing that ²moves on the earth ³which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food"; and it was so.

31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very ^agood. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

THUS the heavens and the earth were completed, and all ^atheir hosts.

2 And by ^athe seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and ^bHe rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3 Then God ^bblessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created ¹and made.

4 ^{1a}This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in ^bthe day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

5 ^aNow no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, ^bfor the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to ¹cultivate the ground.

6 But a ¹mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole ²surface of the ground.

7 ^aThen the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and ^bman became a living ¹being.

7 ¹Lit., soul
^aGen. 3:19 ^{b1} Cor. 15:45

8 And the LORD God planted a ^agarden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

8 ^aGen. 13:10; Is. 51:3; Ezek. 28:13

9 ^aAnd out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; ^bthe tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

9 ^aEzek. 47:12 ^bGen. 3:22 Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14

10 Now a river ¹flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four ²rivers.

10 ¹Lit., was going out
²Lit., heads

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it ¹flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

11 ¹Lit., surrounds

12 And the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon; it ¹flows around the whole land of Cush.

13 ¹Lit., is the one surrounding

14 And the name of the third river is ^{1a}Tigris; it ²flows east of Assyria. And the fourth ^briver is the ³Euphrates.

14 ¹Heb., Hiddekel ²Lit., is the one going ³Heb., Perath ^aDan. 10:4 ^bGen. 15:18

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

16 And the LORD God ^acommanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

16 ^aGen. 3:2, 3

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not ¹eat, for in the day that you eat from it ²you shall surely die."

17 ¹Lit., eat from it
^aDeut. 30:15, 19, 20; Rom. 6:23; 1 Tim. 5:6; James 1:15

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; ^aI will make him a helper ¹suitable for him."

19 And ^aout of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the ¹sky, and brought ^{them} ^bto the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

18 ¹Lit., corresponding to
^{a1} Cor. 11:9

20 And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the ¹sky, and to every beast of the field, but for ²Adam there was not found ^aa helper ³suitable for him.

19 ¹Lit., heavens
^aGen. 1:24 ^bGen. 1:26

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and ^(closed up) the flesh at that place.

20 ¹Lit., heavens ²Or, man
³Lit., corresponding to
^aGen. 2:18

22 And the LORD God ¹fashioned into a woman ^athe rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

22 ¹Lit., built
^{a1} Cor. 11:8, 9

23 And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; ¹She shall be called ²Woman, Because ¹she was taken out of ³Man."

23 ¹Lit., This one ²Heb., Isshah ³Heb., Ish
^aEph. 5:28, 29

24 ^aFor this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

24 ^aMatt. 19:5; Mark 10:7, 8; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31

25 ^aAnd the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

25 ^aGen. 3:7, 10, 11

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9; 20:2

Now ^athe serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the

1 ^{Or, every}

2 ^{Gen. 2:16, 17}

4 ^{John 8:44}

5 ^{Is. 14:14; Ezek. 28:2, 12-17}

6 ^{1 Tim. 2:14; James 1:14, 15; 1 John 2:16}

7 ^{Or, girdles}
^{Is. 47:3; Lam. 1:8}

8 ^{Lit., wind, breeze}
^{Gen. 18:33; Lev. 26:12; Deut. 23:14^bHos. 10:8; Rev. 6:15-17}

9 ^{Gen. 4:9, 18:9}

10 ^{Ex. 20:18, 19; Deut. 5:25}

12 ^{Job 31:33; Prov. 28:13}

13 ^{2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14}

14 ^{Deut. 28:15-20^bIs. 65:25; Mic. 7:17}

15 ^{Rom. 16:20}

16 ^{Lit., and your pregnancy, conception}
^{1 Tim. 2:15^b 1 Cor. 14:34}

woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from ¹any tree of the garden'?" ^c

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'"

4 ^aAnd the Serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die!

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and ^ayou will be like ^{God} knowing good and evil."

6 ^aWhen the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they ^aknew that they were naked; and they sewed ^{fig} leaves together and made themselves ¹loin coverings.

8 And they heard the sound of ^athe LORD God walking in the garden in the ¹cool of the day, ^band the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "^aWhere are you?"

10 And he said, "^aI heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

12 ^aAnd the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to *be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "^aThe serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 And the LORD God said to the serpent,
"^aBecause you have done this,

Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;

On your belly shall you go,

And ^bdust shall you eat

All the days of your life;

15 And I will put enmity

Between you and the woman,

And between your seed and her seed;

^aHe shall bruise you on the head,

And you shall bruise him on the heel."

16 To the woman He said,

"I will greatly multiply

Your pain ¹in childbirth,

^aIn pain you shall bring forth children;

Yet your desire shall be for your husband,

And ^bhe shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it':

^{-unbelief-}
The Penalty of Sin. Cain and Abel.

Genesis 3, 4

^aCursed is the ground because of you;

^bIn ¹toil you shall eat of it

All the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
And you shall eat the ¹plants of the field;

19 By the sweat of your face
You shall eat bread,

Till you ^areturn to the ground,
Because ^bfrom it you were taken;

For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.”

20 Now the man called his wife's name ^{1a}Eve, because she
was the mother of all *the* living.

21 And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam
and his wife, and clothed them.

22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has be-
come like one of ^aUs, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he
stretch out his hand, and take also from ^bthe tree of life, and
eat, and live forever” —

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden
of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

24 So ^aHe drove the man out; and at the east of the gar-
den of Eden He stationed the ^bcherubim, and the flaming
sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to ^cthe
tree of life.

CHAPTER 4

NOW the man ¹had relations with his wife Eve, and she
conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten
a ²manchild with *the help* of the LORD.”

2 And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And
^aAbel was ^{ba}a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the
ground.

3 So it came about ¹in the course of time that Cain
brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

4 And ^aAbel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of
his flock and of their fat portions. And ^bthe LORD had regard
for Abel and for his offering;

5 but ^afor Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So
^bCain became very angry and his countenance fell.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, “^aWhy are you angry?
And why has your countenance fallen?

7 “^aIf you do well, ¹will not *your countenance* be lifted
up? ^bAnd if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door;
and its desire is for you, ^cbut you must master it.”

8 And Cain ¹told Abel his brother. And it came about
when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his
brother and ^akilled him.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, “^aWhere is Abel your
brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother's
keeper?”

10 And He said, “What have you done? ^aThe voice of
your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.

17 ¹Or, *sorrow*
^aGen. 5:29; Rom. 8:20-22
^bJob 5:7; 14:1

18 ¹Lit., *plant*

19 ^aPs. 90:3; 104:29; Eccles. 12:7
^bGen. 2:7

20 ¹Lit., *Living, or Life*
^{a2} Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:13

22 ^aGen. 1:26 ^bGen. 2:9

24 ^aEzek. 31:11 ^bEx. 25:18-22; Ezek. 10:1-20 ^cGen. 2:9

¹ Lit., *knew* ²Or, *man, the LORD*

² ^aLuke 11:50, 51 ^bGen. 46:32; 47:3

³ ¹Lit., *at the end of days*

4 ^aHeb. 11:4 ^{b1} Sam. 15:22

5 ^aNum. 16:15; 1 Sam. 16:7 ^{b1s} 3:9; Jude 11

6 ^aJonah 4:4

7 ¹Or, *surely you will be accepted*
^aJer. 3:12; Mic. 7:18 ^bNum. 32:23 ^cJob 11:14, 15; Rom. 6:12, 16

8 ¹Lit., *said to*
^aMatt. 23:35; 1 John 3:12

9 ^aGen. 3:9

10 ^aNum. 35:33; Deut. 21:1-9; Heb. 12:24; Rev. 6:9, 10

11 *Gen. 3:14

11 "And now ^ayou are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 *Deut. 28:15-24; Joel 1:10-20 ^bLev. 26:17, 36

12 "When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; ^byou shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."

14 *Gen. 3:24; Jer. 52:3 ^bDeut. 28:64-67 ^cNum. 35:19

13 And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear!

14 "Behold, Thou hast ^adriven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Thy face I shall be hidden, and ^bI shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and it will come about that ^cwhoever finds me will kill me."

15 ¹Or, set a mark on ^aRom. 2:4 ^bGen. 4:24

15 ^aSo the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him ^bsevenfold." And the LORD ¹appointed a sign for Cain, lest anyone finding him should slay him.

16 ¹Lit., dwelt ²L.e., Wandering

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and ¹settled in the land of ²Nod, east of Eden.

17 ¹Lit., knew

17 And Cain ¹had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

18 ¹Lit., begot

18 Now to Enoch was born Irad; and Irad ¹became the father of Mehujael; and Mehujael ¹became the father of Methushael; and Methushael ¹became the father of Lamech.

19 *Gen. 2:24

19 And Lamech took to himself ^atwo wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.

20 And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and *have* livestock.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

23 ¹Or, kill ^aEx. 20:13; Lev. 19:18; Deut. 32:35; Ps. 94:1

22 As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

24 *Gen. 4:15

23 And Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah,

Listen to my voice,

You wives of Lamech,

Give heed to my speech,

^aFor I ¹have killed a man for wounding me;

And a boy for striking me;

24 If Cain is avenged ^asevenfold,

Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

25 ¹Lit., knew ²Heb., Sheth ³Heb., shath ⁴Lit., seed ^aGen. 5:3 ^bGen. 4:8

25 And ^aAdam ¹had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him ²Seth, for, *she said*, "God ³has appointed me another ⁴offspring in place of Abel; ^bfor Cain killed him."

26 ¹Or, by ^aLuke 3:38 ^bGen. 12:8; 26:25

26 And to Seth, to him also ^aa son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began ^bto call ¹upon the name of the LORD.

1 *Gen. 1:27

2 *Mark 10:6 ^bGen. 1:28

CHAPTER 5

THIS is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him ^ain the likeness of God.

2 He created them ^amale and female, and He ^bblessed

Descendants of Seth.

them and named them ¹Man in the day when they were created.

3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he ¹became the father of *a son* in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

6 And Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.

7 Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9 And Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.

10 Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 And Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.

13 Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

14 So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15 And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.

16 Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died!

18 And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.

19 Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died!

21 And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.

22 Then Enoch ^awalked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

24 And Enoch walked with God; and [he was not,] for God ^atook him.

25 And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech.

² ¹Lit., *Adam*

³ ¹Lit., *begot*, and so throughout the chap.

²² ^aGen. 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15

²⁴ ^{a2} Kin. 2:10; Ps. 49:15; 73:24; Heb. 11:5

*Methuselah -
man of justice*

29 ¹Lit., *comfort us in*
^aGen. 3:17-19

32 ^aGen. 7:6

2 ¹Lit., *good*

1. 17:1-5

3 ¹Or, *rule in*, some ancient versions read, *abide in* ²Or, *in his going astray he is flesh* ³Or, *therefore*
^a1 Pet. 3:20

5 ^aGen. 8:21; Ps. 14:1-3

6 ¹Lit., *to*
^aJer. 18:7-10

7 ¹Lit., *heavens*
^aDeut. 28:63; 29:20 ^bAmos 7:3, 6

8 ^aEx. 33:17

9 ¹Lit., *complete, perfect, or, having integrity* ²Lit., *generations*
^aPs. 37:39 ^bGen. 17:1; Deut. 18:13; Job 1:1 ^cGen. 5:24

10 ¹Lit., *begot*

11 ^aDeut. 31:29; Judg. 2:19
^bEzek. 8:17

12 ^aPs. 14:1-3

13 ^aIs. 34:1-4; Ezek. 7:2, 3

26 Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and ¹he died.

28 And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son.

29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one shall ¹give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising from* ^athe ground which the LORD has cursed."

30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

32 And Noah was ^afive hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAPTER 6

NOW it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

2 that ¹the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were ¹beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

3 Then the LORD said, "^aMy Spirit shall not ¹strive with man forever, ²because he also is flesh; ³nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that ^aevery intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And ^athe LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved ¹in His heart.

7 And the LORD said, "^aI will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the ¹sky; for ^bI am sorry that I have made them."

8 But Noah ^afound favor in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These are *the records* of the generations of Noah. Noah was a ^arighteous man, ^{1b}blameless in his ²time; Noah ^cwalked with God.

10 And Noah ¹became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was ^acorrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was ^bfilled with violence.

12 And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for ^aall flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 Then God said to Noah, "^aThe end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

14 "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall ¹cover it inside and out with pitch.

14 ¹Or, *pitch*

15 "And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred ¹cubits, its breadth fifty ¹cubits, and its height thirty ¹cubits.

15 ¹i.e., one cubit equals approx. 18 inches

16 "You shall make a ¹window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from ²the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

16 ¹Or, *roof* ²Lit., *above*

17 "And behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

18 ^aGen. 9:9-16; 17:7 ^bGen. 7:7

18 "But I will establish ^aMy covenant with you; and ^byou shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

19 ^aGen. 7:2, 14, 15

19 "And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female.

20 ^aGen. 7:3

20 "Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every *kind* shall come to you to keep *them* alive.

22 ^aGen. 7:5

21 "And as for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."

¹ Lit., *generation*
^aGen. 6:9

22 ^aThus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

² Lit., *to* ²Lit., *seven seven*
^aLev. 11:1-31; Deut. 14:3-20

CHAPTER 7

THEN the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household; for you *alone* I have seen to be ^arighteous before Me in this ¹time.

³ Lit., *heavens* ²Lit., *seven seven* ³Lit., *seed*

2 "You shall take ¹with you of every ^aclean animal ²seven pairs, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female;

⁴ ^aGen. 7:10 ^bGen. 7:12, 17 ^cGen. 6:7, 13

3 also of the birds of the ¹sky, ²seven pairs, male and female, to keep ³offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

⁵ ^aGen. 6:22

4 "For after ^aseven more days, I will send rain on the earth ^bforty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land ^cevery living thing that I have made."

⁶ Lit., *was*
^aGen. 5:32

5 ^aAnd Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

⁷ ^aGen. 7:13; Gen. 6:18

6 Now Noah was ^asix hundred years old when the flood of water ¹came upon the earth.

7 Then ^aNoah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood.

⁸ ^aGen 7:2, 3; Gen. 6:19, 20

8 ^aOf clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground,

9 there went into the ark to Noah two by two, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰ Lit., *were*
^aGen. 7:4

10 And it came about after ^athe seven days, that the water of the flood ¹came upon the earth.

11 ¹Or, windows of the heavens
²Gen. 7:6 ³Gen. 8:2

12 ¹Lit., was
²Gen. 7:4, 17

13 ²Gen. 7:7; 6:18

14 ¹Lit., its ²Lit., every bird, every wing

15 ²Gen. 7:9; 6:19

17 ¹Lit., was
²Gen. 7:4

18 ¹Lit., went ²Lit., face

19 ¹Lit., which were under all the heavens

20 ¹I.e., one cubit equals 18 inches
²Gen. 8:4

21 ¹Or, crept
²Gen. 7:4; 6:7, 13, 17

23 ¹Lit., all existence ²Lit., heavens
³Matt. 24:38, 39; Luke 17:26, 27; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5

24 ²Gen. 8:3

1 ²Job 12:15; Ps. 29:10; Is. 44:27; Nah. 1:4

2 ¹Or, windows of the heavens ²Lit., heavens
³Gen. 7:11 ⁴Gen. 7:4, 12

3 ²Gen. 7:24

4 ²Gen. 7:20

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11 In the ²six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all ^bthe fountains of the great deep burst open, and the ¹floodgates of the sky were opened.

12 And ^athe rain ¹fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

13 On the very same day ^aNoah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,

14 they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after ¹their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, ²all sorts of birds.

15 So they went into the ark to Noah, ^atwo by two of all flesh in which was the breath of life.

16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as ^aGod had commanded him; and the LORD closed it behind him.

17 Then the flood ¹came upon the earth for ^aforty days; and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

18 And the water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark ¹floated on the ²surface of the water.

19 And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains ¹everywhere under the heavens were covered.

20 The water prevailed fifteen ¹cubits higher, ^aand the mountains were covered.

21 ^aAnd all flesh that ¹moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind;

22 of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

23 Thus He blotted out ¹every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the ²sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only ^aNoah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

24 ^aAnd the water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

CHAPTER 8

BUT God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and ^aGod caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

2 Also ^athe fountains of the deep and the ¹floodgates of the ²sky were closed, and ^bthe rain from the ²sky was restrained;

3 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end ^aof one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.

4 And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, ^athe ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the water decreased steadily until the tenth

The Water Subsides. Noah Leaves the Ark.

month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

6 Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made;

7 and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth.

8 Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land;

9 but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark; for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself.

10 So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark.

11 And the dove came to him toward evening; and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth.

12 Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again.

13 Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was dried up.

14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their sons' wives with you.

17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families into the ark.

20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

22 "While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat,
And summer and winter,
And day and night
Shall not cease."

7 ¹Lit., went out, going and returning ²Lit., from upon

9 ¹Lit., face

11 ¹Lit., time of evening ²Lit., mouth

12 ^aJer. 48:28

13 ¹Lit., from upon ²Lit., face ^aGen. 7:6

17 ¹Or, swarm ^aGen. 1:22, 28

19 ¹Or, according to their kind

20 ^aGen. 12:7, 8; 13:18; 22:9 ^bGen. 7:2 ^cGen. 22:2; Ex. 10:25

21 ¹Lit., to his heart ²Or, inclination ³Lit., smite ^aEx. 29:18, 25 ^bGen. 6:7, 13 ^cGen. 6:5 ^dGen. 9:11

22 ^aPs. 74:17; Jer. 33:20, 25

1 ^aGen. 9:7; 1:28

CHAPTER 9

AND God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 ¹Lit., heavens

3 ^aGen. 1:29

4 ^aLev. 17:10-16; Deut. 12:16, 23

5 ¹Lit., your blood of your lives ²Lit., from the hand of ^aEx. 20:13; 21:12 ^bEx. 21:28, 29

6 ^aNum. 35:33

7 ¹Lit., swarm in the earth ^aGen. 9:1

9 ¹Lit., seed ^aGen. 6:18

11 ^aGen. 8:21 ^bIs. 54:9

12 ¹Or, everlasting generations ^aGen. 9:13, 17; 17:11

13 ^aEzek. 1:28

15 ^aDeut. 7:9 ^bGen. 9:11

18 ^aGen. 9:25-27

19 ¹Lit., scattered ^aGen. 9:1, 7; 10:32

20 ¹Lit., to be a farmer

22 ^aHab. 2:15

2 "And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the ¹sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given.

3 "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, ^aas I gave the green plant.

4 "Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, ^aits blood.

5 "And surely I will require ^{1a}your lifeblood; ^{2b}from every beast I will require it. And ²from every man, ²from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "^aWhoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man.

7 "And as for you, ^abe fruitful and multiply;
¹Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

9 "Now behold, ^aI Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your ¹descendants after you;

10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth.

11 "And I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall ^anever again be cut off by the water of the flood, ^bneither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 And God said, "This is ^athe sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for ¹all successive generations;

13 I set My ^abow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

14 "And it shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud,

15 and ^aI will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and ^bnever again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

18 Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and ^aHam was the father of Canaan.

19 These three *were* the sons of Noah; and ^afrom these the whole earth was ¹populated.

20 Then Noah began ¹farming and planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

22 And ^aHam, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the

nakedness of their father; and their faces were ¹turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

25 So he said,
 "aCursed be Canaan;
 ¹A servant of servants
 He shall be to his brothers."

26 He also said,
 "aBlessed be the LORD,
 The God of Shem;
 And let Canaan be ¹his servant.

27 "aMay God enlarge Japheth,
 And let him dwell in the tents of Shem;
 And let Canaan be ¹his servant."

28 And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood.

29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

23 ¹Lit., *backward*

25 ¹L.e., The lowest of servants
^aDeut. 27:16

26 ¹Or, *their*
^aGen. 14:20; 24:27

27 ¹Or, *their*
^aGen. 10:2-5; Is. 66:19

2 ¹Chr. 1:5-7 ^bEzek. 38:2,
 6 ²Kin. 17:6 ^dIs. 66:19
^cEzek. 38:2

3 ^aJer. 51:27 ^b1 Chr. 1:6
Diphath, ^cEzek. 27:14

CHAPTER 10

NOW these are *the records* of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

2 ^aThe sons of Japheth were ^bGomer and Magog and ^cMadai and ^dJavan and Tubal and ^eMeshech and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer were ^aAshkenaz and ^bRiphath and ^cTogarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan were Elishah and ^aTarshish, Kitim and ^bDodanim.

5 From these the coastlands of the nations ¹were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

6 ^aAnd the sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush were ^aSeba and Havilah and Sabtah and ^bRaamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were ^bSheba and ^cDedan.

8 Now Cush ¹became the father of Nimrod; he ²became a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was ^{1a}Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of ^bShinar.

11 From that land he went forth ^ainto Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah,

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

13 And Mizraim ¹became the father of ^aLudim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim

14 and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

4 ^aEzek. 27:12, 25 ^b1 Chr. 1:7, *Rodanim*

5 ¹Or, *separated themselves*

6 ¹Chr. 1:8-10

7 ^aIs. 43:3 ^bEzek. 27:22
^cEzek. 27:15, 20

8 ¹Lit., *begot* ²Lit., *began to be*

10 ¹Or, *Babylon*
^aGen. 11:9 ^bGen. 11:2; 14:1

11 ^aMic. 5:6

13 ¹Lit., *begot*
^aJer. 46:9

15 ¹Lit., *begot*
²1 Chr. 1:13; Jer. 47:4 ^bGen. 23:3

16 ^aGen. 15:19-21

19 ¹Lit., *was*
^aGen. 14:2, 3

21 ¹Or, *the brother of Japheth the elder*

22 ²1 Chr. 1:17 ^bGen. 14:1, 9 ^c2 Kin. 15:29 ^dGen. 11:10
^eIs. 66:19

23 ¹Job 1:1; Jer. 25:20

24 ¹Lit., *begot*
^aLuke 3:35

25 ¹I. c., *Division*

26 ¹Lit., *begot*

28 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:22, *Ebal*

30 ¹Lit., *dwelling* ²Lit., *was*

32 ^aGen. 9:19

1 ¹Lit., *was one lip* ²Or, *few; or, one set of words*

2 ¹Lit., *dwelt*
^aGen. 10:10; 14:1

3 ^aGen. 14:10

4 ^aDeut. 1:28; 9:1; Ps. 107:26 ^bGen. 6:4; 2 Sam. 8:13 ^cDeut. 4:27

5 ^aGen. 18:21; Ex. 3:8; 19:11, 18, 20

15 And Canaan ¹became the father of ^aSidon, his first-born, and ^bHeth

16 and ^athe Jebusite and the Amorite and the Gergashite

17 and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite

18 and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite; and afterward the families of the Canaanite were spread abroad.

19 And the territory of the Canaanite ¹extended from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward ^aSodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.

21 And also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, and the ¹older brother of Japheth, children were born.

22 ^aThe sons of Shem were ^bElam and ^cAsshur and ^dArpachshad and ^eLud and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram were ^aUz and Hul and Gether and Mash.

24 And Arpachshad ¹became the father of ^aShelah; and Shelah ¹became the father of Eber.

25 And two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was ¹Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

26 And Joktan ¹became the father of Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah

27 and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah

28 and ¹Obal and Abimael and Sheba

29 and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.

30 Now their ¹settlement ²extended from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the hill country of the east.

31 These are the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, according to their nations.

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and ^aout of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.

CHAPTER 11

NOW the whole earth ¹used the same language and ²the same words.

2 And it came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land ^aof Shinar and ¹settled there.

3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used ^atar for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top ^awill reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves ^ba name; lest we ^cbe scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

5 ^aAnd the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have ^{1a}the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be ²impossible for them.

⁶ ¹Lit., *one lip* ²Lit., withheld from
*Gen. 11:1

7 "Come, ^alet Us go down and there ^bconfuse their ¹language, that they may not understand one another's ^{1s}speech."

8 So the LORD ^ascattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

9 Therefore its name was called ^{1a}Babel, because there the LORD confused the ²language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

⁷ ¹Lit., *lip*
*Gen. 1:26 ^bEx. 4:11; Is. 33:19

10 ^aThese are *the records of the generations of Shem*. Shem was one hundred years old, and ¹became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;

11 and Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

12 And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and became the father of Shelah;

8 *Gen. 11:4

13 and Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Shelah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

14 And Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber;

15 and Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Eber, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

⁹ ¹Or, *Babylon*; cf. Heb., *balal*, confuse ²Lit., *lip*
*Gen. 10:10

16 And Eber lived thirty-four years, and ¹became the father of Peleg;

17 and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu;

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *begot*, and so through 10-15
*Gen. 10:22-25

19 and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

20 And Ruc lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug;

21 and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *begot*, and so through 16-27

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor;

23 And Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of ^aTerah;

24 *Josh. 24:2

25 and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

27 *Gen. 11:31; 12:4

27 Now these are *the records of the generations of Terah*. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and ^aHaran became the father of Lot.

28 ¹Or, during the lifetime of
^aGen. 11:31

29 ¹Lit., and the father of
^aGen. 24:10 ^bGen. 20:12
^cGen. 22:20, 23; 24:15

30 ^aGen. 16:1

31 ¹Lit., with them ²Lit., dwell
^aGen. 15:7; Neh. 9:7

1 ¹Lit., Go for yourself
^aActs 7:3; Heb. 11:8

2 ¹Lit., be a blessing
^aGen. 17:4, 5; 18:18 ^bGen. 22:17
^cZech. 8:13

3 ¹Or, reviles ²Or, bind under a curse
^aGen. 27:29 ^bActs 3:25; Gal. 3:8

4 ^aGen. 11:27, 31

5 ¹Lit., souls ²Lit., went forth to go to
^aGen. 15:6 ^bGen. 14:14; Lev. 22:11
^cGen. 11:31

6 ¹Or, terebinth
^aGen. 35:4; Deut. 11:30

7 ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 17:1; 18:1 ^bGen. 13:15; 15:18; Gal. 3:16
^cGen. 13:18; 22:9

8 ^aJosh. 8:9, 12 ^bGen. 4:26; 21:33

9 ¹i.e., South country
^aGen. 13:1, 3; 20:1; 24:62

11 ¹Lit., drew near to enter
²Lit., a woman of beautiful appearance
^aGen. 26:7; 29:17

28 And Haran died ¹in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in ^aUr of the Chaldeans.

29 And Abram and ^aNahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was ^bSarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was ^cMilcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah ¹and Iscah.

30 And ^aSarai was barren; she had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out ¹together from ^aUr of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went ²as far as Haran, and ³settled there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

CHAPTER 12

NOW ^athe LORD said to Abram,

"¹Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

2 And ^aI will make you a great nation, And ^bI will bless you, And make your name great; And so ^{1c}you shall be a blessing;

3 And ^aI will bless those who bless you, And the one who ¹curse you I will ²curse.

^bAnd in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and ^aLot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their ^apossessions which they had accumulated, and ^bthe ¹persons which they had acquired in Haran; and they ²set out for the land of Canaan, ^cthus they came to the land of Canaan.

6 And Abram passed through the land as far as the site ^aof Shechem, to the ¹oak of Morch. Now the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 And the LORD ^aappeared to Abram and said, "^bTo your ¹descendants I will give this land." So he built ^can altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with ^aBethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and ^bcalled upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed on, continuing toward ^athe ¹Negev.

10 Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

11 And it came about when he ¹came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a ^{2a}beautiful woman;

12 ^aand it will come about when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

13 "Please say that you are ^amy sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that ^bI may live on account of you."

14 And it came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians ¹saw that the woman was very beautiful.

15 And Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and ^athe woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 Therefore ^ahe treated Abram well for her sake; and ^bgave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

17 But the LORD ^astruck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"

19 "Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then ¹here is your wife, take her and go."

20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they ¹escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

CHAPTER 13

SO Abram went up from Egypt to ^athe ¹Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him; and Lot with him.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.

3 And he went ¹on his journeys from the ²Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, ^abetween Bethel and Ai,

4 to the place of the altar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 Now ^aLot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

6 And ^athe land could not ¹sustain them ²while dwelling together; ^bfor their possessions were so great that they were not able ^bto remain together.

7 ^aAnd there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now ^bthe Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.

8 ^aThen Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

9 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me: if *to* the left, then I will go to the right; or if *to* the right, then I will go to the left."

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the ^{1a}valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—*this* was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like ^bthe garden of the LORD, ^clike the land of Egypt as you go to ^dZoar.

11 So Lot chose for himself all the ¹valley of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other.

12 ^aGen. 20:11

13 ¹Lit., *my soul*
^aGen. 20:2, 5, 12 ^bJer. 38:17, 20

14 ¹Lit., *saw the woman that she was*

15 ^aGen. 20:2

16 ¹Lit., *he had*
^aGen. 20:14 ^bGen. 13:2

17 ^aPs. 105:14

18 ^aGen. 20:9, 10

19 ¹Or, *behold*

20 ¹Lit., *sent*

¹l.e., South country
^aGen. 12:9

³ ¹Lit., *by his stages* ²l.e., South country
^aGen. 12:8

5 ^aGen. 12:5

6 ¹Lit., *bear* ²Lit., *to dwell*
^aGen. 36:7 ^bGen. 13:2; 12:5, 16

7 ^aGen. 26:20 ^bGen. 12:6; 15:19-21

8 ^aProv. 15:18; 20:3

10 ¹Lit., *circle*
^aGen. 19:17-29; Deut. 34:3
^bGen. 2:8 ^cGen. 47:6 ^dGen. 14:8; Deut. 34:3

11 ¹Lit., *circle*

12 ¹Lit. *dwelt* ²Lit. *circle*
^aGen. 14:2; 19:24, 25

13 ¹Lit. *wicked and sinners*
exceedingly
^aGen. 39:9, Num. 32:23;
 2 Pet. 2:7, 8

14 ^aDeut. 3:27; 34:1-4

15 ¹Lit. *seed*
^aGen. 12:7 ^bGen. 13:17; 15:7;
 8; 17:8

16 ¹Lit. *seed*
^aGen. 16:10; 28:14; Num.
 23:10

17 ^aNum. 13:17-24 ^bGen.
 13:15

18 ¹Or. *terebinth*
^aGen. 14:13 ^bGen. 8:20; 12:7;
 8

1 ¹Or. *nations*
^aGen. 10:10; 11:2 ^bGen.
 10:22; Dan. 8:2

2 ^aGen. 10:19 ^bDeut.
 29:23 ^cGen. 13:10

3 ¹Lit. *joined together*
^aGen. 14:8, 10 ^bDeut. 3:17;
 Josh. 3:16

5 ¹Lit. *smote* ²Or. *the*
plain of Kiriathaim
^aDeut. 3:11, 13 ^bDeut. 1:4;
 Josh. 9:10 ^cNum. 32:37

6 ^aGen. 36:20; Deut. 2:12;
 22 ^bGen. 21:21; Num. 10:12

7 ¹Lit. *smote*
^aNum. 13:26 ^b2 Chr. 20:2

8 ^aGen. 14:3

9 ¹Or. *nations*

10 Lit. *there*
^aGen. 14:17, 21, 22

12 ^aGen. 11:27 ^bGen. 13:12

13 ¹Lit. *the*
^aGen. 40:15; Ex. 3:18

12 Abram ¹settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot ¹settled in ^athe cities of the ²valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked ¹exceedingly and ^asinners against the LORD.

14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

15 ^afor all the land which you see, ^bI will give it to you and to your ¹descendants forever.

16 "And I will make your ¹descendants ^aas the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your ¹descendants can also be numbered.

17 "Arise, ^awalk about the land through its length and breadth; for ^bI will give it to you."

18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt in the ¹looks of ^aMamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built ^aan altar to the LORD.

CHAPTER 14 *Biblical Exposition
 accordance to his word*

AND it came about in the days of Amraphel king of ^aShinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of ^bElam, and ^cKing of ¹Goiim,

2 *that* they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of ^aAdmah, and Sherber king of ^bZeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, ^cZoar).

3 All these ¹came as allies to ^athe valley of Siddim (that is, ^bthe Salt Sea).

4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, came and ¹defeated the ^aRephaim, ^bAshteroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim, ^{2c}Shaveh-kiriathaim,

6 and the ^aHorites in their Mount Scir, as far as ^bParan, which is by the wilderness.

7 Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, ^aKadesh), and ¹conquered all the country of the Amalekites and also the Amorites, who lived in ^bHazazon-tamar.

8 And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) came out; and they arrayed for battle against them in ^athe valley of Siddim,

9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of ¹Goiim and Amraphel King of Shinar and Arioch king of ^cEllasar—four kings against five.

10 Now the valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell ¹into the tar. But those who survived fled to the hill country.

11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food supply, and departed.

12 And they also took Lot ^aAbram's nephew and his possessions and departed, ^bfor he was living in Sodom.

13 Then ^{1a} a fugitive came and told Abram the ^aHebrew

Now he was ²living by the ³oaks of ^bMamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were ⁴callies with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that ^ahis ¹relative had been taken captive, he ²led out his trained men, ^bborn in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as ^cDan.

15 And ^ahe divided ¹his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and ²defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is ³north of ^bDamascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back ^ahis ¹relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.

17 Then after his return from the ¹defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, ^athe king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, ^bthe King's valley).

18 And ^aMelchizedek king of Salem brought out ^bbread and wine; now he was a ^ppriest of ¹God Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said,
"Blessed be Abram of ¹God Most High,
²a Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be ¹God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

^aAnd he gave him a tenth of all. ²Recognition of divine right to priest.
21 And the King of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the ¹people to me and take the goods for yourself."

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have ¹sworn to the LORD ²a God Most High, ³possessor of heaven and earth,

23 that ^aI will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

24 "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, ^aAner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

CHAPTER 15

AFTER these things ^athe word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,

"^bDo not fear, Abram,
I am ^aa shield to you;
Your ⁴reward shall be very great."

2 And Abram said, "O Lord ¹God, what wilt Thou give me, since I ²am childless, and the ³heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

3 And Abram said, "¹Since Thou hast given no ²offspring to me, ³one ^aborn in my house is my heir."

4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; ^abut one who shall come forth from your own ¹body, he shall be your heir."

5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and ^acount the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "^bSo shall your ¹descendants be."

6 ^aThen he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you

13 ²Lit., *abiding* ³Or, *terebinths* ⁴Lit., *possessors of the covenant*
^bGen. 13:18 ^cGen. 21:27, 32

14 ¹Lit., *brother* ²Or, *mustered*
^aGen. 14:12 ^bGen. 12:5; Eccles. 2:7 ^c1 Kin. 15:20

15 ¹Lit., *himself* ²Lit., *smote* ³Lit., *on the left*
^aJudg. 7:16 ^bGen. 15:2

16 ¹Lit., *brother*
^aGen. 14:12, 14

17 ¹Lit., *smiting*
^aGen. 14:10 ^b2 Sam. 18:18

18 ¹Heb., *El Elyon*
^aHeb. 7:1 ^bPs. 104:15 ^cPs. 110:4; Heb. 5:6, 10

19 ¹Heb., *El Elyon* ²Or, *Creator*
^aGen. 14:22

20 ¹Heb., *El Elyon*
^aHeb. 7:4

21 ¹Lit., *soul*

22 ¹Lit., *lifted up my hand*
²Heb. *El Elyon* ³Or, *Creator*
^aGen. 14:19

23 ^a2 Kin. 5:16

24 ¹Lit., *not to me except*
^aGen. 14:13

1 ¹Or, *your very great reward*
^aGen. 15:4; 1 Sam. 15:10
^bGen. 21:17; 26:24 ^cDeut. 33:29 ^dNum. 18:20

2 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Lit., *go*
³Lit., *son of acquisition*

3 ¹Lit., *Behold* ²Lit., *seed*
³Lit., *and behold, a son of*
^aGen. 14:14

4 ¹Lit., *inward parts*
^aCal. 4:28

5 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aGen. 22:17; 26:4; Deut. 1:10
^bEx. 32:13; Rom. 4:18

6 ^aRom. 4:3; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23

7 ¹Or, *inherit*
^aGen. 11:31 ^bGen. 13:15,17

8 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Or, *inherit*
^aLuke 1:18

9 ¹Lit., *Take*

10 ¹Lit., *took* ²Lit., *in the midst*
^aGen. 15:17 ^bLev. 1:17

12 ¹Or, *a terror of great darkness*
^aGen. 2:21; 28:11; Job 33:15

13 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them*
^aActs 7:6, 17 ^bDeut. 5:15
^cGal. 3:17; Ex. 12:40

14 ¹Lit., *great*
^aEx. 12:32-38

15 ^aGen. 25:8; 47:30

16 ^aGen. 15:13 ^bLev. 18:24-28

17 ^aJer. 34:18, 19

18 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aEx. 23:31; Num. 34:1-15;
 Deut. 1:7, 8

19 ^aEx. 3:17; 23:28; Josh. 21:43; 24:11

1 ^aGen. 11:30 ^bGen. 12:16

2 ¹Lit., *be built from her*
^aGen. 30:3, 4, 9, 10

3 ¹Lit., *dwelt*
^aGen. 12:4

5 ¹Lit., *bosom* ²Lit., *eyes*
³Lit., *me and you*
^aJer. 51:35 ^bGen. 31:53

out of ^aUr of the Chaldeans, to ^bgive you this land to ¹possess it."

8 And he said, "O Lord ¹God, ^ahow may I know that I shall ²possess it?"

9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

10 Then he ¹brought all these to Him and ^acut them ²in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut ^bthe birds.

11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 Now when the sun was going down, ^aa deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, ¹terror *and* great darkness fell upon him.

13 And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that ^ayour ¹descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, ²where ^bthey will be enslaved and oppressed ^cfour hundred years.

14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out ^awith ¹many possessions.

15 "And as for you, ^ayou shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

16 "Then in ^athe fourth generation they shall return here, for ^bthe iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

17 And it came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, *there appeared* a smoking oven and a flaming torch which ^apassed between these pieces.

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,

"To your ¹descendants I have given this land,

From ^athe river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 ^athe Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite

20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim

21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

CHAPTER 16

NOW ^aSarai, Abram's wife had borne him no *children*, and she had ^ban Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing *children*. ^aPlease go in to my maid; perhaps I shall ¹obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And after Abram had ¹lived ^aten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.

4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.

5 And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your ¹arms; but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her ²sight. ^bMay the LORD judge between ³you and me."

6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, ^ayour maid is in your ^lpower; do to her what is good in your ²sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

7 Now ^athe angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to ^bShur.

8 And he said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, ^awhere have you come from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9 Then the angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself ¹to her authority."

10 Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, "^aI will greatly multiply your ¹descendants so that ²they shall be too many to count."

11 The angel of the LORD said to her further, "Behold, you are with child,

And you shall bear a son;

And you shall call his name ¹Ishmael,

Because ^athe LORD ²has given heed to your affliction.

12 "And he will be a ^awild ass of a man,

His hand *will be* against everyone,

And everyone's hand *will be* against him;

And he will ¹live ^{2b}to the east of all his brothers."

13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "^{1a}Thou art ^{2a}a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even ³remained alive here after seeing Him?"

14 Therefore the well was called ¹Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between ^aKadesh and Bered.

15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was ^aeighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to ¹him.

CHAPTER 17

NOW when Abram was ninety-nine years old, ^athe LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

"I am ¹God ^bAlmighty;

Walk before Me, and be ^{2c}blameless.

2 "And I will ¹establish My ^acovenant between Me and you,

And I will ^bmultiply you exceedingly."

3 And Abram ^afell on his face, and God talked with him, ^{saving,}

4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you shall be the father of a ^amultitude of nations.

5 "No longer shall your name be called ¹Abram, But ^ayour name shall be ²Abraham;

For ^bI will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

6 "And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and ^akings shall come forth from you.

7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your ¹descendants after you throughout their generations for an ^aeverlasting covenant, ^bto be God to you and ^cto your ¹descendants after you.

6 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *eyes*
^aGen. 16:9

7 ²Gen. 21:17, 18; 22:11, 15; 31:11 ^bGen. 20:1

8 ^aGen. 3:9; 1 Kin. 19:9, 13

9 ¹Lit., *under her hands*

10 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Or, *it shall not be counted for multitude*
^aGen. 17:20

11 ¹i.e., *God hears* ²Lit., *has heard*
^aEx. 3:7, 9

12 ¹Lit., *dwell* ²Lit., *before the face of; or, in defiance of*
^aJob 24:5; 39:5-8 ^bGen. 25:18

13 ¹Or, *Thou, God, dost see me* ²Heb., *Elroi* ³Lit., *seen here after the one who saw me*
^aGen. 32:30

14 ¹i.e., *The well of the living one who sees me*
^aGen. 14:7

16 ¹Lit., *Abram*
^aGen. 16:3; 12:4

¹Heb., *El Shaddai* ²Lit., *complete, perfect; or, having integrity*
^aGen. 12:7; 18:1 ^bGen. 28:3; 35:11 ^cGen. 6:9; Deut. 18:13

²Lit., *give*
^aGen. 15:18 ^bGen. 13:16; 15:5

³Gen. 17:17; 18:2

⁴Gen. 35:11; 48:19

⁵i.e., *exalted father* ²i.e., *father of a multitude*
^aNeh. 9:7 ^bRom. 4:17

⁶Gen. 17:16; 35:11

⁷Lit., *seed*
^aGen. 17:13, 19; Ps. 105:9, 10 ^bLev. 11:45; 26:12, 45 ^cGal. 3:16

8 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aGen. 12:7; 13:15, 17

9 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aEx. 19:5

10 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aJohn 7:22; Acts 7:8

11 ^aEx. 12:48; Deut. 10:16

12 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aLev. 12:3

13 ^aEx. 12:44

15 ¹L.e., Princess

16 ¹Lit., *be*
^aGen. 18:10 ^bGen. 17:6;
 36:31

17 ^aGen. 17:3

19 ¹L.e., he laughs ²Lit.,
seed
^aGen. 17:16; 21:2 ^bGen. 26:2-5

20 ¹Lit., *begat twelve*
princes
^aGen. 16:10 ^bGen. 25:16

21 ^aGen. 17:19; 18:10, 14

22 ^aGen. 18:33; 35:13

23 ^aGen. 14:14

24 ^aRom. 4:11

25 ^aGen. 16:16

8 "And ^aI will give to you and to your ¹descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, ^ayou shall keep My covenant, you and your ¹descendants after you throughout their generations.

10 "^aThis is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your ¹descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.

11 "And ^ayou shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.

12 "And every male among you who is ^aeight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a *servant* who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your ¹descendants.

13 "A *servant* who is born in your house or ^awho is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but ¹Sarah *shall be* her name.

16 "And I will bless her, and indeed I will give you ^aa son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of nations*; ^bkings of peoples shall ¹come from her."

17 Then Abraham ^afell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will *a child* be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?"

18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before Thee!"

19 But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you ^aa son, and you shall call his name ¹Isaac; and ^bI will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his ²descendants after him.

20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and ^awill make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. ^bHe shall ¹become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

21 "But My covenant I will establish with ^aIsaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year."

22 And when He finished talking with him, ^aGod went up from Abraham.

23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all *the servants* who were ^aborn in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the very same day, as God had said to him.

24 Now Abraham was ninety-nine years old when ^ahe was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And ^aIshmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the very same day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

27 And all the men of his household, who were born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

CHAPTER 18

NOW ^athe LORD appeared to him by the ^boaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

2 And when he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three ^amen were standing opposite him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth,

3 and said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in ²your sight, please do not ³pass ²your servant by.

4 "Please let a little water be brought and ^awash your feet, and ¹rest yourselves under the tree;

5 and ^aI will ¹bring a piece of bread, that you may ²refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have ³visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three ²measures of fine flour, knead *it*, and make bread cakes."

7 Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and ¹choice calf, and gave *it* to the servant; and he hurried to prepare *it*.

8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed *it* before them; and he was standing by them under the tree ¹as they ate.

9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "Behold, in the tent."

10 And he said, "I will surely return to you ¹at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now ^aAbraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 And Sarah laughed ¹to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my ^alord/being old also?"

13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed ¹bear a child, when I am so old?'"

14 "Is anything too ¹difficult for ^athe LORD? At the ^bappointed time I will return to you, ²at this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

15 Sarah denied *it* however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh."

16 Then ^athe men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off.

17 And ^athe LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what ^bI am about to do,

18 since Abraham will surely become a great and ¹mighty nation, and in him ^aall the nations of the earth will be blessed?"

19 "For I have ¹chosen him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him ^bto keep the way of the LORD, by doing righteousness and justice; in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham ^cwhat He has spoken about him."

¹ Or, *terebinths*
^aGen. 12:7; 17:1 ^bGen. 13:18; 14:13

² Gen. 18:16, 22; 32:24; Josh. 5:13; Judg. 13:6-11

³ Or, O Lord ²Or, *Thy*
¹Lit., *pass away from your servant*

⁴ Lit., *support*
^aGen. 19:2; 24:32; 43:24

⁵ Lit., *Take* ²Lit., *sustain your heart* ³Lit., *come to*
^aJudg. 6:18, 19; 13:15, 16

⁶ Lit., *Hasten three measures* ²Heb., *seah*; i.e., one seah equals approximately eleven quarts

⁷ Lit., *good*

⁸ Lit., *and*

¹⁰ Lit., *when the time revives*
^aRom. 9:9

¹¹ Gen. 17:17

¹² Lit., *within*
^a1 Pet. 3:6

¹³ Lit., *surely bear*

¹⁴ Or, *wonderful* ²Lit., *when the time revives*
^aJer. 32:17, 27 ^bGen. 18:10; 17:21

¹⁶ Gen. 18:2, 22; 19:1

¹⁷ Gen. 18:22, 26, 33
^bGen. 18:21; 19:24

¹⁸ Or, *populous*
^aGal. 3:8

¹⁹ Or, *known*
^aNeb. 9:7; Amos 3:2 ^bGen. 17:9
^cGen. 12:2, 3

20 *Gen. 19:13; Ezek. 16:49, 50

21 *Gen. 11:5; Ex. 3:8

22 *Gen. 18:16; 19:1 bGen. 18:17

23 *Ex. 23:7

24 ¹Or. *forgive*

25 ¹Lit., *after this manner*
²Lit., *do justice*
^aDeut. 1:16, 17 ^bDeut. 32:4

26 ¹Or. *forgive*

27 ¹Lit., *undertaken*
^aGen. 3:19; Job 30:19; 42:6

30 *Ex. 32:22

31 ¹Lit., *undertaken*

33 *Gen. 17:22; 35:13

1 ¹Lit., *bowed himself*
^aGen. 18:22 ^bGen. 18:2-5

3 *Gen. 18:6-8

4 ¹Or. *without exception;*
Lit., from every end
^aGen. 13:13; 18:20

20 And the LORD¹ said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave.

21 "I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD.

23 And Abraham came near and said, "Wilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

24 "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

25 "Far be it from Thee to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from Thee! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"

26 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account."

27 And Abraham answered and said, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am but dust and ashes.

28 "Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, wilt Thou destroy the whole city because of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it on account of the forty."

30 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the twenty."

32 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."

33 And as soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed; and Abraham returned to his place.

CHAPTER 19

NOW the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

2 And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."

3 Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter;

5 and they called to Lot and said to him, “^aWhere are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may ¹have relations with them.”

6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

7 and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

8 “Now behold, ^{a1}I have two daughters who have not ¹had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them ²whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the ³shelter of my roof.”

9 But they said, “Stand aside.” Furthermore, they said, “This one came in ¹as an alien, and already ^ahe is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against ²Lot and came near to break the door.

10 But ^athe men reached out their ¹hands and brought Lot into the house ²with them, and shut the door.

11 And ^athey ¹struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied *themselves trying* to find the doorway.

12 Then the men said to Lot, “Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring *them* out of the place;

13 for we are about to destroy this place, because ^atheir outcry has become so great before the LORD that ^bthe LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who ¹were to marry his daughters, and said, “Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city.” ^aBut he appeared to his sons-in-law ²to be jesting.

15 And when morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up, take your wife and your two daughters, who are here, lest you be swept away in the ¹punishment of the city.”

16 But he hesitated. So the men ^aseized his hand and the hand of his wife and the ¹hands of his daughters, ²for the compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

17 And it came about when they had brought them outside, that ¹one said, “^aEscape for your life! ^bDo not look behind you, and do not stay ²anywhere in the ^cvalley; escape to ^dthe ³mountains, lest you be swept away.”

18 But Lot said to them, “Oh no, my lords!

19 “Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the ¹mountains, lest the disaster overtake me and I die;

20 now behold, this town is near *enough* to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) ¹that my life may be saved.”

21 And he said to him, “Behold, I grant you this ¹request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken.

22 “Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the town was called ¹Zoar.

23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

5 ¹i. e., have intercourse
^aJudg. 19:22; Lev. 18:22

8 ¹i. e., had intercourse
²Lit., *as is good in your sight*
³Lit., *shadow*
^aJudg. 19:24

9 ¹Lit., *to sojourn* ²Lit., *the man, against Lot*
^aEx. 2:14

10 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *to*
^aGen. 19:1

11 ¹Lit., *smote*
^aDeut. 28:28, 29; Acts 13:11

13 ^aGen. 18:20 ^bLev. 26:30-33; Deut. 4:26; 28:45

14 ¹Or, *had married*; Lit., *were taking* ²Lit., *like one who was jesting*
^aJer. 43:1, 2

15 ¹Or, *iniquity*

16 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *in*
^aDeut. 5:15; 6:21; 7:8

17 ¹Lit., *he* ²Lit., *in all the circle* ³Lit., *mountain*
^aJer. 48:6 ^bGen. 19:26 ^cGen. 13:10 ^dGen. 14:10

19 ¹Lit., *mountain*

20 ¹Lit., *and my soul will live*

21 ¹Lit., *thing*

22 ¹i. e., Small

24 ^aLuke 17:29; Jude 7

25 ¹Lit., circle
^aDeut. 29:23; Is. 13:19; Lam. 4:6; 2 Pet. 2:6

26 ^aGen. 19:17; Luke 17:32

27 ^aGen. 18:22

28 ¹Lit., circle ²Lit., kiln
^aRev. 9:2

29 ¹Lit., circle
^aDeut. 7:8; 9:5, 27 ^{b2} Pet. 2:7

30 ¹Lit., dwell ²Lit., mountain ³Lit., dwell

31 ¹Or, in the land

32 ¹Lit., seed from our father

34 ¹Lit., seed from our father

37 ^aDeut. 2:9

38 ¹Heb., Bene-Ammon
^aDeut. 2:19

1 ¹I.e., South country
²Lit., dwell
^aGen. 18:1 ^bGen. 12:9 ^cGen. 26:1, 6

2 ^aGen. 20:12; 12:13 ^bGen. 12:15

3 ¹Lit., married to a husband
^aGen. 12:17, 18

4 ¹Lit., righteous

24 Then the LORD ^arained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,

25 and ^aHe overthrew those cities, and all the ¹valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But his wife, from behind him, ^alooked back; and she became a pillar of salt.

27 Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to ^athe place where he had stood before the LORD;

28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the ¹valley, and he saw, and behold, ^athe smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a ²furnace.

29 Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the ¹valley, that ^aGod remembered Abraham, and ^bsent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

30 And Lot went up from Zoar, and ¹stayed in the ²mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to ³stay in Zoar; and he ¹stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 Then the first-born said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man ¹on earth to come in to us after the manner of the earth.

32 "Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him, that we may preserve ¹our family through our father."

33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the first-born went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

34 And it came about on the morrow, that the first-born said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve ¹our family through our father."

35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

37 And the first-born bore a son, and called his name ^aMoab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38 And as for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the ¹sons of ^aAmmon to this day.

CHAPTER 20

NOW Abraham journeyed from ^athere toward the land of ^bthe ¹Negev, and ²settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in ^cGerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." So ^bAbimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

3 ^aBut God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is ¹married."

4 Now Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, wilt Thou slay a nation, even though ¹blameless?"

5 "Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And

she ^aherself said, 'He is my brother.' In ^bthe integrity of my heart and the innocence of my ¹hands I have done this."

6 Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also ¹kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

7 "Now therefore restore the man's wife, for ^ahe is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not restore *her*, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

8 So Abimelech arose early in the morning and called all his servants and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were greatly frightened.

9 ^aThen Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And ¹how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me ²things that ought not to be done."

10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you ¹encountered, that you have done this thing?"

11 And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place; and ^athey will kill me because of my wife.

12 "Besides, she actually is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife;

13 and it came about, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is ¹the kindness which you will show to me: ²everywhere we go, ^asay of me, "He is my brother."'"

14 ^aAbimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored his wife Sarah to him.

15 And Abimelech said, "^aBehold, my land is before you; ¹settle wherever ²you please."

16 And to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, it is ¹your vindication before all who are with you, and before all men you are cleared."

17 And ^aAbraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids, so that they bore *children*.

18 ^aFor the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

CHAPTER 21

^a**T**HEN the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had ¹promised.

2 ^aSo Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at ^bthe appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, ^aIsaac.

4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was ^aeight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 Now Abraham was ^aone hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁵ ¹Lit., *palm*
^aGen. 20:13 ¹1 Kin. 9:4; Ps. 7:8; 26:6

⁶ ¹Lit., *restrained*

⁷ ¹1 Sam. 7:5; Job 42:8

⁹ ¹Lit., *what* ²Lit., *deeds*
^aGen. 12:18

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *seen*

¹¹ ^aGen. 12:12; 26:7

¹³ ¹Lit., *your* ²Lit., *at every place where*
^aGen. 20:5

¹⁴ ^aGen. 12:16

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *dwell* ²Lit., *it is good in your sight*
^aGen. 34:10

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *for you a covering of the eyes*

¹⁷ ^aNum. 12:13; 21:7

¹⁸ ^aGen. 12:17

¹ ¹Lit., *spoken*
^aGen. 17:16, 21; 18:10, 14

² ^aGal. 4:22; Heb. 11:11
^bGen. 17:21; 18:10, 14

³ ^aGen. 17:19, 21

⁴ ^aGen. 17:12; Acts 7:8

⁵ ^aGen. 17:17

6 ¹Lit., for
^aGen. 18:13; Is. 54:1

7 ^aGen. 18:13

9 ¹Or, playing
^aGen. 16:15

10 ¹Lit., with Isaac
^aGal. 4:30

11 ¹Lit., was very grievous
in Abraham's sight
^aGen. 17:18

12 ¹Lit., Do not let it be
grievous in your sight ²Lit.,
your seed will be called
^aRom. 9:7; Heb. 11:18

13 ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 21:18; 16:10; 25:12-18

14 ¹L.c., a skin used as a
bottle

15 ¹Lit., cast

16 ¹Lit., look upon the
death of the child
^aJer. 6:26; Amos 8:10

17 ^aEx. 3:7; Deut. 26:7; Ps.
6:8 ^bGen. 26:24

18 ¹Lit., your
^aGen. 21:13; 16:10; 25:12

19 ¹Note vs. 14
^aGen. 16:7, 14

20 ¹Lit., dwelt
^aGen. 28:15; 39:2, 3, 21

21 ¹Lit., dwelt
^aGen. 25:18

22 ^aGen. 20:14; 26:26 ^bGen.
26:28

25 ¹Lit., reproved
^aGen. 26:15, 18, 20-22

26 ¹Lit., except

27 ^aGen. 26:31

6 And Sarah said, "God has made ^alaughter for me; every-one who hears will laugh ¹with me."

7 And she said, "^aWho would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

8 And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

9 Now Sarah saw ^athe son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, ¹mocking.

10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "^aDrive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son ¹Isaac."

11 ^aAnd the matter ¹distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "¹Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for ^athrough Isaac ²your descendants shall be named.

13 "And of ^athe son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he is your ¹descendant."

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a ¹skin of water, and gave *them* to Hagar, putting *them* on her shoulder, and gave *her* the boy, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she ¹left the boy under one of the bushes.

16 Then she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away, for she said, "Do not let me ¹see the boy die." And she sat opposite him, and ¹lifted up her voice and wept.

17 And God ^aheard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What is the matter with you, Hagar? ^bDo not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 "Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by ¹the hand; ^afor I will make a great nation of him."

19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw ^aa well of water; and she went and filled the ¹skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.

20 And ^aGod was with the lad, and he grew; and he ¹lived in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And ^ahe ¹lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

22 Now it came about at that time, that ^aAbimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "^bGod is with you in all that you do;

23 now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, or with my offspring, or with my posterity; but according to the kindness that I have shown to you, you shall show to me, and to the land in which you have sojourned."

24 And Abraham said, "I swear it."

25 But Abraham ¹complained to Abimelech because of the well of water which the servants of Abimelech ^ahad seized.

26 And Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; neither did you tell me, nor did I hear of it ¹until today."

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech; and ^athe two of them made a covenant.

28 Then Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs mean, which you have set by themselves?"

30 And he said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand in order that it may be a witness to me, that I dug this well."

31 Therefore he called that place ^aBeersheba; because there the two of them took an oath.

32 So they made a covenant at Beersheba; and Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, arose and returned to the land of the Philistines.

33 And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there ^ahe called on the name of the LORD, the ^bEverlasting God.

34 And Abraham sojourned ^ain the land of the Philistines for many days.

31 ^aGen. 21:14; 26:33

33 ^aGen. 12:8 ^bEx. 15:18; Deut. 32:40; Ps. 90:2; Is. 40:28; Jer. 10:10

34 ^aGen. 22:19

1 ^aDeut. 8:2, 16 ^bGen. 22:11

CHAPTER 22

NOW it came about after these things, that ^aGod tested Abraham, and said to him, "^bAbraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 And He said, "Take now ^ayour son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of ^bMoriah; and offer him there as a ^cburnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and return to you."

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and ^alaid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the ^alamb for the burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "God will ^bprovide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to ^athe place of which God had told him; and Abraham built ^bthe altar there, and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac, and ^claid him on the altar on top of the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But ^athe angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12 And he said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you ^bfear

2 ^aGen. 22:12, 16; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9 ^{b2} Chr. 3:1 ^cGen. 8:20

6 ^aJohn 19:17

7 ^aEx. 29:38-42; John 1:29, 36; Rev. 13:8

8 ¹Lit., see

9 ^aGen. 22:2 ^bGen. 12:7, 8; 13:18 ^cHeb. 11:17-19

11 ^aGen. 16:7-11; 21:17, 18

12 ¹Or, reverence; lit., a fearer of God

12 ^aGen. 22:2, 16

14 ¹Heb., YHWH-jireh
²Lit., *be seen*
^aGen. 22:8

16 ¹Lit., *the utterance of*
^aHeb. 6:13, 14

17 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *his*
^aGen. 15:5; 26:4 ^bGen. 32:12
^cGen. 24:60

18 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Or., *bless themselves*
^aCal. 3:8, 16; Acts 3:25 ^bGen. 18:19

19 ^aGen. 22:5

20 ¹Lit., *she also*
^aGen. 11:29

23 ¹Lit., *begot*
^aGen. 24:15

24 ¹Lit., *she also*

1 ¹Lit., *the life of Sarah was*

2 ¹Or., *proceeded*
^aJosh. 14:15; 15:13; 21:11

3 ^aGen. 10:15; 15:20

4 ¹Lit., *possession of a grave*
^aLev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 39:12; Heb. 11:9, 13

6 ¹Lit., *prince of God*
^aGen. 14:14; 20:7

8 ¹Lit., *soul*

God, since you have not withheld ^ayour son, your only son, from Me.”

13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place ¹The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, “In the mount of the LORD ^ait will ²be provided.”

15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said, “^aBy Myself I have sworn,” ¹says the LORD, “because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your ¹descendants as the ^astars of the heavens, and as ^bthe sand which is on the seashore; and ^cyour ¹descendants shall possess the gate of ²their enemies.

18 “And ^ain your ¹descendants all the nations of the earth shall ²be blessed, because you have ^bobeyed My voice.”

19 ^aSo Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

20 Now it came about after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, “Behold, ^aMilcah ¹also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

21 Uz his first-born and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram

22 and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel.”

23 And Bethuel ¹became the father of ^aRebekah; these eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, ¹also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

CHAPTER 23

NOW ¹Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in ^aKiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham ¹went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 Then Abraham rose from before his dead, and spoke to the ^asons of Heth, saying,

4 “I am ^aa stranger and a sojourner among you; give me a ¹burial site among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.”

5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

6 “Hear us, my lord, you are a ^{1a}mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our graves; none of us will refuse you his grave for burying your dead.”

7 So Abraham rose and bowed to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.

8 And he spoke with them, saying, “If it is your ¹wish for

me to bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and approach ^aEphron the son of Zohar for me,

9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he owns, which is at the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in ¹your presence for a ²burial site."

10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth; *even* ^aof all who went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11 "No, my lord, hear me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you; bury your dead."

12 And Abraham bowed before the people of the land.

13 And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If you will only please listen to me; I will give the price of the field, accept *it* from me, that I may bury my dead there."

14 Then Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

15 "My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred ^ashekels of silver, what is that between me and you? So bury your dead."

16 And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham ^aweighed out for Ephron the silver which he had named in the ¹hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, ²commercial standard.

17 So ^aEphron's field, which was in Machpelah, which faced Mamre, the field and cave which was in it, and all the trees which were in the field, that were ¹within all the confines of its border, ²were decided over

18 to Abraham for a possession ^ain the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field at Machpelah facing Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

20 So the field, and the cave that is in it, ¹were decided over to Abraham for a ²burial site by the sons of Heth.

CHAPTER 24

NOW Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had ^ablessed Abraham in every way.

2 And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh,

3 and I will make you swear by the LORD, ^athe God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of ^bthe Canaanites, among whom I live,

4 but you shall go to ^amy country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

5 And the servant said to him, "Suppose the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land; should I take your son back to the land from where you came?"

6 Then Abraham said to him, "Beware lest you take my son back there!

7 "The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my

8 *Gen. 25:9

9 ¹Lit., in the midst of you
²Lit., possession of a burial place

10 *Gen. 23:18; 34:20, 24; Ruth 4:1, 11

15 *Ex. 30:13

16 ¹Lit., ears ²Lit., current according to the merchant
^a2 Sam. 14:26; Jer. 32:9; Zech. 11:12

17 ¹Lit., in all its border around ²Or, were ratified
^aGen. 25:9; 49:29, 30; 50:13

18 *Gen. 23:10

20 ¹Or, were ratified ²Lit., possession of a burial place

1 *Gen. 24:35, 12:2

2 *Gen. 47:29

3 *Gen. 14:19, 22 ^bGen. 10:18, 19; 26:34, 35; 28:1, 2, 8

4 *Gen. 12:1; Heb. 11:15

6 *Gen. 24:8

7 *Gen. 24:3

7 ¹Lit., *seed*
^bGen. 12:7; 13:15; 15:18
^cGen. 16:7; 21:17; 22:11; Ex. 23:20, 23

8 ^aGen. 24:6

9 ^aGen. 24:2

10 ¹Heb., *Aram-na-harain*,
Aram of the two rivers
^aGen. 24:22, 53 ^bGen. 11:31,
 32

11 ^aGen. 24:42 ^{b1} Sam. 9:11

12 ¹Lit., *cause to occur for me*
^aGen. 24:27, 42, 48 ^bGen. 27:20

13 ¹Lit., *fountain of water*
^aGen. 24:43

14 ¹Lit., *she will say*

15 ^aGen. 24:45 ^bGen. 22:20,
 23

16 ¹Lit., *known*
^aGen. 12:11; 29:17

18 ^aGen. 24:14, 46

19 ^aGen. 24:14

21 ¹Lit., *keeping silent*
^aGen. 24:12-14, 27, 52

22 ¹Lit., *hands*
^aGen. 24:47

24 ^aGen. 24:15

26 ^aGen. 24:48, 52

27 ^aGen. 24:12, 42, 48

father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, ^b'To your ¹descendants I will give this land', He will send ^cHis angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

8 "But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this my oath; ^aonly do not take my son back there."

9 So the servant ^aplaced his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master's in his hand; and he arose, and went to ¹Mesopotamia, to ^bthe city of Nahor.

11 And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by ^athe well of water at evening time, ^bthe time when women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, ^bplease ¹grant me success today, and show lovingkindness to my master Abraham.

13 "Behold, ^aI am standing by the ¹spring, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water;

14 now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and ¹who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also';—*may she be the one* whom Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac; and by this I shall know that Thou hast shown lovingkindness to my master."

15 And it came about ^abefore he had finished speaking, that behold, ^bRebekah who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder.

16 And the girl was ^avery beautiful, a virgin, and no man had ¹had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar, and came up.

17 Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar."

18 And ^ashe said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink.

19 Now when she had finished giving him a drink, ^ashe said, "I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking."

20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels.

21 ^aMeanwhile, the man was gazing at her ¹in silence, to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not.

22 Then it came about, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a ^agold ring weighing a half-shekel and two bracelets for her ¹wrists weighing ten shekels in gold,

23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room for us to lodge in your father's house?"

24 And she said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor."

25 Again she said to him, "We have plenty of both straw and feed, and room to lodge in."

26 Then the man ^abowed low and worshiped the LORD.

27 And he said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my

master Abraham, who has not forsaken His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, ^bthe LORD has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."

28 Then ^athe girl ran and told her mother's household about these things.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was ^aLaban; and Laban ran outside to the man at the spring.

30 And it came about that when he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's ¹wrists, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "2This is what the man said to me," he went to the man; and behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.

31 And he said, "aCome in, blessed of the LORD! Why do you stand outside since ^bI have prepared the house, and a place for the camels?"

32 So the man entered the house. Then ¹Laban unloaded the camels, and he gave straw and feed to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.

33 But when *food* was set before him to eat, he said, "I will not eat until I have told my business." And he said, "Speak on."

34 So he said, "I am ^aAbraham's servant.

35 "And ^athe LORD has greatly blessed my master, so that he has become ¹rich; and He has given him ^bflocks and herds, and silver and gold, and servants and maids, and camels and donkeys.

36 "aNow Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master ¹in her old age; ^band he has given him all that he has.

37 "aAnd my master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I ¹live;

38 but you shall go to my father's house, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.'

39 "aAnd I said to my master, 'Suppose the woman does not follow me.'

40 "And he said to me, 'aThe LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you to make your journey successful, and you will take a wife for my son from my relatives, and from my father's house;

41 ^athen you will be free from my oath, when you come to my relatives; and if they do not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

42 "So ^aI came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now Thou wilt make my journey on which I go successful;

43 ^abehold, I am standing by the ¹spring, and may it be that the maiden who comes out to draw, and to whom I say, "bPlease let me drink a little water from your jar";

44 and she will say to me, "You drink, and I will draw for your camels also"; let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

45 "Before I had finished ^aspeaking in my heart, behold, ^bRebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder, and went down to the spring and drew; and ^cI said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

27 ^bGen. 24:21

28 ^aGen. 29:12

29 ^aGen. 29:13

30 ¹Lit., *hands* ²Lit., *Thus the man*

31 ^aGen. 29:14 ^bGen. 18:3-5; 19:2, 3

32 ¹Lit., *he*

34 ^aGen. 24:2

35 ¹Lit., *great* ^aGen. 24:1 ^bGen. 13:2

36 ¹Lit., *after she was old* ^aGen. 21:1-7 ^bGen. 25:5

37 ¹Lit., *dwell* ^aGen. 24:2-4

39 ^aGen. 24:5

40 ^aGen. 24:7

41 ^aGen. 24:8

42 ^aGen. 24:11, 12

43 ¹Lit., *fountain of water* ^aGen. 24:13 ^bGen. 24:14

45 ^a1 Sam. 1:13 ^bGen. 24:15 ^cGen. 24:17

46 ^aGen. 24:18

47 ¹Lit., *hands*
^aGen. 24:23, 24

48 ¹Lit., *brother*
^aGen. 24:26, 52 ^bGen. 24:27

49 ¹Lit., *show
lovingkindness and truth*
^aGen. 47:29; Josh. 2:14

50 ^aGen. 31:24, 29

52 ¹Lit., *to*
^aGen. 24:26, 48

53 ^aGen. 24:10, 22

54 ^aGen. 24:56; 30:25

55 ^aJudg. 19:4

57 ¹Lit., *ask her mouth*

59 ^aGen. 35:8

60 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aGen. 17:16 ^bGen. 22:17

62 ¹Lit., *was dwelling* ²I.e.,
South country
^aGen. 16:14; 25:11 ^bGen.
20:1

63 ¹Or, *stroll*, Meaning
uncertain.
^aPs. 119:15, 27, 48; 143:5;
145:5 ^bGen. 18:2

65 ¹Or, *shawl*

46 "And she quickly lowered her jar from her *shoulder*, and said, "Drink, and I will water your camels also"; so I drank, and she watered the camels also.

47 "Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him'; and I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her ¹wrists.

48 "And ^aI bowed low and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, ^bwho had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's ¹kinsmen for his son.

49 "So now if you are going to ^{1a}deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, let me know, that I may turn to the right hand or the left."

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The matter comes from the LORD; ^{2a}so we cannot speak to you bad or good.

51 "Behold, Rebekah is before you, take *her* and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

52 And it came about when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he ^abowed himself to the ground ¹before the LORD.

53 And the servant brought out ^aarticles of silver and articles of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they arose in the morning, he said ^a"Send me away to my master."

55 But her brother and her mother said, ^a"Let the girl stay with us *a few days*, say ten; afterward she may go."

56 And he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master."

57 And they said, "We will call the girl and ¹consult her wishes."

58 Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go."

59 Thus they sent away their sister Rebekah and ^aher nurse with Abraham's servant and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister,

^aBecome thousands of ten thousands,

And may ^byour ¹descendants possess

The gate of those who hate them."

61 Then Rebekah arose with her maids, and they mounted the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.

62 Now Isaac had come from going to ^aBeer-lahai-roi; for he ¹was living in ^{2b}the Negev.

63 And Isaac went out ^ato ¹meditate in the field toward evening; and ^bhe lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from the camel.

65 And she said to the servant, "Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He is my master." Then she took her ¹veil and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and ^ahe loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after ^bhis mother's death.

CHAPTER 25

NOW Abraham took another wife, ¹whose name was Keturah.

2 And ^ashe bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.

3 And Jokshan ¹became the father of Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Lcumim.

4 And the sons of Midian *were* Ephah and Epher and Hanoah and Abida and Eldaah. All these *were* the sons of Keturah.

5 ^aNow Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac;

6 but to the sons of ¹his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the East.

7 And these are ¹all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, ^aone hundred and seventy-five years.

8 And Abraham breathed his last and died ^ain a ¹ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with *life*; and he was ^bgathered to his people.

9 Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in ^athe cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre,

10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth; there Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.

11 And it came about after the death of Abraham, that ^aGod blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac ¹lived by ^bBeer-lahai-roi.

12 Now these are *the records of the generations of* ^aIshmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham;

13 and these are the names of ^athe sons of Ishmael, by their names, ¹in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the first-born of Ishmael, and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam

14 and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,

15 Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.

16 These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages, and by their camps; ^atwelve princes according to their ¹tribes.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, ^aone hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was ^bgathered to his people.

18 And they ¹settled from Havilah to ^aShur which is ²east of Egypt ³as one goes toward Assyria; ^bhe ⁴settled in defiance of all his ⁵relatives.

19 Now these are *the records of the generations of* Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham ¹became the father of Isaac;

20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took ^aRebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the ¹Syrian of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the ¹Syrian, to be his wife.

⁶⁷ ^aGen. 29:18 ^bGen. 23:1, 2; 25:20

¹ ¹Lit., *and her name*

² ¹Chr. 1:32, 33

³ ¹Lit., *begot*

⁵ ^aGen. 24:35, 36

⁶ ¹Lit., *concubines which belonged to Abraham*

⁷ ¹Lit., *the days of* ^aGen. 12:4

⁸ ¹Lit., *good* ^aGen. 15:15 ^bGen. 25:17; 35:29; 49:29, 33

⁹ ^aGen. 23:17, 18

¹¹ ¹Lit., *dwelt* ^aGen. 12:2, 3; 22:17; 26:3 ^bGen. 24:62

¹² ^aGen. 16:15

¹³ ¹Lit., *in regard to their generations* ^a1 Chr. 1:29-31

¹⁶ ¹Or, *peoples*, ^aGen. 17:20

¹⁷ ^aGen. 16:16 ^bGen. 25:8

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *dwelt* ²Lit., *before* ³Lit., *as you go* ⁴Lit., *fell over against* ⁵Lit., *brothers* ^aGen. 20:1 ^bGen. 16:12

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *begot*

²⁰ ¹Heb., *Aramean* ^aGen. 24:15, 29

21 ¹Lit., *was entreated of him*
²Ps. 127:3; 1 Sam. 1:17

23 ^aGen. 17:4-6, 16; Num. 20:14; Deut. 2:4, 8 ^bGen. 27:29 ^cGen. 27:40; Mal. 1:2, 3; Rom. 9:12

26 ¹i.e., One who takes by the heel or supplants
²Hos. 12:3 ^bGen. 25:20

27 ¹Lit., *complete* ²Lit., *dwelling*

28 ¹Lit., *game was in his mouth*

29 ¹Lit., *weary*
²2 Kin. 4:38

30 ¹Lit., *the red, this red*
²Lit., *weary* ³Or. *Red*

31 ¹Lit., *Today*
²Deut. 21:16, 17; 1 Chr. 5:1, 2

33 ¹Lit., *Today*
²Heb. 12:16

¹aGen. 12:10
^bGen. 20:1, 2

² ¹Lit., *dwelt*
^aGen. 12:7; 17:1; 18:1 ^bGen. 12:1

³ ¹Lit., *seed*
^aGen. 26:24, 28-15; 31:3
^bGen. 12:7; 13:15; 15:18
^cGen. 22:16-18

⁴ ¹Lit., *seed* ²Or. *bless themselves*
^aGen. 15:5; 22:17; Ex. 32:13
^bGen. 22:18; Gal. 3:8

⁵ ¹Lit., *hearkened to My voice*

⁶ ¹Lit., *dwelt*

⁷aGen. 12:13; 20:2, 12

21 And Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and ^athe LORD ¹answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I *this way*?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said to her,

^a"Two nations are in your womb;

^bAnd two peoples shall be separated from your body;

And one people shall be stronger than the other;

And ^cthe older shall serve the younger."

24 When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25 Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

26 And afterward his brother came forth with ^ahis hand holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called ¹Jacob; and Isaac was ^bsixty years old when she gave birth to them.

27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a ¹peaceful man, ²living in tents.

28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because ¹he had a taste for game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 And when Jacob had cooked ^astew, Esau came in from the field and he was ¹famished;

30 and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of ¹that red stuff there, for I am ²famished." Therefore his name was called ³Edom.

31 But Jacob said, "¹I sell me your ^abirthright."

32 And Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what *use* then is the birthright to me?"

33 And Jacob said, "¹First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and ^asold his birthright to Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

CHAPTER 26

NOW there was ^aa famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Gerar, to ^bAbimelech king of the Philistines.

2 And the LORD ^aappeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; ¹stay in the land of which I shall tell you.

3 "Sojourn in this land and ^aI will be with you and bless you, for ^bto you and to your ¹descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish ^cthe oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

4 "And ^aI will multiply your ¹descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your ¹descendants all these lands; and ^bby your ¹descendants all the nations of the earth ²shall be blessed;

5 because Abraham ¹obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

6 So Isaac ¹lived in Gerar.

7 When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," for he was afraid to say, "My wife,"

thinking, "The men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is ^bbeautiful."

8 And it came about, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac was caressing his wife Rebekah.

9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, certainly she is your wife! How then did you say, 'She is my sister'? And Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.'"

10 And ^aAbimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

11 So Abimelech charged all the people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

12 Now Isaac sowed in that land, and ¹reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And ^{the} LORD blessed him,

13 and the man became rich, and continued to grow ¹richer until he became very ¹wealthy;

14 for ^ahe had possessions of flocks ¹and herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.

15 Now ^aall the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped up ¹by filling them with earth.

16 Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are ¹too powerful for us."

17 And Isaac departed from there and camped in the valley of Gerar, and ¹settled there.

18 Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which ¹had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he ²gave them the same names which his father had ³given them.

19 But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of ¹flowing water,

20 the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac, saying, "The water is ours!" So he named the well ¹Esek, because they contended with him.

21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over it too, so he named it ¹Sitnah.

22 And he moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it ¹Rehoboth, for he said, "At last the LORD has made ³room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

23 Then he went up from there to ^aBeersheba.

24 And the LORD ^aappeared to him the same night and said,

"I am the God of your father Abraham;
Do not fear, for I am with you.
I ^cwill bless you, and multiply your ¹descendants,
For the sake of My servant Abraham."

25 So he built an ^aaltar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26 Then ^aAbimelech came to him from Gerar ¹with his adviser Ahuzzath, and Phicol the commander of his army.

⁷ ¹Lit., *lest ... place*
^bGen. 12:11; 29:17

¹² ¹Lit., *found*
^aGen. 26:3

¹³ ¹Lit., *great*

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *and possessions of herds*
^aGen. 24:35; 25:5

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *and filled them*
^aGen. 21:25, 30

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *much mightier than we*

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *dwelt*

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *they had dug* ²Lit., *called their names as the names* ³Lit., *called*

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *living*

²⁰ ¹e., *contention*

²¹ ¹e., *enmity*

²² ¹e., *broad places* ²Lit., *Truly now* ³Or, *broad*
^aPs. 4:1; Is. 54:2

²³ ^aGen. 22:19

²⁴ ¹Lit., *seed*
^aGen. 26:2 ^bGen. 17:7; 8; 24:12; Ex. 3:6 ^cGen. 26:3; 22:17

²⁵ ^aGen. 12:7, 8; 13:4

²⁶ ¹Lit., *and his confidential friend*
^aGen. 21:22

28 ¹Lit., *us and you*
^aGen. 21:22, 23

29 ¹Lit., *and just as we*

31 ¹Lit., *swore one to another*
^aGen. 21:31

33 ^aGen. 21:31

34 ¹Lit., *took as wife*
^aGen. 28:8; 36:2

35 ¹Lit., *were a bitterness of spirit to*
^aGen. 27:46

1 ^aGen. 48:10; 1 Sam. 3:2
^bGen. 25:25, 33, 34

2 ¹Lit., *he*
^aGen. 47:29

3 ^aGen. 25:28

4 ^aGen. 27:19, 25, 31

6 ^aGen. 25:28

8 ¹Lit., *my voice* ²Lit., *according to what*
^aGen. 27:13, 43

9 ¹Lit., *take* ²Lit., *kids of goats*

11 ¹Lit., *said to*
^aGen. 25:25

12 ¹Lit., *mocked*
^aGen. 27:21, 22

27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and have sent me away from you?"

28 And they said, "We see plainly ^athat the LORD has been with you; so we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, *even* between ¹you and us, and let us make a covenant with you,

29 that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you ¹and have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD.' "

30 Then he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

31 And in the morning they arose early and ^{1a}exchanged oaths; then Isaac sent them away and they departed from him in peace.

32 Now it came about on the same day, that Isaac's servants came in and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."

33 So he called it ^aShibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

34 And when Esau was forty years old ^ahe ¹married Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite;

35 and ^athey ¹made life miserable for Isaac and Rebekah.

CHAPTER 27

NOW it came about, when Isaac was old, and ^ahis eyes were too dim to see, that he called his ^bolder son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am."

2 ^aAnd ¹Isaac said, "Behold now, I am old *and* I do not know the day of my death.

3 "Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and ^ahunt game for me;

4 and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that ^amy soul may bless you before I die."

5 And Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring *home*,

6 ^aRebekah said to her son Jacob, "Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying,

7 'Bring me *some* game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.'

8 "Now therefore, my son, ^alisten to ¹me ²as I command you.

9 "Go now to the flock and ¹bring me from there two choice ²kids, and I will prepare them a savory dish for your father, such as he loves.

10 "Then you shall bring *it* to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

11 And Jacob ¹answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother is a ^ahairy man and I am a smooth man.

12 ^a"Perhaps my father will feel me, then I shall be as a ¹deceiver in his sight; and I shall bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing."

13 But his mother said to him, "Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me."

13 *Gen. 27:8

14 So he went and got *them*, and brought *them* to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved.

15 ¹Lit., *desirable*; or, *choice*
*Gen. 27:27

15 Then Rebekah took the ¹best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

16 And she put the skins of the ¹kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

16 ¹Lit., *kids of the goats*

17 She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, ¹to her son Jacob.

18 Then he came to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

17 ¹Lit., *into the hand of*

19 And Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your first-born; I have done as you told me. ^aGet up, please, sit and eat of my game, that ^byou may bless me."

19 ¹Lit., *your soul*
*Gen. 27:31 *Gen. 27:4

20 And Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have *it* so quickly, my son?" And he said, "^aBecause the LORD your God caused *it* to happen to me."

20 *Gen. 24:12

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, that ^aI may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not."

22 So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

21 *Gen. 27:12

23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were ^ahairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

23 *Gen. 27:16

24 And he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I am."

25 So he said, "Bring *it* to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that ¹I may bless you." And he brought *it* to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.

25 ¹Lit., *mysoul*
*Gen. 27:4

26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son."

27 So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he ^ablessed him and said,

27 *Heb. 11:20 ^bSong of Sol. 4:11 *Ps. 65:10

"See, ^bthe smell of my son

Is like the smell of a field ^cwhich the LORD has blessed;

28 Now may ^aGod give you of the dew of heaven,

And of the fatness of the earth,

And an abundance of grain and new wine;

29 ^aMay peoples serve you,

And nations bow down to you;

^bBe master of your brothers,

^cAnd may your mother's sons bow down to you.

^dCursed be those who curse you,

And blessed be those who bless you."

28 *Gen. 27:39; Deut. 33:13, 28; Prov. 3:20; Zech. 8:12

29 *Gen. 25:23; Is. 45:14; 49:7, 23; 60:12, 14 ^bGen. 27:37; 9:26, 27 *Gen. 37:7, 10 ^dGen. 12:3; Num. 24:9

30 Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 ¹Lit., *your soul*
*Gen. 27:19 ^bGen. 27:4

31 Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, "^aLet my father arise, and eat of his son's game, that ^byou may bless me."

32 ^aGen. 27:18 ^bGen. 25:33,
34

33 ¹Lit., *trembled with a
very great trembling*
^aGen. 27:35 ^bGen. 25:23

34 ^aHeb. 12:17

35 ^aGen. 27:19

36 ¹Or, *Was he then
named Jacob that he has...*
^aGen. 25:26, 32-34

37 ¹Lit., *brothers* ²Lit., *for*
^aGen. 27:28, 29

38 ^aHeb. 12:17

39 ¹Or, *of* ²Lit., *fatness*
^aHeb. 11:20 ^bGen. 27:28;
Deut. 33:13, 28

40 ¹Lit., *tear off*
^aGen. 27:29 ^b2 Kin. 8:20-22

41 ¹Lit., *in his heart*
^aGen. 32:3-11

43 ¹Lit., *flee for yourself*
^aGen. 27:8, 13 ^bGen. 24:29

44 ¹Lit., *turns away*
^aGen. 31:41

45 ¹Lit., *turns away from
you*
^aGen. 27:12, 19, 35

46 ¹Lit., *my life*
^aGen. 26:34, 35

¹Gen. 24:3, 4

32 And Isaac his father said to him, ^a"Who are you?" And he said, "I am your son, ^byour first-born, Esau."

33 Then Isaac ¹trembled violently, and said, ^a"Who was he then that hunted game and brought it to me, so that I ate of all of it before you came, and blessed him? ^bYes, and he shall be blessed."

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, ^ahe cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, *even* me also, O my father!"

35 And he said, ^a"Your brother came deceitfully, and has taken away your blessing."

36 Then he said, ¹"Is he not rightly named ^aJacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birth-right, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

37 But Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him ^ayour master, and all his ¹relatives I have given to him ²as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?"

38 And Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, *even* me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and ^awept.

39 Then Isaac his father answered and ^asaid to him, "Behold, ¹away from the ²fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling,

And ¹away from the dew of heaven from above.

40 "And by your sword you shall live,
And your brother ^ayou shall serve;
But it shall come about ^bwhen you become restless,
That you shall ¹break his yoke from your neck."

41 So Esau ^abore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said ¹to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

42 Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, "Behold your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you, *by planning* to kill you.

43 "Now therefore, my son, ^aobey my voice, and arise, ¹flee to Haran, to my brother ^bLaban!

44 "And stay with him ^aa few days, until your brother's fury ¹subsides,

45 until your brother's anger ¹against you subsides, and he forgets ^awhat you did to him. Then I shall send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am tired of ¹living because of ^athe daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

CHAPTER 28

SO Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, ^a"You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

2 "Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of ^aBethuel your mother's father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 "And may ^{1a}God Almighty ^bbless you and ^cmake you fruitful and ^dmultiply you. that you may become a ^ecompany of peoples.

4 "May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your ¹descendants with you; that you may ^apossess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham."

5 Then ^aIsaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the ¹Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take to himself a wife from there, *and that* when he blessed him he charged him, saying, ^a"You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"

7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram.

8 So Esau saw that ^athe daughters of Canaan displeased ¹his father Isaac;

9 and Esau went to Ishmael, and ¹married, ^abesides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

10 Then Jacob departed from ^aBeersheba and went toward ^bHaran.

11 And he ¹came to ^{2a}a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it ³under his head, and lay down in that place.

12 And ^ahe had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, ^bthe angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 And behold, ^athe LORD stood ¹above it and said, "I am the LORD, ^bthe God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it ^cto you and to ^dyour ²descendants.

14 "Your ¹descendants shall also be like ^athe dust of the earth, and you shall ²spread out ^bto the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and ^cin you and in your ¹descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 "And behold, ^aI am with you, and ^bwill keep you wherever you go, and ^cwill bring you back to this land; for ^dI will not leave you until I have done what I have ¹promised you."

16 Then Jacob ^aawoke from his sleep and said, ^b"Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

17 And he was afraid and said, ^a"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took ^athe stone that he had put ¹under his head and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on its top.

19 And he called the name of that place ¹Bethel; however, ²previously the name of the city had been ^aLuz.

20 Then Jacob ^amade a vow, saying, ^b"If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me ²food to eat and garments to wear,

2 *Gen. 25:20

3 ¹ Heb., *El Shaddai*
*Gen. 17:1; 35:11; 48:3 *bGen. 22:17 *cGen. 17:6, 20 *dGen. 17:2; 26:4, 24 *eGen. 35:11; 48:4

4 ¹ Lit., *seed*
*Gen. 15:7, 8

5 ¹ Lit., *Aramean*
*Gen. 27:43

6 *cGen. 28:1

8 ¹ Lit., *in the eyes of his*
*Gen. 26:34, 35; 27:46

9 ¹ Lit., *took for his wife*
*Gen. 26:34; 36:2

10 *aGen. 26:23 *bGen. 12:4, 5; 27:43

11 ¹ Lit., *lighted on* ² Lit., *the place* ¹ Lit., *at his head-place*
*Gen. 28:19

12 *aNum. 12:6 *bJohn 1:51

13 ¹ Or., *beside him* ² Lit., *seed*
*Amos 7:7; Gen. 35:1 *bGen. 26:3, 24 *cGen. 13:15, 17; 26:3 *dGen. 12:7; 15:18

14 ¹ Lit., *seed* ² Lit., *break through*
*Gen. 13:16; 22:17 *bGen. 13:14, 15 *cGen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4

15 ¹ Lit., *spoken to*
*Gen. 26:3 *bNum. 6:24; Ps. 121:7, 8 *cGen. 48:21; Deut. 30:3 *dDeut. 7:9; 31:6, 8

16 *¹ Kin. 3:15; Jer. 31:26
*Ps. 139:7-12

17 *Ps. 68:35

18 ¹ Lit., *at his head-place*
*Gen. 28:11; 35:14

19 ¹ I.e., *the house of God*
² Lit., *at the first*
*Gen. 35:6; 48:3

20 ¹ Lit., *go* ² Lit., *bread*
*Gen. 31:13 *bGen. 28:15
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21 ¹Lit., *peace*

21 and I return to my father's house in ¹safety, then the LORD will be my God.

22 ^aGen. 35:7 ^bDeut. 14:22

22 "And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, ^awill be God's house; and ^bof all that Thou dost give me I will surely give a tenth to Thee."

CHAPTER 29

¹ ¹Lit., *lifted up his feet*
^aJudg. 6:3, 33

THEN Jacob ¹went on his journey, and came to the land of ^athe sons of the east.

² ¹Lit., *behold*
^aGen. 24:10, 11; Ex. 2:15, 16

2 And he looked, and ¹saw ^aa well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep were lying there beside it, for from that well they watered the flocks. Now the stone on the mouth of the well was large.

⁴ ^aGen. 28:10

3 When all the flocks were gathered there, they would then roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

⁵ ^aGen. 24:24, 29

4 And Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from ^aHaran."

⁶ ^aEx. 2:16

5 And he said to them, "Do you know Laban the ^ason of Nahor?" And they said, "We know *him*."

6 And he said to them, "Is it well with him?" And they said, "It is well, and behold, ^aRachel his daughter is coming with the sheep."

¹² ¹Lit., *brother*
^aGen. 26:5 ^bGen. 24:28

7 And he said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them."

8 But they said, "We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered, and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

¹³ ^aGen. 24:29-31 ^bGen. 33:4

9 While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

10 And it came about, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went up, and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

¹⁴ ^aJudg. 9:2

11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted his voice and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was a ^{1a}relative of her father and that he was Rebekah's son, and ^bshe ran and told her father.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *brother*
^aGen. 31:41

13 So it came about, when ^aLaban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and ^bembraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Then he related to Laban all these things.

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *beautiful of appearance*
^aGen. 12:11, 14; 26:7

14 And Laban said to him, "Surely you are ^amy bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him a month.

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my ¹relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall ^ayour wages be?"

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 And Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was ^abeautiful of form and ¹face.

18 Now Jacob ^aloved Rachel, so he said, “^bI will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.”

18 ^aGen. 24:67 ^bHos. 12:12

19 And Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man; stay with me.”

21 ¹Lit., *days*

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give *me* my wife, for my ¹time is completed, that I may go in to her.”

25 ^aGen. 12:18; 20:9; 26:10
^b1 Sam. 28:12

22 And Laban gathered all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 Now it came about in the evening that he took his daughter Leah, and brought her to him; and *Jacob* went in to her.

26 ¹Lit., *done thus in* ²Lit., *give*

24 Laban also gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.

25 So it came about in the morning that, behold, it was Leah! And he said to Laban, “^aWhat is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you ^bdeceived me?”

27 ^aJudg. 14:12 ^bGen. 31:41

26 But Laban said, “It is not ¹the practice in our place, to ²marry off the younger before the first-born.

30 ¹Lit., *him*
^aGen. 29:17, 18

27 “^aComplete the bridal week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which ^byou shall serve with me for another seven years.”

31 ¹Lit., *hated*

28 And Jacob did so and completed her week, and he gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

29 Laban also gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maid.

32 ¹i.e., Sec. a son ²Lit., *looked upon*
^aGen. 16:11; 31:42

30 So *Jacob* went in to Rachel also, and indeed ^ahe loved Rachel more than Leah, and he served with ¹Laban for another seven years.

31 Now the LORD saw that Leah was ¹unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

33 ¹Heb., *shama*, related to Simeon ²Lit., *hated*
^aDeut. 21:15

32 And Leah conceived and bore a son and named him ¹Reuben, for she said, “Because the LORD has ^{2a}seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me.”

33 Then she conceived again and bore a son and said, “^aBecause the LORD has ¹heard that I am ²unloved, He has therefore given me this *son* also.” So she named him Simeon.

34 ¹Heb., *lavah*, related to Levi
^aGen. 49:5

34 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, “Now this time my husband will become ¹attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore he was named ^aLevi.

35 ¹From Heb., *Jadah*, related to Judah ²Heb., *Jehudah*
^aGen. 49:8; Matt. 1:2

35 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, “This time I will ^{1a}praise the LORD.” Therefore she named him ²Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

1 ¹Lit., *Rachel*
^a1 Sam. 1:5, 6

CHAPTER 30

Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, ¹she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, “^aGive me children, or else I die.”

2 ^aGen. 20:18; 29:31

2 Then Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, “Am I in the place of God, who has ^awithheld from you the fruit of the womb?”

³ ¹Lit., *from her I too may be built*
^aGen. 16:2

4 ^aGen. 16:3, 4

6 ¹Lit., *judged* ²¹c.e. He judged

8 ¹Lit., *wrestlings of God*
²From Heb., *niphtal*, related to Naphtali

11 ¹Lit., *"With fortune!"*
 Some versions read, *Fortune has come* ²¹c.e., *Fortune*

13 ¹Lit., *"With my happiness!"* ²¹c.e., *Happy*

14 ^aSong of Sol. 7:13

18 ¹Heb., *sachar*, related to Issachar

20 ¹Heb., *zabal*, related to Zebulun. Some translate *will honor*

22 ^{a1} Sam. 1:19, 20

24 ¹Lit., *add to me*; Heb., *Joseph*
^aGen. 35:17

25 ^aGen. 24:54, 56

3 And she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah, go in to her, that she may bear on my knees, that ¹through her I too may have children."

4 So ^ashe gave him her maid Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her.

5 And Bilhah conceived and bore a son.

6 Then Rachel said, "God has ¹vindicated me, and has indeed heard my voice and has given me a son." Therefore she named him ²Dan.

7 And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

8 So Rachel said, "With ¹mighty wrestlings I have ²wrestled with my sister, and I have indeed prevailed." And she named him Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took her maid Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

10 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

11 Then Leah said, "¹How fortunate!" So she named him ²Gad.

12 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.

13 Then Leah said, "¹Happy am I! For women will call me happy." So she named him ²Asher.

14 Now in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found ^amandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter for you to take my husband? And would you take my son's mandrakes also?" So Rachel said, "Therefore he may lie with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."

16 When Jacob came in from the field in the evening, then Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night.

17 And God gave heed to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

18 Then Leah said, "God has given me my ¹wages, because I gave my maid to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

20 Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband ¹will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.

21 And afterward she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

22 Then ^aGod remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb.

23 So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach."

24 And she named him Joseph, saying, "^aMay the LORD ¹give me another son."

25 Now it came about when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "^aSend me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country.

26 "Give *me* my wives and my children ^afor whom I have served you, and let me depart; for you yourself know my service which I have ¹rendered you."

26 ¹Lit., *served*
^aGen. 29:18, 27; Hos. 12:12

27 But Laban said to him, "If now ¹it pleases you, *stay with me*; I have divined ^athat the LORD has blessed me on your account."

27 ¹Lit., *I have found favor in your eyes*
^aGen. 39:5

28 And he ¹continued, "^aName me your wages, and I will give it."

28 ¹Lit., *said*
^aGen. 29:15; 31:7, 41

29 But he said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you and how your cattle have ¹fared with me.

30 "For you had little before ¹I came, and it has ²increased to a multitude; and the LORD has blessed you ³wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own household also?"

29 ¹Lit., *been*

31 So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this *one* thing for me, I will again pasture *and* keep your flock:

30 ¹Lit., *me* ²Lit., *broken forth* ³Lit., *at my foot*

32 let me pass through your entire flock today, removing from there every ^aspeckled and spotted sheep, and every black one among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and *such* shall be my wages.

32 ^aGen. 31:8

33 "So my ¹honesty will answer for me later, when you come concerning my ²wages. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if *found* with me, will be considered stolen."

33 ¹Lit., *righteousness*
²Lit., *wages which are before you*

34 And Laban said, "¹Good, let it be according to your word."

34 ¹Lit., *Behold, would that it might be*

35 So he removed on that day the striped and spotted male goats and all the speckled and spotted female goats, every one with white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the ¹care of his sons.

35 ¹Lit., *hand*

36 And he put *a distance* of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 ¹Lit., *took to himself*
²Lit., *on*

37 Then Jacob ¹took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white which *was* ²in the rods.

38 ¹Or, *conceived*

38 And he set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the gutters, *even* in the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink; and they ¹mated when they came to drink.

39 ¹Or, *conceived*

39 So the flocks ¹mated by the rods, and the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted.

40 ¹Lit., *set the faces of*

40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and ¹made the flocks face toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own herds apart, and did not put them with Laban's flock.

41 ¹Lit., *bound ones; i.e., firm and compact* ²Or, *conceived* ³Or, *conceive*

41 Moreover, it came about whenever the ¹stronger of the flock ²were mating, that Jacob would place the rods in the sight of the flock in the gutters, so that they might ³mate by the rods;

42 ¹Lit., *bound ones; i.e., firm and compact*

42 but when the flock was feeble, he did not put *them* in; so the feebler were Laban's and the ¹stronger Jacob's.

43 ¹Lit., *broke forth*
^aGen. 12:16; 13:2; 24:35;
26:13, 14

43 So ^athe man ¹became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

1 ¹Lit., *be* ²Lit., *glory*

2 ¹Lit., *face*

3 ^aGen. 28:15

5 ¹Lit., *face*
^aGen. 31:29, 42, 53; 28:13, 15

7 ^aGen. 29:25 ^bGen. 31:41
^cGen. 31:29

10 ¹Or, *conceiving* ²Lit.,
leaping upon the flock

11 ^aGen. 31:13; 16:7-11;
22:11, 15

12 ¹Lit., *leaping upon the flock*

13 ¹Lit., *go out from*
^aGen. 28:13 ^bGen. 28:18, 20
^cGen. 28:15

15 ¹Lit., *enjoyed the benefit of*
²Lit., *our money*
^aGen. 29:20, 23, 27

18 ^aGen. 35:27-29

19 ¹Heb., *teraphim*,
^aGen. 31:30, 34; Judg. 17:5;
1 Sam. 19:13; Hos. 3:4

20 ¹Lit., *stole the heart of Laban the Aramean*

21 ^aGen. 37:25

NOW ¹Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this ²wealth."

2 And Jacob saw the ¹attitude of Laban, and behold, it was not *friendly* toward him as formerly.

3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and ^aI will be with you."

4 So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field,

5 and said to them, "I see your father's ¹attitude, that it is not *friendly* toward me as formerly, but ^athe God of my father has been with me.

6 "And you know that I have served your father with all my strength.

7 "Yet your father has ^acheated me and ^bchanged my wages ten times; however, ^cGod did not allow him to hurt me.

8 "If he spoke thus, 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth speckled; and if he spoke thus, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth striped.

9 "Thus God has taken away your father's livestock and given *them* to me.

10 "And it came about at the time when the flock were ¹mating that I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the male goats which were ²mating were striped, speckled and mottled.

11 "Then ^athe angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am.'

12 "And he said, 'Lift up, now, your eyes and see *that* all the male goats which are ¹mating are striped, speckled, and mottled; for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.

13 'I am ^athe God of Bethel, where you ^banointed a pillar, where you made a vow to Me; now arise, ¹leave this land, and ^creturn to the land of your birth.'

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house?

15 "Are we not reckoned by him as foreigners? For ^ahe has sold us, and has also ¹entirely consumed ²our purchase price.

16 "Surely all the wealth which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatever God has said to you."

17 Then Jacob arose and put his children and his wives upon camels;

18 and he drove away all his livestock and all his property which he had gathered, his acquired livestock which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, ^ato go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac.

19 When Laban had gone to shear his flock, then Rachel stole the ¹household idols that were her father's.

20 And Jacob ¹deceived Laban the Syrian, by not telling him that he was fleeing.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he arose and crossed the *Euphrates* River, and set his face toward the hill country of ^aGilead.

22 When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled,

23 then he took his ¹kinsmen with him, and pursued him *a distance of seven days' journey*; and he overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.

24 And ^aGod came to Laban the ¹Syrian in a ^bdream of the night, and said to him, "^{2c}Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad."

25 And Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his ¹kinsmen camped in the hill country of Gilead.

26 Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done ^{1b}y deceiving me and carrying away my daughters like captives of the sword?"

27 "Why did you flee secretly and ^{1d}deceive me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with joy and with songs, with ^atimbrel and with ^blyre;

28 and did not allow me ^ato kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly.

29 "It is in ^{1m}y power to do you harm, but ^athe God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, "^{2b}Be careful not to speak either good or bad to Jacob."

30 "And now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house; *but* why did you steal ^amy gods?"

31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Lest you would take your daughters from me by force.'

32 "^aThe one with whom you find your gods shall not live; in the presence of our ¹kinsmen ²point out what is yours ³among my belongings and take *it* for yourself." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

33 So Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find *them*. Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the ¹household idols and put them in the camel's saddle, and she sat on them. And Laban felt through all the tent, but did not find *them*.

35 And she said to her father, "Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is upon me." So he searched, but did not find the ¹household idols.

36 Then Jacob became angry and contended with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, "What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me?"

37 "Though you have felt through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set *it* here before my ¹kinsmen and your ¹kinsmen, that they may decide between us two.

38 "These twenty years I *have been* with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks.

39 "That which was torn of *beasts* I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. You required it of my hand *whether* stolen by day or stolen by night.

23 ¹Lit., *brothers*

24 ¹Lit., *Aramean* ²Lit., *Take heed to yourself*
^aGen. 31:29 ^bGen. 31:11;
20:3, 6 ^cGen. 31:7, 29

25 ¹Lit., *brothers*

26 ¹Lit., *and have stolen my heart*

27 ¹Lit., *steal me*
^aEx. 15:20 ^bGen. 4:21

28 ^aGen. 31:55

29 ¹Lit., *the power of my hand* ²Lit., *Take heed to yourself*
^aGen. 31:5, 42, 53 ^bGen. 31:24
עַל הַיָּד

30 ^aGen. 31:19 *עַל הַיָּד*

32 ¹Lit., *brothers* ²Lit., *recognize* ³Lit., *with me*
^aGen. 44:9 *עִי וְחַמִּי*

34 ¹Heb., *teraphim*

35 ¹Heb., *teraphim*

37 ¹Lit., *brothers*

40 ¹Or, *drought*

41 ^aGen. 29:27, 30 ^bGen. 31:7

42 ^aGen. 31:5, 29, 53 ^bGen. 29:32 ^cGen. 31:24, 29

43 ^aGen. 31:1

44 ¹Lit., *I and you* ²Lit., *me and you*
^aGen. 21:27, 32

45 ^aGen. 28:18; Josh. 24:26, 27

46 ¹Lit., *brothers*

47 ¹i.e., The heap of witness, in Aramaic ²i.e., The heap of witness, in Hebrew
^aJosh. 22:34

48 ¹Lit., *me and you*

49 ¹Lit., *The Mizpah*, i.e., The watchtower ²Lit., *me and you* ³Lit., *hidden*
^aJudg. 11:29

50 ¹Lit., *me and you*
^aJer. 29:23; 42:5

51 ¹Lit., *me and you*

53 ^aGen. 28:13 ^bGen. 31:42

54 ¹Lit., *brothers* ²Lit., *eat bread* ³Lit., *bread*
^aEx. 18:12

55 ¹Chap. 32:1 in Hebrew
^aGen. 31:28, 43

1 ^{a2} Kin. 6:16, 17; Ps. 34:7

2 ¹Or, *company* ²i.e., Two Camps, or, Two Companies
^aJosh. 21:38; 2 Sam. 2:8

3 ¹Lit., *field*
^aGen. 32:7, 11; Gen. 27:41, 42 ^bGen. 14:6 ^cGen. 25:30; 36:8, 9

4 ^aGen. 31:41

5 ^aGen. 30:43

40 "Thus I was: by day the ¹heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

41 "These twenty years I have been in your house; ^aI served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you ^bchanged my wages ten times.

42 "If ^athe God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had not been for me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. ^bGod has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He ^crendered judgment last night."

43 Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and ^athe flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?

44 "So now come, let us ^amake a covenant, ¹you and I, and let it be a witness between ²you and me."

45 Then Jacob took ^aa stone and set it up *as* a pillar.

46 And Jacob said to his ¹kinsmen, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

47 Now Laban ^acalled it ¹Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it ²Galeed.

48 And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between ¹you and me this day." Therefore it was named Galeed;

49 and ^{1a}Mizpah, for he said, "May the LORD watch between ²you and me when we are ³absent one from the other.

50 "If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, *although* no man is with us, see, ^aGod is witness between ¹you and me."

51 And Laban said to Jacob, "Behold this heap and behold the pillar which I have set between ¹you and me.

52 "This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass by this heap to you for harm, and you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

53 "^aThe God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." So Jacob swore by ^bthe fear of his father Isaac.

54 ^aThen Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his ¹kinsmen to ²the meal; and they ate ³the meal and spent the night on the mountain.

55 ¹And early in the morning Laban arose, and ^akissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.

CHAPTER 32

NOW as Jacob went on his way, ^athe angels of God met him.

2 And Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's ¹camp." So he named that place ^{2a}Mahanaim.

3 Then Jacob ^asent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of ^bSeir, the ¹country of ^cEdom.

4 He also commanded them saying, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: 'Thus says your servant Jacob, "I have sojourned with Laban, and ^astayed until now;

5 and ^aI have oxen and donkeys *and* flocks and male

and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight." "

7 *Gen. 32:11

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and furthermore he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

8 ¹Lit., smites

7 Then Jacob was ^agreatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two companies;

8 for he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and ¹attacks it, then the company which is left will escape."

9 And Jacob said, "O ^aGod of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who didst say to me, ^bReturn to your country and to your relatives, and I will ¹prosper you,

9 ¹Lit., do good with you
*Gen. 31:42 ^bGen. 28:15;
31:13

10 I am unworthy ^aof all the lovingkindness and of all the ²faithfulness which Thou hast shown to Thy servant; for with my staff *only* I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.

10 ¹Lit., I am less than all
²Or, truth
*Gen. 24:27

11 "Deliver me, I pray, ^afrom the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and ¹attack me, mother with children.

12 "For Thou didst say, ^aI will surely ¹prosper you, and ^bmake your ²descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

11 ¹Lit., smite
*Gen. 27:41, 42; 33:4

13 So he spent the night there. Then he ¹selected from what ²he had with him a present for his brother Esau:

14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on before me, and put a space between droves."

12 ¹Lit., do good with ²Lit., seed
*Gen. 28:14 ^bGen. 22:17

17 And he commanded the ¹one in front, saying, "When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going, and to whom do these *animals* in front of you belong?'

13 ¹Lit., took ²Lit., had come to his hand

18 then you shall say, 'These belong to your servant Jacob; it is a present sent to my lord Esau. And behold, he also is behind us.' "

19 Then he commanded also the second and the third, and all those who followed the droves, saying, "After this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

17 ¹Lit., first

20 and you shall say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob also is behind us.' " For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me. Then afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

22 *Deut. 3:16; Josh. 12:2

21 So the present passed on before him, while he himself spent that night in the camp.

22 Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the "Jabbok.

24 *Hos. 12:3, 4

23 And he took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.

24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man ^awrestled with him until daybreak.

28 ¹I.e., He who strives with God, or, God strives
^aGen. 35:10; 1 Kin. 18:31

29 ^aJudg. 13:17, 18

30 ¹I.e., The face of God
²Lit., soul
^aGen. 16:13; Ex. 33:20;
Num. 12:8; Judg. 6:22; 13:22

31 ^aJudg. 8:8

¹Or, to
^aGen. 32:6

2 ¹Lit., first ²Lit., behind

4 ^aGen. 45:14, 15

5 ¹Or, "What relation are these to you?"
^aGen. 48:9

6 ¹Lit., they and

8 ^aGen. 32:14-16

9 ^aGen. 27:39, 40

10 ¹Lit., for therefore I have seen your face like seeing God's face

11 ¹Lit., blessing ²Lit., all
^aGen. 30:43

12 ¹Lit., he

25 And when he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 And ^ahe said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but ¹Israel; for you have striven with God and with me and have prevailed."

29 Then ^aJacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob named the place ¹Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my ²life has been preserved."

31 Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over ^aPenuel, and he was limping on his thigh.

32 Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

CHAPTER 33

THEN Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, ^aEsau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children ¹among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.

2 And he put the maids and their children ¹in front, and Leah and her children ²next, and Rachel and Joseph ²last.

3 But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and ^afell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

6 Then the maids came near ¹with their children, and they bowed down.

7 And Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.

8 And he said, "What do you mean by ^aall this company which I have met?" And he said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

9 But Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own."

10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, ¹for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

11 "Please take my ¹gift which has been brought to you, ^abecause God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have ²plenty." Thus he urged him and he took it.

12 Then ¹Esau said, "Let us take our journey and go, and I will go before you."

13 But he said to him, "My lord knows that the children

are frail and that the flocks and herds which are nursing are ¹a care to me. And if they are driven hard one day, all the flocks will die.

14 "Please let my lord pass on before his servant; and I will proceed at my leisure, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at ^aSeir."

15 And Esau said, "Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "¹What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to ^{1a}Succoth; and built for himself a house, and made booths for his livestock, therefore the place is named Succoth.

18 Now Jacob came safely to the city of ^aShechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from ^bPaddan-aram, and camped before the city.

19 And ^ahe bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent, from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred ¹pieces of money.

20 Then he erected there an altar, and called it ¹El-Elohe-Israel.

CHAPTER 34

NOW ^aDinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to ¹visit the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor ^athe Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he took her and lay with her ¹by force.

3 And ¹he was deeply attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and ²spoke tenderly to her.

4 So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young girl for a wife."

5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; but his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob kept silent until they came in.

6 Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

7 Now the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very angry because he had done a ^{1a}disgraceful thing in Israel ²by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing ought not to be done.

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter; please give her to him ¹in marriage.

9 "And intermarry with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves.

10 "Thus you shall ¹live with us, and ^athe land shall be *open* before you; ¹live and trade in it, and acquire property in it."

11 Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, "If I find favor in your sight, then I will give whatever you say to me.

12 "Ask me ever so much bridal payment and gift, and I

13 ¹Lit., upon me

14 ^aGen. 32:3

15 ¹Lit., "Why this?"

17 ¹i.e., Booths
^aJudg. 8:5, 14; Ps. 60:6

18 ^aGen. 12:6; Josh. 24:1;
Judg. 9:1 ^bGen. 25:20; 28:2

19 ¹Heb., *gesitah*
^aJosh. 24:32; John 4:5

20 ¹i.e., God, the God of Israel

1 ¹Lit., see
^aGen. 30:21

2 ¹Lit., and humbled her
^aGen. 34:30

3 ¹Lit., his soul clung ²Lit., spoke to the heart of the girl

7 ¹Lit., senseless ²Lit., to lie
^aDeut. 22:21; Judg. 20:6;
2 Sam. 13:12

8 ¹Lit., for a wife

10 ¹Lit., dwell
^aGen. 13:9; 20:15

12 ¹Lit., *for a wife*

will give according as you say to me; but give me the girl ¹in marriage."

14 ²Gen. 17:14

13 But Jacob's sons answered Shechem and his father Hamor, with deceit, and spoke to them, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

16 ¹Lit., *dwell*

14 And they said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to ²one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us.

18 ¹Lit., *good*

15 "Only on this *condition* will we consent to you: if you will become like us, in that every male of you be circumcised, then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will ¹live with you and become one people.

21 ¹Lit., *peaceful* ²Lit., *dwell* ³Lit., *wide of hands before them* ⁴Lit., *to us for wives*

17 "But if you will not listen to us to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go."

18 Now their words seemed ¹reasonable to Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.

19 And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter. Now he was more respected than all the household of his father.

22 ¹Lit., *dwell*

20 So Hamor and his son, Shechem, came to the gate of their city, and spoke to the men of their city, saying,

21 "These men are ¹friendly with us; therefore let them ²live in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is ³large enough for them. Let us take their daughters ⁴in marriage, and give our daughters to them.

23 ¹Lit., *dwell*

22 "Only on this *condition* will the men consent to us to ¹live with us, to become one people: that every male among us be circumcised as they are circumcised.

23 "Will not their livestock and their property and all their animals be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will ¹live with us."

24 ²Gen. 23:10

24 And ²all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25 Now it came about on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of Jacob's sons, ²Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came upon the city unawares, and killed every male.

25 ²Gen. 49:5-7

26 And they killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went forth.

27 Jacob's sons came upon the slain and looted the city, because they had defiled their sister.

30 ¹Lit., *I, few in number* ²Lit., *smite* ³Ex. 5:21; 2 Sam. 10:6 ⁴Gen. 34:2; Gen. 13:7 ⁵Gen. 46:26, 27; 1 Chr. 16:19

28 They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field;

29 and they captured and looted all their wealth and all their little ones and their wives, even all that *was* in the houses.

31 ¹Or., *make*

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me, ²by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among ^bthe Canaanites and the Perizzites; and ^{1c}my men being few in number, they will gather together against me and ²attack me and I shall be destroyed, I and my household."

31 But they said, "Should he ¹treat our sister as a harlot?"

CHAPTER 35

THEN God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to ^aBethel, and ¹live there; and make an altar there to ^bGod, who appeared to you when you fled ²from your brother Esau."

2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away ^athe foreign gods which are among you, and ^bpurify yourselves, and change your garments;

3 and let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make ^aan altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and ^bhas been with me ¹wherever I have gone."

4 So they gave to Jacob all ^{the} foreign gods which ¹they had, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the ²oak which was near Shechem.

5 As they journeyed, there was ^{1a}a great terror upon the cities which were around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

6 So Jacob came to ^aLuz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

7 And ^ahe built an altar there, and called the place ¹El-bethel, because there God had revealed Himself to him, when he fled ²from his brother.

8 Now ^aDeborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; it was named ¹Allon-bacuth.

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He ^ablessed him.

10 And ^aGod said to him,

"Your name is Jacob;

¹You shall no longer be called Jacob,

But Israel shall be your name."

Thus He called ²him Israel.

11 God also said to him,

"I am ^{1a}God Almighty;

^bBe fruitful and multiply;

A nation and a ^ccompany of nations shall ²come from you,

And ⁴kings shall ²come forth from ³you.

12 "And ^athe land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you,

And I will give the land to your ¹descendants after you."

13 Then ^aGod went up from him in the place where He had spoken with him.

14 And Jacob set up ^aa pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a ¹libation on it; he also poured oil on it.

15 So Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him, ¹Bethel.

16 Then they journeyed from Bethel; and when there was still some distance to go to ^aEphrath, Rachel began to give birth and she ¹suffered severe labor.

17 And it came about when she was in severe labor that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for now ^ayou have another son."

18 And it came about as her soul was departing (for she

¹ Lit., dwell ² Lit., from the face of
^a Gen. 28:19 ^b Gen. 28:13
Elohim - el

² Gen. 31:19, 30 ^b Ex. 19:10, 14

³ Lit., in the way which
^a Gen. 28:20-22 ^b Gen. 28:15

⁴ Lit., in their hand ² Or, terebinth

⁵ Lit., a terror of God
^a Ex. 15:16; Deut. 2:25

⁶ Gen. 28:19; 48:3

⁷ I.e., the God of Bethel
² Lit., from the face of
^a Gen. 35:3

⁸ I.e., Oak of weeping
^a Gen. 24:59

⁹ Gen. 32:29

¹⁰ Lit., Your name ² Lit., his name
^a Gen. 32:28

¹¹ Heb., El Shaddai ² Or, come into being ³ Lit., your loins
^a Gen. 17:1; 28:3 ^b Gen. 9:1, 7
^c Gen. 48:4 ^d Gen. 17:6, 16; 36:31

¹² Lit., seed
^a Gen. 13:15; 26:3; 28:13

¹³ Gen. 17:22; 18:33

¹⁴ Or, drink offering
^a Gen. 28:18, 19; 31:45

¹⁵ I.e., the house of God

¹⁶ Lit., had difficulty in her giving birth
^a Gen. 35:19; Ruth 4:11; Mic. 5:2

¹⁷ Gen. 30:24

18 ¹I.e., the son of my sorrow ²I.e., the son of the right hand

19 *Gen. 48:7

20 ¹Sam. 10:2

21 ¹Heb., *Migdal-eder* ²Or, *flock*

22 *Gen. 49:4; 1 Chr. 5:1

23 *Gen. 29:31-35; 30:18-20

24 *Gen. 30:22-24; 35:18

25 *Gen. 30:5-8

26 *Gen. 30:10-13

27 *Gen. 18:1; 23:19

28 *Gen. 25:26

29 ¹Lit., *and satisfied with days*
*Gen. 25:8 ^bGen. 15:15

1 *Gen. 25:30

2 *Gen. 26:34; 28:9 ^bGen. 36:24

6 ¹Lit., *the souls of his house*
*Gen. 12:5

7 ¹Lit., *dwelt*
*Gen. 13:6

8 *Gen. 32:3 ^bGen. 36:1, 19

9 ¹Lit., *Edom*

died), that she named him ¹Ben-oni; but his father called him ²Benjamin.

19 So ^aRachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

20 And Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; that is the ^apillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

21 Then Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the ¹tower of ²Eder.

22 And it came about while Israel was dwelling in that land, that ^aReuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard of it.

Now there were twelve sons of Jacob—

23 ^athe sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born, then Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Zebulun;

24 ^athe sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin;

25 and ^athe sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maid: Dan and Naphtali;

26 and ^athe sons of Zilpah, Leah's maid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

27 And Jacob came to his father Isaac at ^aMamre of Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.

28 Now the days of Isaac were ^aone hundred and eighty years.

29 And Isaac breathed his last and died, and was ^agathered to his people, an ^bold man ¹of ripe age; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAPTER 36

Now these are *the records of the generations* of ^aEsau (that is, Edom).

2 Esau took ^ahis wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the ^bgranddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 also Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth.

4 And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,

5 and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 ^aThen Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all ¹his household, and his livestock and all his cattle and all his goods which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to *another land* away from his brother Jacob.

7 ^aFor their property had become too great for them to ¹live together, and the land where they sojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock.

8 So Esau lived in the hill country of ^aSeir; Esau is ^bEdom.

9 These then are *the records of the generations* of Esau the father of ¹the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

10 These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Esau's wife Adah, Reuel the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, ¹Zepho and Gatam and Kenaz.

11 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:36, *Zephi*

12 And Timna was a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These are the sons of Esau's wife Adah.

14 ¹Lit., *and she*

13 And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath and Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

16 ¹Lit., *of Eliphaz*

14 And these were the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon: ¹she bore to Esau, Jeush and Jalam and Korah.

17 ¹Lit., *of Reuel*

15 These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the first-born of Esau, are chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz,

18 ¹Lit., *of Oholibamah, Esau's wife*

16 chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek. These are the chiefs ¹descended from Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah.

17 And these are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah. These are the chiefs ¹descended from Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

20 *Gen. 14:6; Deut. 2:12, 22; 1 Chr. 1:38-42

18 And these are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah. These are the chiefs ¹descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

21 ¹Lit., *of the Horites*

19 These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

22 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:39, *Homam*

20 These are the sons of Seir ^athe Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah,

23 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:40, *Alian*
²In 1 Chr. 1:40, *Shephi*

21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. These are the chiefs ¹descended from the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

26 ¹Heb., *Dishan*, but cf. 1 Chr. 1:41 ²In 1 Chr. 1:41, *Hamran*

22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and ¹Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23 And these are the sons of Shobal: ¹Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, ²Shepho and Onam.

24 And these are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah—he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.

27 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:42, *Jaakan*

25 And these are the children of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

29 ¹Lit., *of the Horites*

26 And these are the sons of ¹Dishon: ²Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran.

27 These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and ¹Akan.

30 ¹Lit., *of the Horites*

28 These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

29 These are the chiefs ¹descended from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah,

31 *Gen. 17:6, 16; 35:11; 1 Chr. 1:43

30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan. These are the chiefs ¹descended from the Horites, according to their *various* chiefs in the land of Seir.

32 ¹Lit., *And Bela*

31 Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any ^aking reigned over the sons of Israel.

32 ¹Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

35 ¹Or, smote

39 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:50, Hadad
²In 1 Chr. 1:50, Pai

40 ¹Lit., of Esau ²In 1 Chr.
1:51, Aliah

43 ¹Heb., Edom

¹ Lit., of his father's
sojournings
²Gen. 17:8; 28:4

²Gen. 41:46 ^bGen. 35:25,
26

³ Or, full-length robe
⁴Gen. 44:20 ^bGen. 37:23, 32

⁴ Lit., in peace

⁵ Lit., dreamed
⁶Gen. 28:12; 31:10, 11, 24

⁶ Lit., dreamed

⁷ Gen. 42:6, 9; 43:26;
44:14

⁸ Gen. 49:26; Deut. 33:16

⁹ Lit., dreamed

33 Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah became king in his place.

34 Then Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites became king in his place.

35 Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who ¹defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

36 Then Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.

37 Then Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates River became king in his place.

38 Then Shaul died, and Baalhanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

39 Then Baalhanan the son of Achbor died, and ¹Hadar became king in his place; and the name of his city was ²Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Me-zahab.

40 Now these are the names of the chiefs ¹descended from Esau, according to their families *and* their localities, by their names: chief Timna, chief ²Alvah, chief Jetheth,

41 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

43 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of the ¹Edomites), according to their habitations in the land of their possession.

CHAPTER 37

Now Jacob lived in ^athe land ¹where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are *the records* of the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, when ^aseventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was *still* a youth, along with ^bthe sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was ^athe son of his old age; and he made him a ^bvaricolored tunic.

4 And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him ¹on friendly terms.

5 Then Joseph ^{1a}had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

6 And he said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have ¹had;

7 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and ^abowed down to my sheaf."

8 Then his brothers said to him, "^aAre you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Now he ¹had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have ¹had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

10 And he related *it* to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have ¹had? Shall I and your mother and ²your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"

10 ¹Lit., *dreamed*
²Gen. 27:29

11 ²Acts 7:9

11 And ³his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying *in mind*.

12 Then his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem.

13 ¹Lit., "*Behold me.*"
²Gen. 33:18-20

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing *the flock* in ³Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." And he said to him, "I will go."

14 ²Gen. 35:27

14 Then he said to him, "Go now and see about the welfare of your brothers and the welfare of the flock; and bring word back to me." ⁴So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 ¹Lit., *saying*, "*What*

15 And a man found him, and behold, he was wandering in the field; and the man asked him, "What are you looking for?"

17 ²Kin. 6:13

16 And he said, "I am looking for my brothers; please tell me where they are pasturing *the flock*."

18 ¹Or, *And*

17 Then the man said, "They have moved from here; for I heard *them* say, 'Let us go to ³Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

19 ¹Lit., *Behold, this master of dreams comes*

18 ¹When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.

20 ²Gen. 37:32

19 And they said to one another, "¹Here comes this dreamer!

20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and ²we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

21 ¹Lit., *smite his soul*
²Gen. 42:22

21 But ³Reuben heard *this* and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not ¹take his life."

23 ¹Lit., *came to* ²Or, *full-length robe*

22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.

25 ¹Lit., *bread* ²Or, *ladanum spice* ³Or, *mastic* ⁴Or, *resinous bark* ⁵Lit., *gum*
⁶Gen. 37:28; 16:12; 39:1
⁷Gen. 43:11 ⁸Jer. 8:22; 46:11

23 So it came about, when Joseph ¹reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his ²tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him;

24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.

26 ²Gen. 37:20

25 Then they sat down to eat ¹a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of ³Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing ²aromatic gum and ³balm and ⁴myrrh, ⁵on their way to bring *them* down to Egypt.

27 ²Gen. 42:21

26 And Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and ⁶cover up his blood?"

28 ¹Lit., *Joseph*
²Gen. 37:25; Judg. 6:1; 8:22,
³24 ⁴Gen. 45:4; Acts 7:9

27 "⁶Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; for he is our brother, our *own* flesh." And his brothers listened to *him*.

28 Then some ³Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled *him* up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and ⁴sold ¹him to the

28 ^cGen. 39:1

29 ^aGen. 37:34; 44:13

30 ^aGen. 42:13, 36

31 ^aGen. 37:3, 23

32 ^lOr, recognize

33 ^lOr, recognized
^aGen. 37:20

34 ^aGen. 37:29

35 ^aGen. 37:33; 25:8; 35:29;
42:38; 44:29, 31

36 ^lLit., Medanites
^aGen. 39:1

¹ ^lLit., went down ²Lit.,
turned aside to
^aJosh. 15:35; 1 Sam. 22:1

3 ^aGen. 46:12; Num. 26:19

5 ^lLit., when

7 ¹ Chr. 2:3

8 ^lLit., seed
^aDeut. 25:5, 6; Matt. 22:24

9 ^lLit., seed ²Lit., spoiled
on the ground

11 ^lLit., said ²Lit., Lest he
also die
^aRuth 1:12, 13

12 ^lLit., the days became
many and ²Lit., Judah was
comforted, he

Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. Thus ^cthey brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 Now Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; so he ^atore his garments.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is not *there*; as for me, where am I to go?"

31 So ^athey took Joseph's tunic, and slaughtered a male goat, and dipped the tunic in the blood;

32 and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, "We found this; please ^lexamine it to see whether it is your son's tunic or not."

33 Then he ^lexamined it and said, "It is my son's tunic. ^aA wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!"

34 So Jacob ^atore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 Then all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. And he said, "Surely I will go down to ^aSheol in mourning for my son." So his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile, the ^lMidianites ^asold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard.

CHAPTER 38

AND it came about at that time, that Judah ^ldeparted from his brothers, and ²visited a certain ^aAdullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took her and went in to her.

3 So she conceived and bore a son and he named him ^aEr.

4 Then she conceived again and bore a son and named him Onan.

5 And she bore still another son and named him Shelah; and it was at Chezib ^lthat she bore him.

6 Now Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, and her name was Tamar.

7 But ^aEr, Judah's first-born, was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD took his life.

8 Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up ^loffspring for your brother."

9 And Onan knew that the ^loffspring would not be his; so it came about that when he went in to his brother's wife, he ²wasted his seed on the ground, in order not to give ^loffspring to his brother.

10 But what he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD; so He took his life also.

11 Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up"; for he ^lthought, "²I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

12 Now ^lafter a considerable time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when ²the time of mourning was

Judah and Tamar.

ended, Judah went up to his sheep-shearers at ^aTimnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told to Tamar, “¹Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.”

14 So she ¹removed her widow’s garments and ^acovered herself with a ²veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of ^bEnaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought she *was* a harlot, for she had covered her face.

16 So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, “¹Here now, let me come in to you”; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?”

17 He said, therefore, “I will send you a ¹kid from the flock.” She said, moreover, “²Will you give a pledge until you send it?”

18 And he said, “What pledge shall I give you?” And she said, “^aYour seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave *them* to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

19 Then she arose and departed, and ¹removed her ²veil and put on her widow’s garments.

20 When Judah sent the ¹kid by his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman’s hand, he did not find her.

21 And he asked the men of her place, saying, “Where is the temple prostitute who was by the road at Enaim?” But they said, “There has been no temple prostitute here.”

22 So he returned to Judah, and said, “I did not find her; and furthermore, the men of the place said, ‘There has been no temple prostitute here.’”

23 Then Judah said, “Let her ¹keep them, lest we become a laughingstock. ²After all, I sent this kid, but you did not find her.”

24 Now it was about three months later that Judah was informed, “¹Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she is also with child by harlotry.” Then Judah said, “Bring her out and ^alet her be burned!”

25 It was while she was being brought out that she sent to her father-in-law, saying, “I am with child by the man to whom these things belong.” And she said, “Please examine and see, whose signet ring and cords and staff are these?”

26 And Judah recognized *them*, and said, “She is more righteous than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not ¹have relations with her again.

27 And it came about at the time she was giving birth, that behold, there were ^atwins in her womb.

28 Moreover, it took place while she was giving birth, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet *thread* on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.”

29 But it came about as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out. Then she said, “What a breach you have made for yourself!” So he was named ^{1a}Perez.

12 ^aJosh. 15:10, 57

13 ¹Lit., saying, Behold

14 ¹Lit., removed from herself ²Or, shawl ^aGen. 24:65 ^bJosh. 15:34

16 ¹Or, Come, now . . .

17 ¹Lit., Kid of goats ²Or, Will you give . . . ?

18 ^aGen. 41:42

19 ¹Lit., removed from herself ²Or, shawl

20 ¹Lit., kid of goats by the hand of

23 ¹Lit., take for herself ²Lit., Behold

24 ¹Lit., saying, Your ^aLev. 21:9

26 ¹Lit., know her yet again

27 ^aGen. 25:24-26

29 ¹L.e., A breach ^aGen. 46:12; Ruth 4:12

30 ¹Lit., A dawning or brightness
¹1 Chr. 2:5

1 ¹Lit., from the hand of
²Gen. 37:25, 28, 36; Ps. 105:17

2 ¹Or, prosperous
²Gen. 39:3, 21, 23

3 ²Gen. 21:22; 26:28 ^bPs. 1:3

4 ¹Or, ministered to him
²Lit., hand
²Gen. 39:8, 22

5 ²Gen. 30:27 ^bDeut. 28:3, 4, 11

6 ¹Lit., hand ²Lit., know
³Lit., bread ⁴Or, used to eat
²Gen. 29:17

7 ¹Lit., lifted up her eyes
at
²Prov. 7:15-20

8 ¹Lit., does not know what is in the house ²Lit., hand
²Prov. 6:23, 24

9 ¹Or, He is not greater
²Gen. 41:40 ^bGen. 42:18; 2 Sam. 12:13

11 ¹Lit., about this day

13 ¹Lit., and it came about when

14 ¹Lit., Hebrew man ²Lit., called with a great voice.

15 ¹Lit., called out

16 ¹Lit., let . . . lie beside

17 ¹Lit., according to ²Lit., saying, "The

30 And afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet *thread* on his hand; and he was named ^{1a}Zerah.

CHAPTER 39

NOW Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him ¹from the ^aIshmaelites, who had taken him down there.

2 And ^athe LORD was with Joseph, so he became a ¹successful man. And he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 Now his master ^asaw that the LORD was with him and *how* the LORD ^bcaused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and ¹became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and ^aall that he owned he put in his ²charge.

5 And it came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he owned, the LORD ^ablessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus ^bthe LORD's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

6 So he left everything he owned in Joseph's ¹charge; and with him *around* he did not ²concern himself with anything except the ³food which he ⁴ate. Now Joseph was ^ahandsome in form and appearance.

7 And it came about after these events ^athat his master's wife ¹looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

8 But ^ahe refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me *around*, my master ¹does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my ²charge.

9 ^{1a}There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and ^bsin against God?"

10 And it came about as she spoke to Joseph day after day, that he did not listen to her to *lie* beside her, or be with her.

11 Now it happened ¹one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

13 ¹When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had fled outside,

14 she called to the men of her household, and said to them, "See, he has brought in a ¹Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I ²screamed.

15 And it came about when he heard that I raised my voice and ¹screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled, and went outside."

16 So she ¹left his garment beside her until his master came home.

17 Then she spoke to him ¹with these words, "²The Hebrew

slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me;

18 and it happened as I raised my voice and ¹screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled outside.”

19 Now it came about when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, “¹This is what your slave did to me”; that his anger burned.

20 So Joseph’s master took him and ^aput him into the jail, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

21 But ^athe LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

22 And the chief jailer ^acommitted to Joseph’s ¹charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was ²responsible for it.

23 ^aThe chief jailer did not supervise anything under ¹Joseph’s charge because ^bthe LORD was with him; and whatever he did, ^cthe LORD made to prosper.

CHAPTER 40

THEN it came about after these things ^athe cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was furious with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.

3 So he put them in confinement in the house of the ^acaptain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the *same* place where Joseph was imprisoned.

4 And the captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he ¹took care of them; and they were in confinement for ²some time.

5 Then the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, they both had a dream the same night, each man with his *own* dream *and* each dream with its own interpretation.

6 ¹When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, ²behold, they were dejected.

7 And he asked Pharaoh’s officials who were with him in confinement in his master’s house, “^{1a}Why are your faces so sad today?”

8 Then they said to him, “^aWe have ¹had a dream and there is no one to interpret it.” Then Joseph said to them, “^bDo not interpretations belong to God? Tell *it* to me, please.”

9 So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, “In my dream, ¹behold, *there was* a vine in front of me;

10 and on the vine *were* three branches. And as it was budding, its blossoms came out, *and* its clusters produced ripe grapes.

11 “Now Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh’s cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh’s ¹hand.”

12 Then Joseph said to him, “This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days;

16 ¹Lit., *called out*

19 ¹Lit., *according to these things your slave*

20 ^aPs. 105:18

21 ^aGen. 39:2; Ps. 105:19; Acts 7:9

22 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *the doer*
^aGen. 39:4

23 ¹Lit., *his hand*
^aGen. 39:3, 8 ^bGen. 39:2
^cGen. 39:3

1 ^aGen. 40:11, 13

3 ^aGen. 39:1, 20

4 ¹Lit., *ministered to* ²Lit., *days*

6 ¹Or, *And* ²Lit., *and behold*

7 ¹Lit., *saying, Why*
^aNeh. 2:2

8 ¹Lit., *dreamed*
^aGen. 41:15 ^bGen. 41:16; Dan. 2:27, 28

9 ¹Lit., *and behold*

11 ¹Lit., *palm*

13 ¹Or possibly, *forgive you*
²Lit., *place*

14 ¹Lit., *remember me with yourself*²Lit., *and mention*

15 ¹Or, *pit*
^aGen. 37:26-28

17 ¹Lit., *food for Pharaoh made by a baker*

20 ^a2 Kin. 25:27; Jer. 52:31

21 ¹Lit., *wine-pouring*²Lit., *palm*
^aGen. 40:13

22 ^aGen. 40:19

2 ¹Lit., *fat of flesh*
^aJob 8:11; Is. 19:6, 7

3 ¹Lit., *lean of flesh*

4 ¹Lit., *lean of flesh*

8 ¹Or, *sooth-sayer priests*
²Lit., *dream*
^aDan. 2:1, ³Ex. 7:11, 22
^cDan. 2:27, 47

9 ¹Or, *sins*
^aGen. 40:23

13 within three more days Pharaoh will ¹lift up your head and restore you to your ²office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

14 "Only ¹keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness ²by mentioning me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.

15 "For ^aI was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the ¹dungeon."

16 When the chief baker saw that he had interpreted favorably, he said to Joseph, "I also *saw* in my dream, and behold, *there were* three baskets of white bread on my head;

17 and in the top basket *there were* some of all ¹sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

18 Then Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;

19 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh off you."

20 Thus it came about on the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; ^aand he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief cupbearer to his ¹office, and ^ahe put the cup into Pharaoh's ²hand;

22 but ^ahe hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

CHAPTER 41

NOW it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile.

2 And lo, from the Nile there came up seven cows, sleek and ¹fat; and they grazed in the ^amarsh grass.

3 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them from the Nile, ugly and ¹gaunt, and they stood by the *other* cows on the bank of the Nile.

4 And the ugly and ¹gaunt cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; and behold, seven ears of grain came up on a single stalk, plump and good.

6 Then behold, seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them.

7 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream.

8 Now it came about in the morning that ^ahis spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the ^{1b}magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his ²dreams, but ^cthere was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

9 Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I would make mention today of ^amy own ¹offenses.

10 "Pharaoh was furious with his servants, and he put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, both me and the chief baker.

11 "And we had a dream on ¹the same night, ²he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream.

12 "Now a Hebrew youth *was* with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related *them* to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his *own* dream.

13 "And it came about that just ^aas he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my ¹office, but he hanged him."

14 ^aThen Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, ^abut no one can interpret it; and I have heard ¹it said about you, that ²when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

16 Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "^{1a}It is not in me; ^bGod will ²give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

17 So Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I was standing on the bank of the Nile;

18 and behold, seven cows, ¹fat and sleek came up out of the Nile; and they grazed in the marsh grass.

19 "And lo, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and ¹gaunt, such as I had never seen for ²ugliness in all the land of Egypt;

20 and the lean and ¹ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows.

21 "Yet when they had ¹devoured them, it could not be ²detected that they had ¹devoured them; ³for they were just as ugly as ⁴before. Then I awoke.

22 "I saw also in my dream, and behold, seven ears, full and good, came up on a single stalk;

23 and lo, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them;

24 and the thin ears swallowed the seven good ears. Then I told it to the ¹magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."

25 Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's ¹dreams are one *and the same*; ^aGod has told to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

26 "The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the ¹dreams are one *and the same*.

27 "And the seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east wind ^ashall be seven years of famine.

28 "¹It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: ^aGod has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

29 "Behold, ^aseven years of great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt;

30 and after them ^aseven years of famine will ¹come, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will ²ravage the land.

11 ¹Lit., *one night* ²Lit., *I and he*

13 ¹Lit., *place*
^aGen. 40:21, 22

14 ^aPs. 105:20 ^bDan. 2:25

15 ¹Lit., *about you, saying*
²Lit., *you hear a dream to interpret it*
^aGen. 41:8

16 ¹Lit., *apart from me*
²Lit., *answer the peace of Pharaoh*
^aDan. 2:30; Zech. 4:6; Acts 3:12; 2 Cor. 3:5 ^bGen. 41:25, 28, 32; Gen. 40:8

18 ¹Lit., *fat of flesh*

19 ¹Lit., *lean of flesh* ²Lit., *badness*

20 ¹Lit., *bad*

21 ¹Lit., *entered their inward parts* ²Or, *known*
³Lit., *and* ⁴Lit., *in the beginning*

24 ¹Or, *sooth-sayer priests*

25 ¹Lit., *dream is*
^aGen. 41:28, 32

26 ¹Lit., *dream is*

27 ^a2 Kin. 8:1

28 ¹Lit., *That is the thing which I spoke*
^aGen. 41:25, 32

29 ^aGen. 41:47

30 ¹Lit., *arise* ²Lit., *destroy*
^aGen. 41:54, 56; Gen. 47:13

31 ¹Lit., afterwards

32 ^aGen. 41:25, 28

33 ^aGen. 41:39

34 ¹Lit., over

35 ^aGen. 41:48

37 ¹Lit., word ²Lit., in the sight of

38 ^aDan. 4:8, 9, 18; 5:11, 14

39 ^aGen. 41:33

40 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., kiss
^aPs. 105:21, 22; Acts 7:10

41 ^aGen. 42:6

42 ^aEsther 3:10 ^bDan. 5:7, 16, 29

43 ¹Lit., the second . . . which was his
²Text: Abreck; "Attention"

44 ¹Lit., you no one
^aPs. 105:22

45 ¹Probably Egyptian for "God Speaks; he lives" ²Or, Heliopolis
^aJer. 43:13; Ezek. 30:17

46 ¹Or, entered the service of
^aGen. 37:2

47 ¹Lit., by handfuls

49 ¹Lit., very much ²Lit., numbering ³Or, without number

50 ¹Or, Heliopolis

51 ¹i.e., Making to forget

31 "So the abundance will be unknown in the land because of that ¹subsequent famine; for it *will be* very severe.

32 ^a"Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, *it means* that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

33 "And now let Pharaoh look for a man ^adiscerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 "Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers ¹in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth of *the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

35 "Then ^alet them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard it.

36 "And let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish during the famine."

37 Now the ¹proposal seemed good ²to Pharaoh and ²to all his servants.

38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, ^ain whom is a divine spirit?"

39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, ^athere is no one so discerning and wise as you are.

40 ^a"You shall be over my house, and according to your ¹command all my people shall ²do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See I have set you ^aover all the land of Egypt."

42 Then Pharaoh ^atook off his signet ring from his hand, and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and ^bput the gold necklace around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in ¹his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, "²Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "*Though* I am Pharaoh, yet ^awithout ¹your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

45 Then Pharaoh named Joseph ¹Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of ^{2a}On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt.

46 Now Joseph was ^athirty years old when he ¹stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt.

47 And during the seven years of plenty the land brought forth ¹abundantly.

48 So he gathered all the food of *these* seven years which occurred in the land of Egypt, and placed the food in the cities; he placed in every city the food from its own surrounding fields.

49 Thus Joseph stored up grain ¹in great abundance like the sand of the sea, until he stopped ²measuring *it*, for it was ³beyond measure.

50 Now before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of ¹On, bore to him.

51 And Joseph named the first-born ¹Manasseh, "*For,*" *he*

said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

52 And he named the second ¹Ephraim, "For," *he said*, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

53 When the seven years of plenty which had been in the land of Egypt came to an end,

54 and ^athe seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said, then there was famine in all the lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do."

56 When the famine was *spread* over all the face of the earth, then Joseph opened all ¹the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

57 And *the people* of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

CHAPTER 42

NOW ^aJacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, "Why are you staring at one another?"

2 And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down there and buy *some* for us ¹from that place, ^aso that we may live and not die."

3 Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt.

4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother ^aBenjamin with his brothers, for he said, "I am afraid that harm may befall him."

5 So the sons of Israel came to buy *grain* among those who were coming, ^afor the famine was in the land of Canaan *also*.

6 Now ^aJoseph was the ruler over the land; he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and ^bbowed down to him with *their* faces to the ground.

7 When Joseph saw his brothers he recognized them, but he disguised himself to them and ^aspoke to them harshly. And he said to them, "Where have you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."

8 But Joseph had recognized his brothers, although ^athey did not recognize him.

9 And Joseph ^aremembered the dreams which he ¹had about them, and said to them, "You are spies; you have come to look at the ²undefended parts of our land."

10 Then they said to him, "No, ^amy lord, but your servants have come to buy food."

11 "We are all sons of one man; we are ^ahonest men, your servants are not spies."

12 Yet he said to them, "No, but you have come to look at the ¹undefended parts of our land!"

13 But they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers *in all*,

52 ¹Lit., fruitfulness
^aGen. 17:6; 28:3; 49:22

54 ^aGen. 41:30; Ps. 105:16;
Acts 7:11

56 ¹Lit., *that which was in them*

1 ^aActs 7:12

2 ¹Lit., *from there*
^aGen. 43:8

4 ¹Lit., *Lest harm*
^aGen. 35:24

5 ^aGen. 41:57; Acts 7:11

6 ^aGen. 41:41, 55 ^bGen. 37:8-10; 41:43

7 ^aGen. 42:30

8 ^aGen. 37:2; 41:46, 53

9 ¹Lit., *had dreamed* ²Lit., *nakedness of the land*
^aGen. 37:6-9

10 ^aGen. 37:8

11 ^aGen. 42:16, 19, 31, 34

12 ¹Lit., *nakedness of the land*

13 ^aGen. 43:7 ^bGen. 42:32; 37:30; 44:20

the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is with ^aour father today, and ^bone is no more."

14 ¹Lit., to you, saying

14 And Joseph said to them, "It is as I said ¹to you, you are spies;

16 ^aGen. 42:11

15 by this you will be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here!

17 ^aGen. 40:4,7

16 "Send one of you that he may get your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is ^atruth in you. But if not, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies."

18 ^aGen. 39:9

17 So he put them all together in ^aprison for three days. 18 Now Joseph said to them on the third day, "Do this and live, for ^aI fear God:

19 ¹Lit., house of your prison

19 if you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined in ¹your prison; but as for *the rest of you*, go, carry grain for the famine of your households,

20 ^aGen. 42:34

20 and ^abring your youngest brother to me, so your words may be verified, and you will not die." And they did so.

21 ^aGen. 37:26-28; 45:3

21 Then they said to one another, "^aTruly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us."

22 ¹Lit., you saying ²Lit., And behold, his blood also is required ^aGen. 37:22 ^bGen. 9:5-6

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, "^aDid I not tell ¹you, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? ^{2b}Now comes the reckoning for his blood."

24 ^aGen. 43:30; 45:14, 15 ^bGen. 43:14, 23

23 They did not know, however, that Joseph understood, for there was an interpreter between them.

25 ^aGen. 44:1

24 And he turned away from them and ^awept. But when he returned to them and spoke to them, he ^btook Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

28 ¹Lit., went out ²Lit., trembled ^aGen. 43:23

25 ^aThen Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to restore every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. And thus it was done for them.

31 ^aGen. 42:11

26 So they loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there.

27 And as one of *them* opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money; and behold, it was in the mouth of his sack.

28 Then he said to his brothers, "My money has been returned, and behold, it is even in my sack." And their hearts ¹sank, and they ²trembled to one another, saying, "^aWhat is this that God has done to us?"

29 When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying,

30 "The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly with us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 "But we said to him, 'We are ^ahonest men; we are not spies.

32 'We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is with our father today in the land of Canaan.'

33 "And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me and take *grain* for the famine of your households, and go.

34 'But bring your youngest brother to me that I may know that you are not spies, but ¹honest men. I will give your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.' "

35 Now it came about as they were emptying their sacks, that behold, ²every man's bundle of money was in his sack; and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed.

36 And their father Jacob said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and you would take Benjamin; all these things are against me."

37 Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "You may put my two sons to death if I do not bring him *back* to you; put him in my ¹care, and I will return him to you."

38 But ¹Jacob said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should befall him on the journey ²you are taking, then you will ^abring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow."

CHAPTER 43

^a NOW the famine was severe in the land.

2 So it came about when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

3 Judah spoke to him, however, saying, "^aThe man solemnly warned ¹us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'

4 "If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.

5 "But if you do not send *him*, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.' "

6 Then Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly ¹by telling the man whether you still had *another* brother?"

7 But they said, "The man questioned particularly about us and our relatives, saying, '^aIs your father still alive? Have you *another* brother?' So we ¹answered his questions. Could we possibly know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

8 And Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, ^athat we may live and not die, we as well as you and our little ones.

9 "^aI myself will be surety for him; ¹you may hold me responsible for him. If I do not bring him *back* to you and set him before you, then ²let me bear the blame before you forever.

10 "For if we had not delayed, surely by now we could have returned twice."

11 Then their father Israel said to them, "If *it must be* so, then do this: take some of the best products of the land in your ¹bags, and carry down to the man ^aas a present, a little ^{2b}balm and a little honey, ³aromatic gum and ⁴myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

12 "And take double *the* money in your hand, and take

34 ¹Lit., you are honest

35 ^aGen. 43:12, 15

37 ¹Lit., hand

38 ¹Lit., he ²Lit., on which you are going

^aGen. 37:35; 44:29, 31

¹aGen. 41:56, 57

³ ¹Lit., us, saying

^aGen. 43:5; Gen. 44:23

6 ¹Lit., to tell

7 ¹Lit., told him according to these words

^aGen. 43:27; 42:13

8 ^aGen. 42:2

9 ¹Lit., From my hand you may require him ²Lit., I shall have sinned before you all the days

^aGen. 42:37

11 ¹Or, vessels ²Or, mastic ³Or, ladanum spice ⁴Or, resinous bark

^aGen. 43:25, 26 ^bGen. 37:25

12 *Gen. 43:21, 22

14 ¹Heb., *El Shaddai*
*Gen. 17:1; 28:3; 35:11 ^bPs.
106:46 *Gen. 42:24 ^dGen.
42:36

15 *Gen. 43:11

17 ¹Lit., *the man brought*

18 ¹Lit., *roll himself upon*
us

21 ¹Lit., *its weight*
*Gen. 42:35 ^bGen. 43:12, 15

23 ¹Lit., *Peace be to you*
²Lit., *your money had come*
to me
*Gen. 42:28 ^bGen. 42:24

24 *Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 24:32

25 ¹Lit., *until* ²Lit., *bread*
*Gen. 43:11, 15

26 *Gen. 37:7, 10

27 *Gen. 43:7; 45:3

28 ¹Lit., *and prostrated*
themselves
*Gen. 37:7, 10

29 *Gen. 42:13 ^bNum. 6:25;
Ps. 67:1

30 ¹Lit., *his compassion*
grew warm
*Gen. 42:24; 45:2, 14, 15;
46:29

31 ¹Lit., *"Set on bread."*
*Gen. 45:1

back in your hand ^athe money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was a mistake.

13 "Take your brother also, and arise, return to the man;

14 and may ^{1a}God Almighty ^bgrant you compassion in the sight of the man, that he may release to you ^cyour other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, ^dif I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

15 So the men took ^athis present, and they took double *the* money in their hand, and Benjamin; then they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to his house steward, "Bring the men into the house, and slay *an animal* and make ready; for the men are to dine with me at noon."

17 So the man did as Joseph said, and ^bbrought the men to Joseph's house.

18 Now the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, "*It is* because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are being brought in, that he may ¹seek occasion against us and fall upon us, and take us for slaves with our donkeys."

19 So they came near to Joseph's house steward, and spoke to him at the entrance of the house,

20 and said, "Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food,

21 and it came about when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and behold, ^aeach man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in ¹full. So ^bwe have brought it back in our hand.

22 "We have also brought down other money in our hand to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks."

23 And he said, "¹Be at ease, do not be afraid. ^aYour God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; ²I had your money." Then ^bhe brought Simeon out to them.

24 Then the man brought the men into Joseph's house and ^agave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys fodder.

25 So they prepared ^athe present ¹for Joseph's coming at noon; for they had heard that they were to eat ^{2a}a meal there.

26 When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which was in their hand and ^abowed to the ground before him.

27 Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, "^aIs your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

28 And they said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." ^aAnd they bowed down ¹in homage.

29 As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, he said, "Is this ^ayour youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "^bMay God be gracious to you, my son."

30 And Joseph hurried *out* for ¹he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought *a place* to weep; and he entered his chamber and ^awept there.

31 Then he washed his face, and came out; and he ^acontrolled himself and said, "Serve the meal."

32 So they served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is ^{1a}loathsome to the Egyptians.

33 Now they ¹were seated before him, ^athe first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at one another in astonishment.

34 And he took portions to them from ¹his own table; ^abut Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

CHAPTER 44

^a THEN he commanded his house steward, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack.

2 "And put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his money for the grain." And he did ¹as Joseph had told *him*.

3 ¹As soon as it was light, the men were sent away, they with their donkeys.

4 They had *just* gone out of ^athe city, *and* were not far off, when Joseph said to his house steward, "Up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?'"

5 "Is not this the one from which my lord drinks, and which he indeed uses for ^adivination? You have done wrong in doing this."

6 So he overtook them and spoke these words to them.

7 And they said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing.

8 "Behold, ^athe money which we found in the mouth of our sacks we have brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house?"

9 "^aWith whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's ^bslaves."

10 So he said, "Now let it also be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and *the rest* of you shall be innocent."

11 Then they hurried, each man lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack.

12 And he searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and ^athe cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they ^atore their clothes, and when each man loaded his donkey, they returned to ^bthe city.

14 When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there, and ^athey fell to the ground before him.

15 And Joseph said to them, "What is this deed that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can indeed practice ^adivination?"

16 So Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are my lord's ^aslaves, both we and the one in whose ¹possession the cup has been found."

³² ¹Lit., *an abomination*
^aGen. 46:34

³³ ¹Lit., *sat*
^aGen. 42:7

³⁴ ¹Lit., *his face*
^aGen. 35:24

¹Gen. 42:25

² ¹Or., *according to the word*

³ ¹Lit., *The morning was light*

⁴Gen. 44:13

⁵Gen. 44:15; 30:27; Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10-14

⁸Gen. 43:21

⁹Gen. 31:32 ^bGen. 44:16

¹²Gen. 44:2

¹³Gen. 37:29, 34 ^bGen. 44:4

¹⁴Gen. 37:7, 10

¹⁵Gen. 44:5

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *hand*
^aGen. 44:9

17 ¹Lit., *hand*

18 ¹Lit., *let not your anger burn against*
^aGen. 37:7, 8; 41:40-44

19 ^aGen. 43:7

20 ^aGen. 44:30; 43:8 ^bGen. 37:33; 42:13, 38

22 ¹Lit., *he*

23 ^aGen. 43:3

28 ^aGen. 37:31-35

29 ¹Lit., *my face* ²Lit., *evil*
^aGen. 44:31; 42:38

30 ¹Lit., *his soul is bound with his soul*
^a1 Sam 18:1

31 ^aGen. 44:29

32 ¹Lit., *and I shall have sinned for all the days before my father*
^aGen. 43:9

34 ¹Lit., *find*

1 ¹Lit., *stood*
^aActs 7:13

2 ¹Lit., *gave forth his voice in weeping*
^aGen. 45:14, 15; 46:29

3 ^aGen. 43:27

17 But he said, "Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose ¹possession the cup has been found, he shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

18 Then Judah approached him, and said, "Oh my lord, may your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and ¹do not be angry with your servant; for ^ayou are equal to Pharaoh.

19 ^a"My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

20 "And we said to my lord, 'We have an old father and ^aa little child of *his* old age. Now his brother ^bis dead, so he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.'

21 "Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.'

22 "But we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, ¹his father would die.'

23 "You said to your servants, however, ^a'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.'

24 "Thus it came about when we went up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 "And our father said, 'Go back, buy us a little food.'

26 "But we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.'

27 "And your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons;

28 and the one went out from me, and ^aI said, "Surely he is torn in pieces," and I have not seen him since.

29 'And if you take this one also from ¹me, and harm befalls him, you will ^abring my gray hair down to Sheol in ²sorrow.'

30 "Now, therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since ¹his life is bound up in the lad's life,

31 it will come about when he sees that the lad is not *with* us, that he will die. Thus your servants will ^abring the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow.

32 "For your servant ^abecame surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him *back* to you, then ¹let me bear the blame before my father forever.'

33 "Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

34 "For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest I see the evil that would ¹overtake my father?"

CHAPTER 45

THEN Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So there ¹was no man with him ^awhen Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And ^ahe ¹wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it.

3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! ^aIs my

father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for ^bthey were dismayed at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come ¹closer to me." And they came ¹closer. And he said, "I am your brother whom you sold into Egypt.

5 "And now do not be grieved or angry ¹with yourselves, because ^ayou sold me here; for ^bGod sent me before you to preserve life.

6 "For the famine *has been* in the land ^athese two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

7 "And ^aGod sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great ¹deliverance.

8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and ^asay to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

10 "And you shall ¹live in the land of ^aGoshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have.

11 "There I will also ^aprovide for you, for there are still five years of famine *to come*, lest you and your household and all that you have be impoverished."

12 "And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin *see*, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you.

13 "Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and ^abring my father down here."

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and ^awept; and Benjamin wept on his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

16 Now when ^athe ¹news was heard in Pharaoh's house ²that Joseph's brothers had come, it ³pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and ¹go to the land of Canaan,

18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and ^aI will give you the ¹best of the land of Egypt and you shall eat the fat of the land.'

19 "Now you are ordered, 'Do this: ¹take ^awagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come.

20 'And do not ¹concern yourselves with your goods, for the ²best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

21 Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them ^awagons according to the ¹command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

22 To ¹each of them he gave ^achanges of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver and ^bfive changes of garments.

23 And to his father he sent ¹as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the ²best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys

³ ^bGen. 37:20-28; 42:21, 22

⁴ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *near*

⁵ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *in your eyes*
^aGen. 37:28; 44:20 ^bGen. 45:7, 8; 50:20

⁶ ^aGen. 37:2; 41:46, 53

⁷ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *escaped company*
^aGen. 45:5

⁹ ^aActs 7:14

¹⁰ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *dwelt*
^aGen. 46:28, 34

¹¹ ^aGen. 47:12

¹³ ^aActs 7:14

¹⁴ ^aGen. 45:2

¹⁶ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *voice* ² ^{Lit.}, *saying, "Joseph's brothers have come."* ³ ^{Lit.}, *was good in the eyes of*
^aActs 7:13

¹⁷ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *come, go*

¹⁸ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *good*
^aGen. 27:28

¹⁹ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *take for yourselves*
^aGen. 45:21, 27; 46:5; Num. 7:3-8

²⁰ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *let your eye look with regret upon your vessels*
² ^{Lit.}, *good*

²¹ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *mouth*
^aGen. 45:19

²² ¹ ^{Lit.}, *all of them he gave each man*
^a2 Kin. 5:5 ^bGen. 43:34

²³ ¹ ^{Lit.}, *like this* ² ^{Lit.}, *good*

23 ¹Lit., for

24 ¹Lit., they departed; and he said ²Lit., be agitated

26 ¹Lit., his heart grew numb
^aGen. 37:31-35

27 ^aGen. 45:19

1 ^aGen. 28:10 ^bGen. 26:24; 28:13

2 ¹Lit., in the visions
^aNum. 12:6; Job 33:14, 15
^bGen. 22:11; 31:11

3 ^aGen. 17:1; 28:13

4 ¹Lit., put his hand on
^aGen. 28:15 ^bGen. 50:24; Ex. 3:8 ^cGen. 50:1

5 ^aGen. 45:21

6 ¹Lit., seed
^aActs 7:15

7 ¹Lit., seed

8 ^aNum. 26:5; 1 Chr. 2:1 ff.

10 ¹Num. 26:12; In 1 Chr. 4:24, *Nemuel* ²In 1 Chr. 4:24, *Jarib* ³In Num. 26:13; and 1 Chr. 4:24, *Zerah*

11 ¹In 1 Chr. 6:16, *Gershon*

13 ¹In Num. 26:23, *Puvah*; in 1 Chr. 7:1, *Puah*; ²Num. 26:24; In 1 Chr. 7:1, *Jashub*

15 ¹Lit., all the souls of

16 ¹In Num. 26:15, *Zephon* ²In Num. 26:16, *Orni* ³In Num. 26:17, *Arod*

loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father ³on the journey.

24 So he sent his brothers away, and ¹as they departed, he said to them, "Do not ²quarrel on the journey."

25 Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.

26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." But ¹he was stunned, for ²he did not believe them.

27 When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the ^awagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

28 Then Israel said, "It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

CHAPTER 46

SO Israel set out with all that he had, and came to ^aBeersheba, and offered sacrifices to the ^bGod of his father Isaac.

2 And ^aGod spoke to Israel ¹in visions of the night and said, "^bJacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am."

3 And He said, "^aI am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there.

4 "^aI will go down with you to Egypt, and ^bI will also surely bring you up again; and ^cJoseph will ¹close your eyes."

5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives, in the ^awagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their livestock and their property, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and ^acame to Egypt, Jacob and all his ¹descendants with him:

7 his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his ¹descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

8 Now these are the ^anames of the sons of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben, Jacob's first-born.

9 And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi.

10 And the sons of Simeon: ¹Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and ²Jachin and ³Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.

11 And the sons of Levi: ¹Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 And the sons of Judah: Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 And the sons of Issachar: Tola and ¹Puvvah and ²Iob and Shimron.

14 And the sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon and Jahleel.

15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; ¹all his sons and his daughters *numbered* thirty-three.

16 And the sons of Gad: ¹Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and ²Ezbon, Eri and ³Arodi and Areli.

17 And the sons of Asher: Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and

Beriah and their sister Serah. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.

18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore to Jacob these sixteen persons.

19 The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

20 Now to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him.

21 And the sons of Benjamin: Bela and Becher and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, ¹Ehi and Rosh, ²Muppim and ³Huppim and Ard.

22 These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; *there were* fourteen persons in all.

23 And the sons of Dan: ¹Hushim.

24 And the sons of Naphtali: ¹Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and ²Shillem.

25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, and she bore these to Jacob; *there were* seven persons in all.

26 All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, ¹his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, *were* sixty-six persons in all,

27 and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were ¹two; ²all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, *were* seventy.

28 Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out *the way* before him to "Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph ¹prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared ²before him, he fell on his neck and ³wept on his neck a long time.

30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

31 And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who *were* in the land of Canaan, have come to me;

32 and the men are shepherds, for they have been ¹keepers of livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

33 "And it shall come about when Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?'

34 that you shall say, 'Your servants have been ¹keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we ²and our fathers,' that you may ²live in the land of ^bGoshen; for every shepherd is ³loathsome to the Egyptians."

CHAPTER 47

THEN Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers and their flocks and their herds and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goshen."

2 And he took five men from among his brothers, and presented them to Pharaoh.

3 Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your

21 ¹In Num. 26:38, *Ahiram*
²In Num. 26:39, *Shephupham*; 1 Chr. 7:12, *Shuppim* ¹In Num. 26:39, *Hupham*

23 ¹In Num. 26:42, *Shuham*

24 ¹In 1 Chr. 7:13, *Jahziel*
²In 1 Chr. 7:13, *Shallum*

26 ¹Lit., *who came out of his loins*

27 ¹Lit., *two souls*
²Ex. 1:5; Deut. 10:22; Acts 7:14

28 ²Gen. 45:10

29 ¹Lit., *tied, harnessed*
²Lit., *to*
³Gen. 45:14, 15

31 ²Gen. 47:1

32 ¹Lit., *men*.

34 ¹Lit., *men* ²Lit., *dwelling*
³Lit., *an abomination*
⁴Gen. 13:7, 8; 26:20; 37:2
^bGen. 45:10, 18; 47:6, 11; Ex. 3:22

3 ²Gen. 46:34

4 ¹Lit., *dwell*

5 ¹Lit., *Joseph, saying*

6 ¹Lit., *before you* ²Lit., *cause them to dwell* ³Lit., *dwell* ⁴Lit., *appoint them rulers*
²Gen. 47:11; 45:10, 18 ^bEx. 18:21, 25

7 ¹Lit., *set him before*
²Gen. 47:10; 2 Sam. 14:22; 1 Kin. 8:66

8 ¹Lit., *are the days of the years of your life*

9 ¹Lit., *days of the years* ²Lit., *thirty years* ³Lit., *evil* ⁴Lit., *reached* ⁵Lit., *of the life of my fathers*
²Gen. 25:7; 35:28

10 ¹Lit., *Pharaoh's*
²Gen. 47:7

11 ¹Lit., *caused to dwell*
²Gen. 47:6, 27

12 ¹Or, *bread*
²Gen. 45:11

13 ¹Or, *bread*

15 ¹Lit., *saying* ²Or, *bread*
³Lit., *ceases*

16 ¹Lit., *ceases*

17 ¹Or, *bread* ²Lit., *livestock of the flocks and livestock of the herds* ³Lit., *led them as a shepherd* ⁴Lit., *in that year*

18 ¹Lit., *second* ²Lit., *livestock of the cattle* ³Lit., *in the presence of*

19 ¹Or, *bread*

occupation?" So they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are ^ashepherds, both we and our fathers."

4 And they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now, therefore, please let your servants ¹live in the land of Goshen."

5 Then Pharaoh said to ¹Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 "The land of Egypt is ¹at your disposal; ²settle your father and your brothers in ^athe best of the land, let them ³live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any ^bcapable men among them, then ⁴put them in charge of my livestock."

7 Then Joseph brought his father Jacob and ¹presented him to Pharaoh; and Jacob ^ablessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many ¹years have you lived?"

9 So Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The ¹years of my sojourning are one hundred and ²thirty; few and ³unpleasant have been the ¹years of my life, nor have ^athey ⁴attained the ¹years ⁵that my fathers lived during the days of their sojourning."

10 And Jacob ^ablessed Pharaoh, and went out from ¹his presence.

11 So Joseph ¹settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in ^athe best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had ordered.

12 And Joseph provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with ¹food, according to their ³little ones.

13 Now there was no ¹food in all the land, because the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph ¹and said, "Give us ²food, for why should we die in your presence? For *our* money ³is gone."

16 Then Joseph said, "Give up your livestock, and I will give you *food* for your livestock, since *your* money ¹is gone."

17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them ¹food in exchange for the horses and the ²flocks and the herds and the donkeys; and he ³fed them with ¹food in exchange for all their livestock ⁴that year.

18 And when that year was ended, they came to him the ¹next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent, and the ²cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left ³for my lord except our bodies and our lands.

19 "Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for ¹food, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. So give us seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate."

20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for

Every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. Thus the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of Egypt's border to the other.

22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they lived off the allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they did not sell their land.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have today bought you and your land for Pharaoh; now, *here* is seed for you, and you may sow the land.

24 "And at the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

25 So they said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves."

26 And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt valid to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's.

27 Now Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in Goshen, and they acquired property in it and were fruitful and became very numerous.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

29 When the time for Israel to die drew near, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Please, if I have found favor in your sight, place now your hand under my thigh and deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt,

30 but when I lie down with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said."

31 And he said, "Swear to me." So he swore to him. Then Israel bowed in worship at the head of the bed.

CHAPTER 48

NOW it came about after these things that Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him.

2 When it was told to Jacob, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," Israel collected his strength and sat up in the bed.

3 Then Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

4 and He said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and numerous, and I will make you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession.'

5 "And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are.

6 "But your offspring that have been born after them

20 ¹Lit., *Egypt, every man*

22 ¹Lit., *ate their allotment*

24 ¹Lit., *it shall come about . . . that you shall*
²Gen. 41:34

26 ¹Lit., *alone did*

27 ¹Lit., *dwelt* ²Lit., *in the land of Goshen*
³Gen. 47:11 ⁴Gen. 35:11; Ex. 1:7

28 ¹Lit., *the days of Jacob, the years of his life*
²Gen. 47:9

29 ¹Lit., *the days of Israel to die drew near* ²Lit., *truth*
³Gen. 24:2 ⁴Gen. 24:49

30 ¹Gen. 15:15; Deut. 31:16
²Gen. 23:17-20; 49:29-32

31 ¹Gen. 21:23, 24; 24:3, 31:53; 50:25

¹ ¹Lit., *one said to Joseph*
²Gen. 41:51, 52

² ¹Lit., *one told Jacob and said* ²Lit., *strengthened himself* ³Lit., *upon the bed*

³ ¹Heb., *EI Shaddai*
⁴Gen. 35:9-12 ⁵Gen. 28:19; 35:6

4 ¹Lit., *seed*

5 ¹Gen. 48:1 ²Chr. 5:1, 2

6 ¹Lit., *you have begotten*

6²Lit., name

7¹Lit., upon me
^aGen. 33:18 ^bGen. 35:19, 20

8^aGen. 48:10

9^aGen. 33:5

10¹Lit., he
^aGen. 27:1

11¹Lit., meditated, judged
²Lit., seed

12¹Lit., made them come out
^aGen. 42:6

14¹Or, consciously directing
²Lit., when
^aGen. 41:51, 52

15¹Lit., from the continuance of me
^aGen. 17:1 ^bGen. 49:24

16¹Lit., be called
²Lit., name
^aGen. 22:11, 15-18; 28:13-15;
 31:11 ^bGen. 28:14; 46:3

19¹Lit., seed
²Lit., fullness
^aGen. 28:14; 46:3

21^aGen. 26:3 ^bGen. 28:15;
 46:4; 50:24

22¹Or, ridge; lit., shoulder.
 Heb., Shechem
^aJosh. 24:32; John 4:5

shall be yours; they shall be called by the ²names of their brothers in their inheritance.

7 "Now as for me, when I came from ^aPaddan, ^bRachel died, ¹to my sorrow, in the land of Canaan on the journey, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

8 When Israel ^asaw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?"

9 And Joseph said to his father, "'They are my sons, whom God has given me here.'" So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."

10 Now ^athe eyes of Israel were so dim from age that he could not see. Then ¹Joseph brought them close to him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

11 And Israel said to Joseph, "I never ¹expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your ²children as well."

12 Then Joseph ¹took them from his knees, and bowed with ^ahis face to the ground.

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him.

14 But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, ¹crossing his hands, ²although ^aManasseh was the first-born.

15 And he blessed Joseph, and said,
 "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,
 The God who has been my shepherd ¹all my life to this day,

16 ^aThe angel who has redeemed me from all evil,
 Bless the lads;
 And may my name ¹live on in them,
 And the ²names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
 And ^bmay they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

17 When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the first-born. Place your right hand on his head."

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people and he also shall be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and ^ahis ¹descendants shall become a ²multitude of nations."

20 And he blessed them that day, saying,
 "By you Israel shall pronounce blessing, saying,
 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!'"

Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but ^aGod will be with you, and ^bbring you back to the land of your fathers.

22 "And I give you one ¹portion more than your brothers, ^awhich I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

CHAPTER 49

THEN Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what shall befall you in the days to come.

2 "Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob; And listen to Israel your father.

3 "Reuben, you are my first-born; My might and the beginning of my strength, Preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

4 "Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have pre-eminence, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it—he went up to my couch.

5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers; Their swords are implements of violence.

6 "Let my soul not enter into their council; Let not my glory be united with their assembly; Because in their anger they slew men, And in their self-will they lamed oxen.

7 "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel. I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel.

8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you.

9 "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?

10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

11 "He ties his foal to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes.

12 "His eyes are dull from wine, And his teeth white from milk.

13 "Zebulun shall dwell at the seashore; And he shall be a haven for ships, And his flank shall be toward Sidon.

14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between the sheepfolds.

15 "When he saw that a resting place was good And that the land was pleasant, He bowed his shoulder to bear burdens, And became a slave at forced labor.

¹ Lit., end of the days
² Num. 24:14

³ Lit., preeminence
² Deut. 21:17; Ps. 78:51; 105:36

⁴ Or, Boiling oyer; lit., wrecklessness
² Gen. 35:22; Deut. 27:20

⁵ Gen. 34:25-30

⁶ Lit., a man
² Lit., an ox
² Ps. 64:2

⁷ Lit., divide
² Josh. 19:1, 9; 21:1-42

⁸ Gen. 27:29; 1 Chr. 5:2

⁹ Lit., bows down
² Or, liones
¹ Lit., shall
² Ezek. 19:5-7; Mic. 5:8

[10] Or, Until he comes to Shiloh; or, Until he comes to whom it belongs
² Num. 24:17; Ps. 60:7; 108:8
² Ps. 2:6-9; 72:8-11

¹¹ Lit., Binding of
² Deut. 8:7, 8; 2 Kin. 18:32
² Is. 63:2

¹² Or, darker than
² Or, whiter than

¹³ Lit., for a shore of ships
² Deut. 33:18, 19

¹⁴ Lit., a donkey of bone
² Or, saddlebags
² Judg. 5:16; Ps. 68:13

16 ^aDeut. 33:22; Judg. 18:26, 27 ^bGen. 30:6

18 ^aEx. 15:2; Ps. 25:5; 40:1-3; 119:166, 174; Is. 25:9; Mic. 7:7

19 ¹Lit., a raiding band
²Lit., heel
^aDeut. 33:20

20 ¹Lit., From ²Or, bread
³Lit., fat
^aDeut. 33:24, 25 ^bGen. 30:13

21 ^aDeut. 33:23

22 ¹Lit., son ²Lit., daughters
^aDeut. 33:13-17

24 ¹i.e., in an unyielding position ²Lit., the arms of his hands
^aPs. 18:34; 73:23; Is. 41:10
^bPs. 132:2, 5; Is. 1:24; 49:26
^cPs. 23:1; 80:1 ^dPs. 118:22; Is. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6-8

25 ¹Or, with ²Heb., Shaddai
^aGen. 28:13; 32:9 ^bGen. 28:3; 48:3 ^cGen. 27:28

26 ¹Lit., limit or desire
^aDeut. 33:15, 16

27 ¹Lit., a wolf that tears

28 ¹Lit., and ²Lit., according to his blessing

29 ^aGen. 25:8 ^bGen. 23:16-20

30 ¹Lit., possession of a burial place

31 ^aGen. 25:9 ^bGen. 23:19
^cGen. 35:29

16 ^a“Dan shall bjudge his people,
As one of the tribes of Israel.

17 ^a“Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
A horned snake in the path,
That bites the horse’s heels,
So that his rider falls backward.

18 ^a“For Thy salvation I wait, O LORD.

19 ^a“As for Gad, ¹raiders shall raid him,
But he shall raid at their ²heels.

20 ^{1a}“As for ^bAsher, his ²food shall be ³rich,
And he shall yield royal dainties.

21 ^a“Naphtali is a doe let loose,
He gives beautiful words.

22 ^a“Joseph is a fruitful ¹bough,
A fruitful ¹bough by a spring;
Its ²branches run over a wall.

23 ^a“The archers bitterly attacked him,
And shot at him and harassed him;

24 ^a“But his bow remained ¹firm,
And ^{2a}his arms were agile,
And from the hands of the ^bMighty One of Jacob
(From there is ^cthe Shepherd, ^dthe Stone of Israel),

25 ^a“From ^athe God of your father who helps you,
And ^{1b}by the ²Almighty who blesses you
^cWith blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,
Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

26 ^a“The blessings of your father
Have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors
Up to the ¹utmost bound of ^athe everlasting hills;
May they be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of the one distinguished
among his brothers.

27 Benjamin is a ¹ravenous wolf;
In the morning he devours the prey,
And in the evening he divides the spoil.”

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them ¹when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one ²with the blessing appropriate to him.

29 Then he charged them and said to them, “I am about to be ^agathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in ^bthe field of Ephron the Hittite.

30 In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a ¹burial site.

31 ^a“There they buried ^aAbraham and his wife ^bSarah, there they buried ^cIsaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah—

32 the field and the cave that is in it, purchased from the sons of Heth.”

33 When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew his feet

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Buried at Machpelah.**

into the bed and ^abreathed his last, and was ^bgathered to his people.

CHAPTER 50

THEN Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians ^aembalmed Israel.

3 Now forty days were ¹required for ²it, for ³such is the period required for embalming. And the Egyptians ^awept for him seventy days.

4 And when the days of ¹mourning for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak ²to Pharaoh, saying,

5 "My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am about to die; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.' "

6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 and all the household of Joseph and his brothers and his father's household; they left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen.

9 There also went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.

10 When they came to the ¹threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and ²sorrowful lamentation; and he ³observed seven days mourning for his father.

11 Now when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at ¹the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a ²grievous ³mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore it was named ⁴Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

12 And thus his sons did for him as he had charged them;

13 for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in ^athe cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field for a ¹burial site from Ephron the Hittite.

14 And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "'What if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and pay us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!'"

16 So they ¹sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father charged before he died, saying,

17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.' " And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

³³ *Gen. 25:8; Acts 7:15
^bGen. 49:29

²*Gen. 50:26

³ ¹Lit., fulfilled ²Or, him
¹Lit., so are fulfilled the days
of embalming
^aGen. 50:10; Num. 20:29;
Deut. 34:8

⁴ ¹Lit., weeping ²Lit., In
the ears of

⁵*Gen. 47:29-31

¹⁰ ¹Heb., Goren ha-Atad
²Lit., heavy ³Lit., made a
mourning for seven days

¹¹ ¹Heb., Goren ha-Atad
²Lit., heavy ³Heb., ebel ⁴L.c.,
the meadow (or mourning)
of Egypt

¹³ ¹Lit., possession of a
burial place
^aGen. 23:16-20

¹⁵*Gen. 37:28; 42:21, 22

¹⁶ ¹Lit., commanded

18 *Gen. 37:8-10; 41:43

20 ¹Lit., *as it is this day*
*Gen. 37:26, 27; 45:5, 7

21 ¹Lit., *to their heart*
*Gen. 45:11; 47:12

23 *Gen. 30:3

24 ¹Or, *visit* ²Lit., *swore*
*Gen. 48:21; Heb. 11:22
^bGen. 13:15, 17; 15:7, 8
^cGen. 26:3 ^dGen. 28:13;
35:12

25 ¹Or, *visit*
*Ex. 13:19; Josh. 24:32; Heb.
11:22

26 ¹Lit., *they embalmed*
him
*Gen. 50:2

18 Then his brothers also came and ^afell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?"

20 "And as for you, ^ayou meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about ¹this present result, to preserve many people alive.

21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; ^aI will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke ¹kindly to them.

22 Now Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and his father's household, and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim's sons; also the sons of Machir, the son of Manassah, were born ^aon Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but ^aGod will surely ¹take care of you, and bring you up from this land to the land which He ²promised on oath to ^bAbraham, to ^cIsaac and ^dto Jacob."

25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely ¹take care of you, and ^ayou shall carry my bones up from here."

26 So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and ¹he was ^aembalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

EXODUS

Israel's Expansion in Egypt. Hard Bondage. Murder of Male Infants.

¹ Lit., *and*
*Gen. 46:8-27

5 ¹Lit., *souls* ²Lit., *as to*
souls
*Gen. 46:26, 27; Deut. 10:22

6 *Gen. 50:26

7 ¹Lit., *swarmed* ²Or,
numerous
*Gen. 12:2; 28:3; 35:11; 46:3;
47:27; 48:4; Acts 7:17

8 *Acts 7:18, 19

9 ¹Or, *too many and too*
mighty for us
*Ps. 105:24, 25

10 ¹Lit., *it came about*
when war befalls that ²Lit.,
go up from

11 ¹Lit., *their burdens*
*Ex. 3:7; 5:6 ^{b1} Kin. 9:19;
2 Chr. 8:4

Now these are the ^anames of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one ¹with his household:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah;

3 Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin;

4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

5 And all the ¹persons who came from the loins of Jacob were ^aseventy ²in number, but Joseph was *already* in Egypt.

6 And ^aJoseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

7 But the sons of Israel ^awere fruitful and ¹increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly ²mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

8 Now a new ^aking arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

9 And ^ahe said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are ¹more and mightier than we.

10 "Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply and ¹in the event of war, they also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us, and ²depart from the land."

11 So they appointed ^ataskmasters over them to afflict them with ¹hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh ^bstorage cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, ^athe more they multiplied and the more they ¹spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

¹² ¹Lit., *broke forth*
^aEx. 1:7

13 And the Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel ^ato labor rigorously;

¹³ ^aGen. 15:13; Deut. 4:20

14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at *all kinds* of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously ¹imposed on them.

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *worked through them*

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom ¹was named Shiphrah, and the other ¹was named Puah;

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *the name was*

16 and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see *them* upon the birthstool, ^aif it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

¹⁶ ^aActs 7:19

17 But the midwives ^{1a}feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had ²commanded them, but let the boys live.

¹⁷ ¹Or, *revered* ²Lit., *spoken to*
^aEx. 1:21

18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?"

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *comes to*

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and they give birth before the midwife ¹can get to them."

²⁰ ¹Or, *numerous*
^aEx. 1:12; Is. 3:10

20 So God was good to the midwives, and ^athe people multiplied, and became very ¹mighty.

²¹ ¹Or, *revered* ²Lit., *made*
¹Or, *families*
^aEx. 1:17

21 And it came about because the midwives ^{1a}feared God, that He ²established ³households for them.

²² ¹Some versions insert, *to the Hebrews*
^aActs 7:19 ^bGen. 41:1

22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "^aEvery son who is born ¹you are to cast into ^bthe Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

¹ ¹Lit., *took*
^aEx. 6:16, 18, 20

CHAPTER 2

NOW a man from ^athe house of Levi went and ¹married a daughter of Levi.

² ¹Lit., *him that* ²Lit., *good*
^aActs 7:20; Heb. 11:23

2 And the woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw ¹that he was ^{2a}beautiful, she hid him for three months.

3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a ^{1a}wicker ²basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it, and set *it* among the ^bbreeds by the bank of the Nile.

³ ¹I.e., of papyrus reeds
²Or, *chest*
^aIs. 18:2 ^bIs. 19:6

4 And ^ahis sister stood at a distance to ¹find out what would ²happen to him.

⁴ ¹Lit., *know* ²Lit., *be done*
^aEx. 15:20; Num. 26:59

5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down ^ato bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the ¹basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought *it to her*.

⁵ ¹Or, *chest*
^aEx. 7:15, 8:20

6 When she opened *it*, she ¹saw the child, and behold, *the* ²boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

⁶ ¹Heb., *saw it, the child*
²Or, *lad*

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call ^{1a}a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

⁷ ¹Lit., *a woman giving suck*

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go *ahead*." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child

10 ¹Heb., *Mosheh*, from *marshah* ²Heb., *marshah*
^aActs 7:21

11 ¹Lit., *burdens*
^aActs 7:23; Heb. 11:24-26
^bEx. 1:11; 5:4, 5; 6:6, 7

12 ¹Lit., *tumed*
^aActs 7:24, 25

13 ¹Or, *quarreling* ²Or, *the guilty one*
^aActs 7:26-28

14 ¹Lit., *man, a prince*
²Lit., *saying in your heart*
^aGen. 19:9; Acts 7:27, 28

15 ¹Lit., *dwelt*
^aActs 7:29 ^bGen. 24:11; 29:2

16 ^aEx. 3:1; 18:12 ^bGen. 24:13, 19

17 ^aGen. 29:3, 10

18 ^aEx. 3:1; Num. 10:29

20 ¹Lit., *that he may eat bread*

21 ^aActs 7:29 ^bEx. 4:25; 18:2

22 ¹Cf. Heb. *ger sham, a stranger there* ²Heb. *ger*
^aEx. 4:20; 18:3, 4 ^bGen. 23:4; Heb. 11:13, 14

23 ^aActs 7:30 ^bEx. 6:5, 9
^cEx. 3:7, 9; Deut. 26:7; James 5:4

24 ^aGen. 22:16-18; 26:2-5; 28:13-15; Ps. 105:8, 42

25 ¹Lit., *knew them*

1 ¹Or, *rear part*
^aEx. 2:18; 4:18; 18:12; Num. 10:29 ^bEx. 3:12; 17:6; 33:6
^cEx. 4:27; 18:5; 24:13

2 ¹Lit., *the*
^aEx. 3:4-11, 16; Gen. 22:11, 15 ^bDeut. 33:16; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:30

away and nurse him for me and I shall give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and ^ahe became her son. And she named him ¹Moses, and said, "Because I ²drew him out of the water."

11 Now it came about in those days, ^awhen Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their ¹hard labors; and ^che saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 So he ¹looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one *around*, he ^astruck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13 And he went out ^athe next day, and behold, two Hebrews were ¹fighting with each other; and he said to the ²offender, "Why are you striking your companion?"

14 But he said, "^aWho made you a ¹prince or a judge over us? Are you ²intending to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and said, "Surely the matter has become known."

15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But ^aMoses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and ¹settled in the land of Midian; and he sat down ^bby a well.

16 Now ^athe priest of Midian had seven daughters; and ^bthey came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but ^aMoses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 When they came to ^aReuel their father, he said, "Why have you come *back* so soon today?"

19 So they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds; and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock."

20 And he said to his daughters, "Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him ¹to have something to eat."

21 ^aAnd Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter ^bZipporah to Moses.

22 Then she gave birth to ^aa son, and he named him ¹Ger-shom, for he said, "I have been ^aa ²sojourner in a foreign land."

23 Now it came about in *the course of* ^athose many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel ^bsighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and ^ctheir cry for help because of *their* bondage rose up to God.

24 So God heard their groaning; and God remembered ^aHis covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

25 And God saw the sons of Israel, and God ¹took notice of *them*.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Moses was pasturing the flock of ^aJethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the ¹west side of the wilderness, and came to ^bHoreb, the ^cmountain of God.

2 And ^athe angel of the LORD ¹appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of ¹a ^bbush; and he looked, and be-

hold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

3 So Moses said, "I must turn aside now, and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."

4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 And the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

8 "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

9 "And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 And God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, 'I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt.

17 "So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey."

18 "And they will pay heed to what you say; and by you with

3 ¹Lit., *Let me turn* ²Lit., *great*
²Acts 7:31

4 ⁴Ex. 4:5

5 ⁵Josh. 5:15; Acts 7:33

6 ⁶Matt. 22:31, 32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37 ^bActs 7:32

7 ⁷Ex. 2:25; Neh. 9:9; Is. 63:9; Acts 7:34

8 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aGen. 15:13-16; 46:4; 50:24, 25 ^bEx. 3:17; 13:5 Jer. 11:5 ^cGen. 15:19-21; Josh. 24:11

9 ⁹Ex. 2:23

10 ¹⁰Gen. 15:13; Ex. 12:40, 41; Acts 7:6, 7

11 ¹¹Ex. 4:10; 6:12

12 ¹Or, *serve*
^aEx. 4:12, 15; 33:14-16; Gen. 31:3; Josh. 1:5 ^bEx. 19:1 ^cEx. 19:2, 3; Acts 7:7

14 ¹Related to the name of God, *YHWH*, rendered *LORD*, which is derived from the verb *HAYAH*, to be
^aEx. 6:3; John 8:58; Heb. 13:8; Rev. 1:8; 4:8

15 ¹Lit., *to generation of generation*
^aEx. 3:6, 13 ^bPs. 30:4; 97:12; 102:12; 135:13; Hos. 12:5

16 ¹Lit., *Visiting I have visited*
^aEx. 3:2

17 ^aGen. 15:13-21; 46:4; 50:24, 25 ^bJosh. 24:11 ^cEx. 3:8

18 ¹Lit., *hear your voice*
^aEx. 4:31 ^bEx. 5:1

18 Ex. 5:3; 8:27

19 ¹Lit., by a strong hand
Ex. 5:2 ^bEx. 6:1

20 Ex. 6:1; 7:4, 5; 9:15;
13:3, 9, 14 ^bEx. 15:11; Deut.
6:22; Neh. 9:10 ^cEx. 11:1;
12:31-33

21 Ex. 11:3; 12:36

22 Ex. 11:2; 12:35

1 ¹Lit., to my voice
Ex. 3:18; 6:30 ^bEx. 3:15, 16

2 Ex. 4:17, 20

3 Ex. 7:10-12

4 ¹Lit., palm

6 Num. 12:10; 2 Kin. 5:27

7 Num. 12:13-15; Deut.
32:39; 2 Kin. 5:14; Matt. 8:3;
Luke 17:12-14

8 ¹Lit., listen to ²Lit.,
voice

9 Ex. 7:19, 20

10 ¹Lit., a man of words
²Lit., yesterday ³Lit., heavy
Ex. 4:1; 3:11; 6:12; Jer. 1:6

11 Ps. 94:9; 146:8; Matt.
11:5; Luke 1:20, 64

the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt, and you will say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a ^c‘three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.’

19 “But I know that the king of Egypt ^awill not permit you to go, ^bexcept ¹under compulsion.

20 “So I will stretch out ^aMy hand, and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and ^cafter that he will let you go.

21 “And I will grant this people ^afavor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.

22 “But every woman ^ashall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and for clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians.”

CHAPTER 4

THEN Moses answered and said, “What if they will not believe me, or ¹listen to what I say? For they may say, ^b‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’”

2 And the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he said, “A staff.”

3 Then He said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and ^ait became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

4 But the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail”—so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his ¹hand—

5 “that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

6 And the LORD furthermore said to him, “Now put your hand into your bosom.” So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was ^aleprous like snow.

7 Then He said, “Put your hand into your bosom again.” So he put his hand into his bosom again; and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, ^ait was restored like *the rest of* his flesh.

8 “And it shall come about that if they will not believe you or ¹heed the ²witness of the first sign, they may believe the ²witness of the last sign.

9 “But it shall be that if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile ^awill become blood on the dry ground.”

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, “Please, Lord, ^aI have never been ¹eloquent, neither ²recently nor in time past, nor since Thou hast spoken to Thy servant; for I am ³slow of speech and ³slow of tongue.”

11 And the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or ^awho makes *him* dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”

12 "Now then go, and ^aI, even I, will be with your mouth, and ^bteach you what you are to say."

13 But he said, "Please, Lord, now ¹send the *message* by whomever Thou wilt."

14 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Moses, and He said, "Is there not your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he speaks ¹fluently. And moreover, behold, ^ahe is coming out to meet you; when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

15 "And you are to speak to him and ^aput the words in his mouth; and I, even I, will be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you what you are to do.

16 "Moreover, ^ahe shall speak for you to the people; and it shall come about that he shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be as God to him.

17 "And you shall take in your hand ^athis staff, ^bwith which you shall perform the signs."

18 Then Moses departed and returned to ¹Jethro ^ahis father-in-law, and said to him, "Please, let me go, that I may return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see if they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

19 Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go ¹back to Egypt, for ^aall the men who were seeking your life are dead."

20 So Moses took his wife and his ^asons and mounted them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. Moses also took the ^bstaff of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go ¹back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all ^athe wonders which I have put in your ²power; but ^bI will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, ^aIsrael is My son, My first-born.

23 "So I said to you, ^aLet My son go, that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, ^bI will kill your son, your first-born.'"

24 Now it came about at the lodging-place on the way that the LORD met him and ^asought to put him to death.

25 Then Zipporah took ^aa flint and cut off her son's foreskin and ¹threw it at Moses' feet, and she said, "You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me."

26 So He let him alone. At that time she said, "*You are a bridegroom of blood*"—¹because of the circumcision.

27 ^aNow the LORD said to Aaron, "Go to meet Moses in the wilderness." So he went and met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which He had sent him, and all the signs that He had commanded him *to do*.

29 Then Moses and Aaron went and ^aassembled all the elders of the sons of Israel;

30 and ^aAaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. He then performed the ^bsigns in the sight of the people.

31 So ^athe people believed; and when they heard that the LORD ¹was concerned about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then ^bthey bowed low and worshiped.

12 ^aEx. 4:15, 16; Deut. 18:18; Is. 50:4; Jer. 1:9 ^bMatt. 10:19, 20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11, 12; 21:14, 15

13 ¹Lit., *send by the hand which Thou sendest*

14 ¹Lit., *speaking he speaks* ^aEx. 4:27

15 ^aEx. 4:12, 30; Num. 23:5, 12, 16; Is. 51:16; 59:21; Jer. 1:9

16 ^aEx. 7:1, 2

17 ^aEx. 4:2, 20; 17:9 ^bEx. 7:9-20; 14:16

18 ¹Heb., *Jethro* ^aEx. 2:21; 3:1

19 ¹Lit., *return* ^aEx. 2:15, 23

20 ^aEx. 18:3, 4; Acts 7:29 ^bEx. 4:17; 17:9; Num. 20:8

21 ¹Lit., *to return* ²Lit., *hand* ^aEx. 11:9, 10 ^bEx. 7:3, 13; 9:12; 9:35; 10:1, 20, 27; 14:4, 8; Deut. 2:30; John 12:40; Rom. 9:18

22 ^aIs. 63:16; 64:8; Jer. 31:9; Hos. 11:1

23 ^aEx. 5:1; 6:11; 7:16 ^bEx. 12:29

24 ^aNum. 22:22

25 ¹Lit., *made it touch at his feet* ^aGen. 17:14; Josh. 5:2, 3

26 ¹Lit., *with reference to*

27 ^aEx. 4:14

29 ^aEx. 3:16

30 ^aEx. 4:15, 16 ^bEx. 4:1-9

31 ¹Lit., *had visited* ^aEx. 3:18 ^bEx. 12:27

1 ^aEx. 3:18 ^bEx. 4:23

2 ^aJob 21:15 ^bEx. 3:19

3 ^aEx. 3:18

4 ¹Lit., loose ²Lit., works
¹Lit., burdens
^aEx. 1:11; 2:11; 6:5-7

5 ^aEx. 1:7, 9

6 ^aEx. 5:10, 13, 14; 1:11;
^{3,7}Ex. 5:10, 14, 15, 19

8 ¹Lit., saying. ²Let
^aEx. 5:17

10 ^aEx. 5:6

13 ¹Lit., works ²Lit., the
matter of a day in its day
³Lit., there was

14 ¹Lit., saying
^aEx. 5:6 ^bIs. 10:24

17 ^aEx. 5:8

19 ¹Lit., saying ²Lit., from
your bricks the matter of a
day in its day

AND afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, ^a"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ^bLet My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness."

2 But Pharaoh said, ^a"Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and besides, ^bI will not let Israel go."

3 Then they said, ^a"The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

4 But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you ¹draw the people away from their ²work? Get *back* to your ³labors!"

5 Again Pharaoh said, "Look, ^athe people of the land are now many, and you would have them cease from their labors!"

6 So the same day Pharaoh commanded ^athe taskmasters over the people and their ^bforemen, saying,

7 "You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 "But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are ^alazy, therefore they cry out, '¹Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'

9 "Let the labor be heavier on the men, and let them work at it that they may pay no attention to false words."

10 So ^athe taskmasters of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I am not going to give you *any* straw.

11 'You go *and* get straw for yourselves wherever you can find it; but none of your labor will be reduced.'"

12 So the people scattered through all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

13 And the taskmasters pressed them, saying, "Complete your ¹work quota, ²your daily amount, just as when ³you had straw."

14 Moreover, ^athe foremen of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, ^bwere beaten ¹and were asked, "Why have you not completed your required amount either yesterday or today in making brick as previously?"

15 Then the foremen of the sons of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you deal this way with your servants?"

16 "There is no straw given to your servants, yet they keep saying to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are being beaten; but it is the fault of your *own* people."

17 But he said, "You are ^alazy, very lazy; therefore you say, 'Let us go *and* sacrifice to the LORD.

18 "So go now *and* work; for you shall be given no straw, yet must deliver the quota of bricks."

19 And the foremen of the sons of Israel saw that they were in trouble ¹because they were told, "You must not reduce ²your daily amount of bricks."

20 When they left Pharaoh's presence, they met Moses and Aaron as they were ¹waiting for them.

21 And ^athey said to them, "^bMay the LORD look upon you and judge you, for you have ^cmade ¹us odious in Pharaoh's sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "^aO LORD, why hast Thou brought harm to this people? Why didst Thou ever send me?

23 "Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy name, he has done harm to this people; ^aand Thou hast not delivered Thy people at all."

CHAPTER 6

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for ^{1a}under compulsion he shall let them go, and ^{1b}under compulsion he shall drive them out of his land."

2 God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am ^athe LORD;

3 and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as ¹God Almighty, ^abut by My name, ²LORD; I did not make Myself known to them.

4 "And I also established ^aMy covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the ¹land in which they sojourned.

5 "And furthermore I have ^aheard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage; and I have remembered My covenant.

6 "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ^aI am the LORD, and ^bI will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with ^can outstretched arm and with great judgments.

7 "Then I will take you ^{1a}for My people, and I will be ²your God; and ^byou shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 "And I will bring you to the land which ^aI ¹swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and ^bI will give it to you for a possession; ^cI am the LORD."

9 So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on ^aaccount of ^{their} ¹despondency and cruel bondage.

10 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

11 "^aGo, ¹tell Pharaoh king of Egypt ²to let the sons of Israel go out of his land."

12 But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; ^ahow then will Pharaoh listen to me, for I am ¹unskilled in speech?"

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 These are the heads of their fathers' households. ^aThe sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben.

20 ¹Lit., *standing to meet*

21 ¹Lit., *our savor to stink*
^aEx. 14:11; 15:24; 16:2 ^bCen. 16:5; 31:53 ^cCen. 34:30;
 1 Sam. 27:12

22 ^aNum. 11:11; Jer. 4:10

23 ^aEx. 3:8

¹ ¹Lit., *by a strong hand*
^aEx. 3:19, 20; 7:4, 5; 12:31, 33, 39; 13:3

2 ^aEx. 3:14, 15

³ ¹Heb., *EI Shaddai*
²YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aIs. 52:6; Jer. 16:21; Ezek. 37:6, 13; Ps. 68:4, 83:18

⁴ ¹Lit., *land of their sojournings in which . . .*
^aCen. 12:7; 15:18; 26:3, 4; 28:4, 13

5 ^aEx. 2:24

6 ^aEx. 13:3, 14; 20:2; Deut. 6:12 ^bEx. 12:51; 16:6; 18:1
^cDeut. 4:34; 5:15; 26:8

⁷ ¹Lit., *to Me for a people*
^bLit., *to you for a God*
^aDeut. 4:20 ^bEx. 16:12; Is. 41:20; 49:23, 26; 60:16

⁸ ¹Lit., *lifted up My hand*
^aCen. 15:18; Num. 14:30; Neh. 9:15; Ezek. 20:5, 6
^bJosh. 24:13; Ps. 136:21, 22
^cEx. 6:6

⁹ ¹Lit., *shortness of spirit*
^aEx. 2:23

¹¹ ¹Lit., *speak to* ²Lit., *that he let*
^aEx. 4:22, 23

¹² ¹Lit., *uncircumcised of lips*
^aEx. 6:30; 4:1, 10

¹⁴ ^aCen. 46:9; Num. 26:5-11

16 ¹Lit., years
²Gen. 46:11; Num. 3:17;
 1 Chr. 6:1

17 ²Num. 3:18-20; 1 Chr.
 6:17

18 ¹Lit., years
²Num. 3:19

20 ¹Lit., took to him to wife
²Lit., years
³Ex. 2:1, 2; Num. 26:59

21 ²Num. 16:1; 1 Chr. 6:37,
 38

22 ¹In Num. 3:30,
Elizaphen
²Lev. 10:4; Num. 3:30

23 ¹Lit., took to him to wife
²Ruth 4:19, 20; 1 Chr. 2:10
³Num. 1:7; 2:3 ⁴Lev. 10:1;
 Num. 3:2

24 ¹In 1 Chr. 6:23 and 9:19,
Ebasaph
²1 Chr. 6:22, 23, 37

25 ¹Lit., took to him to wife
²Josh. 24:33 ³Num. 25:7, 11;
 Ps. 106:30

26 ²Ex. 6:13

27 ¹Lit., to bring out
²Ex. 5:1

29 ²Ex. 6:2, 6, 8 ³Ex. 6:11;
 7:2

30 ¹Lit., uncircumcised of
 lips
²Ex. 4:10; 6:12

1 ²Ex. 4:16

2 ²Ex. 4:15

3 ²Ex. 4:21

4 ²Ex. 3:19, 20; 11:9 ³Ex.
 12:51; 13:3, 9 ⁴Ex. 6:6

5 ²Ex. 7:17; 8:19; 10:7

15 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon.

16 And these are the names of ²the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon and Kohath and Merari; and the ¹length of Levi's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

17 ²The sons of Gershon; Libni and Shimei, according to their families.

18 And ²the sons of Kohath: Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the ¹length of Kohath's life was one hundred and thirty-three years.

19 And the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations.

20 And ²Amram ¹married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the ²length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

21 And ²the sons of Izhar: Korah and Nepheg and Zichri.

22 ²And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael and ¹Elzaphan and Sithri.

23 And Aaron ¹married Elisheba, the daughter of ²Amminadab, the sister of ³Nahshon, and she bore him ⁴Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 And the ²sons of Korah: Assir and Elkanah and ¹Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites.

25 And Aaron's son ²Eleazar ¹married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him ³Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites according to their families.

26 It was *the same* Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "²Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts."

27 They were the ones ²who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt ¹about bringing out the sons of Israel from Egypt; it was *the same* Moses and Aaron.

28 Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "²I am the LORD; ³speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you."

30 But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am ¹unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

CHAPTER 7

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "²Sec, I make you *as* God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

2 "You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

3 "But ²I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 "When ²Pharaoh will not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt, and ³bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by ⁴great judgments.

5 "And ²the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst."

6 So Moses and Aaron did *it*; ^aas the LORD commanded them, thus they did.

7 And Moses was ^aeighty years old and Aaron ^leighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

8 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, '^laWork a miracle'; then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, *that* it may become a serpent.' "

10 So Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and thus they did just as the LORD had commanded; and Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and ^hhis servants, and it ^abecame a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also called for *the* wise men and *the* sorcerers, and they also, the ^lmagicians of Egypt, ^bdid ²the same with their secret arts.

12 For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

13 Yet Pharaoh's heart was ^lhardened, and ^ahe did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is ^lstubborn; he refuses to let the people go.

15 "Go to Pharaoh in the morning ^las ^ahe is going out to the water, and station yourself to meet him on the bank of the Nile; and you shall take in your hand ^bthe staff that was turned into a serpent.

16 "^aAnd you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, '^bLet My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness. But behold, you have not listened until now.' "

17 "Thus says the LORD, "^aBy this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will strike ^lthe water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in My hand, and ^bit shall be turned to blood.

18 "And ^athe fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will ^lbecome foul; and the Egyptians will ^{2b}find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile.' "

19 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and ^astretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their ^lstreams, and over their pools, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of wood* and in *vessels of stone.*' "

20 So Moses and Aaron did even as the LORD had commanded. And he lifted up ^lthe staff and struck the water that was in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and ^aall the water that was in the Nile was turned to blood.

21 And the fish that *were* in the Nile died, and the Nile ^lbecame foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. And the blood was through all the land of Egypt.

22 ^aBut the ^lmagicians of Egypt did ²the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was ³hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

23 Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house ^lwith no concern even for this.

6 ^aGen. 6:22; 7:5; Ex. 7:2

7 ^lLit., 83 years old
^aDeut. 34:7; Acts 7:23, 30

9 ^lLit., Show a wonder for yourselves
^aIs. 7:11; John 2:18

10 ^lLit., before his
^aEx. 4:3; 7:9

11 ^lOr, soothsayer priests
²Lit., thus
^aGen. 41:8 ^bEx. 7:22; 8:7, 18;
²Tim. 3:9

13 ^lLit., strong
^aEx. 7:4; 8:15

14 ^lOr, hard; lit., heavy

15 ^lLit., behold
^aEx. 2:5; 8:20 ^bEx. 4:2, 3; 7:10

16 ^aEx. 3:13, 18; 4:22; 5:1
^bEx. 4:23; 5:1, 3

17 ^lLit., upon the waters
^aEx. 5:2; 7:5; 10:2 ^bEx. 4:9;
7:20; Rev. 11:6; 16:4, 6

18 ^lI.e., have a bad smell
²Or, be weary of
^aEx. 7:21 ^bEx. 7:21, 24

19 ^lOr, canals
^aEx. 8:5, 6, 16; 9:22; 10:12,
21; 14:21, 26

20 ^lLit., with the staff
^aPs. 78:44; 105:29

21 ^lI.e., had a bad smell

22 ^lOr, soothsayer priests
²Lit., thus ³Lit., strong
^aEx. 7:11; 8:7

23 ^lLit., and he did not set his heart even to this

25 ¹Lit., were fulfilled

¹Chap. 7:26 in Heb.
^aEx. 3:18; 4:23; 5:1, 3

⁵Chap. 8:1 in Heb. ²Or, canals
^aEx. 7:19

⁶Lit., frog
^aPs. 78:45; 105:30

⁷Or, soothsayer priests
²Lit., thus ¹Lit., and made
^aEx. 7:11, 22

⁸Ex. 8:25; 9:27; 10:16
^bEx. 8:28 ^cEx. 8:15, 29

⁹Lit., Glory over me
²Lit., cut off

¹⁰Ex. 9:14; Deut. 4:35, 39;
 33:26; Ps. 86:8; Is. 46:9; Jer.
 10:6, 7

¹¹Ex. 8:13

¹²Lit., placed
^aEx. 8:30; 9:33; 10:18

¹⁴Lit., had a bad smell

¹⁵Lit., made heavy
^aEx. 7:4

¹⁶Or, lice

¹⁷Or, lice

24 So all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the Nile.

25 And seven days ¹passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

CHAPTER 8

¹THEN THE LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "^aLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

²"But if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite your whole territory with frogs;

³"And the Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.

⁴"So the frogs will come up on you and your people and all your servants."

⁵¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, "^aStretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the ²streams and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt."

⁶ So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the ¹frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

⁷ ^aAnd the ¹magicians did ²the same with their secret arts, ³making frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

⁸ Then Pharaoh ^acalled for Moses and Aaron and said, "^bEntreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and ^cI will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

⁹ And Moses said to Pharaoh, "¹The honor is yours to tell me: when shall I entreat for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs be ²destroyed from you and your houses, *that* they may be left only in the Nile?"

¹⁰ Then he said, "[Tomorrow.] So he said, "*May it be according to your word, that you may know that there is ^ano one like the LORD our God.*

¹¹ "And the ^afrogs will depart from you and your houses and your servants and your people; they will be left only in the Nile."

¹² Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and ^aMoses cried to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had ¹inflicted upon Pharaoh.

¹³ And the LORD did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields.

¹⁴ So they piled them in heaps, and the land ¹became foul.

¹⁵ But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he ¹hardened his heart and ^adid not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become ¹gnats through all the land of Egypt.'

¹⁷ And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were ¹gnats

on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became ¹gnats through all the land of Egypt.

18 And the ¹magicians tried with their secret arts to bring forth ²gnats, but ^athey could not; so there were ²gnats on man and beast.

19 Then the ¹magicians said to Pharaoh, “^aThis is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was ²hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

20 Now the LORD said to Moses, “^aRise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh, ¹as ^bhe comes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “^cLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

21 “For if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of insects on you and on your servants and on your people and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of insects, and also the ground on which they dwell.

22 “^aBut on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are ¹living, so that no swarms of insects will be there, in order that you may know that ²I, the LORD, am in the midst of the land.

23 “And I will ¹put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall occur.””

24 Then the LORD did so. And there came ¹great swarms of insects into the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and the land was ^alaid waste because of the swarms of insects in all the land of Egypt.

25 And Pharaoh ^acalled for Moses and Aaron and said, “^bGo, sacrifice to your God within the land.”

26 But Moses said, “It is not right to do so, for we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God ¹what is an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice ¹what is an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not then stone us?

27 “We must go a ^athree days’ journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He ¹commands us.”

28 And Pharaoh said, “^aI will let you go; that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. ^bMake supplication for me.”

29 Then Moses said, “Behold, I am going out from you, and I shall make supplication to the LORD that the swarms of insects may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh ^adeal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.”

30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

31 And the LORD did ¹as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of insects from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people; not one remained.

32 But Pharaoh ¹hardened his heart this time also, and ^ahe did not let the people go.

17 ¹Or, lice
^aPs. 105:31

18 ¹Or, soothsayer priests
²Or, lice
^aEx. 8:7; 7:11, 12; 9:11

19 ¹Or, soothsayer priests
²Lit., strong
^aEx. 7:5; 10:7

20 ¹Lit., behold
^aEx. 9:13 ^bEx. 2:5; 7:15 ^cEx. 3:18; 4:23; 5:1, 3

22 ¹Lit., standing ²Or, I am the LORD in the midst of the earth
^aEx. 9:4, 6, 24; 10:23; 11:7
^bEx. 9:29; 19:5; 20:11

23 ¹Lit., set a ransom

24 ¹Lit., heavy
^aPs. 78:45; 105:31

25 ^aEx. 8:8; 9:27; 10:16 ^bEx. 9:28; 10:8, 24; 12:31

26 ¹Lit., the abomination of Egypt

27 ¹Lit., says to us
^aEx. 3:18; 5:3

28 ^aEx. 8:8, 15, 29, 32 ^bEx. 8:8

29 ^aEx. 8:8, 15

31 ¹Lit., according to the word of Moses

32 ¹Lit., made heavy
^aEx. 4:21; 8:8, 15

1 ^aEx. 4:23; 8:1

CHAPTER 9

THEN the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and speak to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “^aLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

<p>2 ¹Lit., still hold</p> <p>3 ¹Lit., will be</p> <p>4 ²Ex. 8:22 ^bEx. 9:6</p> <p>6 ²Ex. 9:19, 20, 25 ^bEx. 9:4</p>	<p>2 "For if you refuse to let <i>them</i> go, and ¹continue to hold them,</p> <p>3 behold, the hand of the LORD ¹will come <i>with</i> a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks.</p> <p>4 "But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that ^bnothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel." "</p> <p>5 And the LORD set a definite time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."</p> <p>6 So the LORD did this thing on the morrow, and ²all the livestock of Egypt died; ^bbut of the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died.</p>
<p>7 ¹Lit., heavy ^aEx. 7:14; 8:32</p> <p>9 ^aRev. 16:2</p>	<p>7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was ¹hardened, and he did not let the people go.</p> <p>8 Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh.</p>
<p>11 ¹Or, soothsayer priests ²Lit., and on all ^aEx. 8:18</p>	<p>9 "And it will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become <u>boils</u> breaking out with ^asores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt."</p> <p>10 So they took soot from a kiln, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it toward the sky, and it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast.</p>
<p>12 ¹Lit., made strong ^aEx. 4:21</p> <p>13 ²Ex. 8:20 ^bEx. 4:23</p>	<p>11 ^aAnd the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the ¹magicians ²as well as on all the Egyptians.</p> <p>12 And ^athe LORD ¹hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.</p>
<p>14 ¹Lit., to your heart ^aEx. 8:10</p>	<p>13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "^aRise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "^bLet My people go, that they may serve Me.</p>
<p>16 ¹Lit., stand ^aRom. 9:17</p>	<p>14 "For this time I will send all My plagues ¹on you and your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is ^ano one like Me in all the earth.</p> <p>15 "For <i>if by now</i> I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth.</p>
<p>17 ¹Lit., so as not to let</p>	<p>16 "But, indeed, ^afor this cause I have allowed you to ¹remain, in order to show you My power, and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.</p> <p>17 "Still you exalt yourself against My people ¹by not letting them go.</p>
<p>18 ¹Lit., cause to rain ²Lit., and until now ^aEx. 9:23, 24</p>	<p>18 "Behold, about this time tomorrow, ^aI will ¹send a very heavy hail, such as has not been <i>seen</i> in Egypt from the day it was founded ²until now.</p> <p>19 "Now therefore send, bring ^ayour livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety. ^bEvery man and beast that is found in the field and is not brought home, when the hail comes down on them, will die." "</p>
<p>19 ^aEx. 9:6 ^bEx. 9:25</p>	<p>20 ^aThe one among the servants of Pharaoh who ¹feared the word of the LORD made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses;</p>
<p>20 ¹Or, revered ^aProv. 13:13</p>	

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21 but he who ¹paid no regard to the word of the LORD ²left his servants and his livestock in the field.

22 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that ^{1a}hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on man and on beast and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."

23 And Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the LORD ¹sent ~~thunder and hail and fire~~ ¹ran down to the earth. And ^athe LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire ¹flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very severe, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And ^athe hail struck all that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree of the field.

26 ^aOnly in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were there was no hail.

27 Then Pharaoh ^{1a}sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "^bI have sinned this time; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones.

28 "^aMake supplication to the LORD, for there has been enough of God's ¹thunder and hail; and ^bI will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

29 And Moses said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, I will spread out my ¹hands to the LORD; the ²thunder will cease, and there will be hail no longer, that you may know that ^athe earth is the LORD's.

30 "^aBut as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet ¹fear ²the LORD God."

31 (Now the flax and the barley were ¹ruined, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud.

32 But the wheat and the spelt were not ¹ruined, for they ripen late.)

33 So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread out his ¹hands to the LORD; and the ²thunder and the hail ceased, and rain ³no longer poured on the earth.

34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the ¹thunder had ceased, he sinned again and ²hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And Pharaoh's heart was ¹hardened, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as the ^aLORD had spoken through Moses.

CHAPTER 10

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for ^aI have ¹hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may ²perform these signs of Mine ³among them,

2 and ^athat you may tell in the ¹hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians, and how I ²performed My signs among them; ^bthat you may know that I am the LORD."

3 And Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? ^aLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

21 ¹Lit., *did not set his heart to* ²Lit., *then left*

22 ¹Lit., *there may be hail*
^aRev. 16:21

23 ¹Lit., *gave* ²Lit., *sounds*
^aGen. 19:24; Josh. 10:11; Is. 30:30; Ezek. 38:22; Rev. 8:7

24 ¹Lit., *taking hold of itself*

25 ^aEx. 9:19; Ps. 78:47, 48; 105:32

26 ^aEx. 8:22

27 ¹Lit., *sent and called*
^aEx. 8:8 ^bEx. 10:16, 17; 2 Chr. 12:6; Ps. 129:4

28 ¹Lit., *sounds*
^aEx. 8:8 ^bEx. 8:25; 10:8, 24

29 ¹Lit., *palms* ²Lit., *sounds*
^aEx. 8:22; 19:5; 20:11; Ps. 24:1

30 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Lit., *before the LORD*
^aEx. 8:29

31 ¹Lit., *smitten*

32 ¹Lit., *smitten*

33 ¹Lit., *palms* ²Lit., *sounds*
³Lit., *was not poured*

34 ¹Lit., *sounds* ²Lit., *made heavy*

35 ¹Lit., *strong*
^aEx. 4:21

1 ¹Lit., *made heavy* ²Lit., *put* ³Lit., *in his midst*
^aEx. 4:21; 7:13

2 ¹Lit., *ears* ²Lit., *put*
^aEx. 12:26, 27; 13:8, 14, 15; Deut. 4:9; Ps. 44:1 ^bEx. 7:5, 17

3 ^aEx. 4:23

6 ¹Lit., *were*

7 ¹Lit., *know*
^aEx. 7:5; 8:19; 12:33

8 ¹Lit., *who and who are*
^aEx. 6:8 ^bEx. 8:25

9 ¹Lit., *have a feast*
^aEx. 12:37, 38 ^bEx. 5:1; 10:26

10 ¹Lit., *when I* ²Lit.,
before your face

11 ¹Lit., *you desire it*
^aEx. 10:28

13 ¹Lit., *carried*
^aPs. 78:46; 105:34

14 ¹Lit., *heavy* ²Lit., *locusts*
like them before them ³Lit.,
after them
^aJoel 1:4, 7; 2:1-11

15 ^aEx. 10:5

16 ^aEx. 8:8 ^bEx. 9:27

17 ^aEx. 8:8, 28

19 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*

4 'For if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory.

5 'And they shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one shall be able to see the land. They shall also eat the rest of what has escaped—what is left to you from the hail—and they shall eat every tree which sprouts for you out of the field.

6 'Then your houses shall be filled, and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Egyptians, *something* which neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day that they ¹came upon the earth until this day.''' And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And ^aPharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not ¹realize that Egypt is destroyed?"

8 So Moses and Aaron ^awere brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "^bGo, serve the LORD your God! ¹Who are the ones that are going?"

9 And Moses said, "^aWe shall go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, ^bwith our flocks and our herds we will go, for we ¹must hold a feast to the LORD."

10 Then he said to them, "Thus may the LORD be with you, ¹if ever I let you and your little ones go! Take heed, for evil is ²in your mind.

11 "Not so! Go now, the men *among you*, and serve the LORD, for ¹that is what you desire." So ^athey were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "^aStretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt, and eat every plant of the land, *even* all that the hail has left."

13 So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD directed an east wind on the land all that day and all the night; and when it was morning, the east wind ¹brought the ~~locusts~~.

14 And ^athe locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled in all the territory of Egypt; *they were* very ¹numerous. There had never been so *many* ²locusts, nor would there be so *many* ³again.

15 For they covered the surface of the whole land, so that the land was darkened; and they ^aate every plant of the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Thus nothing green was left on tree or plant of the field through all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh hurriedly ^acalled for Moses and Aaron, and he said, "^bI have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

17 "Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and ^amake supplication to the LORD your God, that He would only remove this death from me."

18 And he went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

19 So the LORD shifted *the wind* to a very strong west wind which took up the locusts and drove them into the ¹Red Sea; not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt.

20 But ^athe LORD ¹hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness ^awhich may be felt."

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was ^athick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.

23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, ^abut all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 Then Pharaoh ^acalled to Moses, and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be detained; Even your little ones may go with you."

25 But Moses said, "You must also ¹let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may ²sacrifice them to the LORD our God.

26 ^a"Therefore, our livestock, too, will go with us; not a hoof will be left behind, for we shall take some of them to serve the LORD our God. And until we arrive there, we ourselves do not know with what we shall serve the LORD."

27 But ^athe LORD ¹hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

28 Then Pharaoh said to him, ^a"Get away from me! ¹Beware, do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die!"

29 And Moses said, "You ¹are right; ^aI shall never see your face again!"

CHAPTER 11

NOW the LORD said to Moses, "One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt; ^aafter that he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out from here completely.

2 "Speak now in the ¹hearing of the people that ^aeach man ask from his neighbor and each woman from her neighbor for articles of silver and articles of gold."

3 ^aAnd the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. ^bFurthermore, the man Moses *himself* was ¹greatly esteemed in the land of Egypt, *both* in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

4 And Moses said, "Thus says the LORD, 'About ^amidnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt,

5 and all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the first-born of the slave girl who is behind the millstones; all the first-born of the cattle as well.

6 'Moreover, there shall be ^aa great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been *before* and such as shall never be again.

7 ^aBut against any of the sons of Israel a dog shall not *even* ¹bark, whether against man or beast, that you may ²understand how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'

20 ¹Lit., *made strong*
^aEx. 4:21; 11:10

21 ^aDeut. 28:29

22 ^aPs. 105:28

23 ^aEx. 8:22

24 ^aEx. 8:8, 25

25 ¹Lit., *give into our hand*
²Lit., *make*

26 ^aEx. 10:9

27 ¹Lit., *made strong*
^aEx. 10:20

28 ¹Lit., *Take heed to yourself*
^aEx. 10:11

29 ^aEx. 11:8; Heb. 11:27

¹a Ex. 12:31, 33, 39

²Lit., *ears*
^aEx. 3:22; 12:35, 36

³Lit., *very great*
^aEx. 3:21; 12:36 ^bDeut. 34:10-12

⁴a Ex. 12:29

⁵a Ex. 12:12, 29; Ps. 73:51; 105:36; 135:8; 136:10

⁶a Ex. 12:30

⁷Lit., *sharpen his tongue*
²Lit., *know*
^aEx. 8:22

⁸ ¹Lit., to ²Lit., are at your feet
^aEx. 12:31-33 ^bHeb. 11:27

⁹ ^aEx. 7:4

¹⁰ ¹Lit., made strong
^aEx. 4:21; 10:20, 27

¹ ¹Lit., Egypt, saying

² ^aEx. 13:4; 23:15; 34:18;
Deut. 16:1

³ ¹Or, kid ²Lit., the

⁴ ¹Or, kid ²Or, amount
³Lit., each man's eating
⁴Lit., compute for

⁵ ¹Or, kid
^aLev. 22:18-20

⁶ ¹Lit., it shall be to you for a guarding ²Lit., between the two evenings
^aEx. 12:14, 17; Lev. 23:5;
Num. 9:1-3, 11 ^bDeut. 16:4, 6

⁷ ¹Lit., upon
^aEx. 12:22

⁸ ¹Lit., in addition to
^aEx. 34:25; Num. 9:12
^bDeut. 16:7 ^cDeut. 16:3, 4
^dNum. 9:11

⁹ ^aEx. 12:8 ^bEx. 29:13, 17,
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¹⁰ ^aEx. 16:19; 23:18; 34:25

¹¹ ^aEx. 12:13, 21, 27, 43

¹² ^aNum. 33:4
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¹³ ¹Lit., are ²Lit., for destruction

8 "And ^aall these your servants will come down to me and bow themselves ¹before me, saying, 'Go out, you and all the people who ²follow you,' and after that I will go out." ^bAnd he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "^aPharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

10 And ^aMoses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; yet the LORD ¹hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

CHAPTER 12

NOW the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of ¹Egypt,

2 "^aThis month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a ¹lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a ¹lamb for ²each household.

4 'Now if the household is too small for a ¹lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the ²number of persons in *them*; according to ³what each man should eat, you are to ⁴divide the lamb.

5 'Your ¹lamb shall be ^aan unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6 'And ¹you shall keep it until the ⁴fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it ^{2b}at twilight.

7 ^aMoreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel ¹of the houses in which they eat it.

8 'And they shall eat the flesh ^athat *same* night, ^bbroasted with fire, and they shall eat it with ^cunleavened bread ^{1d}and bitter herbs.

9 'Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather ^abroasted with fire, *both* its head and its legs along with ^bits entrails.

10 ^aAnd you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.

11 'Now you shall eat it in this manner: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is ^athe LORD's Passover.

12 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and ^aagainst all the gods of Egypt ^bI will execute judgments—I am the LORD.

13 'And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you ¹live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you ²to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**The Feast of Unleavened Bread.
The Passover.**

14 ^aNow ^athis day will be ^ba memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it *as* ^aa ¹permanent ordinance.

15 ^aSeven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall ¹remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, ^bthat ²person shall be cut off from Israel.

16 ^aAnd ^aon the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and *another* holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten ¹by every person, that alone may be ²prepared by you.

17 ^aYou shall also observe the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for on this ^aevery day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations *as* ^ba ¹permanent ordinance.

18 ^aIn the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

19 ^aSeven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that ¹person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether *he* is an alien or a native of the land.

20 ^aYou shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread. "

21 Then ^aMoses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves ²lambs according to your families, and slay ^bthe Passover *lamb*.

22 ^aAnd you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and ¹apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

23 "For ^athe LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite *you*.

24 "And ^ayou shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.

25 "And it will come about when you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has ¹promised, that you shall observe this ²rite.

26 ^aAnd it will come about when your children will say to you, "What does this rite mean to you?"

27 that you shall say, "It is a Passover sacrifice to ^athe LORD ¹who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but ²spared our homes." ^bAnd the people bowed low and worshiped.

28 Then the sons of Israel went and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

29 Now it came about at ^amidnight that the LORD struck all ^bthe first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the first-born of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the first-born of ^ccattle.

30 And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was ^aa great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead.

14 ¹Or, eternal
^aEx. 12:6 ^bEx. 13:9 ^cEx. 12:17, 24; 13:10

15 ¹Lit., cause to cease
²Lit., soul
^aEx. 23:15; 34:18; Deut. 16:3
^bEx. 12:19

16 ¹Lit., pertaining to ²Lit., done
^aLev. 23:7, 8

17 ¹Or, eternal
^aEx. 12:41 ^bEx. 12:14; 13:3, 10

18 ^aEx. 12:2; Lev. 23:5-8; Num. 28:16-25

19 ¹Lit., soul
^aEx. 12:15

21 ¹Lit., Draw out ²Lit., sheep
^aHeb. 11:28 ^bEx. 12:11

22 ¹Lit., cause to touch
^aEx. 12:7

23 ^aEx. 12:12, 13; 11:4

24 ^aEx. 12:14, 17; 13:5, 10

25 ¹Lit., spoken ²Lit., service

26 ¹Lit., What is this service to you?
^aEx. 10:2; 13:14, 15; Josh. 4:6

27 ¹Lit., because He ²Lit., delivered
^aEx. 12:11 ^bEx. 4:31

29 ^aEx. 11:4, 5 ^bEx. 4:23; Ps. 78:51; 105:36 ^cEx. 9:6

30 ^aEx. 11:6

31 ¹Or, *serve*
^aEx. 8:8 ^bEx. 8:25

32 ^aEx. 10:9, 26

33 ^aEx. 12:39; 10:7; 11:1; Ps.
105:38

34 ^aEx. 12:39

35 ^aEx. 3:21, 22; 11:2, 3; Ps.
105:37

36 ^aEx. 3:22

37 ^aNum. 33:3, 4 ^bEx.
38:26; Num. 1:46; 2:32;
11:21; 26:51

38 ¹Lit., *and*
^aNum. 11:4 ^bEx. 17:3; Num.
20:19; 32:1; Deut. 3:19

39 ¹Lit., *made*
^aEx. 12:31-33; 11:1

40 ¹Or, *of the sons of Israel*
who dwell
^aGen. 15:13, 16; Acts 7:6;
Gal. 3:17

41 ¹Lit., *that it happened*
on this very day
^aEx. 12:17 ^bEx. 3:8, 10; 6:6

42 ¹Or, *of vigil* ²Lit., *to the*
sons
^aEx. 13:10; 34:18; Deut. 16:1

43 ¹Lit., *son of a stranger*
^aEx. 12:11 ^bEx. 12:48

44 ^aGen. 17:12, 13; Lev.
22:11

46 ^aNum. 9:12; John 19:33,
36

47 ¹Lit., *do*
^aNum. 9:13, 14

48 ¹Lit., *sojourner* ²Lit.,
does ³Lit., *do*

49 ¹Lit., *One law* ²Lit., *be*
³Lit., *sojourner*
^aLev. 24:22; Num. 15:15, 16,
29

51 ¹Lit., *according to*
^aEx. 12:41

31 Then ^ahe called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, "Rise up, ^bget out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, ¹worship the LORD, as you have said.

32 "Take ^aboth your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and bless me also."

33 And ^athe Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, "We shall all be dead."

34 So the people took ^atheir dough before it was leavened, *with* their kneading bowls bound up in the clothes on their shoulders.

35 ^aNow the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing;

36 and the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they ^aplundered the Egyptians.

37 Now the sons of Israel journeyed from ^aRameses to Succoth, about ^bsix hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children.

38 And a ^amixed multitude also went up with them, ¹along with flocks and herds, a ^bvery large number of livestock.

39 And they baked the dough which they had brought out of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened, since they were ^adriven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they ¹prepared any provisions for themselves.

40 Now the time ¹that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was ^afour hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came about at the end of four hundred and thirty years, ¹to ^athe very day, that ^ball the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 ^aIt is a night ¹to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the LORD, ¹to be observed ²by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.

43 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of ^athe Passover: no ^bforeigner is to eat of it;

44 but every man's ^aslave purchased with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it.

45 "A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it.

46 "It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, ^anor are you to break any one of it.

47 "All the congregation of Israel are to ¹celebrate this.

48 "But if a ¹stranger sojourns with you, and ²celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to ³celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it.

49 "The same law shall ²apply to the native as to the ³stranger who sojourns among you."

50 Then all the sons of Israel did so; they did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

51 And it came about on that same day that ^athe LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt ¹by their hosts.

CHAPTER 13

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
 2 "Sanctify to Me every first-born, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."

3 And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. And nothing leavened shall be eaten.

4 "On this day in the month of Abib, you are about to go forth.

5 "And it shall be when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall observe this rite in this month.

6 "For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.

7 "Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders.

8 "And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

9 "And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.

10 "Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

11 "Now it shall come about when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,

12 that you shall devote to the LORD the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the LORD.

13 "But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every first-born of man among your sons you shall redeem.

14 "And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.'

15 "And it came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed every first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man and the first-born of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first offspring of every womb, but every first-born of my sons I redeem."

16 "So it shall serve as a sign on your hand, and as phylacteries on your forehead, for with a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."

17 Now it came about when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by the way of the land of the

² Lit., opening
 Ex. 13:12, 13, 15; 22:29;
 Luke 2:23

³ Lit., slaves ² Lit., strength of hand
 Ex. 3:20; 6:1 Ex. 12:19

⁴ Ex. 12:22

⁵ Lit., serve this service
 Ex. 3:8, 17; Josh. 24:11 Ex. 12:25

⁶ Ex. 12:15-20

⁷ Lit., to

⁸ Ex. 13:14; 10:2

⁹ Lit., be for ² Lit., between your eyes
 Ex. 13:16; 12:14; Deut. 6:8; 11:18 Ex. 13:3

¹⁰ Lit., days to days
 Ex. 13:5; 12:24, 25

¹¹ Ex. 13:5

¹² Lit., cause to pass over
² Lit., opening ¹ Lit., every issue the offspring of a beast
 Ex. 13:1, 2

¹³ Lit., opening
 Ex. 34:20

¹⁴ Lit., strength of hand
² Lit., slaves
 Ex. 13:8; 10:2; 12:26, 27;
 Deut. 6:20 Ex. 13:3, 9

¹⁵ Lit., opening

¹⁶ Lit., be for ² Or, frontlet-bands ³ Lit., between your eyes ⁴ Lit., strength of hand
 Ex. 13:9

Exodus 13, 14

17^aEx. 14:11, 12; Num. 14:1-4; Deut. 17:16

18¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aJosh. 1:14; 4:12, 13

19¹Lit., *visit*
^aGen. 50:24, 25; Josh. 24:32;
Acts 7:15, 16

20^aEx. 12:37; Num. 33:6

21¹Lit., *go*
^aEx. 14:19, 24; 33:9, 10; Ps. 78:14; 99:7; 105:39; 1 Cor. 10:1

22¹Or, *the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart*

2^aNum. 33:7

4¹Lit., *make strong*
^aEx. 14:17; 4:21^bEx. 14:17;
23^aEx. 7:5; 14:25

5¹Lit., *the heart of Pharaoh . . . was changed*

8¹Lit., *made strong*²Lit., *with a high hand*
^aEx. 14:4^bNum. 33:3; Acts 13:17

9^aEx. 14:2

10¹Lit., *lifted up their eyes*
^aNeh. 9:9

11¹Lit., *so as to bring*
^aEx. 5:21; 15:24; 16:2; Ps. 106:7, 8

Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt."

18 Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the ¹Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up ^ain martial array from the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took ^athe bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God shall surely ¹take care of you; and you shall carry my bones from here with you."

20 Then they set out from ^aSuccoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

21 And ^athe LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might ¹travel by day and by night.

22 ¹He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

CHAPTER 14

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before ^aPi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.

3 "For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.'

4 "Thus ^aI will ¹harden Pharaoh's heart, and ^bhe will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and ^cthe Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, ¹Pharaoh and ^bhis servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

6 So he made his chariot ready and took his people with him;

7 and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the *other* chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

8 And ^athe LORD ¹hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out ^{2b}boldly.

9 Then the Egyptians chased after them *with* all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and they overtook them camping by the sea, ^abeside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

10 And as Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel ¹looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; ^aso the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD.

11 Then ^athey said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, ¹bringing us out of Egypt?"

12 "Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt,

saying, "Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.

14 "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."

15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward."

16 "And as for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land.

17 "And as for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

18 "Then the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen."

19 And the angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.

20 So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided.

22 And the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

23 Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.

24 And it came about at the morning watch, that the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.

25 And He caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and He made them drive with difficulty; so the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from Israel, for the LORD is fighting for them against the Egyptians."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen."

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.

29 But the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the

12 ¹Lit., Cease from us

13 ¹Or, take your stand
^aEx. 20:20; Gen. 15:1; 46:3
^bEx. 14:30; 15:2

14 ^aEx. 15:3; Deut. 1:30;
3:22 ^bIs. 30:15

16 ¹Lit., enter the
^aEx. 4:17, 20; 17:5; Num.
20:8, 9, 11; Is. 10:26

17 ¹Lit., make strong
^aEx. 14:4

18 ^aEx. 14:25

19 ^aEx. 13:21, 22
^bIs. 40:5, 2, 7

20 ¹Lit., and the darkness

21 ¹Lit., caused to go
^aEx. 14:16; 7:19 ^bPs. 106:9;
136:13, 14 ^cPs. 78:13; 114:3,
5; Is. 63:12, 13

22 ¹Lit., entered the
^aJosh. 3:17; 4:22; Neh. 9:11;
Heb. 11:29 ^bEx. 14:29; 15:8

23 ^aEx. 14:4, 17

24 ¹Lit., camp ²Or, in
^aEx. 13:21

25 ¹Or, removed ²Lit., me
^aEx. 14:4, 18

26 ^aEx. 14:16

27 ¹Lit., to meet it ²Lit.,
shook off
^aEx. 15:1, 7

28 ¹Lit., in respect to
^aPs. 78:53; 106:11

29 ^aEx. 14:22; Ps. 66:6; Is.
11:5

30 • Ex. 14:13; Ps. 106:8, 10, 21, 22; Is. 63:8, 11

31 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *done*
³Or, *revered*
• Ps. 106:12

1 ¹Lit., *and said, saying*
²Or, "*Let me sing* ³Or,
triumphed gloriously
• Ps. 106:12; Rev. 15:3 ^bIs.
12:5; 42:10-12 ^cJer. 51:21

2 ¹Heb., *YAH*
• Ex. 12:2 ^bPs. 48:14 ^cEx. 3:6,
15, 16

3 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered *LORD*
• Ex. 14:14 ^bEx. 3:15; 6:2, 7, 8;
Ps. 24:8

4 ¹Lit., *sunk* ²Lit., *Sea of*
Reeds
• Ex. 14:6, 7, 17, 28

5 • Ex. 14:10; Neh. 9:11

6 • Ex. 3:20; 6:1 ^bPs.
118:15, 16

7 ¹Or, *exaltation*
• Ex. 14:27 ^bPs. 78:49, 50

8 • Ex. 14:22, 29 ^bPs. 78:13

9 ¹Lit., *soul* ²Lit., *be filled*
with them ³Or, *disposes,*
bring to ruin
• Ex. 14:5, 8, 9

10 ¹Or, *majestic*
• Ex. 14:27, 28 ^bEx. 15:5

11 • Ex. 8:10; 9:14; Deut.
3:24; Ps. 71:19; Mic. 7:18 ^bPs.
6:3; Rev. 4:8 ^cPs. 22:23 ^dPs.
72:18; 136:4

12 • Ex. 15:6

13 • Neh. 9:12; Ps. 77:20
^bEx. 15:16; Ps. 77:15 ^cEx.
15:17; Ps. 78:54

14 • Deut. 2:25; Hab. 3:7

15 • Gen. 36:15 ^bNum. 22:3,
4; Ps. 114:5, 7

midst of the sea, and the waters *were like* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 ^aThus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 And when Israel saw the great ¹power which the LORD had ²used against the Egyptians, the people ³feared the LORD, and ^athey believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

CHAPTER 15

^aTHEN Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, ¹and said,

^{2b}I will sing to the LORD, for He ³is highly exalted;
^cThe horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.

2 ^{1a}The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
^bThis is my God, and I will praise Him;
^cMy father's God, and I will extol Him.

3 ^aThe LORD is a warrior;
^{1b}The LORD is His name.

4 ^aPharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;
And the choicest of his officers are ¹drowned in the ²Red Sea.

5 "The deeps cover them;
^aThey went down into the depths like a stone.

6 ^aThy right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power,
^bThy right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

7 "And in the greatness of Thine ¹excellence Thou ^adost overthrow those who rise up against Thee;
^bThou dost send forth Thy burning anger, *and* it consumes them as chaff.

8 ^aAnd at the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up,
^bThe flowing waters stood up like a heap;
The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 ^aThe enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake. I will divide the spoil;
My ¹desire shall be ²gratified against them;
I will draw out my sword, my hand shall ³destroy them.'

10 ^aThou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered them;
^bThey sank like lead in the ¹mighty waters.

^a11 ^aWho is like Thee among the gods, O LORD?
Who is like Thee, ^bmajestic in holiness,
^cAwesome in praises, ^dworking wonders?

12 ^aThou didst stretch out Thy right hand,
The earth swallowed them.

13 "In Thy lovingkindness Thou hast ^aled the people whom Thou hast ^bredeemed;
In Thy strength Thou has guided *them* ^cto Thy holy habitation.

14 ^aThe peoples have heard, they tremble;
Anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 "Then the ^achiefs of Edom were dismayed;
^bThe leaders of Moab, trembling gripped them;

^cAll the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

16 ^aTerror and dread fall upon them;
^bBy the greatness of Thine arm they are motionless as stone;
 Until Thy people pass over, O LORD,
 Until the people pass over whom Thou hast purchased.

17 ^aThou wilt bring them and ^bplant them in ^cthe mountain of Thine inheritance,
^dThe place, O LORD, which Thou hast made for Thy dwelling,
^eThe sanctuary, O LORD, which Thy hands have established.

18 ^aThe LORD shall reign forever and ever.”

19 ^aFor the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them; but the sons of Israel walked on ^bdry land through the midst of the sea.

20 And ^aMiriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the ^btimbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with ^{1c}dancing.

21 And Miriam answered them,
 “Sing to the LORD, for He ¹is highly exalted;
 The horse and his rider He has hurled into the sea.”

22 ^aThen Moses ¹led Israel from the ²Red Sea, and they went out into the ^bthe wilderness of ^cShur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 And when they came to ^aMarah, they could not drink the waters ¹of Marah, for they were ²bitter; therefore it was named ³Marah.

24 So the people ^agrumbled at Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”

25 Then he ^acried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him ^a tree; and he threw *it* into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He ^ctested them.

26 And He said, “If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear ^bto His commandments, and keep all His statutes, ^cI will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, ^dthe LORD, am your healer.”

27 Then they came to ^aElim where there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

15 ^cJosh. 2:9, 11, 24

16 ^aEx. 23:27 ^bEx. 15:5, 6
^cEx. 15:13; Ps. 74:2

17 ^aEx. 23:20; 32:34 ^bPs. 44:2; 80:8, 15 ^cPs. 2:6; 78:54, 68 ^dPs. 68:16; 76:2; 132:13, 14 ^ePs. 78:69

18 ^aPs. 10:16; 29:10

19 ^aEx. 14:23, 28 ^bEx. 14:22, 29

20 ¹Lit., *dances*
^aEx. 2:4; 6:20; Num. 26:59
^bPs. 81:2; 149:3 ^cPs. 30:11; 150:4

21 ¹Or, *has triumphed gloriously*
^aEx. 15:1

22 ¹Lit., *caused Israel to journey* ²Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aPs. 77:20; 78:52, 53 ^bNum. 33:8 ^cGen. 16:7; 20:1

23 ¹Lit., *from* ²Heb., *Marim* ¹i.e., *Bitterness*
^aNum. 33:8

24 ^aEx. 14:11; Ps. 106:13

25 ^aEx. 14:10 ^bEzek. 47:7, 8
^cEx. 16:4

26 ^aEx. 19:5, 6 ^bEx. 20:2-17
^cDeut. 7:15; 28:58, 60 ^dDeut. 32:39; Ps. 103:3

27 ^aNum. 33:9

1 ^aNum. 33:10, 11 ^bEx. 12:6, 51; 19:1

2 ^aEx. 14:11; 1 Cor. 10:10

3 ¹Or, *flesh*
^aEx. 17:3; Num. 14:2, 3; 20:3
^bNum. 11:4, 5

CHAPTER 16

THEN they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of ^aSin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on ^bthe fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel ^agrumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the sons of Israel said to them, “^aWould that we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, ^bwhen we sat by the pots of ¹meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you

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4 ¹Or, law
^aJohn 6:31; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:23-25; 105:40; 1 Cor. 10:3
^bEx. 15:25; Deut. 8:2, 16

5 ^aEx. 16:22

6 ¹Lit., and you

7 ¹Lit., and you
^aEx. 16:12 ^bNum. 14:27; 17:5
^cNum. 16:11

8 ¹Or, flesh

9 ^aNum. 16:16

10 ¹Lit., turned
^aEx. 16:7; Num. 16:19

12 ¹Lit., Between the two
evenings ²Or, flesh

13 ^aNum. 11:31; Ps. 78:27-29; 105:40

14 ¹Lit., had gone up ²Lit.,
face of
^aNum. 11:7-9 ^bEx. 16:31

15 ¹Heb., Man hu, cf. vs. 31
^aEx. 16:4

16 ¹Lit., the thing which
²Lit., according to his eating
³Lit., an omer for a head

18 ¹Lit., according to his
eating
²2 Cor. 8:15

19 ^aEx. 16:23; 12:10; 23:18

have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, ^aI will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may ^btest them, whether or not they will walk in My ¹instruction.

5 "And it will come about ^aon the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, "At evening ¹you will know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt;

7 and in the morning ¹you will see ^athe glory of the LORD, for ^bHe hears your grumbings against the LORD; and ^cwhat are we, that you grumble against us?"

8 And Moses said, "*This will happen* when the LORD gives you ¹meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for the LORD hears your grumbings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? Your grumbings are not against us but against the LORD."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, ^aCome near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbings."

10 And it came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they ¹looked toward the wilderness, and behold, ^athe glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "I have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, ¹At twilight you shall eat ²meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

13 So it came about at evening that ^athe quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

14 ^aWhen the layer of dew ¹evaporated, behold, on the ²surface of the wilderness ^bthere was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the hoarfrost on the ground.

15 When the sons of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "¹What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "^aIt is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

16 "This is ¹what the LORD has commanded, 'Gather of it every man ²as much as he should eat; you shall take ³an omer apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.'"

17 And the sons of Israel did so, and *some* gathered much and *some* little.

18 When they measured it with an omer, ^ahe who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered ¹as much as he should eat.

19 And Moses said to them, "^aLet no man leave any of it until morning."

20 But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.

21 And they gathered it morning by morning, every man ¹as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.

22 ^aNow it came about on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. When all the ^bleaders of the congregation came and told Moses,

23 then he said to them, "This is what the LORD ¹meant: ^aTomorrow is a sabbath observance, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and ^ball that is left over ²put aside to be kept until morning."

24 So they ¹put it aside until morning, as Moses had ordered, and ^ait did not become foul, nor was there any worm in it.

25 And Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.

26 "Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, *the sabbath*, there will be ¹none."

27 And it came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

28 Then the LORD said to Moses, "^aHow long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My ¹instructions?

29 "See, ¹the LORD has given you the sabbath, therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of ^aIsrael named it ¹manna, and it was like ^bcoriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers with honey.

32 Then Moses said, "This is ¹what the LORD has commanded, 'Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread that I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

33 And Moses said to Aaron, "^aTake a jar and put an omerful of manna in it, and place it before the LORD, to be kept throughout your generations."

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before ^athe Testimony, to be kept.

35 ^aAnd the sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

36 (Now an omer is a tenth of an ephah.)

CHAPTER 17

THEN all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by ¹stages from the wilderness of ^aSin, according to the ²command of the LORD, and camped at ^bRephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore the people ^aquarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "^bWhy do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and ¹they grumbled against Moses and said, "^aWhy, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill ²us and ³our children and ³our livestock with thirst?"

21 ¹Lit., according to his eating

22 ^aEx. 16:5 ^bEx. 34:31

23 ¹Lit., spoke ²Lit., lay up for you
^aEx. 20:8; 23:12; Neh. 9:13, 14 ^bEx. 16:19

24 ¹Lit., laid it up
^aEx. 16:20

26 ¹Lit., none on it

28 ¹Or, laws
^aPs. 78:10

29 ¹Lit., for the LORD

31 ¹Heb., man, cf. v. 15
^aNum. 11:7-9; Deut. 8:3, 16
^bEx. 16:14

32 ¹Lit., the thing which

33 ^aHeb. 9:4; Rev. 2:17

34 ^aEx. 25:16; 27:21

35 ^aJosh. 5:12; Neh. 9:20, 21

¹ ¹Lit., their journeyings
²Lit., mouth
^aEx. 16:1 ^bEx. 19:2; Num. 33:14

² ^aEx. 14:11; Num. 20:2, 3, 13 ^bEx. 16:8

³ ¹Lit., the people ²Lit., me ¹Lit., my
^aEx. 16:3 ^bEx. 12:38

4 ^aNum. 14:10; 1 Sam. 30:6

5 ^aEx. 3:16, 18 ^bEx. 7:20

6 ^aEx. 3:1 ^bDeut. 8:15; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:15; 105:41; [^cCor. 10:3]

7 ¹i.e., Test ²i.e., Quarrel ^aDeut. 6:16; 9:22; Ps. 95:8 ^bNum. 20:13, 24; 27:14; Ps. 81:7 ^cNum. 14:22; Deut. 33:8

8 ^aNum. 24:20; Deut. 25:17-19 ^bEx. 17:1

9 ^aEx. 24:13 ^bEx. 4:20

10 ¹Lit., said to ²Lit., to fight ^aEx. 24:14; 31:2

11 ¹Lit., rest

12 ^aIs. 35:3

13 ¹Lit., weakened

14 ¹Lit., the book ²Lit., place it in the ears of ³Or, for ^aEx. 24:4; 34:27; Num. 33:2 ^bDeut. 25:19

15 ¹YHWH, usually rendered Lord ^aEx. 24:4 ^bGen. 22:14

16 ¹Or, Because a hand is against the throne of the LORD; lit., a hand upon the throne of YAH ^aGen. 22:16

1 ^aEx. 2:16, 18; 3:1

2 ^aEx. 2:21; 4:25

3 ¹Lit., the name of the one was ²Heb., ger ^aEx. 2:22; 4:20; Acts 7:29 ^bEx. 2:22

4 ¹Lit., the name of the other was ²Heb., El-ezer; i.e., My God is help ^aGen. 49:25

5 ¹Lit., unto ^aEx. 3:1, 12; 4:27; 24:13

6 ¹Lit., said

7 ^aGen. 43:26, 28

4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A ^alittle more and they will stone me."

5 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of ^athe elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which ^byou struck the Nile, and go.

6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at ^aHoreb; and ^byou shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he named the place ^{1a}Massah and ^{2b}Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they ^ctested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"

8 Then ^aAmalek came and fought against Israel at ^bRephidim.

9 So Moses said to ^aJoshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with ^bthe staff of God in my hand."

10 And Joshua did as Moses ¹told him, ²and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and ^aHur went up to the top of the hill.

11 So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand ¹down, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur ^asupported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.

13 So Joshua ¹overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "^aWrite this in ^{1a}a book as a memorial, and ²recite it to Joshua, ³that ^bI will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

15 And Moses built an ^aaltar, and named it ^{1b}The LORD is My Banner;

16 and he said, "^{1a}The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

CHAPTER 18

NOW ^aJethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

2 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Moses' wife ^aZipporah, after he had sent her away,

3 and her ^atwo sons, of whom ¹one was named Gershom, for he said, "I have been ^{ba}sojourner in a foreign land."

4 And ¹the other was named ²Eliczer, for *he said*, "^aThe God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh."

5 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses ¹in the wilderness where he was camped, at ^athe mount of God.

6 And he ¹sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."

7 Then Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and ^ahe

bowed down and ^bkissed him; and they asked ^ceach other of their welfare, and went into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians ^afor Israel's sake, all the ^bhardship that had befallen them on the journey, and *how* ^cthe LORD had delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced over all ^athe goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, ¹in delivering ²them from the hand of the Egyptians.

10 So Jethro said, ^a"Blessed be the LORD who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, *and* who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 ^a"Now I know that ^athe LORD is greater than all the gods; ¹indeed, it was proven when they dealt proudly against ²the people."

12 ^aThen Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat ¹a meal with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 And it came about the next day that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from the morning until the evening.

14 Now when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit *as judge* and all the people stand about you from morning until evening?"

15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me ^ato inquire of God.

16 "When they have a ¹dispute, it comes to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and make known the statutes of God and His laws."

17 And Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you are doing is not good.

18 ^a"You will surely wear out, both yourself and ¹these people who are with you, for the ²task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.

19 "Now listen to ¹me: I shall give you counsel, and God be with you. ²You be the people's representative before God, and you bring the ³disputes to God,

20 ^athen teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they are to walk, and the work they are to do.

21 "Furthermore, you shall ¹select out of all the people ^aable men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place *these* over them, *as* leaders of thousands, ²of hundreds, ²of fifties and ²of tens.

22 "And let them judge the people at all times; and let it be ^athat every major ¹dispute they will bring to you, but every minor ¹dispute they themselves will judge. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear *the burden* with you.

23 "If you do this thing and God so commands you, then you will be able to ¹endure, and all ²these people also will go to ³their place in peace."

24 So Moses listened ¹to his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose ^aable men out of all Israel, and made

7 ^bEx. 4:27 ^cGen. 43:27

8 ^aEx. 4:23; 7:4; 5 ^bNum. 20:14; Neh. 9:32 ^cEx. 15:6, 16

9 ¹Lit., *in that He had delivered* ²Lit., *him* ^aIs. 63:7-14

10 ^a1 Kin. 8:56; Ps. 68:19, 20

11 ¹Lit., *indeed, in the thing in which they* ²Lit., *them*

^aEx. 12:12; 15:11

Sheva' y-elehin

Dispute they themselves

¹²Lit., *bread*

^aEx. 24:5; Gen. 31:54

15 ^aNum. 9:6, 8; 27:5; Deut. 17:8-13

16 ¹Lit., *matter*

18 ¹Lit., *this* ²Lit., *matter* ^aNum. 11:14, 17; Deut. 1:12

19 ¹Lit., *my voice* ²Lit., *You be for the people in front of God* ³Lit., *matters*

20 ^aDeut. 1:18

21 ¹Lit., *see* ²Lit., *leaders of* ^aEx. 18:25; Deut. 1:13, 15; Ps. 15:1-5

22 ¹Lit., *matter* ^aDeut. 1:17, 18

23 ¹Lit., *stand* ²Lit., *this* ³Lit., *his*

24 ¹Lit., *to the voice of*

25 ^aEx. 18:21

25 ¹Lit., *leaders of*

26 ¹Lit., *matter*
^aEx. 18:22

27 ¹Lit., *sent off his father-in-law*
^aNum. 10:29, 30

1 ¹Lit., *on this day*
^aEx. 12:6, 51:16:1 ^bDeut. 1:6; 4:10, 15; 5:2

2 ^aEx. 17:1; Num. 33:15
^bEx. 18:5

4 ^aDeut. 32:11.

5 ¹Or, *special treasure*
^aEx. 15:26 ^bPs. 78:10 ^cDeut. 7:6; 14:2 ^dEx. 9:29

6 ^a1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6;
 5:10 ^bDeut. 14:21; 26:19

7 ^aEx. 4:29, 30

8 ^aEx. 4:31; 24:3, 7; Deut. 5:27

9 ^aEx. 19:16; 24:15, 16; Ps. 99:7

10 ^aGen. 35:2; Num. 8:7;
 19:19; Rev. 22:14

11 ^aEx. 19:16

12 ¹Lit., *Take heed to yourselves*

13 ¹I.e., *with arrows*
^aHeb. 12:20 ^bEx. 19:17

them heads over the people, leaders of thousands, ¹of hundreds, ¹of fifties and ¹of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all times; ^athe difficult ¹dispute they would bring to Moses, but every minor ¹dispute they themselves would judge.

27 Then Moses ^{1a}bade his father-in-law farewell, and he went his way into his own land.

CHAPTER 19

IN the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, ¹on that very day they came into the wilderness of ^bSinai.

2 When they set out from ^aRephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of ^bthe mountain.

3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel:

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on ^aeagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.

5 'Now then, ^aif you will indeed obey My voice and ^bkeep My covenant, then you shall be ^cMy ¹own possession among all the peoples, for ^dall the earth is Mine;

6 and you shall be to Me ^aa kingdom of priests and ^{ba}holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

7 ^aSo Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him.

8 ^aAnd all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

9 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I shall come to you in ^aa thick cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

10 The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them ^awash their garments;

11 and let them be ready for the third day, for on ^athe third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

12 "And you shall set ^bbounds for the people all around, saying, "Beware that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

13 'No hand shall touch him, but ^ahe shall surely be stoned or ¹shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to ^bthe mountain."

14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments.

15 And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; ¹do not go near a woman."

The Awesome Mountain.

The Ten Commandments.

WORDS (in the neg. form) ...

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16 ^aSo it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were ¹thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the ¹foot of the mountain.

18 ^aNow Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it ⁱⁿ fire; and its smoke ascended like ^cthe smoke of a furnace, and ^dthe whole mountain ¹quaked violently.

19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with ¹thunder.

20 ^aAnd the LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down, ¹warn the people, lest ^athey break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them ²perish.

22 "And also let the ^apriests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."

23 And Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for Thou didst ¹warn us, saying, ^a'Set bounds about the mountain and consecrate it.' "

24 Then the LORD said to him, "¹Go down and come up *again*, ^ayou and Aaron with you; but do not let the ^bpriests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break forth upon them."

25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

CHAPTER 20 *Code of Law System*

THEN God spoke *all these words*, saying, *(Directly to the people)*
2 "I am the LORD your God, ^awho brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹slavery.

3 "You shall have no other ^agods ¹before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself ¹an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the ¹water under the earth.

5 ^aYou shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a ^bjealous God, ^cvisiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

6 but showing lovingkindness to ^athousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 ^aYou shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not ¹leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

8 ¹Remember ^athe sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 "Six days you shall labor and ^ado all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male servant or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who ¹stays with you.

11 ^aFor in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh

16 ¹Lit., sounds
^aHeb. 12:18, 19

17 ¹Lit., lower part

18 ¹Or, trembled
^aPs. 104:32; 144:5 ^bDeut. 5:4; Heb. 12:18 ^cGen. 19:28 ^dPs. 68:7, 8

19 ¹Or, a voice; lit., a sound

20 ^aNeh. 9:13

21 ¹Lit., testify to ²Lit., fall
^aEx. 3:5; ¹Sam. 6:19

22 ^aEx. 19:24; 24:5; Lev. 10:3; 21:6-8

23 ¹Lit., testify to
^aEx. 19:12

24 ¹Lit., Go, descend
^aEx. 24:1, 9, 12 ^bEx. 19:22

2 ¹Lit., slaves
^aEx. 15:13, 16; Deut. 5:6; 7:8

3 ¹Or, besides Me
^aEx. 20:23; 15:11

4 ¹Or, a likeness
^aLev. 26:1; Deut. 4:15-19; 27:15

5 ^aEx. 23:24 ^bEx. 34:14; Deut. 4:24 ^cEx. 34:6, 7; Deut. 5:9, 10

6 ^aDeut. 7:9

7 ¹Or, hold him guiltless
^aLev. 19:12; Deut. 6:13; 10:20

8 ^aEx. 23:12; 31:15

9 ^aEx. 34:21; 35:2, 3

10 ¹Lit., is in your gates

11 ^aEx. 31:17; Gen. 2:2, 3

**The Ten Commandments.
Laws About Idols and Altars.**

Exodus 20, 21

12^a Lev. 19:3; Matt. 15:4;
19:19; Eph. 6:2^b Deut. 5:16;
33; 6:2; 11:8, 9

13^b Ex. 21:12; Matt. 19:18;
Rom. 13:9 *in his life*

14^a Lev. 20:10; Matt. 19:18;
Rom. 13:9 *Heb. 13:4*

15^a Ex. 21:16; Lev. 19:11,
13; Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9

16^a Ex. 23:1, 7; Matt. 19:18
the road, present in

17^a Rom. 7:7; 13:9

18¹ Lit., sounds *the in-voice*
Recant.

19¹ Lit., with
Deut. 5:5, 23-27; Heb. 12:19

20¹ Lit., *be before*
Ex. 14:13^b Ex. 15:25^c Deut.

21^a Ex. 19:16; Deut. 5:22

22¹ Lit., with
Deut. 4:36; 5:24, 26; Neh.

23^a Ex. 20:3^b Deut. 29:17;
Ex. 32:1, 2, 4

24^a Ex. 20:25; 27:1-8^b Ex.
10:25; 18:12^c Ex. 24:5^d Deut.
12:5; 26:2

25^a Deut. 27:5, 6

26^a Ex. 28:42, 43 *Gen. 37*

2^a Lev. 25:39-43; Deut.
15:12-18

3¹ Lit., by himself

4¹ Lit., by himself

6¹ Or, *the judges who*
acted in God's name
Ex. 22:8, 9, 28

day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. *Not only presents but also the fear, reverence & protection of the law itself.*

13 "You shall not murder. *(No object) Another can kill.*

14 "You shall not commit adultery. *(Sacrilege)*

15 "You shall not steal. *Also in judgment of robbery.*

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

18 And all the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance;

19 Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, lest we die."

20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin."

21 So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached the thick cloud where God was.

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.'

23 "You shall not make other gods besides Me; gods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves.

24 "You shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.

25 "And if you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it. *Not to represent the creature of the sun or moon.*

26 "And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it. *Symbol of the covenant.*

CHAPTER 21 - 23 13

NOW these are the ordinances which you are to set before them.

2 "If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment.

3 "If he comes alone, he shall go out alone; if he is the husband of a wife, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 "If his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall go out alone.

5 "But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,'

6 then his master shall bring him to God, then he shall

bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.

7 ^a“And if a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she is not to ¹go free ²as the male slaves ¹do.

8 ^a“If she is ¹displeasing in the eyes of her master ²who designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people because of his ³unfairness to her.

9 ^a“And if he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.

10 ^a“If he takes to himself another woman, he may not reduce her ¹food, her clothing, or ²her conjugal rights.

11 ^a“And if he will not do these three *things* for her, then she shall go out for nothing, without *payment* of money.

12 ^a“He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

13 ^a“But ¹if he did not lie in wait *for him*, but God let *him* fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee.

14 ^a“If, however, a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you are to take him *even* from My altar, that he may die.

15 ^a“And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

16 ^a“And he who ¹kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his ²possession, shall surely be put to death.

17 ^a“And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

18 ^a“And if men have a quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with *his* fist, and he does not die but ¹remains in bed;

19 ^aif he gets up and walks around outside on his staff, then he who struck him shall go unpunished; he shall only pay for his ¹loss of time, and ²shall take care of him until he is completely healed.

20 ^a“And if a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod and he dies ¹at his hand, he shall ²be punished.

21 ^a“If, however, he ¹survives a day or two, no vengeance shall be taken; ²for he is his ²property.

22 ^a“And if men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that ¹she has a miscarriage, yet there is no *further* injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman’s husband ²may demand of him; and he shall pay ³as the judges *decide*.

23 ^a“But if there is *any further* injury, ²then you shall appoint as a *penalty* life for life,

24 ^aeye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 burn for burn, wound for wound, ¹bruise for bruise.

26 ^a“And if a man strikes the eye of his male or female slave, and destroys it, he shall let him go free on account of his eye.

27 ^a“And if he ¹knocks out a tooth of his male or female slave, he shall let him go free on account of his tooth.

28 ^a“And if an ox gores a man or a woman ¹to death, ²the ox shall surely be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished.

29 ^a“If, however, an ox was previously in the habit of goring,

7 ¹Lit. *go out*
^aNeh. 5:5 ²Ex. 21:2, 3

8 ¹Lit., *bad* ²Another reading is, *so that he did not designate her* ³Lit., *dealing treacherously*

10 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^a1 Cor. 7:3, 5

12 ^aGen. 9:6; Lev. 24:17

13 ¹Lit., *he who*
^aNum. 35:10-34; Deut. 19:1-13; Josh. 20:1-9

14 ^a1 Kin. 2:28-34

16 ¹Lit., *steals* ²Lit., *hand*
^aDeut. 24:7

17 ^aLev. 20:9; Matt. 15:4; Mark 7:10

18 ¹Lit., *lies*

19 ¹Lit., *his sitting* ²Lit., *healing, he shall cause to be healed*

20 ¹Lit., *under* ²Lit., *suffer vengeance*

21 ¹Lit., *stands* ²Lit., *money*
^aLev. 25:44-46

22 ¹Lit., *her children come out* ²Lit., *lays on him* ³Lit., *by arbitration*

23 ^aLev. 24:19; Deut. 19:21

24 ^aLev. 24:20; Matt. 5:38

25 ¹Lit., *welt*

27 ¹Lit., *causes to fall*

28 ¹Lit., *so that he dies*
^aGen. 9:5

30 ¹Lit., *laid on him*

31 ¹Lit., *gores a daughter*
²Lit., *this judgment*

32 ¹Lit., *he*
^aZech. 11:12; Matt. 26:15

33 ¹Lit., *if a man digs*

34 ¹Lit., *give back*

1 ¹Ch. 21:37 in Heb.
^a2 Sam. 12:6; Luke 19:8

2 ¹Ch. 22:1 in Heb. ²Lit.,
found

3 ¹I.e., if he is killed

4 ¹Lit., *hand*

7 ¹Lit., *found*
^aLev. 6:1-7

8 ¹Lit., *found* ²Lit.,
approach to ³Or, *God* ⁴Lit.,
stretched his hand
^aEx. 22:9, 28; 21:6; Deut.
17:8, 9; 19:17

9 ¹Or, *matter of*
transgression ²Lit., *matter*
³Or, *God*
^aEx. 22:8, 28

and its owner has been warned, yet he does not confine it, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.

30 "If a ransom is ¹demanded of him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is ¹demanded of him.

31 "Whether it gores a son or ¹a daughter, it shall be done to him according to ²the same rule.

32 "If the ox gores a male or female slave, the ¹owner shall give his or *her* master ^athirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 "And if a man opens a pit, or ¹digs a pit and does not cover it over, and an ox or a donkey falls into it,

34 the owner of the pit shall make restitution; he shall ¹give money to its owner, and the dead *animal* shall become his.

35 "And if one man's ox hurts another's so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its price equally; and also they shall divide the dead ox.

36 "Or if it is known that the ox was previously in the habit of goring, yet its owner has not confined it, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead *animal* shall become his.

CHAPTER 22

“¹IF a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and ^afour sheep for the sheep.

2 "If the thief is ²caught while breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account.

3 "But if the sun has risen on him, there will be ¹bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 "If what he stole is actually found alive in his ¹possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

5 "If a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed *bare* and lets his animal loose so that it grazes in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

6 "If a fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain or the standing grain or the field *itself* is consumed, he who started the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 "If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep *for him*, and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is ¹caught, he shall pay double.

8 "If the thief is not ¹caught, then the owner of the house shall ²appear before ³the judges, *to* determine whether he ⁴laid his hands on his neighbor's property.

9 "For every ¹breach of trust, *whether it is* for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, *or* for any lost thing about which one says, "This is it," the ²case of both parties shall come before ³the judges; he whom ³the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

10 "If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep *for him*, and it dies or is hurt or is driven away while no one is looking,

11 an oath before the LORD shall be made by the two of

them, ¹that he has not ²laid hands on his neighbor's property; and its owner shall accept *it*, and he shall not make restitution.

12 "But if it is actually stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.

13 "If it is all torn to pieces, let him bring it as evidence; he shall not make restitution for what has been torn to pieces.

14 "And if a man ¹borrows *anything* from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution.

15 "If its owner is with it, he shall not make restitution; if it is hired, it came for its hire.

16 "And if a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and lies with her, he must pay a dowry for her *to be* his wife.

17 "If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall ¹pay money equal to the dowry for virgins.

18 "You shall not allow a ^asorceress to live.

19 "Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death.

20 "He who sacrifices to ¹any god, other than to the LORD alone, shall be ²butterly destroyed.

21 "And you shall not wrong ^aa stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 "You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.

23 "If you afflict him at all, *and* ^aif he does cry out to Me, ^bI will surely hear his cry;

24 *and* My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword; ^aand your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

25 "If you lend money to My people, to the poor ¹among you, you are not to ²act as a creditor to him; you shall not ³charge him ^binterest.

26 "If you ever take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you are to return it to him before the sun sets,

27 for that is his only covering; it is his cloak for his ¹body. What else shall he sleep in? And it shall come about that ^awhen he cries out to Me, I will hear *him*, for I am gracious.

28 "You shall not ¹curse God, ^bnor curse a ruler of your people.

29 "You shall not delay *the offering from* ¹your harvest and your vintage. ^bThe first-born of your sons you shall give to Me.

30 "You shall do the same with your oxen *and* with your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days; ^aon the eighth day you shall give it to Me.

31 "And you shall be holy men to Me, therefore ^byou shall not eat *any* flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

CHAPTER 23

“^a**Y**OU shall not carry a false rumor; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a ^bmalicious witness.

2 "You shall not follow ¹a multitude in doing evil, nor shall you ²testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after ¹a multitude in order to ^apervert *justice*;

3 ^anor shall you ¹be partial to a poor man in his dispute.

¹¹ Lit., *whether* ² Lit., *stretched his hand*

¹⁴ Lit., *asks*

¹⁶ Deut. 22:28, 29

¹⁷ Lit., *weigh out silver*

¹⁸ Lev. 20:27; Deut. 18:10; Jer. 27:9, 10

¹⁹ Lev. 18:23; 20:15, 16; Deut. 27:21

²⁰ Lit., *the gods* ² Lit., *put under the ban* ^a Ex. 32:8; 34:15; Lev. 17:7

²¹ Lev. 19:33, 34; Deut. 1:16; 27:19

²² Deut. 24:17, 18; Prov. 23:10, 11; Jer. 7:6, 7; 23:3

²³ Deut. 15:9; Luke 18:7; ^b Deut. 10:18; Ps. 10:14, 17, 18; 68:5

²⁴ Ps. 109:2, 9

²⁵ Lit., *with* ² Lit., *be* ³ Lit., *lay upon* ^a Lev. 25:35-37 ^b Deut. 23:19, 20

²⁷ Lit., *skin* ^a Ex. 22:23

²⁸ Or, *revile* ^a Lev. 24:15, 16 ^b Acts 23:5

²⁹ Lit., *your fullness and your tears* ^a Ex. 23:16, 19; Deut. 26:2-11 ^b Ex. 13:2

³⁰ Gen. 17:12; Lev. 12:3

³¹ Ex. 19:6; Lev. 11:44 ^b Lev. 7:24; 17:15

¹ Ex. 20:16 ^b Deut. 19:16-21; Ps. 35:11

² Lit., *many men* ² Or, *answer* ^a Deut. 16:19; 24:17

³ Lit., *honor* ^a Ex. 23:6; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; 16:19

4 •Deut. 22:1-4

6 •Ex. 23:2, 3

7 •Ex. 20:16; Ps. 119:29 bEx. 20:13; Deut. 27:25 cEx. 34:7; Deut. 25:1; Rom. 1:18

8 ¹Or, *distorts the words*
•Deut. 10:17; 16:19; Prov. 17:23; Is. 5:22, 23

9 ¹Or, *sojourner(s)* ²Lit., *soul*
•Ex. 22:21

10 •Lev. 25:1-7; Ex. 23:29

11 ¹Lit., *drop*

12 ¹Lit., *the sojourner*
•Ex. 20:8-11; 31:15; 35:2, 3

13 ¹Lit., *on*
•Deut. 4:9, 23 bJosh. 23:7; Ps. 16:4

14 •Ex. 34:22-24; Deut. 16:16

15 ¹Lit., *they not*
•Ex. 12:2; 13:4 bEx. 22:29; 34:20

16 •Ex. 34:22

17 YHWH usually rendered LORD
•Ex. 23:14

18 ¹Or, *festival*
•Ex. 34:25; Lev. 2:11 bEx. 12:10; Lev. 7:15

19 •Ex. 22:29; 34:26 bDeut. 14:21

20 •Ex. 23:23; 3:2; 14:19; 32:34; 33:2 bEx. 15:16, 17

21 •Deut. 9:7 bEx. 3:14; 6:3; 34:5-7

22 •Gen. 12:3; Num. 24:9; Deut. 30:7

23 •Josh. 24:11

4 “^aIf you meet your enemy’s ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him.

5 “^aIf you see the donkey of one who hates you lying *helpless* under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release it with him.

6 “^aYou shall not pervert the justice *due* to your needy *brother* in his dispute.

7 “^aKeep far from a false charge, and do not ^bkill the innocent or the righteous, for ^cI will not acquit the guilty.

8 “^aAnd you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and ¹subverts the cause of the just.

9 “^aAnd you shall not oppress a ¹stranger, since you yourselves know the ²feelings of a ¹stranger, for you *also* were ¹strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 “^aAnd you shall sow your land for six years and gather in *its* yield,

11 *but on the seventh year you shall let it ¹rest and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You are to do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.*

12 “^aSix days you are to do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease *from labor*, in order that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave, as well as ¹your stranger, may refresh themselves.

13 “^aNow ^aconcerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and ^bdo not mention the name of other gods, nor let *them* be heard ¹from your mouth.

14 “^aThree times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me.

15 “You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the ^amonth Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And ¹none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

16 “*Also you shall observe ^athe Feast of the Harvest of the first fruits of your labors from what you sow in the field; also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in *the fruit of your labors from the field.**

17 “^aThree times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord ¹GOD.

18 “^aYou shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; ^bnor is the fat of My ¹feast to remain overnight until morning.

19 “You shall bring ^athe choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. ^bYou are not to boil a kid in the milk of its mother.

20 “Behold, I am going to send ^aan angel before you to guard you along the way, and ^bto bring you into the place which I have prepared.

21 “Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; ^ado not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since ^bMy name is in him.

22 “^aBut if you will truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then ^aI will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

23 “^aFor My angel will go before you and bring you in to *the land of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Ca-*

naanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them.

24 ^aYou shall not worship their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their deeds; ^bbut you shall utterly overthrow them, and break their ^csacred pillars in pieces.

25 ^aBut you shall serve the LORD your God, ¹and He will bless your bread and your water; and ^bI will remove sickness from your midst.

26 ^aThere shall be no one misarrying or ^abarren in your land; ^bI will fulfill the number of your days.

27 ^aI will ^asend My terror ahead of you, and throw into confusion all the people among whom you come, and I will make all your enemies turn *their* backs to you.

28 ^aAnd I will send ^ahornets ahead of you, that they may ^bdrive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites before you.

29 ^aI will not drive them out before you in a single year, that the land may not become desolate, and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

30 ^aI will drive them out before you ^alittle by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.

31 ^aAnd I will fix your boundary from the ¹Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River *Euphrates*; ^bfor I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and ^cyou will drive them out before you.

32 ^aYou shall ¹make no covenant with them ^bor with their gods.

33 ^aThey shall not live in your land, lest they make you sin against Me; for *if* you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

CHAPTER 24 - *the covenant*

THEN He said to Moses, ^a"Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, ^bNadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall worship at a distance." *limited access*

2 ^aMoses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him."

3 Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ¹ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, ^a"All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!"

4 And ^aMoses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an ^baltar ¹at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the sons of Israel, ^aand they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD.

6 And ^aMoses took half of the blood and put *it* in basins, and the *other* half of the blood he sprinkled on ^{the} altar.

7 Then he took ^athe Book of the Covenant and read *it* in the hearing of the people; and they said, ^b"All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

8 So ^aMoses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the

24 ^aEx. 23:13, 33; 20:5
^bNum. 33:52; Deut. 7:5; 12:3; 2 Kin. 18:4 ^cEx. 34:13; Lev. 26:1; 2 Kin. 3:2

25 ¹Or, *that He may bless*
^aLev. 26:3-13; Deut. 28:1-14
^bEx. 15:26; Deut. 7:15

26 ^aDeut. 7:14 ^bDeut. 4:40; Job 5:26

27 ^aEx. 15:16 ^bDeut. 7:23

28 ^aDeut. 7:20; Josh. 24:12
^bEx. 33:2; 34:11

30 ^aDeut. 7:22

31 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aGen. 15:18; Deut. 1:7, 8
^bDeut. 2:36; Josh. 21:44
^cJosh. 24:12, 18

32 ¹Lit., *cut*
^aEx. 34:12; Deut. 7:2 ^bEx. 23:13, 24

33 ^aDeut. 7:1-5, 16

1 ^aEx. 19:24 ^bEx. 6:23; Lev. 10:1, 2

3 ¹Or, *judgments*
^aEx. 24:7; 19:8

4 ¹Lit., *under*
^aEx. 17:14; 34:27 ^bEx. 17:15

5 ^aEx. 18:12

6 ^aPss. 99:6
Scripture quotations are taken from the

7 ^aEx. 24:4 ^bEx. 24:3

8 ^aHeb. 9:19, 20
blood was used in this

8 ¹Lit., cut ²Lit., on all
^bMatt. 26:28; Luke 22:20;
¹Cor. 11:25; Zech. 9:11

9 ¹Lit., and
^aEx. 24:1

10 ¹Lit., like a pavement
²Lit., and as
^aEx. 24:11; Num. 12:8; Is.
6:5; John 1:18; 6:46 ^bEzek.
1:26; Matt. 17:2; Rev. 4:3

11 ^aEx. 24:10

12 ¹Lit., be ²Lit., and
^aEx. 31:18

13 ¹Lit., and ²Or, minister
^aEx. 17:9-14; 33:11 ^bEx. 3:1

14 ¹Lit., is a master of
matters
^aGen. 22:5 ^bEx. 17:10, 12

15 ^aEx. 19:9

16 ¹Lit., dwelt
^aPs. 99:7

17 ^aEx. 3:2; Ezek. 1:28
^bDeut. 4:24; 9:3; Heb. 12:29

18 ¹Lit., and
^aEx. 34:28; Deut. 9:9; 10:10

2 ¹Lit., take ²Or, heave
offering
^aEx. 35:4-9 ^bEx. 35:5, 21;
²Cor. 8:11, 12

3 ¹Or, heave offering ²Lit.,
take

4 ¹Or, violet

5 ¹Or, dolphin

7 ¹Or, pouch

8 ^aEx. 29:45, 46; Num. 5:3;
Deut. 12:11; Rev. 21:3

9 ^aEx. 25:40; 26:30; Acts
7:44; Heb. 8:2, 5

10 ¹A cubit was about 18 in.
²Lit., its length ³Lit., its
width ⁴Lit., its height
^aEx. 37:1-9

11 ^aHeb. 9:4

people,^a and said, "Behold, ^bthe blood of the covenant, which the LORD has ¹made with you ²in accordance with all these words."

9 Then Moses went up ¹with Aaron, ^aNadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

10 and ^athey saw the God of Israel; and under His feet ^{1b}there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, ²as clear as the sky itself.

11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and ^athey beheld God, and they ate and drank.

12 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and ¹remain there, and ^aI will give you the stone tablets ²with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction."

13 So Moses arose ¹with ^aJoshua his ²servant, and Moses went up to ^bthe mountain of God.

14 But to the elders he said, "^aWait here for us until we return to you. And behold, ^bAaron and Hur are with you; whoever ¹has a legal matter, let him approach them."

15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and ^athe cloud covered the mountain.

16 And the glory of the LORD ¹rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He ^acalled to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

17 ^aAnd to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a ^bconsuming fire on the mountain top.

18 And Moses entered the midst of the cloud ¹as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain ^aforty days and forty nights.

CHAPTER 25

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "^aTell the sons of Israel to ¹raise a ²contribution for Me; ^bfrom every man whose heart moves him you shall ¹raise My ²contribution.

3 "And this is the ¹contribution which you are to ²raise from them: gold, silver and bronze,

4 ¹blue, purple and scarlet ^{material}, fine linen, goat ^{hair},

5 rams' skins dyed red, ¹porpoise skins, acacia wood,

6 oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,

7 onyx stones and setting stones, for the ephod and for the ¹breastpiece.

8 "And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, ^athat I may dwell among them.

9 "^aAccording to all that I am going to show you, ^{as} the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

10 "^aAnd they shall construct an ark of acacia wood two and a half ¹cubits ²long, and one and a half cubits ³wide, and one and a half cubits ⁴high.

11 "And you shall ^aoverlay it with pure gold, inside and out

Directions Concerning the Ark, Table of Showbread, and the Lampstand.

you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding¹ around it.

12 "And you shall cast four gold rings for it, and¹ fasten them on its four feet, and two rings shall be on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it.

13 "And you shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

14 "And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them.

15 "The poles shall¹ remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it.

16 "And you shall^a put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

17 "And you shall make a¹ mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half² cubits³ long and one and a half cubits⁴ wide.

18 "And you shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work¹ at the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 "And make one cherub¹ at one end and one cherub¹ at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.

20 "And^a the cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and¹ facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat.

21 "And you shall put the mercy seat¹ on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I shall give to you.

22 "And^a there I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

23 "And you shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits¹ long and one cubit² wide and one and a half cubits³ high.

24 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold and make a gold^a border around it.

25 "And you shall make for it a rim of a handbreadth around it; and you shall make a gold border for the rim around it.

26 "And you shall make four gold rings for it and put rings on the four corners which are on its four feet.

27 "The rings shall be close to the rim as holders for the poles to carry the table.

28 "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, so that with them the table may be carried.

29 "And you shall make its¹ dishes and its pans and its jars and its² bowls, with which to pour libations; you shall make them of pure gold.

30 "And you shall set^a the bread of the¹ Presence on the table before Me² at all times.

31 "And then you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its¹ bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it.

32 "And six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side, and three branches of the lampstand from its¹ other side.

11 ¹Lit., on it round about

12 ¹Or, put

15 ¹Lit., be

16 ^aHeb. 9:4

17 ¹Lit., propitiatory; and so through vs. 22 ²i.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches ³Lit., its length ⁴Lit., its width

18 ¹Lit., from

19 ¹Lit., from

20 ¹Lit., their faces to ^a1 Kin. 8:7; Heb. 9:5

21 ¹Lit., above, upon

22 ^aEx. 29:42, 43; 30:6, 36

23 ¹Lit., its length ²Lit., its width ³Lit., its height ^aEx. 37:10-16

24 ^aEx. 25:11

29 ¹Or, platters ²Lit., libation bowls

30 ¹Lit., face ²Or, continually ^aEx. 39:36; 40:23; Lev. 24:5-9

31 ¹Or, calyx ^aEx. 37:17-24

32 ¹Lit., second

33 ¹Or, *calyx* ²Lit., *one branch*

34 ¹Or, *calyxes*

35 ¹Or, *calyx*

36 ¹Or, *calyxes*

37 ¹Lit., *raise up*

38 ¹Lit., *its snuff dishes*

40 ^aHeb. 8:5 ^bEx. 25:9

¹ ¹Or, *violet*
^aEx. 36:8-19

² ¹I.e., One cubit equals approximately 18 inches
²Lit., *one measure*

3 ¹Or, *coupled*

4 ¹Or, *violet* ²Lit., *one curtain from the end in the coupling* ³Lit., *coupling*

5 ¹Lit., *end* ²Lit., *coupling*

6 ¹Or, *couple* ²Or, *dwelling place, and so throughout the chap.*

8 ¹I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches
²Lit., *one measure*

9 ¹Or, *couple* ²Lit., *toward the front of the face of the tent*

10 ¹Lit., *one curtain* ²Lit., *coupling*

11 ¹Or, *copper*

33 "Three cups *shall be* shaped like almond *blossoms* in the one branch, a ¹bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond *blossoms* in the ²other branch, a ¹bulb and a flower—so for six branches going out from the lampstand;

34 and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond *blossoms*, its ¹bulbs and its flowers.

35 "And a ¹bulb shall be under the *first* pair of branches *coming* out of it, and a ¹bulb under the *second* pair of branches *coming* out of it, and a ¹bulb under the *third* pair of branches *coming* out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

36 "Their ¹bulbs and their branches *shall be of one piece* with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

37 "Then you shall make its lamps seven *in number*; and they shall ¹mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it.

38 "And its snuffers and ¹their trays *shall be* of pure gold.

39 "It shall be made from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

40 "And ^asee that you make *them* ^bafter the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

CHAPTER 26

^a"**MOREOVER** you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material*; you shall make them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

2 "The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight ¹cubits, and the width of each curtain four ¹cubits; all the curtains shall have ²the same measurements.

3 "Five curtains shall be ¹joined to one another; and *the other* five curtains *shall be* ¹joined to one another.

4 "And you shall make loops of ¹blue on the edge of the ²outermost curtain in the *first* set, and likewise you shall make it on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second ³set.

5 "You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the ¹edge of the curtain that is in the second ²set; the loops shall be opposite each other.

6 "And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and ¹join the curtains to one another with the clasps, that the ²tabernacle may be a unit.

7 "Then you shall make curtains of goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains in all.

8 "The length of each curtain *shall be* thirty ¹cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have ²the same measurements.

9 "And you shall ¹join five curtains by themselves, and the *other* six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain ²at the front of the tent.

10 "And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the ¹curtain that is outermost in the *first* ²set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain *that is outermost* in the second ²set.

11 "And you shall make fifty clasps of ¹bronze, and you

shall put the clasps into the loops and ²join the tent together, that it may be ³a unit.

12 "And the ¹overlapping part that is left over in the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall lap over the back of the tabernacle.

13 "And the cubit on one side and the cubit on the other, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall lap over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other, to cover it.

14 "And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins ¹dyed red, and a covering of ²porpoise skins above.

15 "Then you shall make ^athe boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

16 "Ten cubits *shall be* the length of ¹each board, and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

17 "There *shall be* two tenons for each board, ¹fitted to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 "And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards ¹for the south side.

19 "And you shall make forty ¹sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two ¹sockets under one board for its two tenons and two ¹sockets under another board for its two tenons;

20 and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards,

21 and their forty ¹sockets of silver; two ¹sockets under one board and two ¹sockets under another board.

22 "And for the ¹rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make six boards.

23 "And you shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the ¹rear.

24 "And they shall be double beneath, and together they shall be complete ¹to its top ²to the first ring; thus it shall be with both of them: they shall form the two corners.

25 "And there shall be eight boards with their ¹sockets of silver, sixteen ¹sockets; two ¹sockets under one board and two ¹sockets under another board.

26 "Then you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,

27 and five bars for the boards of the ¹other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the ²rear side to the west.

28 "And the middle bar in the ¹center of the boards shall pass through from end to end.

29 "And you shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

30 "Then you shall erect the tabernacle ^aaccording to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.

31 "And you shall make ^aa veil of ¹blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

32 "And you shall ¹hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks *also being of gold*, on four ²sockets of silver.

33 "And you shall ¹hang up the veil under the clasps, and

11 ²Or, couple ³Lit., one

12 ¹Lit., excess

14 ¹Or, tanned ²Or, dolphin

15 ¹Ex. 36:20-34

16 ¹Lit., the

17 ¹Lit., bound

18 ¹Lit., toward the side of the Negev to the south

19 ¹Or, bases

21 ¹Or, bases

22 ¹Lit., extreme parts

23 ¹Lit., extreme parts

24 ¹Or, at its head ²Or, with reference to

25 ¹Or, bases

27 ¹Lit., second ²Lit., extreme parts

28 ¹Lit., midst

30 ^aEx. 25:9

31 ¹Or, violet
^aEx. 36:35, 36; Matt. 27:51;
Heb. 9:3

32 ¹Lit., put ²Or, bases

33 ¹Lit., put

33 ²Lit., *separate for you between*

36 ¹Or, violet ²Lit., *weaver*; i.e., a weaver in colors

37 ¹Or, bases ²Or, copper

¹I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches
²Ex. 38:1-7

²Or, copper, and so for bronze throughout the chap.

4 ¹Lit., on

⁹Or, dwelling place
²Lit., *For the side of the Negev to the south*
²Ex. 38:9-20

10 ¹Or, bases ²Or, fillets, rings

11 ¹Or, bases

12 ¹Or, bases

13 ¹Lit., *east side eastward*

14 ¹Lit., *shoulder* ²Or, bases

15 ¹Lit., *second* ²Lit., *shoulder* ³Or, bases

shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall ²serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.

34 "And you shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

35 "And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

36 "And you shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a ²weaver.

37 "And you shall make five pillars of acacia for the screen, and overlay them with gold, their hooks *also being of gold*; and you shall cast five ¹sockets of ²bronze for them.

CHAPTER 27

"AND you shall make ^athe altar of acacia wood, five ¹cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits.

2 "And you shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with ¹bronze.

3 "And you shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its fire pans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.

4 "And you shall make for it a grating of network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings ¹at its four corners.

5 "And you shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, that the net may reach halfway up the altar.

6 "And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

7 "And its poles shall be inserted into the rings, so that the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried.

8 "You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make it.

9 "And you shall make ^athe court of the ¹tabernacle. ²On the south side *there shall be* hangings for the court of fine twisted linen one hundred cubits long for one side:

10 and its pillars *shall be* twenty, with their twenty ¹sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their ²bands *shall be* of silver.

11 "And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings one hundred *cubits* long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty ¹sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* of silver.

12 "And for the width of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits *with* their ten pillars and their ten ¹sockets.

13 "And the width of the court on the ¹east side *shall be* fifty cubits.

14 "The hangings for the *one* ¹side of the gate *shall be* fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three ²sockets.

15 "And for the ¹other ²side *shall be* hangings of fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three ³sockets.

16 "And for the gate of the court there *shall be* a screen of twenty cubits, of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a ²weaver, with their four pillars and their four ³sockets.

17 "All the pillars around the court shall be furnished with silver bands with their hooks of silver and their ¹sockets of bronze.

18 "The length of the court *shall be* one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their ¹sockets of bronze.

19 "All the utensils of the tabernacle *used* in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, *shall be* of bronze.

20 "And you shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you ^aclear oil of beaten olives for the ¹light, to make a lamp ²burn continually.

21 "In the ^atent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout their generations ¹for the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 28

"**T**HEN ^abring near to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, to minister as priest to Me—Aaron, ^bNadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty!

3 "And you shall speak to all the ¹skillful persons whom I have endowed with ²the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me—*the priest*

4 "And these are the garments which they shall make: a ¹breastpiece and an ephod and ^arobe and ^atunic of checkered work, ^aturban and a sash, and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister as priest to Me.

5 "And they shall take ^athe gold and the ¹blue and the purple and the scarlet *material* and the fine linen.

6 "They shall also make ^athe ephod of gold, of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of the skillful workman.

7 "It shall have two shoulder pieces joined to its two ends, that it may be joined.

8 "And the skillfully woven band, which is on it, shall be like its workmanship, ¹of the same material: of gold, of ²blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen.

9 "And you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,

10 six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the ¹other stone, according to their birth.

11 "¹As a jeweler engraves a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall ²set them in filigree *settings* of gold.

12 "And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces

16 ¹Or, violet ²Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors ³Or, bases

17 ¹Or, bases

18 ¹Or, bases

20 ¹Or, luminary ²Lit., ascend ^aEx. 35:8, 28; Lev. 24:1-4

21 ¹Lit., from ^aEx. 25:22; 29:42; 30:36

¹Ps. 99:6; Heb. 5:4 ^bEx. 24:1, 9

³ Lit., wise of heart ² Lit., artistic skill of artist-64/68
Sent to the... the...
[unclear] into the...
⁴ Or, pouch

⁵ Or, violet ^a Ex. 25:3

⁶ Or, violet ^a Ex. 39:2-7
[unclear] the...
[unclear] of...
⁸ Lit., from it ² Or, violet

¹⁰ Lit., second

¹¹ Lit., A work of a lapidary, engravings of a seal ² Lit., make them to be surrounded

13 *Ex. 39:16-18

Place of ...

15 ¹Or, pouch ²Or, violet

16 ¹Lit., its

17 ¹Lit., fill in a setting of stones, four rows of stones

20 ¹Lit., inwoven with gold in their settings

22 ¹Or, pouch, and so through vs:30

28 ¹Or, violet

However, the Bible says that the stones were set in gold and were not to be seen through the ephod. The stones were set in gold and were not to be seen through the ephod.

30 ¹I.e., lights and the ~~perfections~~

... the lights and the perfections ...

31 ¹Or, violet
*Ex. 39:22-26

32 ¹Or, for his head

of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 ^aAnd you shall make filigree *settings* of gold,

14 and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them of twisted cordage work, and you shall put the corded chains on the filigree *settings*.

15 ^aAnd you shall make a ¹breastpiece of judgment, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, of ²blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen you shall make it.

16 ^aIt shall be square and folded double, a span ¹in length and a span ¹in width.

17 ^aAnd you shall ¹mount on it four rows of stones; the first row *shall be* a row of ruby, topaz and emerald;

18 and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

19 and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

20 and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper; they shall be ¹set in gold filigree.

21 ^aAnd the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall be *like* the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes.

22 ^aAnd you shall make on the ¹breastpiece chains of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

23 ^aAnd you shall make on the breastpiece two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

24 ^aAnd you shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

25 ^aAnd you shall put the *other* two ends of the two cords on the two filigree *settings*, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, at the front of it.

26 ^aAnd you shall make two rings of gold and shall place them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge of it, which is toward the inner side of the ephod.

27 ^aAnd you shall make two rings of gold and put them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it close to the place where it is joined, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.

28 ^aAnd they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a ¹blue cord, that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece may not come loose from the ephod.

29 ^aAnd Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 ^aAnd you shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the ¹Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually. *the then ...*

31 ^aAnd you shall make the robe of the ephod all of ¹blue.

32 ^aAnd there shall be an opening ¹at its top in the middle of it; around its opening there shall be a binding of woven

Aaron's Golden Plate, Tunic. Priests' Garments.

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work, as *it were* the opening of a coat of mail, that it may not be torn.

33 "And you shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, all around on its hem, and bells of gold between them all around:

34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, all around on the hem of the robe.

35 "And it shall be on Aaron ¹when he ministers; and ²its tinkling may be heard when he enters and ³leaves the holy place before the LORD, that he may not die.

36 "You shall also make ^aa plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, [Holy to the LORD.]

37 "And you shall ¹fasten it on a ²blue cord, and it shall be on the turban; it shall be at the front of the turban.

38 "And it shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall ¹take away ^athe iniquity of the holy things; which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 "And you shall weave ^athe tunic of checkered work of fine linen, and shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of a ¹weaver.

40 "And for Aaron's sons; you shall make tunics; you shall also make sashes for them, and you shall make ¹caps for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 "And you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall ¹anoint them and ²ordain them and ³consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.

42 "And you shall make for them ^alinen breeches to cover *their* bare flesh; they shall ¹reach from the loins even to the thighs.

43 "And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they enter the tent of meeting, or ^awhen they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur ¹guilt and die. It *shall be* a statute forever to him and to his ²descendants after him.

CHAPTER 29

^a"NOW this is ¹what you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish;

2 and ^aunleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers ¹spread with oil, you shall make them of fine wheat flour.

3 "And you shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams.

4 "Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water.

5 "And you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the ^atunic and ^bthe robe of the ephod and ^cthe ephod and ^dthe ¹breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully ^ewoven band of the ephod;

6 and you shall set the ^aturban on his head, and put ^bthe holy crown on the turban.

35 ¹Lit., for ministering
²Lit., its sound ³Lit., comes out from

36 *Ex. 39:30, 31

37 ¹Lit., place ²Or, violet

38 ¹Or, bear
^aLev. 10:17; 22:16; Num. 18:1

39 ¹Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors
^eEx. 39:27-29

40 ¹Lit., headgear
^eEx. 29:9; 39:28; Lev. 8:13

41 ¹Lit., fill [their hand
^cEx. 29:30; 39:31]

42 ¹Lit., be
^eEx. 39:28

43 ¹Or, iniquity ²Lit., seed
^eEx. 20:26

¹Lit., the thing which
^aLev. 8:1-34

²Or, anointed
^aLev. 6:19-23

⁵Or, pouch
^aEx. 28:39 ^bEx. 28:31 ^cEx. 28:6
^dEx. 28:15 ^eEx. 28:8

⁶Ex. 28:4, 39 ^bEx. 28:36, 37; Lev. 8:9

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of Priestly Garments.**

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7•Ps. 133:2

7 “Then you shall take ^athe anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him.

8 “And you shall bring his sons and put ^atunics on them.

9 “And you shall gird them with ^asashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind ^lcaps on them, and they shall have ^bthe priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ²ordain Aaron and his sons.

8•Ex. 28:39, 40

10 “Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull.

11 “And you shall slaughter the bull before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

12 “And you shall take some of the blood of the bull and put *it* on the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.

9 ¹Lit., *headgear* ²Lit., *fill the hand of*
^aEx. 28:40 ^bEx. 40:15; Num. 3:10; 18:7; 25:13; Deut. 18:5

13 “And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails and the ^llobe of the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and offer them up in smoke on the altar.

14 “But the flesh of the bull and its hide and its refuse, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

13 ¹Or., *appendage on*

15 “You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram;

16 and you shall slaughter the ram and shall take its blood and sprinkle it around on the altar.

17 ¹Lit., *on* ²Lit., *on its*

17 “Then you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put *them* ^lwith its pieces and ²its head.

18 “And you shall offer up in smoke the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to the LORD: it is a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

19 ¹Lit., *second*

19 “Then you shall take the ^lother ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

20 “And you shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put *it* on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear and on the lobes of his sons’ right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the *rest of the blood* around on the altar.

22 ¹Or., *appendage on* ²Lit., *filling*

21 “Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons’ garments with him; so he and his garments shall be consecrated, as well as his sons and his sons’ garments with him.

22 “You shall also take the fat from the ram and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails and the ^llobe of the liver and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them and the right thigh (for it is a ram of ²ordination),

24 ¹Lit., *the whole* ²Lit., *on*
³Lit., *palms*

23 and one cake of bread and one cake of bread *mixed with oil* and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread which is *set* before the LORD;

26 ¹Lit., *filling*
^aLev. 7:31-34

24 and you shall put ^lall these ²in the ³hands of Aaron and ²in the ³hands of his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

25 “And you shall take them from their hands, and offer them up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering for a soothing aroma before the LORD; it is an offering by fire to the LORD.

26 “Then you shall take ^athe breast of Aaron’s ram of ^lordi-

nation, and wave it as a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion.

27 "And you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering which was waved and which was ¹offered from the ram of ²ordination, from the one which was for Aaron and from the one which was for his sons.

28 "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons as *their* portion forever from the sons of Israel, for it is a heave offering; and it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering to the LORD.

29 "And the holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, ¹that in them they may be anointed and ordained.

30 "For seven days the one of his sons who is priest in his stead shall put them on, when he enters the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

31 "And you shall take the ram of ¹ordination and boil its flesh in a holy place.

32 "And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

33 "Thus they shall eat ¹those things by which atonement was made ²at their ordination *and* consecration; but a ³alayman shall not eat *them*, because they are holy.

34 "And ^aif any of the flesh of ¹ordination or any of the bread remains until morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

35 "And thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you; you shall ¹ordain them through ^aseven days.

36 "And each day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement, and you shall ¹purify the altar when you make atonement ²for it; and you shall anoint it to consecrate it.

37 "For seven days you shall make atonement ¹for the altar and consecrate it; then the altar shall be most holy, *and* whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

38 "Now ^athis is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously.

39 "The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the ¹other lamb you shall offer at ²twilight;

40 and there *shall be* one-tenth of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a libation for one lamb.

41 "And the ¹other lamb you shall offer at ²twilight, and shall offer as the grain offering of the morning, with its libation, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

42 "It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

43 "And I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory.

44 "And I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me.

45 "And ^aI will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

27 ¹Lit., *heaved or lifted up*
²Lit., *filling*

29 ¹Lit., *for anointing in them and filling their hand in them*

31 ¹Lit., *filling*

33 ¹Lit., *them* ²Lit., *to fill their hand to sanctify them*
³Lit., *stranger*
^aLev. 22:10, 13

34 ¹Lit., *filling*
^aEx. 12:10; 23:18; 34:25

35 ¹lit., *fill their hand*
^aLev. 8:33

36 ¹Or, *offer a sin offering on the altar* ²Lit., *upon*

37 ¹Lit., *upon*

38 ^aNum. 28:3-31; 29:6-38

39 ¹Lit., *second* ²Lit., *between the two evenings*

41 ¹Lit., *second* ²Lit., *between the two evenings*

45 ^aEx. 25:8; Num. 5:3; Deut. 12:11

1 ^{Ex. 37:25-29}

2 ¹l.c., a cubit equals approx. 18 inches ²Lit., from itself

3 ¹Lit., walls

4 ¹Lit., its two ²Lit., it

6 ¹Lit., it ²Lit., upon, or over ³Lit., propitiatory

8 ¹Lit., causes to ascend ²Lit., between the two evenings

9 ¹Lit., it

12 ¹Lit., sum ²Lit., for their being mustered ³Lit., his soul ⁴Lit., muster ^{Ex. 38:25, 26; Num. 1:2; 26:2}

13 ¹Lit., passes over to those who are mustered ²Lit., heave offering

14 ¹Note 1, vs. 13 ²Lit., heave offering of the LORD

15 ¹Lit., heave offering of the LORD ²Lit., your souls

16 ¹Lit., your souls

18 ¹Or, copper ^{Ex. 38:8}

46 "And they shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 30

"**MOREOVER**, you shall make ^aan altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.

2 "Its length shall be a ¹cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits; its horns shall be ²of one piece with it.

3 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its ¹sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it.

4 "And you shall make two gold rings for it under its molding; you shall make them on its two sides—on ¹opposite sides—and ²they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it.

5 "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

6 "And you shall put ¹this ark in front of the veil that is ²near the ark of the testimony, in front of the ³mercy seat that is over the ark of the testimony, where I will meet with you.

7 "And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps.

8 "And when Aaron ¹trims the lamps at ²twilight, he shall burn incense. There shall be perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 "You shall not offer any strange incense on ¹this altar, or burnt offering or meal offering; and you shall not pour out a libation on it.

10 "And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year; he shall make atonement on it with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once a year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."

11 The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "When you take ^aa ¹census of the sons of Israel ²to number them, then each one of them shall give a ransom for ³himself to the LORD, when you ⁴number them, that there may be no plague among them when you ⁴number them.

13 "This is what everyone who ¹is numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as a ²contribution to the LORD.

14 "Everyone who ¹is numbered, from twenty years old and over, shall give the ²contribution to the LORD.

15 "The rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than the half shekel, when you give the ¹contribution to the LORD to make atonement for ²yourselves.

16 "And you shall take the atonement money from the sons of Israel, and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for ¹yourselves."

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "You shall also make ^aa laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.

19 "And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it;

20 when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they may not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire *sacrifice* to the LORD.

21 "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they may not die; and it shall be a perpetual statute for them, for ¹Aaron and his ²descendants throughout their generations."

22 Moreover, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 "Take also for yourself the finest of spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane two hundred and fifty,

24 and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin.

25 "And you shall make ¹of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; it shall be ²a holy anointing oil.

26 "And with it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony,

27 and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,

28 and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand.

29 "You shall also consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy.

30 "And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me.

31 "And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

32 'It shall not be poured on ¹anyone's body, nor shall you make *any* like it, in ²the same proportions; it is holy, *and* it shall be holy to you.

33 'Whoever shall mix *any* like it, or whoever puts any of it on a ¹layman, ²shall be cut off from his people.'"

34 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; there shall be an equal part of each.

35 "And with it you shall make incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, *and* holy.

36 "And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I shall meet with you; it shall be most holy to you.

37 "And the incense which you shall make, you shall not make in ¹the same proportions for yourselves, it shall be holy to you for the LORD.

38 "Whoever shall make *any* like it, to ¹use as perfume, ²shall be cut off from his people."

21 ¹Lit., *him* ²Lit., *seed*

25 ¹Lit., *it*
²Ex. 37:29; 40:9; Lev. 8:10

32 ¹Lit., *the flesh of man*
²Lit., *its proportion*

33 ¹Lit., *stranger* ²Lit., *even he shall*

37 ¹Lit., *its proportion*

38 ¹Lit., *smell of it* ²Lit., *even he shall*

1 • Ex. 35:30-36:1

CHAPTER 31

^a **N**OW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

3¹Or, *workmanship*

4¹Lit., *devise devices* ²Or, *copper*

5¹Lit., *to fill in (for a setting)* ²Or, *workmanship*

6¹Lit., *given* ²Lit., *wise of heart* ³Lit., *wisdom*

7¹Lit., *propitiatory*

8¹Or, *vessels*
^aLev. 24:4

9¹Or, *vessels*

10¹Or, *service garments*
²Lit., *minister as priests*

13^aEx. 20:8 ^bEx. 31:17;
Ezek. 20:12, 20

14^aEx. 31:15; 35:2; Num.
15:32, 35; John 7:23

15^aEx. 16:23; 35:2, 3 ^bEx.
31:14

16¹Lit., *do*

17^aEx. 31:13 ^bEx. 20:11;
Gen. 2:2, 3

18¹Ex. 24:12 ^bEx. 32:15,
16; 34:1, 28

1¹Or, *gods*
^aEx. 24:18; Deut. 9:11, 12
^bActs 7:40 ^cEx. 14:11

2^aEx. 35:22

3 "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *kinds of* ¹craftsmanship,

4 to ¹make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in ²bronze,

5 and in the cutting of stones ¹for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all *kinds of* ²craftsmanship.

6 "And behold, I Myself have ¹appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are ²skillful I have put ³skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you:

7 the tent of meeting, and the ark of testimony, and the ¹mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent,

8 the table also and its ¹utensils, and the ^apure gold lampstand with all its ¹utensils, and the altar of incense,

9 the altar of burnt offering also with all its ¹utensils, and the laver and its stand,

10 the ¹woven garments as well, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, *with which to* ²carry on their priesthood;

11 the anointing oil also, and the fragrant incense for the holy place, they are to make *them* according to all that I have commanded you."

12 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

13 "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ^aYou shall surely observe My sabbaths; for *this is* ^ba sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

14 "Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. ^aEveryone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

15 "For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a ^asabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; ^bwhoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.

16 "So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to ¹celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant."

17 "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; ^bfor in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed."

18 And when He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses ^athe two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, ^bwritten by the finger of God.

CHAPTER 32

NOW when the people saw that Moses ^adelayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron, and said to him, "Come, ^bmake us ¹a god who will go before us; as for ^cthis Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

2 And Aaron said to them, ^a"Tear off the gold rings

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which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me.”

3 Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron.

4 And he took *this* from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it into a ^amolten calf; and they said, “¹This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.”

5 Now when Aaron saw *this*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow *shall be* a feast to the LORD.”

6 So the next day they rose early and ^aoffered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and ^bthe people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up ^cto play.

7 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, “Go ¹down at once, for your people, whom ^ayou brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*.”

8 “They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and ^ahave sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!’”

9 ^aAnd the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, they are ¹an obstinate people.

10 “Now then ^alet Me alone, that My anger may burn against them, and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation.”

11 Then ^aMoses entreated the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why doth Thine anger burn against Thy people whom Thou has brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 “Why should ^athe Egyptians speak, saying, ‘With evil *intent* He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from Thy burning anger and change Thy mind about *doing* harm to Thy people.

13 “Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants to whom Thou didst ^aswear by Thyself, and didst say to them, ‘I will multiply your ¹descendants ²as the stars of the heavens, and ^aall this land of which I have spoken I will give to your ¹descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.’”

14 ^aSo the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

15 ^aThen Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, ^btablets which were written on both ¹sides; they were written on one *side* and the other.

16 And the tablets were God’s work, and the writing was God’s writing engraved on the tablets.

17 Now when Joshua heard the sound of the people ¹as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a sound of war in the camp.”

18 But he said,

“It is not the sound of the cry of triumph,
Nor is it the sound of the cry of defeat;
But the sound of singing I hear.”

⁴ Or, “These are your

gods

^a Deut. 9:16; Acts 7:41

¹ Deut. 9:16; Acts 7:41

² Deut. 9:16; Acts 7:41

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¹ Deut. 9:16; Acts 7:41

19 ¹Lit. *he* ²Lit. *beneath*
^aEx. 32:6 ^bDeut. 9:17

20 ^aDeut. 9:21

22 ¹Lit. *in evil*
^aDeut. 9:24

23 ¹Or, *gods*
^aEx. 32:1-4

24 ^aEx. 32:4

25 ¹Lit. *let loose* ²Lit. *go*
^{loose} ¹Lit. *those who rise*
against them
^a1 Kin. 12:28-30; 14:16

27 ¹Or, *kin*

28 ¹Lit. *according to*
Moses' word
^aNum. 25:7-13; Deut. 33:9

29 ¹Lit. *"Fill your hand*

30 ¹Lit. *sinned*

31 ¹Lit. *sinned* ²Or, *gods*
^aEx. 20:23

32 ^aPs. 69:28; Is. 4:3; Dan.
 12:1; Mal. 3:16, 17

33 ^aEx. 17:14; Deut. 29:20;
 Ps. 9:5

34 ¹Lit. *visit* ²Lit. *visit*
their sin upon them
^aEx. 3:17 ^bEx. 23:20 ^cPs. 99:8

35 ^aEx. 32:28 ^bEx. 32:4, 24

19 And it came about, as soon as ¹Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and *the* ^adancing; and Moses' anger burned, and ^bhe threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them ²at the foot of the mountain.

20 ^aAnd he took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water, and made the sons of Israel drink it.

21 Then Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you, that you have brought *such* great sin upon them?"

22 And Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord burn; you know the people yourself, ^athat they are ¹prone to evil.

23 "For ^athey said to me, 'Make ¹a god for us who will go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'

24 "And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them tear it off.' So they gave it to me, and ^aI threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

25 Now when Moses saw that the people were ¹out of control—for ^aAaron had let them ²get out of control to be a derision among ²their enemies—

26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, *come* to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him.

27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his ¹neighbor.'

28 So ^athe sons of Levi did ¹as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

29 Then Moses said, "¹Dedicate yourselves today to the LORD—for every man has been against his son and against his brother—in order that He may bestow a blessing upon you today."

30 And it came about on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You yourselves have ¹committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the LORD, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

31 Then Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Alas, this people has ¹committed a great sin, and they have made ²a ^agod of gold for themselves.

32 "But now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Thy ^abook which Thou has written!"

33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, ^aI will blot him out of My book.

34 "But go now, lead the people ^awhere I told you. Behold, ^bMy angel shall go before you; nevertheless in the day when I ¹punish, ^cI will ²punish them for their sin."

35 ^aThen the LORD smote the people, because of what ^bthey did with the calf which Aaron had made.

CHAPTER 33

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land

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Moses Remonstrates.**

of Egypt, to the land of which ^aI swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your ¹descendants I will give it':

2 "And I will send ^aan angel before you and ^bI will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite—

3 to a land ^aflowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are ^{1b}an obstinate people, lest ^cI destroy you on the way."

4 When the people heard this ¹sad word, ^athey went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are ^{1a}an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I will do with you.'"

6 So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from Mount Horeb *onward*.

7 Now Moses used to take ^athe tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And it came about, that everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

8 And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.

9 And it came about, whenever Moses entered the tent, ^athe pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; ^band ¹the LORD would speak with Moses.

10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

11 Thus ^athe LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When ¹Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, Thou dost say to me, '^aBring up this people!' But Thou Thyself hast not let me know ^bwhom Thou wilt send with me. ^cMoreover, Thou hast said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.'

13 "Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know ^aThy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight. ^bConsider too, that this nation is Thy people."

14 And He said, "^aMy presence shall go *with you*, and ^bI will give you rest."

15 Then he said to Him, "^aIf Thy presence does not go *with us*, do not lead us up from here.

16 "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that ^awe, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the *other* people who are upon the face of the ¹earth?"

17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; ^afor you have found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name."

¹ ¹Lit., *seed*
^aEx. 32:13

² ^aEx. 32:34 ^bEx. 23:27-31

³ ¹Lit., *a stiff-necked*
^aEx. 3:8, 17 ^bEx. 33:5; 32:9
^cEx. 32:10

⁴ ¹Lit., *evil*
^aNum. 14:39

⁵ ¹Lit., *a stiff-necked*
^aEx. 33:3

⁷ ^aEx. 18:7, 12-16

⁹ ¹Lit., *He*
^aEx. 13:21 ^bPs. 99:7

¹¹ ¹Lit., *he*
^aNum. 12:8; Deut. 34:10

¹² ^aEx. 3:10; 32:34 ^bEx. 33:2 ^cEx. 33:17

¹³ ^aPs. 25:4; 51:13 ^bEx. 3:7, 10; 5:1; 32:12, 14

¹⁴ ^aDeut. 4:37; Is. 63:9
^bDeut. 12:10; 25:19; Josh. 22:4

¹⁵ ^aPs. 80:3, 7, 19

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *ground*
^aLev. 20:24, 26

¹⁷ ^aEx. 33:12

18 ¹Lit. *he*
^aEx. 33:20-23

19 ^aEx. 34:6, 7 ^bRom. 9:15

20 ^aIs. 6:5

21 ¹Lit. *with*
^aPs. 18:2, 46; 27:5; 61:2; 62:7

22 ^aIs. 49:2; 51:16

1 ^aEx. 24:12; 31:18

2 ¹Or. *place yourself before*
^aEx. 19:11, 18, 20

3 ¹Lit. *on all*
^aEx. 19:12, 13

4 ^aEx. 34:1

5 ¹Or. *He called out with the name of the Lord*
^aEx. 19:9; 33:9

6 ¹Or. *faithfulness*
^aNum. 14:18; Deut. 4:31; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 86:15; 103:8; 145:8

7 ^aEx. 20:5, 6 ^bEx. 23:7

8 ¹Lit. *and bowed*

9 ¹Lit. *it is a people stiff-necked* ²Or. *inheritance*
^aEx. 33:13 ^bEx. 33:12 ^cEx. 32:9 ^dEx. 34:7
^eDeut. 4:20; 9:26, 29; 32:9; Ps. 33:12

10 ¹Lit. *He said* ²Lit. *created* ³Lit. *in whose midst you are*
^aEx. 34:27, 28 ^bPs. 72:18; 136:4

18 ^aThen ¹Moses said, "I pray Thee, show me, Thy glory!"

19 And He said, "^aI Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and ^bI will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, ^afor no man can see Me and live!"

21 Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place ¹by Me, and ^ayou shall stand *there* on the rock;

22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and ^acover you with My hand until I have passed by.

23 "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

CHAPTER 34

NOW the LORD said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself ^atwo stone tablets like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered.

2 "So be ready by morning, and come up in the morning to ^aMount Sinai, and ¹present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain.

3 "And ^ano man is to come up with you, nor let any man be seen ¹anywhere on the mountain; even the flocks and the herds may not graze in front of that mountain."

4 So he cut out ^atwo stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand.

5 And ^athe LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as ¹he called upon the name of the LORD.

6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, God; ^acompassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and ¹truth;

7 who ^akeeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He ^bwill by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

8 And Moses made haste ¹to bow low toward the earth and worship.

9 And he said, "^aIf now I have found favor in Thy sight, O LORD, I pray, ^blet the LORD go along in our midst, even though ¹the people are so obstinate; and do Thou ^dpardon our iniquity and our sin, and ^etake us as Thine own ²possession."

10 Then ¹God said, "Behold, ^aI am going to make a covenant. Before all your people ^bI will perform miracles which have not been ²produced in all the earth, nor among any of the nations; and all the people ³among whom you live will see the working of the LORD, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you.

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11 ¹Be sure to observe what I am commanding you this day: behold, ²I am going to drive out the Amorite before you, and the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

12 ²Watch yourself that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land into which you are going, lest it become a snare in your midst.

13 ²But *rather*, you are to tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and cut down their ^{1b}Asherahs

14 —for ²you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—

15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land and they play the harlot with their gods, and ²sacrifice to their gods, and someone ^binvite you ¹to eat of his sacrifice;

16 and ²you take some of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods, and cause your sons *also* to play the harlot with their gods.

17 ²You shall make for yourself no molten gods.

18 “You shall observe ²the Feast of Unleavened Bread. For ^bseven days you are to eat unleavened bread, ^{1a}as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the ^cmonth of Abib, for in the month of Abib you came out of Egypt.

19 ²The ¹first offspring from every womb belongs to Me, and all your male livestock, the ¹first offspring from ²cattle and sheep.

20 ²And you shall redeem with a lamb the ¹first offspring from a donkey; and if you do not redeem *it*, then you shall break its neck. You shall redeem ^{ball} the first-born of your sons. And ^{2c}none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

21 “You shall work ^{2a}six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; *even* during plowing time and harvest you shall rest.

22 “And you shall celebrate ²the Feast of Weeks, *that is*, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

23 ²Three times a year all your males are to appear before the Lord ¹GOD, the God of Israel.

24 “For I will ¹drive out nations before you and enlarge your borders, and no man shall covet your land when you go up three times a year to appear before the LORD your God.

25 ²You shall not ¹offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread, ^bnor is the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover to ²be left over until morning.

26 “You shall bring ²the very first of the first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother’s milk.”

27 Then the LORD said to Moses, ²“Write ¹down these words, ^bfor in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”

28 So he was there with the LORD ²forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And ^bhe wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, ^cthe Ten Commandments.

29 And it came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony *were* in Moses’ hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that

11 ¹Lit., *Observe for yourself*
²Ex. 33:2

12 ²Ex. 23:32, 33

13 ¹I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity
²Ex. 23:24 ^bJudg. 6:25, 26

14 ²Ex. 20:3, 5; Deut. 4:24

15 ¹Lit., *and you eat*
²Ex. 22:20; 32:8 ^bNum. 25:1, 2; Deut. 32:37, 38

16 ²Deut. 7:3; Josh. 23:12, 13

17 ²Ex. 20:23

18 ¹Or, *which*
²Ex. 12:17 ^bEx. 12:15, 16
^cEx. 12:2; 13:4

19 ¹Lit., *Every* ²Or, *oxen*
²Ex. 13:2

20 ¹Lit., *first opening of*
²Lit., *they shall not*
²Ex. 13:13 ^bEx. 13:15; Num. 3:45 ^cEx. 22:29

21 ²Ex. 31:15; 35:2

22 ²Ex. 23:16; Lev. 23:15

23 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
²Ex. 23:14-17

24 ¹Or, *dispossess*

25 ¹Lit., *slaughter* ²Lit., *remain overnight*
²Ex. 23:18 ^bEx. 12:10

26 ²Ex. 23:19

27 ¹Lit., *for yourself*
²Ex. 17:14; 24:4 ^bEx. 34:10

28 ¹Lit., *Words*
²Ex. 24:18 ^bEx. 31:18; 34:1
^cDeut. 4:13; 10:4

30^a2 Cor. 3:7

31^aEx. 16:22

32¹Lit., with

33^a2 Cor. 3:13

34^a2 Cor. 3:16

1¹Lit., do them.

2^aEx. 31:15^bEx. 16:23
^cNum. 15:32-36

3^aEx. 12:16

5¹Or, *heave offering*²Or,
copper
³Ex. 25:1-9

6¹Or, violet

7¹Or, *tanned*²Or,
dolphin

9¹Or, pouch

11¹Lit., *dwelling place*
²Or, *bases*

12¹Lit., *propitiatory*

13¹Or, *vessels*²Lit., *Face*
^aEx. 25:30

Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

30 So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and ^athey were afraid to come near him.

31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all ^athe rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them.

32 And afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them to do everything that the LORD had spoken ¹to him on Mount Sinai.

33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, ^ahe put a veil over his face.

34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, ^ahe would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded,

35 the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

CHAPTER 35

THEN Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and said to them, "These are the things that the LORD has commanded you to ¹do.

2 "For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy *day*, ^ba sabbath of complete rest to the LORD; ^cwhoever does any work on it shall be put to death.

3 "You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day."

4 And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying,

5 "Take from among you a ¹contribution to the LORD; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as the LORD's ¹contribution: gold, silver, and ²bronze.

6 and ¹blue, purple and scarlet *material*, fine linen, goats' *hair*,

7 and rams' skins ¹dyed red, and ²porpoise skins, and acacia wood,

8 and oil for lighting, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense,

9 and onyx stones and setting stones, for the ephod and for the ¹breastpiece.

10 And let every skillful man among you come, and make all that the LORD has commanded:

11 the ¹tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its ²sockets;

12 the ark and its poles, the ¹mercy seat, and the curtain of the screen;

13 the table and its poles, and all its ¹utensils, and the ^abread of the ²Presence;

14 the lampstand also for the light and its utensils and its lamps and the oil for the light;

15 and the altar of incense and its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the doorway at the ¹entrance of the tabernacle;

16 the altar of burnt offering with its ¹bronze grating, its poles, and all its ²utensils, the ³basin and its stand;

17 the hangings of the court, its pillars and its ¹sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court;

18 the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court and their cords;

19 the ¹awoven garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests. ' "

20 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel departed from Moses' presence.

21 And ²everyone whose heart ¹stirred him and everyone whose spirit ²moved him came *and* brought the LORD's ³contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments.

22 Then all ¹whose hearts moved them, both men and women, came *and* brought brooches and ²earrings and signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold; so *did* every man who ³presented an offering of gold to the LORD.

23 And every man, ¹who had in his possession ²blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine linen and goats' *hair* and rams' skins ³dyed red and ⁴seal skins, brought them.

24 Everyone who could make a ¹contribution of silver and ²bronze brought the LORD's ¹contribution; and every man, ³who had in his possession acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it.

25 And all the ¹skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, *in* ²blue and purple *and* scarlet *material* and *in* fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart ¹stirred with a skill spun the goats' *hair*.

27 And the rulers brought the onyx stones and the stones for setting for the ephod and for the ¹breastpiece;

28 and the spice and the oil, for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

29 The ¹Israelites, all the men and women, whose heart ²moved them to bring *material* for all the work, which the LORD had commanded through Moses to be done, brought a freewill offering to the LORD.

30 ²Then Moses said to the sons of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

31 "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all ¹craftsmanship;

32 ¹to make designs for working in gold and in silver and in ²bronze,

33 and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so as to perform in every inventive work.

34 "He also has put in his heart to teach, both he and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamah, of the tribe of Dan.

14 ¹Or, *luminary*

15 ¹Or, *doorway*

16 ¹Or, *copper* ²Or, *vessels*
³Or, *laver*

17 ¹Or, *bases*

19 ¹Or, *service garments*
²Ex. 31:10

21 ¹Lit., *lifted up* ²Or, *made him willing* ³Or, *heave offering*
⁴Ex. 25:2

22 ¹Or, *who were willing-hearted* ²Or, *nose rings* ³Lit., *waved a wave offering*

23 ¹Lit., *with whom was found* ²Or, *violet* ³Or, *tanned* ⁴Or, *porpoise skins*

24 ¹Or, *heave offering* ²Or, *copper* ³Lit., *with whom was found*

25 ¹Lit., *women wise of heart* ²Or, *violet*

26 ¹Lit., *lifted them up in wisdom*

27 ¹Or, *pouch*

29 ¹Lit., *sons of Israel* ²Lit., *made them willing*

30 ²Ex. 31:1-6

31 ¹Or, *work*

32 ¹Lit., *devise devices* ²Or, *copper*

35 ¹Lit., wisdom of heart
²Or, violet

1 ¹Lit., man wise of heart
²Lit., wisdom ³Or,
connected with the service
of; lit., of the service of

2 ¹Lit., man wise of heart
²Lit., whose heart ³Lit.,
wisdom

3 ¹Lit., lifted offering
²Lit., to perform it for the
work ³Lit., of the service of

4 ¹Lit., wise ²Lit., his ³Lit.,
they were

5 ¹Lit., Moses, saying,
²Lit., service for the work
³Lit., perform it
²Chr. 24:14; 31:6-10

6 ¹Lit., voice ²Lit., heave
offering

7 ¹Lit., work
¹Kin. 8:64

8 ¹Lit., wise of heart ²Lit.,
dwelling place ³Or, violet
⁴Lit., he
²Ex. 26:1-14

9 ¹I.e., one cubit equals
approximately 18 inches.
²Lit., one measure

10 ¹Or, coupled

11 ¹Or, violet ²Lit., one
curtain from the end in the
coupling ³Lit., coupling

12 ¹Lit., end ²Lit., coupling

13 ¹Or, coupled ²Lit., one

14 ¹Lit., them

15 ¹Lit., one measure

35 "He has filled them with ¹skill to perform every work of an engraver and of a designer and of an embroiderer, in ²blue and in purple and in scarlet *material*, and in fine linen, and of a weaver, as performers of every work and makers of designs.

CHAPTER 36

"**N**OW Bezalel and Oholiab and every ¹skillful person in whom the LORD has put ²skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work ³in the construction of the sanctuary shall perform in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded."

2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every ¹skillful person in ²whom the LORD had put ³skill, everyone whose heart stirred him, to come to the work to perform it.

3 And they received from Moses all the ¹contributions which the sons of Israel had brought ²to perform the work ³in the construction of the sanctuary. And they still *continued* bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

4 And all the ¹skillful men who were performing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from ²the work which ³he was performing,

5 and they said to ¹Moses, "aThe people are bringing much more than enough for the ²construction work which the LORD commanded us to ³perform."

6 So Moses issued a command, and a ¹proclamation was circulated throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman any longer perform work for the ²contributions of the sanctuary." Thus the people were restrained from bringing *any more*.

7 ^aFor the ¹material they had was sufficient and more than enough for all the work, to perform it.

8 ^aAnd all the ¹skillful men among those who were performing the work made the ²tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twisted linen and ³blue and purple and scarlet *material*, with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman, ⁴Bezalel made them.

9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight ¹cubits, and the width of each curtain four ¹cubits; all the curtains had ²the same measurements.

10 And he ¹joined five curtains to one another, and *the other* five curtains he ¹joined to one another.

11 And he made loops of ¹blue on the edge of the ²outermost curtain in the first ³set; he did likewise on the edge of the curtain that was ²outermost in the second ³set.

12 He made fifty loops in the one curtain and he made fifty loops on the ¹edge of the curtain that was in the second ²set; the loops were opposite each other.

13 And he made fifty clasps of gold, and ¹joined the curtains to one another with the clasps, so the tabernacle was ²a unit.

14 Then he made curtains of goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains ⁴in all.

15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the width of each curtain; the eleven curtains had ¹the same measurements.

16 And he ¹joined five curtains by themselves, and *the other* six curtains by themselves.

17 Moreover, he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the ¹first ¹set, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain *that was outermost in the second* ¹set.

18 And he made fifty clasps of ¹bronze to ²join the tent together, that it might be ³a unit.

19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins ¹dye^d red, and a covering of ²porpoise skins above.

20 ^aThen he made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

21 Ten cubits was the length of ¹each board, and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

22 There were two tenons for each board, ¹fitted to one another; thus he did for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards ¹for the south side;

24 and he made forty ¹sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two ¹sockets under one board for its two tenons and two ¹sockets under another board for its two tenons.

25 Then for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards,

26 and their forty ¹sockets of silver; two ¹sockets under one board and two ¹sockets under another board.

27 And for the ¹rear of the tabernacle, to the west, he made six boards.

28 And he made two boards for the corners of the ¹tabernacle at the ²rear.

29 And they were double beneath and together they were complete to its ¹top ²to the first ring; thus he did with both of them for the two corners.

30 And there were eight boards with their ¹sockets of silver, sixteen ¹sockets, ²two under every board.

31 Then he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,

32 and five bars for the boards of the ¹other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the ²rear *side* to the west.

33 And he made the middle bar to pass through in the ¹center of the boards from end to end.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold and made their rings of gold *as* holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 ^aMoreover, he made the veil of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen; he made it with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

36 And he made four pillars of acacia for it, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four ¹sockets of silver for them.

37 And he made a screen for the doorway of the tent, of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen, the work of a ²weaver;

38 and *he made* its five pillars with their hooks, and he overlaid their tops and their ¹bands with gold; but their five ²sockets were of ³bronze.

16 ¹Or, *coupled*

17 ¹Lit., *coupling*

18 ¹Or, *copper* ²Or, *couple*
³Lit., *one*

19 ¹Or, *tanned* ²Or,
dolphin skins

20 ^aEx 26:15-29

21 ¹Lit., *the*

22 ¹Lit., *bound*

23 ¹Lit., *toward the side of Negev to the south*

24 ¹Or, *bases*

26 ¹Or, *bases*

27 ¹Lit., *extreme parts*

28 ¹Lit., *dwelling place*
²Lit., *extreme parts*

29 ¹Or, *head* ²Or, *with reference to*

30 ¹Or, *bases* ²Lit., *two sockets*

32 ¹Or, *second* ²Lit.,
extreme parts

33 ¹Lit., *midst*

35 ¹Or, *violet*
^aEx 26:31-37

36 ¹Or, *bases*

37 ¹Or, *violet* ²Lit.,
variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors

38 ¹Or, *fillets, rings* ²Or,
bases ³Or, *copper*

¹ I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches
^aEx. 25:10-20

3 ¹Lit., *second*

5 ¹Lit., *the ark*

6 ¹Lit., *propitiatory* ²Lit.,
 its length ³Lit., its width

7 ¹Lit., *from*

8 ¹Lit., *from*

9 ¹Lit., *propitiatory*

10 ¹ I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches
²Lit., its length ³Lit., its width ⁴Lit., its height
^aEx. 25:23-29

16 ¹Or, *platters* ²Lit.,
 libation bowls

17 ¹Or, *calyxes*
^aEx. 25:31-39

18 ¹Lit., *second*

19 ¹Or, *calyx*

20 ¹Or, *calyxes*

21 ¹Lit., *from it*

^a **N**OW Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; its length was two and a half ¹cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits;

2 and he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold molding for it all around.

3 And he cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet; even two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the ¹other side of it.

4 And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry ¹it.

6 And he made a ¹mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits ²long, and one and a half cubits ³wide.

7 And he made two cherubim of gold; he made them of hammered work, ¹at the two ends of the mercy seat;

8 one cherub ¹at the one end, and one cherub ¹at the other end; he made the cherubim of *one piece* with the mercy seat ¹at the two ends.

9 And the cherubim had *their* wings spread upward, covering the ¹mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward each other; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

10 ^aThen he made the table of acacia wood, two ¹cubits ²long and a cubit ³wide and one and a half cubits ⁴high.

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold molding for it all around.

12 And he made a rim for it of a hand breadth all around, and made a gold molding for its rim all around.

13 And he cast four gold rings for it and put the rings on the four corners that were on its four feet.

14 Close by the rim were the rings, the holders for the poles to carry the table.

15 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table.

16 And he made the utensils which were on the table, its ¹dishes and its pans and its ²bowls and its jars, with which to pour out libations, of pure gold.

17 ^aThen he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of hammered work, its base and its shaft; its cups, its ¹bulbs and its flowers were of *one piece* with it.

18 And there were six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand from the one side of it, and three branches of the lampstand from the ¹other side of it;

19 three cups shaped like almond blossoms, a ¹bulb and a flower in one branch, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms, a ¹bulb and a flower in the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

20 And in the lampstand *there were* four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its ¹bulbs and its flowers;

21 and a ¹bulb was under the *first* pair of branches coming out of it, and a ¹bulb under the *second* pair of branches coming out of it, and a ¹bulb under the *third* pair of branches

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coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

22 Their ¹bulbs and their branches were of *one piece* with it; the whole of it was a single hammered work of pure gold.

23 And he made its seven lamps with its snuffers and its ¹trays of pure gold.

24 He made it and all its utensils from a talent of pure gold.

25 ^aThen he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit ¹long and a cubit ²wide, square, and two cubits ³high; its horns were of *one piece* with it.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, its top and its ¹sides all around, and its horns; and he made a gold molding for it all around.

27 And he made two golden rings for it under its molding, on its two sides—on opposite sides—as holders for poles with which to carry it.

28 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

29 ^aAnd he made the holy anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense of spices, the work of a perfumer.

CHAPTER 38

^a**T**HEN he made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, five ¹cubits ²long, and five cubits ³wide, square, and three cubits ⁴high.

2 And he made its horns on its four corners, its horns ¹being of *one piece* with it, and he overlaid it with ²bronze.

3 And he made all the utensils of the altar, the pails and the shovels and the basins, the flesh hooks and the fire pans; he made all its utensils of bronze.

4 And he made for the altar a grating of bronze network beneath, under its ledge, reaching halfway up.

5 And he cast four rings on the four ends of the bronze grating as holders for the poles.

6 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.

7 And he inserted the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to carry it. He made it hollow with planks.

8 ^aMoreover, he made the laver of bronze with its base of bronze, ¹from the mirrors of the serving women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

9 ^aThen he made the court: for the ¹south side the hangings of the court were of fine twisted linen, one hundred cubits;

10 their twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets, *made* of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands were of silver.

11 And for the north side *there were* one hundred cubits; their twenty pillars and their twenty ¹sockets were of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their ²bands were of silver.

12 And for the west side *there were* hangings of fifty cubits with their ten pillars and their ten ¹sockets; the hooks of the pillars and their ²bands were of silver.

13 And for the ¹east side fifty cubits.

22 ¹Or, calyxes

23 ¹Lit., snuff dishes

25 ¹Lit., its length ²Lit., its width ³Lit., its height ^aEx. 30:1-5

26 ¹Lit., walls

29 ^aEx. 30:23-25, 34, 35

¹ I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches ²Lit., its length ³Lit., its width ⁴Lit., its height ^aEx. 27:1-8

² ¹Lit., were ²Or, copper, and so for bronze throughout the chap.

⁸ ¹Lit., with ^aEx. 30:18

⁹ ¹Lit., to the side of the Negev, to the south ^aEx. 27:9-19

¹⁰ ¹Or, bases ²Or, fillets, rings

¹¹ ¹Or, bases ²Or, fillets, rings

¹² ¹Or, bases ²Or, fillets, rings

¹³ ¹Lit., east side, eastward

14 ¹Lit., *shoulder* ²Or, *bases*

15 ¹Lit., *second* ²Lit., *shoulder* ³Lit., *on this side and on that side* ⁴Or, *bases*

17 ¹Or, *bases* ²Or, *copper* ³Or, *fillets, rings*

18 ¹Lit., *variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors* ²Or, *violet* ³Lit., *height in width*

19 ¹Or, *bases* ²Or, *fillets, rings*

20 ¹Lit., *dwelling place*

21 ¹Lit., *These are the appointed things of the tabernacle* ²Lit., *dwelling place* ³Lit., *appointed* ⁴Lit., *mouth*

23 ¹Lit., *variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors* ²Or, *violet*

25 ¹Lit., *mustered* ²Ex. 30:11-16

26 ¹Lit., *mustered* ²Ex. 12:37; Num. 1:46; 26:51

27 ¹Or, *bases*

28 ¹Or, *fillets, rings*

30 ¹Or, *bases*

31 ¹Or, *bases* ²Lit., *dwelling place*

14 The hangings for the *one* ¹side of the gate were fifteen cubits, *with* their three pillars and their three ²sockets,

15 and so for the ¹other ²side. ³On both sides of the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits, *with* their three pillars and their three ⁴sockets.

16 All the hangings of the court all around were of fine twisted linen.

17 And the ¹sockets for the pillars were of ²bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their ³bands, of silver; and the overlaying of their tops, of silver, and all the pillars of the court were furnished with silver ³bands.

18 And the screen of the gate of the court was the work of the ¹weaver, of ²blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen. And the length was twenty cubits and the ³height was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

19 And their four pillars and their four ¹sockets were of bronze; their hooks were of silver, and the overlaying of their tops and their ²bands were of silver.

20 And all the pegs of the ¹tabernacle and of the court all around were of bronze.

21 ¹This is the number of *the things* for the ²tabernacle, the ²tabernacle of the testimony, as they were ³numbered according to the ⁴command of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

22 Now Bezalel, the son of Uri the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

23 And with him was Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a skillful workman and a ¹weaver in ²blue and in purple and in scarlet *material*, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the wave offering, was 29 talents and 730 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 ²And the silver of those of the congregation who were ¹numbered was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

26 a beka a head (*that is*, half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for each one who passed over to those who were ¹numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for ²603,550 men.

27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the ¹sockets of the sanctuary and the ¹sockets of the veil; one hundred ¹sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a ¹socket.

28 And of the 1,775 *shekels*, he made hooks for the pillars and overlaid their tops and made ¹bands for them.

29 And the bronze of the wave offering was 70 talents, and 2,400 shekels.

30 And with it he made the ¹sockets to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and the bronze altar and its bronze grating, and all the utensils of the altar,

31 and the ¹sockets of the court all around and the ¹sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pegs of the ²tabernacle and all the pegs of the court all around.

CHAPTER 39

MOREOVER, from the ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material*, they made finely woven garments for ministering in the holy place, ²as well as the holy garments which were for Aaron, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

2 ^aAnd he made the ephod of gold, *and* of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen.

3 Then they hammered out gold sheets and cut *them* into threads ¹to be woven in *with* the ²blue and the purple and the scarlet *material*, and the fine linen, the work of a skillful workman.

4 They made attaching shoulder pieces for ¹the ephod; it was attached at its two *upper* ends.

5 And the skillfully woven band which was on it was like its workmanship, ¹of the same material: of gold *and* of ²blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

6 And they made the onyx stones, set in gold filigree *settings*; they were engraved *like* the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel.

7 And he placed them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, *as* memorial stones for the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

8 ^aAnd he made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful workman, like the workmanship of the ephod: of gold *and* of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen.

9 It was square; they made the breastpiece folded double, a span ¹long and a span ²wide when folded double.

10 And they ¹mounted four rows of stones on it. The first row was a row of ruby, topaz, and emerald;

11 and the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

12 and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

13 and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They were set in gold filigree *settings* when they were ¹mounted.

14 And the stones were corresponding to the names of the sons of Israel; they were twelve, corresponding to their names, *engraved with* the engravings of a signet, each with its name for the twelve tribes.

15 And they made on the breastpiece chains like cords, of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

16 And they made two gold filigree *settings* and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

17 Then they put the two gold cords in the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

18 And they put the *other* two ends of the two cords on the two filigree *settings*, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of it.

19 And they made two gold rings and placed *them* on the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inner edge which was next to the ephod.

20 Furthermore, they made two gold rings and placed them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it, close to the place where it joined, above the woven band of the ephod.

¹ Or, violet ² Lit., and they made

² ¹ Or, violet
^a Ex. 28:6-12

³ ¹ Lit., to work ² Or, violet

⁴ ¹ Lit., it

⁵ ¹ Lit., from it ² Or, violet

⁸ ¹ Or, violet
^a Ex. 28:15-28

⁹ ¹ Lit., its length ² Lit., its width

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., filled

¹³ ¹ Lit., filled

21 ¹Or, violet22 ¹Or, violet
²Ex. 28:31-3424 ¹Or, violet25 ¹Lit., robe, between the pomegranates26 ¹Lit., a bell and a pomegranate, a bell . . .27 ²Ex. 28:39, 40, 4228 ¹Lit., headgear29 ¹Or, violet ²Lit., variegator i.e., a weaver in colors30 ¹Lit., wrote on it a writing
²Ex. 28:36, 3731 ¹Lit., put ²Or, violet32 ¹Lit., dwelling place33 ¹Or, utensils ²Or, bases34 ¹Or, tanned ²Or, dolphin35 ¹Lit., propitiatory36 ¹Lit., Face37 ¹Lit., its lamps, the lamps set in order39 ¹Or, copper40 ¹Or, bases ²Or, utensils

21 And they bound the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a ¹blue cord, that it might be on the woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece might not come loose from the ephod, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 ^aThen he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of ¹blue;

23 ^aand the opening of the robe was *at the top* in the center, as the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding all around its opening, that it might not be torn.

24 And they made pomegranates of ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material* and twisted *linen* on the hem of the robe.

25 They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the hem of the ¹robe.

26 ¹alternating a bell and a pomegranate all around on the hem of the robe, for the service, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

27 ^aAnd they made the tunics of finely woven linen for Aaron and his sons,

28 and the turban of fine linen, and the decorated ¹caps of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twisted linen,

29 and the sash of fine twisted linen, and ¹blue and purple and scarlet *material*, the work of the ²weaver, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 ^aAnd they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and ¹inscribed it like the engravings of a signet, "Holy to the LORD."

31 And they ¹fastened a ²blue cord to it, to ¹fasten it on the turban above, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 Thus all the work of the ¹tabernacle of the tent of meeting was completed; and the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.

33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its ¹furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars and its ²sockets;

34 and the covering of rams' skins ¹dyed red, and the covering of ²porpoise skins, and the screening veil;

35 the ark of the testimony and its poles and the ¹mercy seat;

36 the table, all its utensils, and the bread of the ¹Presence;

37 the pure *gold* lampstand, ¹with its arrangement of lamps and all its utensils, and the oil for the light;

38 and the gold altar, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the veil for the doorway of the tent;

39 the ¹bronze altar and its ¹bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils, the laver and its stand;

40 the hangings for the court, its pillars and its ¹sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, its cords and its pegs and all the ²equipment for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting;

41 the woven garments for ministering in the holy place and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.

42 So the sons of Israel did all the work according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

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The Tabernacle Erected.**

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43 And Moses ¹examined all the work and behold, they had done it; just as the LORD had commanded, this they had done. So Moses blessed them.

43 ¹Lit., saw

CHAPTER 40

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 ^a“On the first day of the first month you shall set up the ¹tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

² ¹Lit., dwelling place
²Ex. 40:17; 19:1; Num. 1:1

3 “And you shall place the ark of the testimony there, and you shall screen the ark with the veil.

4 ¹Lit., arrange its arrangement
²Or, light

4 “And you shall bring in the table and ¹arrange what belongs on it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and ²mount its lamps.

7 ¹Lit., there

5 “Moreover, you shall set the gold altar of incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the veil for the doorway to the tabernacle.

6 “And you shall set the altar of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

7 “And you shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water ¹in it.

8 ¹Lit., put the screen

8 “And you shall set up the court all around and ¹hang up the veil for the gateway of the court.

9 “Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its ¹furnishings; and it shall be holy.

9 ¹Or, utensils

10 “And you shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar; and the altar shall be most holy.

15 ¹Lit., be for them
²Ex. 29:9

11 “And you shall anoint the laver and its stand, and consecrate it.

12 “Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

13 “And you shall put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me.

17 ¹Lit., in ²Lit., dwelling place
²Ex. 40:2

14 “And you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them;

15 and you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father, that they may minister as priests to Me; and their anointing shall ¹qualify them for a ^aperpetual priesthood throughout their generations.”

18 ¹Lit., put ²Or, bases

16 Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

17 Now it came about ^ain the first month ¹of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the ²tabernacle was erected.

19 ¹Lit., over it above

18 And Moses erected the tabernacle and ¹laid its ²sockets, and set up its boards, and ¹inserted its bars and erected its pillars.

20 ¹Lit., set ²Lit., propitiatory
³Lit., over the ark above
⁴Deut. 10:5; 1 Kin. 8:9;
2 Chr. 5:10; Heb. 9:4

19 And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent ¹on top of it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

20 Then he took ^athe testimony and put it into the ark, and ¹attached the poles to the ark, and put the ²mercy seat ³on top of the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up

23 *Ex. 25:30; Lev. 24:5, 6

a veil for the screen, and screened off the ark of the testimony, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 Then he put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil.

23 And he set the arrangement of ^abread in order on it before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

28 ¹Or, screen

26 Then he placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the veil;

27 and he burned fragrant incense on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

28 Then he set up the ¹veil for the doorway of the tabernacle.

29 And he set the altar of burnt offering *before* the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 And he placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing.

31 *Ex. 30:19, 20

31 ^aAnd from it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

32 When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

33 And he erected the court all around the ¹tabernacle and the altar, and ²hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work.

34 ^aThen the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

33 ¹Or, dwelling place
²Lit., put the screen

35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 And throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out;

37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.

38 For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

34 *Num. 9:15-23

LEVITICUS

The Law of Burnt Offerings.

THEN ^athe LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When any man of you brings an ^{1a}offering to the LORD, you shall bring your ¹offering of animals from ^bthe herd or the flock.

3 'If his offering is a ^aburnt offering from the herd, he shall offer it a male ^bwithout defect; he shall offer it ^cat the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.

4 ^aAnd he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make ^batonement on his behalf.

5 'And ^ahe shall slay the ¹young bull before the LORD; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall offer up ^bthe blood and ^csprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

6 'He shall then skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

7 ^aAnd the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

8 'Then Aaron's sons, the priests, shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the ^asuet over the wood which is on the fire that is on the altar.

9 'Its entrails, however, and its legs he shall wash with water. And ^athe priest shall offer up in smoke all of it on the altar for a burnt offering, an offering by fire of ^{ba} soothing aroma to the LORD.

10 'But if his offering is from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall offer it a male without defect.

11 'And he shall slay it on the side of the altar ^anorthward before the LORD, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

12 'He shall then cut it into its pieces with its head and its ^asuet, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood which is on the fire that is on the altar.

13 'The entrails, however, and the legs he shall wash with water. And ^athe priest shall offer all of it, and offer it up in smoke on the altar; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

14 'But if his offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall bring his offering from the ^aturtledoves or from young pigeons.

15 'And the priest shall bring it to the altar and wring off its head, and offer it up in smoke on the altar; and its blood is to be drained out ^aon the side of the altar.

16 'He shall also take away its crop with its feathers, and cast it beside the altar eastward, to the place of the ¹ashes.

17 'Then ^ahe shall tear it by its wings, *but* shall not sever it. And the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar on the wood which is on the fire; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

1 ^aNum. 7:89; Ex. 25:22

2 ¹Heb., *qorban*
^aMark 7:11 ^bLev. 22:19

3 ^aLev. 6:8-13 ^bLev. 22:20-24; Deut. 15:21; 17:1 ^cLev. 17:8, 9; Deut. 12:6, 11

4 ^aEx. 29:10, 15, 19 ^bLev. 4:20, 26, 31; 2 Chr. 29:23, 24

5 ¹Or, *one of the herd*; lit., *son of the herd*
^aEx. 29:11, 16, 20 ^bLev. 17:11 ^cLev. 1:11; 3:2, 8, 13

6 ^aLev. 7:8

7 ^aLev. 6:8-13

8 ^aLev. 3:3, 4

9 ^aNum. 15:8-10; 28:12, 14
^bGen. 8:21; Ex. 29:18, 25; Eph. 5:2

11 ^aLev. 1:5

12 ^aLev. 3:3, 4

13 ^aNum. 15:4-7; 28:12-14

14 ^aGen. 15:9

15 ^aLev. 5:9

16 ¹Or, *fat ashes*

17 ^aLev. 5:8; Gen. 15:10

CHAPTER 2 [2]

1^aLev. 6:14-18

‘NOW when anyone presents a ^agrain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour, and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.

2^aLev. 5:12; 6:15^bLev. 2:9, 16; 5:12

2 ‘He shall then bring it to Aaron’s sons, the priests; and shall take from it ^ahis handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all of its frankincense. And the priest shall offer *it* up in smoke as its ^bmemorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

3^aLev. 6:16^bLev. 10:12, 13

3 ‘And ^athe remainder of the grain offering belongs to ^bAaron and his sons: a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD by fire.

4¹Lit., *anointed*

4 ‘Now when you bring an offering of a grain offering baked in an oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers ¹spread with oil.

7¹Lit., *lidded cooking pan*

5 ‘And if your offering is a grain offering *made* on the griddle, *it shall be* of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil: 6 you shall break it into bits, and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering.

9^aLev. 2:2

7 ‘Now if your offering is a grain offering *made* in a ¹pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 ‘When you bring in the grain offering which is made of these things to the LORD, it shall be presented to the priest and he shall bring it to the altar.

10^aLev. 2:3

9 ‘The priest then shall take up from the grain offering ^aits memorial portion, and shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

11¹Lit., *up from it*
^aLev. 6:16, 17; Ex. 23:18; 34:25

10 ‘And ^athe remainder of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons: a thing most holy, of the offerings of the LORD by fire.

11 ‘^aNo grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer ¹up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to the LORD.

12^aLev. 7:13; 23:17, 18

12 ‘^aAs an offering of first fruits, you shall bring them to the LORD, but they shall not ascend for a soothing aroma on the altar.

13^aNum. 18:19; 2 Chr. 13:5; Ezek. 43:24
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13 ‘Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that ^athe salt of the covenant of your God shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

14^aLev. 23:14

14 ‘Also if you bring a grain offering of early ripened things to the LORD, you shall bring ^afresh heads of grain roasted in the fire, grits of new growth, for the grain offering of your early ripened things.

16^aLev. 2:2

15 ‘You shall then put oil on it and lay incense on it; it is a grain offering.

16 ‘And the priest shall offer up in smoke ^aits memorial portion, part of its grits and its oil with all its incense as an offering by fire to the LORD.

1^aLev. 7:11-34^bLev. 22:21

CHAPTER 3

‘NOW if this offering is a ^asacrifice of peace offerings, if he is going to offer out of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it ^bwithout defect before the LORD.

2 ^aAnd he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and ^bslay it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.

3 ^aAnd from the sacrifice of the peace offerings, he shall present an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

4 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ¹lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

5 ^aThen Aaron's sons shall offer up in smoke on the altar ^bon the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire; ^cit is an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

6 ^aBut if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD is from the flock, he shall offer it, male or female, ^awithout defect.

7 ^aIf he is going to offer ^aa lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it ^bbefore the LORD,

8 and ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and ^bslay it before the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall ^csprinkle its blood around on the altar.

9 ^aAnd from the sacrifice of peace offerings he shall bring as an offering by fire to the LORD, its fat, ¹the entire fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

10 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ¹lobe of the liver, which he shall remove ^awith the kidneys.

11 ^aThen the priest shall offer up in smoke ^aon the altar, as ^bfood, an offering by fire to the LORD.

12 ^aMoreover, if his offering is ^aa goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD,

13 and he shall lay his hand on its head and slay it before the tent of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

14 ^aAnd from it he shall present his offering as an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

15 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ¹lobe of the liver, which he shall remove ^awith the kidneys.

16 ^aAnd the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; ^aall fat is the LORD's.

17 ^aIt is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat ^aor any blood.'''

CHAPTER 4

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 ^a"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a person sins ^aunintentionally in any of the ¹things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and commits any of them,

3 ^aif the anointed priest who sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD a ¹bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has ²committed.

2 ^aLev. 1:4 ^bEx. 29:11, 16, 20

4 ¹Or, *appendage on*

5 ^aLev. 7:28-34 ^bEx. 29:38, 42; Num. 28:3-10 ^cNum. 15:8-10; 28:12-14

6 ^aLev. 3:1

7 ^aNum. 15:4, 5; 28:5-7 ^bLev. 17:8, 9

8 ^aLev. 1:4 ^bLev. 3:2 ^cLev. 1:5

9 ¹Lit., *the fat tail, entire*

10 ¹Or, *appendage on* ^aLev. 3:4

11 ^aLev. 3:5 ^bLev. 3:16; 21:6, 8, 17

12 ^aNum. 15:6-11

15 ¹Or, *appendage on* ^aLev. 3:4

16 ^aLev. 7:23-25

17 ^aLev. 17:10-16

2 ¹Lit., *commands of the LORD which are not to be done* ^aLev. 4:22, 27; 5:15-18; 22:14

3 ¹Or, *bull of the herd* ²Lit., *sinned* ^aLev. 4:14, 23, 28

4^a Lev. 1:45^a Lev. 4:36^a Ex. 40:21, 267^a Lev. 4:18, 25, 30, 348^a Lev. 3:3, 49¹ Or, *appendage on*
Lev. 3:412¹ Lit., and ² Or, *fat ashes*
are
Lev. 6:10, 1113¹ Lit., *is hidden from the*
eyes of ² Lit., *commands of*
the LORD which are not to
be done
^a Num. 15:24-2614¹ Lit., *concerning which*
² Lit., *sinned* ¹ Or, *bull of the*
herd; lit., son of the herd
^a Lev. 4:3 ^b Lev. 4:3, 23, 2815^a Lev. 8:14, 18, 22; Num.
8:10, 12 ^b Lev. 1:317^a Lev. 4:618¹ Lit., *which is in*
Lev. 4:7, 25, 30, 3419^a Lev. 4:820^a Lev. 4:8, 2121^a Lev. 4:13, 16:15-17;
Num. 15:24-2622^a Num. 31:13; 32:2 ^b Lev.
4:2

4 'And he shall bring the bull to the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, and ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of the bull, and slay the bull before the LORD.

5 'Then the ^aanointed priest is to take some of the blood of the bull and bring it to the tent of meeting,

6 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, in front of ^athe veil of the sanctuary.

7 'The priest shall also put some of the blood on the horns of ^athe altar of fragrant incense before the LORD, which is in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

8 ^{1a}And he shall remove from it all the fat of the bull of the sin offering: the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat which is on the entrails,

9 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ¹lobe of the liver, which he shall remove ^awith the kidneys

10 (just as it is removed from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings), and the priest is to offer them up in smoke on the altar of burnt offering.

11 'But the hide of the bull and all its flesh with its head and its legs and its entrails and its refuse,

12 ¹that is, all *the rest* of the bull, he is to bring out to ^aa clean place outside the camp where the ²ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ²ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

13 ^aNow if the whole congregation of Israel commits error, and the matter ¹escapes the notice of the assembly, and they commit any of the ²things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and they become guilty;

14 ^awhen the sin ¹which they have ²committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer ^{ba} ³bull of the herd for a sin offering, and bring it before the tent of meeting.

15 'Then ^athe elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and the bull shall be slain ^bbefore the LORD.

16 'Then the anointed priest is to bring some of the blood of the bull to the tent of meeting;

17 and ^athe priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil.

18 'And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of ^athe altar which is before the LORD ¹in the tent of meeting; and all the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

19 ^aAnd he shall remove all its fat from it and offer it up in smoke on the altar.

20 'He shall also do with the bull just as he did with ^athe bull of the sin offering; thus he shall do with it. So the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven.

21 'Then he is to bring out the bull to *a place* outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull; it is ^athe sin offering for the assembly.

22 'When ^aa leader ^bsins and unintentionally does any one

of all the ¹things which the LORD God has commanded not to be done, and he becomes guilty,

23 ^{1a}if his sin ²which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a ^{3b}goat, ^ca male without defect.

24 ¹And he shall lay his hand on the head of the male goat, and slay it in the place where ¹they slay the burnt offering before the LORD; it is a sin offering.

25 ¹Then the priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on ^athe horns of the altar of burnt offering; and *the rest of its blood* he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

26 ^aAnd all its fat he shall offer up in smoke on the altar *in the case of the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings*. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin, and he shall be forgiven.

27 ¹Now if ¹anyone of ²the common people sins ^aunintentionally in doing any of the ³things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and becomes guilty,

28 ^{1a}if his sin, which he has ²committed is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a ^{3b}goat, a ^cfemale without defect, for his sin which he has ²committed.

29 ¹And ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and ^bslay the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering.

30 ¹And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of ^athe altar of burnt offering; and ^ball *the rest of its blood* he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

31 ^aThen he shall remove all its fat, just as the fat was removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar for a soothing aroma to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, ¹and he shall be forgiven.

32 ¹But if he brings ^aa lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a female without defect.

33 ¹And ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering ^bin the place where ¹they slay the burnt offering.

34 ¹And the priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of ^athe altar of burnt offering; and ^ball *the rest of its blood* he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

35 ¹Then he shall remove ^aall its fat, just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offerings, and the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar, on the offerings by fire to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin which he has ¹committed, and he shall be forgiven.

22 ¹Lit., *commands of the LORD which are not to be done*

23 ¹Lit., or ²Lit., *in which he has sinned* ³Lit., *back of the goats*
^cLev. 4:3 ^bLev. 4:3, 14, 28
^cLev. 4:28

24 ¹Lit., *one slays*

25 ^aLev. 4:7, 18, 30, 34

26 ^aLev. 4:19

27 ¹Lit., *one soul* ²Lit., *the people of the land* ³Lit., *commands of the LORD which are not to be done*
^aLev. 4:2

28 ¹Lit., or ²Lit., *sinned*
¹Or, *female goat*
^aLev. 4:3 ^bLev. 4:3, 14, 23, 32
^cLev. 4:23

29 ^aLev. 1:4 ^bLev. 1:5, 11

30 ^aLev. 4:7, 18, 25, 34 ^bLev. 4:7

31 ¹Or, *so that he may be*
^aLev. 4:8

32 ^aLev. 4:28

33 ¹Lit., *one slays*
^aLev. 1:4, 5 ^bLev. 4:29

34 ^aLev. 4:7, 18, 25, 30 ^bLev. 4:7

35 ¹Lit., *sinned*
^aLev. 4:31

¹ ¹Lit., *voice of an oath*
²Or, *iniquity*
^aProv. 29:24; Jer. 23:10

CHAPTER 5

NOW if a person sins, after he hears a ¹public ^aadjuration to testify, when he is a witness, whether he has seen or otherwise known, if he does not tell it, then he will bear his ²guilt.

2 ^aLev. 11:8, 11, 24-39; Num. 19:11-16; Deut. 14:8

5 ^aLev. 16:21; 26:40; Num. 5:7; Prov. 28:13

6 ¹Lit., *sinned* ²Lit., *female goat*
^aLev. 4:28, 32

7 ¹Lit., *his hand does not reach enough for*
^aLev. 12:6, 8; 14:22, 30, 31

8 ^aLev. 1:17

9 ^aLev. 1:15 ^bLev. 4:7

10 ¹Lit., *sinned*
^aLev. 1:14-17

11 ¹Lit., *hand does not reach* ²L.e., *approximately one bushel*
^aLev. 14:21-32; 27:8 ^bLev. 2:1, 2

12 ¹Lit., *upon*

13 ¹Lit., *sinned*
^aLev. 5:4-5 ^bLev. 2:3

15 ^aNum. 5:5-8 ^bLev. 4:2, 22; 14 ^cLev. 7:1-10 ^dLev. 6:6 ^eEx. 30:13

16 ^aLev. 6:5; 22:14; Num. 5:7, 8 ^bLev. 7:2-7

2 'Or if a person touches ^aany unclean thing, whether a carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or a carcass of unclean swarming things, though it is hidden from him, and he is unclean, then he will be guilty.

3 'Or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever sort his uncleanness *may* be with which he becomes unclean, and it is hidden from him, and then he comes to know *it*, he will be guilty.

4 'Or if a person swears thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good, in whatever matter a man may speak thoughtlessly with an oath, and it is hidden from him, and then he comes to know *it*, he will be guilty in one of these.

5 'So it shall be when he becomes guilty in one of these, that he shall ^aconfess that in which he has sinned.

6 'He shall also bring his guilt offering to the LORD for his sin which he has ¹committed, ^aa female from the flock, a lamb or a ²goat as a sin offering.

7 'But if ¹he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD his guilt offering for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves or two young pigeons, ^aone for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.

8 'And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer first that which is for the sin offering and shall nip its head at the front of its neck, but he ^ashall not sever *it*.

9 He shall also sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering ^aon the side of the altar, while the rest of the blood shall be drained out ^bat the base of the altar: it is a sin offering.

10 'The second he shall then prepare as a burnt offering ^aaccording to the ordinance. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has ¹committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 'But ^aif his ¹means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ²ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; ^bhe shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it is a sin offering.

12 'And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as its memorial portion and offer *it* up in smoke on the altar, ¹with the offerings of the LORD by fire: it is a sin offering.

13 'So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin which he has ¹committed from ^aone of these, and it shall be forgiven him; then ^b*the rest* shall become the priest's, like the grain offering.' "

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

15 "If a person acts unfaithfully and sins ^bunintentionally against the LORD's holy things, then he shall bring his guilt offering to the LORD: ^da ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation in silver by shekels, in *terms* of the shekel of the sanctuary, for ^aa guilt offering.

16 "And he shall make restitution for that which he has sinned against the holy thing, and shall add to it a fifth part of it, and give it to the priest. ^bThe priest shall then make atonement for him with the ram of ^cthe guilt offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17 "Now if a person sins and does any of the things ¹which the LORD has commanded not to be done, ²though he was unaware, still he is guilty, and shall bear his punishment.

17 ¹Lit., *the commands of the LORD which are*
²Lev. 5:19; 4:2

18 "He is then to bring to the priest ^aa ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his error in which he sinned ^bunintentionally and did not know it, and it shall be forgiven him.

18 ^aLev. 5:15 ^bLev. 5:17

19 "It is a guilt offering; he was certainly guilty before the LORD."

1 ¹In Heb. text, 5:20

CHAPTER 6

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 ²Ex. 22:7-15

2 "When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the LORD, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted to *him*, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his companion,

4 ⁴Or, *deposited with*

3 or has found what was lost and lied about it and sworn falsely, so that he sins in regard to any one of the things a man may do;

5 ⁵Lit., *in its sum*
²Lev. 5:16 ³Num. 5:8

4 then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery, or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was ¹entrusted to him, or the lost thing which he found,

6 ⁶Lev. 5:15

5 or anything about which he swore falsely; ^ahe shall make restitution for it ¹in full, and add to it one-fifth more. ^bHe shall give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day he presents his guilt offering.

7 ⁷Lev. 7:2-5

6 "Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the LORD, ^aa ram from the flock without defect, according to your valuation, ¹for a guilt offering,

8 ⁸In Heb. text, 6:1

7 and ^athe priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD; and he shall be forgiven for any one of the things which he may have done to incur guilt."

8 ¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

9 "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, "This is ^athe law for the burnt offering: the burnt offering itself *shall remain* on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and ^bthe fire on the altar is to be kept burning on it.

9 ⁹Ex. 29:38-42; Num. 28:3-10 ^bLev. 6:12, 13

10 "And the priest is to put on ^ahis linen robe, and he shall put on undergarments next to his flesh; and he shall take up the ¹ashes to which the fire ²reduces the burnt offering on the altar, and place them beside the altar.

10 ¹Or, *fat ashes* ²Lit., *consumes*
²Ex. 28:39, 42; 27, 28

11 "Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments, and carry the ¹ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

11 ¹Or, *fat ashes*

12 "And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings ^aon it.

12 ²Lev. 3:5

13 "Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out.

14 "Now this is the law of the grain offering: the sons of Aaron shall present it before the LORD in front of the altar.

15 ¹Lit., and some of
^aLev. 2:2

16 ^aLev. 2:3; 10:12-14

17 ^aLev. 2:11 ^bLev. 6:26, 29,
³⁰Lev. 7:7; 10:16-18

18 ^aLev. 6:29; 1 Cor. 9:13
^bLev. 6:27

20 ¹Lit., grain offering
continually
^aNum. 4:16

21 ^aLev. 2:5

22 ¹Lit., from among ²Lit.,
do

25 ^aLev. 1:11

26 ^aLev. 6:29

27 ¹Lit., one sprinkles
^aLev. 7:19

28 ^aLev. 11:33; 15:12

29 ^aLev. 6:18

30 ^aLev. 4:1-21 ^bLev. 4:7, 18
^cLev. 4:11, 12, 21

1 ^aLev. 5:14-6:7

2 ^aLev. 1:11

15 ^aThen one of *them* shall lift up from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, ¹with its oil and all the incense that is on the grain offering, and he shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar, a soothing aroma, as its memorial offering to the LORD.

16 ^aAnd what is left of it Aaron and his sons are to eat. It shall be eaten as unleavened cakes in a holy place; they are to eat it in the court of the tent of meeting.

17 ^aIt shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their share from My offerings by fire; ^bit is most holy, like the sin offering and ^cthe guilt offering.

18 ^aEvery male among the sons of Aaron may eat it; it is a permanent ordinance throughout your generations, from the offerings by fire to the LORD. ^bWhoever touches them shall become consecrated.' "

19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

20 "This is the offering which Aaron and his sons are to present to the LORD on the day when he is anointed; the tenth of an ephah of fine flour as ^aa ¹regular grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

21 "It shall be prepared with oil on a ^agriddle. When it is well stirred, you shall bring it. You shall present the grain offering in baked pieces as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

22 "And the anointed priest who will be in his place ¹among his sons shall ²offer it. By a permanent ordinance it shall be entirely offered up in smoke to the LORD.

23 "So every grain offering of the priest shall be burned entirely. It shall not be eaten."

24 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: ^ain the place where the burnt offering is slain the sin offering shall be slain before the LORD; it is most holy.

26 ^aThe priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place, in the court of the tent of meeting.

27 ^aAnyone who touches its flesh shall become consecrated; and when any of its blood ¹splashes on a garment, in a holy place you shall wash what was splashed on.

28 ^aAlso ^athe earthenware vessel in which it was boiled shall be broken; and if it was boiled in a bronze vessel, then it shall be scoured and rinsed in water.

29 ^aEvery male among the priests may eat of it; it is most holy.

30 ^aBut no sin offering ^aof which any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement ^bin the holy place shall be eaten; ^cit shall be burned with fire.

CHAPTER 7

NOW this is the law of the ^aguilt offering; it is most holy.

2 in ^athe place where they slay the burnt offering they are to slay the guilt offering, and he shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

3 'Then he shall offer from it all its fat: the ^afat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,

3 ^aLev. 3:9

4 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe on the liver he shall remove ^awith the kidneys.

4 ^aLev. 3:4

5 'And the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire to the LORD; it is a guilt offering.

6 ^aLev. 6:18, 29

6 ^aEvery male among the priests may eat of it. It shall be eaten in a holy place; it is most holy.

7 ¹Lit., it shall be for him
^aLev. 6:30 ^b1 Cor. 9:13; 10:18

7 ^aThe guilt offering is like the sin offering, there is one law for them; the ^bpriest who makes atonement with it ¹shall have it.

8 ¹Lit., for the priest, it shall be for him

8 'Also the priest who presents any man's burnt offering, ¹that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has presented.

9 'Likewise, every grain offering that is baked in the oven, and everything prepared in a ¹pan or on a ^agriddle, ²shall belong to the priest who presents it.

9 ¹Lit., lidded cooking pan
²Lit., for the priest, it shall be for him
^aLev. 2:5

10 'And every grain offering mixed with oil, or dry, shall ¹belong to all the sons of Aaron, ²to all alike.

11 'Now this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be presented to the LORD.

10 ¹Lit., be ²Lit., a man as his brother

12 'If he offers it by way of ^athanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers ¹spread with oil, and cakes of *well stirred fine flour* mixed with oil.

12 ¹Or, anointed
^aLev. 7:15

13 'With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with cakes of ^aleavened bread.

13 ^aLev. 2:12; 23:17, 18

14 'And of ¹this he shall present one of every offering as a ²contribution to the LORD; it shall ³belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.

14 ¹Lit., it ²Or, heave offering
³Lit., be for

15 ^aNow as for the flesh of the sacrifice of his thanksgiving peace offerings, it shall be eaten on the day of his offering; he shall not leave any of it over until morning.

15 ^aLev. 22:29, 30

16 'But if the sacrifice of his offering is a ^avotive or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice; and on the ¹next day what is left of it may be eaten;

16 ¹Lit., *morrow and what*
^aLev. 19:5-8

17 ^abut what is left over from the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

17 ^aEx. 12:10

18 'So if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings should *ever* be eaten on the third day, he who offers it shall not be accepted, *and* it shall not be reckoned to his *benefit*. It shall be an offensive thing, and the person who eats of it shall bear his own iniquity.

19 ¹Lit., *And the flesh*

19 'Also the flesh that touches anything unclean shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire. ¹As for *other* flesh, anyone who is clean may eat *such* flesh.

20 ¹Lit., *and his uncleanness is on him*
^aLev. 22:3-7; Num. 19:13

20 'But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, ¹in his uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from his people.

21 'And when anyone touches anything unclean, whether human uncleanness, or an unclean animal, or any unclean ¹detestable thing, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, that person shall be cut off from his people.'

21 ¹Some mss. read, *swarming thing*
^aLev. 5:2, 3

Leviticus 7, 8

23 ^aLev. 3:17

24 ^aEx. 22:31; Lev. 17:15; 22:8

25 ¹Lit., *he offers an offering by fire*

26 ^aLev. 17:10-16

30 ¹Lit., *waved*

31 ^aNum. 18:11; Deut. 18:3

32 ¹Or, *heave offering*

34 ¹Or, *heave offering*

35 ¹Lit., *the anointed portion of*
^aNum. 18:8

36 ¹Lit., *which*

37 ^aLev. 8:22-23; Ex. 29:22-34

38 ¹Or, *offer*
^aLev. 1:1; 26:46; 27:34; Deut. 4:5

2 ^aEx. 28:1 ^bLev. 6:10 ^cEx. 30:25

22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
23 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall not eat ^aany fat *from* an ox, a sheep, or a goat.
24 'Also the fat of *an animal* which dies, and the fat of an animal ^atorn *by beasts*, may be put to any other use, but you must certainly not eat it.
25 'For whoever eats the fat of the animal from which ¹an offering by fire is offered to the LORD, even the person who eats shall be cut off from his people.
26 ^aAnd you are not to eat any blood, either of bird or animal, in any of your dwellings.
27 'Any person who eats any blood, even that person shall be cut off from his people.'"
28 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
29 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the LORD shall bring his offering to the LORD from the sacrifice of his peace offerings.
30 'His own hands are to bring offerings by fire to the LORD. He shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast may be ¹presented as a wave offering before the LORD.
31 'And the priest shall offer up the fat in smoke on the altar; but ^athe breast shall belong to Aaron and his sons.
32 'And you shall give the right thigh to the priest as a ¹contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.
33 'The one among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, the right thigh shall be his as *his* portion.
34 'For I have taken the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the ¹contribution from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as *their* due forever from the sons of Israel.
35 'This is ¹that which is consecrated to Aaron and ¹that ^awhich is consecrated to his sons from the offerings by fire to the LORD, in that day when he presented them to serve as priests to the LORD.
36 'These the LORD had commanded to be given them from the sons of Israel in the day that He anointed them. It is *their* due forever throughout their generations.'"
37 This is the law of the burnt offering, the grain offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering and ^athe ordination offering and the sacrifice of peace offerings,
38 ^awhich the LORD commanded Moses at Mount Sinai in the day that He commanded the sons of Israel to ¹present their offerings to the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai.

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THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 ^a"Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the ^bgarments and ^cthe anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread;

3 and assemble all the congregation to the doorway of the tent of meeting.”

4 So Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. When the congregation was assembled to the doorway of the tent of meeting,

5 Moses said to the congregation, “This is the thing which the LORD has commanded to do.”

6 Then ^aMoses had Aaron and his sons come near, and washed them with water.

7 And he put the tunic on him and girded him with the sash, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the artistic band of the ephod, ¹with which he tied *it* to him.

8 He then placed the ¹breastpiece on him, and in the ¹breastpiece he put ^{2a}the Urim and the Thummim.

9 He also placed the turban on his head, and on the turban, at its front, he placed ^athe golden plate, the holy crown, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 Moses then took ^athe anointing oil and anointed the ¹tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.

11 And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to ^aconsecrate them.

12 Then he poured some of the ^aanointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

13 ^aNext Moses had Aaron’s sons come near and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with sashes, and bound ¹caps on them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

14 Then he brought ^athe bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.

15 Next ¹Moses slaughtered *it* and took the blood and with his finger ^aput *some of it* around on the horns of the altar, and purified the altar. Then he poured out *the rest of the blood* at the base of the altar and consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

16 He also took all the fat that was on the entrails and the ¹lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat; and Moses offered it up in smoke on the altar.

17 ^aBut the bull and its hide and its flesh and its refuse, he burned in the fire outside the camp, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

18 Then he presented ^athe ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

19 And ¹Moses slaughtered *it* and sprinkled the blood around on the altar.

20 When he had cut the ram into its pieces, Moses ^aoffered up the head and the pieces and the suet in smoke.

21 After he had washed the entrails and the legs with water, Moses offered up the whole ram in smoke on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 Then he presented the second ram, ^athe ram of ¹ordination; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

6 ^aEx. 29:4-6
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7 ¹Lit., *and with it*

8 ¹Lit., *pouch* ²i.e., the Lights and Perfections
^aEx. 28:30

9 ^aEx. 28:36

10 ¹Or, *dwelling place*
^aLev. 8:2

11 ^aEx. 29:36, 37; 30:29

12 ^aEx. 30:30

13 ¹Lit., *headgear*
^aEx. 29:8, 9

14 ^aEx. 29:10

15 ¹Lit., *he slaughtered it and Moses took*
^aLev. 4:7

16 ¹Or, *appendage on*

17 ^aLev. 4:11, 12

18 ^aLev. 8:2

19 ¹Lit., *he slaughtered it and Moses sprinkled*

20 ^aLev. 1:8

22 ¹Lit., *filling, and so throughout the chap.*
^aLev. 8:2

23 ¹Lit., *he slaughtered it and Moses took*
^aEx. 29:20, 21

23 And ¹Moses slaughtered *it* and took some of its blood and ^aput it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

24 He also had Aaron's sons come near; and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot. Moses then sprinkled *the rest* of the blood around on the altar.

25 And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the entrails, and the ¹lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right thigh.

25 ¹Or, *appendage on*

26 And from the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake and one cake of bread *mixed with oil* and one wafer, and placed *them* on the portions of fat and on the right thigh.

27 He then put all *these* on the hands of Aaron and on the hands of his sons, and presented them as a wave offering before the LORD.

28 Then Moses took them from their hands and offered them up in smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They were an ordination offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the LORD.

29 ¹Lev. 7:31-34 ^bPs. 99:6

29 Moses also took ^athe breast and presented it for a wave offering before the LORD; it was ^bMoses' portion of the ram of ordination, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 So Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

31 ¹Ex. 29:31 ^bEx. 29:32

31 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "Boil the flesh at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and eat it there together with the bread which is in the basket of the ordination offering, just as I commanded, ^bsaying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'

32 "And the remainder of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn in the fire.

And you shall not go outside the doorway of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day that the period of your ordination is fulfilled; for he will ordain you through seven days.

33 "And you shall not go outside the doorway of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day that the period of your ordination is fulfilled; for he will ¹ordain you through seven days.

34 "The LORD has commanded to do as has been done this day, to make atonement on your behalf.

33 ¹Lit., *fill your hands*
^aEx. 29:35

35 "At the doorway of the tent of meeting, moreover, you shall remain day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that you may not die, for so I have been commanded."

36 Thus Aaron and his sons did all the things which the LORD had commanded through Moses.

CHAPTER 9 *practices*

NOW it came about on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel;

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2 and he said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a calf, a bull, for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, *both* without defect, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 "Then to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying, 'Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both one year old, without defect, for a burnt offering,

4 and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, and a grain offering mixed with oil; for today the LORD shall appear to you.'

5 So they took what Moses had commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the whole congregation came near and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded you to do, that ^athe glory of the LORD may appear to you."

7 Moses then said to Aaron, "Come near to the altar and ¹offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, that you may make atonement for yourself and for the people; then make the offering ²for the people, that you may make atonement for them, just as the LORD has commanded."

8 ^aSo Aaron came near to the altar and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering which was for himself.

9 ^aAnd Aaron's sons presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *some* on the horns of the altar, and poured out *the rest* of the blood at the base of the altar.

10 The fat and the kidneys and the ¹lobe of the liver of the sin offering, he then offered up in smoke on the altar just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

11 The flesh and the skin, however, he burned with fire outside the camp.

12 Then he slaughtered the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

13 And they handed the burnt offering to him in ¹pieces with the head, and he offered *them* up in smoke on the altar.

14 He also washed the entrails and the legs, and offered *them* up in smoke with the burnt offering on the altar.

15 Then he presented the people's offering, and took the ^agoat of the sin offering which was for the people, and slaughtered it and offered it for sin, like the first.

16 He also presented the burnt offering, and ¹offered it according to ^athe ordinance.

17 Next he presented ^athe grain offering, and filled his ¹hand with some of it and offered *it* up in smoke on the altar, ^bbesides the burnt offering of the morning.

18 Then ^ahe slaughtered the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings which was for the people; and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

19 As for the portions of fat from the ox and from the ram, the fat tail, and the *fat* ^acovering, and the kidneys and the ¹lobe of the liver,

20 they now placed the portions of fat on the breasts; and he offered ¹them up in smoke on the altar.

Leviticus 9

6^a Lev. 8:23
7^b *portion* of the work
done for ministry

7¹ Lit., *make* ² Lit., *of*

8^a Lev. 4:1-12

9^a Lev. 9:12, 18

10¹ Or, *appendage on*

13¹ Lit., *its pieces*

15^a Lev. 4:27-31

16¹ Lit., *made*
^a Lev. 1:1-13

17¹ Lit., *palm*
^a Lev. 2:1-3 ^b Lev. 3:5

18^a Lev. 3:1-11

19¹ Or, *appendage on*
^a Lev. 3:9

20¹ Lit., *the portions of fat*

21 ¹Lit. *waved*
^aLev. 7:30-31
peace offering

23 ^aLev. 9:6

24 ^{a1} Kin. 18:38

1 ^aEx. 24:1, 9; Num. 3:2
^bLev. 16:12

2 ^aNum. 3:4; 26:61

3 ¹Or. *will show Myself*
holy
^aLev. 21:6; ^bEzek. 38:16; Ex.
30:30 ^cEx. 14:4, 17

4 ¹Lit. *brothers*
^aEx. 6:18, 22

5 ^aLev. 8:13; Ex. 29:5

6 ¹Lit., *unbind* ²Lit.,
brothers ³Lit., *burned*
^aLev. 21:1-5, 10-12 ^bNum.
1:53; 16:22, 46; 18:5; Josh.
7:1; 22:18, 20; 2 Sam. 24:1

7 ^aLev. 21:12

9 ^aEzek. 44:21

10 ^aLev. 11:47; 20:25; Ezek.
22:26

11 ^aDeut. 17:10, 11; 33:10

12 ^aEx. 6:23; Num. 3:2
^bLev. 6:14-18

21 But ^athe breasts and the right thigh Aaron ¹presented as a wave offering before the LORD, just as Moses had commanded.

22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he stepped down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, ^athe glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.

24 ^aThen fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

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NOW ^aNadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective ^bfirepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

2 ^aAnd fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying,

'By those who ^acome near Me I ^{1b}will be treated as holy. And before all the people I will ^{1c}be honored.'

So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

4 Moses called also to ^aMishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel, and said to them, "Come forward, carry your ¹relatives away from the front of the sanctuary to the outside of the camp."

5 So they came forward and carried them still in their ^atunics to the outside of the camp, as Moses had said.

6 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "^aDo not ¹uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, so that you may not die, and that He may not ^bbecome wrathful against all the congregation. But your ²kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, shall bewail the burning which the LORD has ³brought about.

7 "You shall not even go out from the doorway of the tent of meeting, lest you die; for ^athe LORD's anointing oil is upon you." So they did according to the word of Moses.

8 The Lord then spoke to Aaron, saying,

9 "^aDo not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you may not die—it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations—

10 and ^aso as to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean,

11 and ^aso as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses."

12 Then Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his surviving sons, ^aEleazar and Ithamar, "^bTake the grain offering that is left

over from the LORD's offerings by fire and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is most holy.

13 "You shall eat it, moreover, in a holy place, because it is your due and your sons' due out of the LORD's offerings by fire; for thus I have been commanded.

14 "The breast of wave offering, however, and the thigh of the offering you may eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you; for they have been given as your due and your sons' due out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the sons of Israel.

15 "The thigh offered by lifting up and the breast offered by waving, they shall bring along with the offerings by fire of the portions of fat, to present as a wave offering before the LORD; so it shall be a thing perpetually due you and your sons with you, just as the LORD has commanded."

16 But Moses searched carefully for the ^agoat of the sin offering, and behold, it had been burned up! So he was angry with Aaron's surviving sons Eleazar and Ithamar, saying,

17 "Why ^adid you not eat the sin offering at the holy place? For it is most holy, and ¹He gave it to you to bear away ^bthe guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD.

18 "Behold, ^asince its blood had not been brought inside, into the sanctuary, you should certainly have ^bbeaten it in the sanctuary, just as I commanded."

19 But Aaron spoke to Moses, "Behold, this very day they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD. When ¹things like these happened to me, if I had eaten a sin offering today, would it have been good in the sight of the LORD?"

20 And when Moses heard *that*, it seemed good in his sight.

CHAPTER 11

THE LORD spoke again to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ^aThese are the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that are on the earth.

3 'Whatever divides a hoof, thus making split hoofs, *and* chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

4 'Nevertheless, ^ayou are not to eat of these, among those which chew the cud, or among those which divide the hoof: the camel, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you.

5 'Likewise, the rock badger, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you;

6 the ¹rabbit also, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you;

7 and the pig, for though it divides the hoof, thus making a split hoof, it does not chew cud, it is unclean to you.

8 'You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

9 'These you may eat, whatever is in the water: all that

14 ^aLev. 7:30-34

15 ^aLev. 7:34

16 ^aLev. 9:3, 15

17 ¹Or, *was given*
^aLev. 6:24-30 ^bLev. 22:16;
Ex. 28:38; Num. 18:1

18 ^aLev. 6:30 ^bLev. 6:26

19 ¹Cf. vs. 1-4

2 ^aDeut. 14:3-21

4 ^aActs 10:14

6 ¹Or, *hare*

11 ¹Lit., *detestable things*

have fins and scales, those in the water, in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat.

12 ¹Lit., *detestable things*

10 But whatever is in the seas and in the rivers, that do not have fins and scales among all the teeming life of the water, and among all the living creatures that are in the water, they are detestable things to you,

11 and they shall be ¹abhorrent to you; you may not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses you shall detest.

13 ¹Lit., *a detestable thing*
²Or, *vulture* ³Or, *black vulture*

12 Whatever in the water does not have fins and scales is ¹abhorrent to you.

13 These, moreover, you shall detest among the birds; they are ¹abhorrent, not to be eaten: the ²eagle and the vulture and the ³buzzard,

17 ¹Specifically, *great horned owl*

14 and the kite and the falcon in its kind,

15 every raven in its kind,

16 and the ostrich and the owl and the sea gull and the hawk in its kind,

17 and the little owl and the cormorant and the ¹great owl,

18 ¹Or, *owl*; or, *jackdaw*

18 and the white owl and the ¹pelican and the carrion-vulture,

19 and the stork, the heron in its kinds, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 ¹Lit., *swarming things with wings*

20 All the ¹winged insects that walk on *all* fours are detestable to you.

21 Yet these you may eat among all the ¹winged insects which walk on *all* fours: those which have above their feet jointed legs with which to jump on the earth.

21 ¹Note v. 20

22 These of them you may eat: the locust in its kinds, and the devastating locust in its kinds, and the cricket in its kinds, and the grasshopper in its kinds.

23 ¹Note v. 20

23 But all other ¹winged insects which are four-footed are detestable to you.

24 By these, moreover, you will be made unclean: whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening,

25 ¹Lev. 11:40

25 and ^awhoever picks up any of their carcasses shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

26 Concerning all the animals which divide the hoof, but do not make a split *hoof*, or which do not chew cud, they are unclean to you: whoever touches them becomes unclean.

29 ¹Or, *thorn-tailed lizard*

27 Also whatever walks on its paws, among all the creatures that walk on *all* fours, are unclean to you; whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening,

28 and the one who picks up their carcasses shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; they are unclean to you.

30 ¹Or, *lizard* ²Species as yet undefined

29 Now these are to you the unclean among the swarming things which swarm on the earth: the mole, and the mouse, and the ¹great lizard in its kinds,

30 and the gecko, and the ¹crocodile, and the lizard, and the ²sand reptile, and the chameleon.

32 ¹Lit., *with which work is done*

31 These are to you the unclean among all the swarming things; whoever touches them when they are dead becomes unclean until evening.

32 Also anything on which one of them may fall when they are dead, becomes unclean, including any wooden article, or clothing, or a skin, or a sack—any article ¹of which use is

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Creeping Things Not to be Eaten.**

made—it shall be put in the water and be unclean until evening, then it becomes clean.

33 'As for any ^aearthenware vessel into which one of them may fall, whatever is in it becomes unclean and you shall break ¹the vessel.

34 'Any of the ¹food which may be eaten on which water comes shall become unclean; and any ¹liquid which may be drunk in every vessel shall become unclean.

35 'Everything, moreover, on which part of their carcass may fall becomes unclean; an oven or a ¹store shall be smashed; they are unclean and shall continue as unclean to you.

36 'Nevertheless a spring or a cistern ¹collecting water shall be clean, though the one who touches their carcass shall be unclean.

37 'And if a part of their carcass falls on any seed for sowing which is to be sown, it is clean.

38 'Though if water is put on the seed, and a part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

39 'Also if one of the animals dies which you have for food, the one who touches its carcass becomes unclean until evening.

40 ^aHe too, who eats some of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; and the one who picks up its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

41 ^aNow every swarming thing that swarms on the earth is detestable, not to be eaten.

42 'Whatever crawls on its belly, and whatever walks on *all* fours, whatever has many feet, in respect to every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, you shall not eat them, for they are detestable.

43 ^aDo not render ¹yourselves detestable through any of the swarming things that swarm; and you shall not make yourselves unclean with them so that you become unclean.

44 'For ¹I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and ^bbe holy; for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

45 ^aFor I am the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, to be your God; thus you shall be holy for I am holy."

46 This is the law regarding the animal, and the bird, and every living thing that moves in the waters, and everything that swarms on the earth,

47 ^ato make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the edible creature and the creature which is not to be eaten.

CHAPTER 12

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'When a woman ¹gives birth and bears a male *child*, then she shall be unclean for seven days, ^aas in the days of ²her menstruation she shall be unclean.

Leviticus 11, 12

33 ¹Lit., *it*
^aLev. 6:28; 15:12

34 ¹I.e., if touched by a carcass; cf. 29:32

35 ¹Lit., *hearth for supporting (two) pots*

36 ¹Lit., *of a gathering of*

40 ^aLev. 17:15; 22:8

41 ^aLev. 11:29

43 ¹Lit., *your souls*
^aLev. 20:25

44 ^aEx. 6:7; 16:12; 23:25
^b1 Pet. 1:16

45 ^aLev. 22:33; 25:38; 26:45

47 ^aLev. 10:10

2 ¹Lit., *produces seed*
²Lit., *the impurity of her sickness*
^aLev. 15:19; 18:19

3^aGen. 17:12

3 'And on ^athe eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

5¹Lit., *impurity*

4 'Then she shall remain in the blood of *her* purification for thirty-three days; she shall not touch any consecrated thing, nor enter the sanctuary, until the days of her purification are completed.

6^aLuke 2:22 ^bLev. 5:7

5 'But if she bears a female *child*, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her ¹menstruation; and she shall remain in the blood of *her* purification for sixty-six days.

6 'And ^awhen the days of her purification are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the doorway of the tent of meeting, a one year old lamb for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove ^bfor a sin offering.

7¹Lit., *fountain*

7 'Then he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the ¹flow of her blood. This is the law for her who bears a *child*, whether a male or a female.

8¹Lit., *her hand does not find a sufficiency of a lamb*
^aLuke 2:22-24 ^bLev. 5:7

8 'But if ¹she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take ^atwo turtledoves or two young pigeons, ^bthe one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.' "

CHAPTER 13

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2¹Lit., *flesh* ²Lit., *a mark, stroke* and so throughout the chap.
^aDeut. 24:8

2 "When a man has on the skin of his ¹body a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes ²an infection of leprosy on the skin of his ¹body, ^athen he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests.

3¹Lit., *flesh*

3 "And the priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the ¹body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his ¹body, it is an infection of leprosy; when the priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean.

4¹Lit., *flesh* ²Lit., *the appearance of it is not deeper* ³Lit., *shut up*

4 "But if the bright spot is white on the skin of his ¹body, and ²it does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and the hair on it has not turned white, then the priest shall ³isolate *him who has* the infection for seven days.

5¹Lit., *has stood* ²Lit., *shut up*

5 "And the priest shall look at him on the seventh day, and if in his eyes the infection ¹has not changed, *and* the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall ²isolate him for seven more days.

10^aNum. 12:10; 2 Kin. 5:27; 2 Chr. 26:19, 20

6 "And the priest shall look at him again on the seventh day; and if the infection has faded, and the mark has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is *only* a scab. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

7 "But if the scab spreads farther on the skin, after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall appear again to the priest.

8 "And the priest shall look, and if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy.

9 "When the infection of leprosy is on a man, then he shall be brought to the priest.

10 "The priest shall then look, and if there is a ^awhite swell-

ing in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is quick raw flesh in the swelling,

11 ¹Lit., an old ²Lit., flesh
³Lit., shut up

11 it is ¹a chronic leprosy on the skin of his ²body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall not ³isolate him, for he is unclean.

12 "And if the leprosy breaks out farther on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *him who has* the infection from his head even to his feet, ¹as far as the priest can see,

12 ¹Lit., with regard to the whole sight of the priest's eyes

13 then the priest shall look, and behold, *if* ¹the leprosy has covered all his ¹body, he shall pronounce clean *him who has* the infection; it has all turned white *and* he is clean.

14 "But whenever raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean.

15 "And the priest shall look at the raw flesh, and he shall pronounce him unclean; the raw flesh is unclean, it is leprosy.

13 ¹Lit., flesh

16 "Or if the raw flesh turns again and is changed to white, then he shall come to the priest,

17 and the priest shall look at him, and behold, *if* the infection has turned to white, then the priest shall pronounce clean *him who has* the infection; he is clean.

18 "And when the ¹body has a boil on its skin, and it is healed,

18 ¹Lit., flesh

19 and in the place of the boil there is a white swelling or a reddish-white, bright spot, then it shall be shown to the priest;

20 and the priest shall look, and behold, *if* ¹it appears to be lower than the skin, and the hair on it has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the infection of leprosy, it has broken out in the boil.

20 ¹Lit., the appearance of it is lower

21 "But if the priest looks at it, and behold, there are no white hairs in it and it is not lower than the skin and is faded, then the priest shall ¹isolate him for seven days;

22 and if it spreads farther on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection.

23 "But if the bright spot remains in its place, and does not spread, it is *only* the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

21 ¹Lit., shut up

24 "Or if the ¹body sustains in its skin a burn by fire, and the raw *flesh* of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white, or white,

25 then the priest shall look at it. And if the hair in the bright spot has turned white, and it appears to be deeper than the skin, it is leprosy; it has broken out in the burn. Therefore, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection of leprosy.

24 ¹Lit., flesh

26 "But if the priest looks at it, and indeed, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it is no ¹deeper than the skin, but is dim, then the priest shall ²isolate him for seven days;

27 and the priest shall look at him on the seventh day. If it spreads farther in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection of leprosy.

26 ¹Lit., lower ²Lit., shut up

28 "But if the bright spot remains in its place, and has not spread in the skin, but is dim, it is the swelling from the burn; and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is *only* the scar of the burn.

29 "Now if a man or woman has an infection on the head or on the beard,

31 ¹Lit., *shut up*

30 then the priest shall look at the infection, and if it appears to be deeper than the skin, and there is thin yellowish hair in it, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a scale, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard.

32 ¹Lit., *been*

31 "But if the priest looks at the infection of the scale, and indeed, it appears to be no deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall ¹isolate *the person* with the scaly infection for seven days.

33 ¹Lit., *shut up*

32 "And on the seventh day the priest shall look at the infection, and if the scale has not spread, and no yellowish hair has ¹grown in it, and the appearance of the scale is no deeper than the skin,

38 ¹Lit., *flesh*

33 then he shall shave himself, but he shall not shave the scale; and the priest shall ¹isolate *the person* with the scale seven more days.

39 ¹Lit., *flesh* ²Lit., *tetter*

34 "Then on the seventh day the priest shall look at the scale, and if the scale has not spread in the skin, and it appears to be no deeper than the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

35 "But if the scale spreads farther in the skin after his cleansing,

40 ¹Lit., *man's head becomes bald*

36 then the priest shall look at him, and if the scale has spread in the skin, the priest need not seek for the yellowish hair; he is unclean.

41 ¹Lit., *border of his face*

37 "If in his sight the scale has remained, however, and black hair has grown in it, the scale has healed, he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 "And when a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the ¹body, *even* white bright spots,

43 ¹Lit., *flesh*

39 then the priest shall look, and if the bright spots on the skin of their ¹bodies are a faint white, it is ²eczema that has broken out on the skin; he is clean.

40 "Now if a ¹man loses the hair of his head, he is bald; he is clean.

45 ¹Or, *disheveled*
^aLev. 10:6 ^bEzek. 24:17, 22;
Mic. 3:7 ^cLam. 4:15

41 "And if his head becomes bald at the ¹front and sides, he is bald on the forehead; he is clean.

42 "But if on the bald head or the bald forehead, there occurs a reddish-white infection, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or on his bald forehead.

46 ^aNum. 5:1-4; 12:14

43 "Then the priest shall look at him; and if the swelling of the infection is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the ¹body,

44 he is a leprosy man, he is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his infection is on his head.

47 ¹Lit., *infection, and so throughout the chap.*

45 "As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and ^athe hair of his head shall be ¹uncovered, and he shall ^bcover his mustache and cry "Unclean! Unclean!"

46 "He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be ^aoutside the camp.

48 ¹Or, *weaving or texture*

47 "When a garment has a ¹mark of leprosy in it, whether it is a wool garment or a linen garment,

48 whether in ¹warp or woof, of linen or of wool, whether in leather or in any article made of leather,

49 if the mark is greenish or reddish in the garment or in

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the leather, or in the ¹warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is a leprous mark and shall be shown to the priest.

49 ¹Or, weaving or texture

50 "Then the priest shall look at the mark, and shall ¹quarantine the article with the mark for seven days.

50 ¹Lit., shut up

51 "He shall then look at the mark on the seventh day; if the mark has spread in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in the leather, whatever the purpose for which the leather is used, the mark is a ¹leprous malignancy, it is unclean.

51 ¹Lit., malignant leprosy

52 "So he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or any article of leather in which the mark occurs, for it is a ¹leprous malignancy; it shall be burned in the fire.

52 ¹Lit., malignant leprosy

53 "But if the priest shall look, and indeed, the mark has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather,

54 then the priest shall order them to wash the thing in which the mark occurs, and he shall ¹quarantine it for seven more days.

54 ¹Lit., shut up

55 "After the article with the mark has been washed, the priest shall again look, and if the mark has not changed its appearance, even though the mark has not spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire, ¹whether an eating away has produced bareness on the top or on the front of it.

55 ¹Lit., it is

56 "Then if the priest shall look, and if the mark has faded after it has been washed, then he shall tear it out of the garment or out of the leather, whether from the warp or from the woof;

2 ²Matt. 8:4; Mark 1:44; Luke 5:14; 17:14

57 and if it appears again in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is an outbreak; the article with the mark shall be burned in the fire.

58 "And the garment, whether the warp or the woof, or any article of leather from which the mark has departed when you washed it, it shall then be washed a second time and shall be clean."

3 ¹Lit., mark, stroke, and so throughout the chap. ²Lev. 13:46

59 This is the law for the mark of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, for pronouncing it clean or unclean.

CHAPTER 14

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. ²Now he shall be brought to the priest,

3 and the priest shall go ²out to the outside of the camp. Thus the priest shall look, and if the ¹infection of leprosy has been healed in the leper,

5 ¹Lit., living

4 then the priest shall give orders to take two live clean birds and ²cedar wood and a ¹scarlet string and hyssop for the one who is to be cleansed.

5 "The priest shall also give orders to slay the one bird in an earthenware vessel over ¹running water.

6 ¹Lit., scarlet color and ²Lit., living ²Lev. 14:6, 49, 51, 52; Num. 19:6

6 "As for the live bird, he shall take it, together with ²the cedar wood and the ¹scarlet string and the ²hyssop, and shall dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the ²running water.

7 "He shall then sprinkle seven times the one who is to be

8 ^aNum. 8:7 ^bLev. 14:9, 20

9 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aLev. 14:8, 20

10 ¹An ephah is assumed, cf. Lev. 6:20 ²Approx. one pint
^aLev. 14:12, 15, 21, 24

11 ¹Lit., *them*

12 ¹Approx. one pint
^aLev. 14:19 ^bLev. 14:10

13 ^aLev. 1:11 ^bLev. 6:24-30

14 ^aLev. 14:19 ^bLev. 8:23, 24

15 ¹Approx. one pint
^aLev. 14:10

19 ^aLev. 14:12

20 ^aLev. 14:8, 9

21 ¹Lit., *hand is not reaching* ²An ephah is assumed; cf. Lev. 6:20
³Approx. one pint
^aLev. 5:11; 27:8 ^bLev. 14:22
^cLev. 14:10

22 ¹Lit., *his hand reaches*
^aLev. 5:7 ^bLev. 14:21, 24, 25

23 ^aLev. 14:10, 11

cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird go free over the open field.

8 ^a"The one to be cleansed shall then wash his clothes and shave off all his hair, and bathe in water and ^bbe clean. Now afterward, he may enter the camp, but he shall stay outside his tent for seven days.

9 "And it will be on the seventh day that he shall shave off all his hair: he shall shave his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair. He shall then wash his clothes and bathe his ¹body in water and ^abe clean.

10 "Now on the eighth day he is to take two male lambs without defect, and a yearling ewe lamb without defect, and three-tenths of ¹a bushel of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one ²log of oil;

11 and the priest who pronounces him clean shall present the man to be cleansed and the ¹aforsaid before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

12 "Then the priest shall take the one male lamb and bring it for a ³guilt offering, with the ¹log of oil, and present them as a wave offering before the LORD.

13 "Next he shall slaughter the male lamb in ^athe place where they slaughter the sin offering and the burnt offering, at the place of the sanctuary—for the guilt offering, ^blike the sin offering, belongs to the priest; it is most holy.

14 "The priest shall then take some of the blood of the ^aguilt offering, and the priest shall put it on ^bthe lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

15 "The priest shall also take some of the ¹log of oil, and pour it into his left palm;

16 the priest shall then dip his right-hand finger in the oil that is in his left palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of the oil seven times before the LORD.

17 "And of the remaining oil which is in his palm, the priest shall put some on the right earlobe of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering;

18 while the rest of the oil that is in the priest's palm, he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD.

19 "The priest shall next offer the ^asin offering and make atonement for the one to be cleansed from his uncleanness. Then afterward, he shall slaughter the burnt offering.

20 "And the priest shall offer up the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and ^ahe shall be clean.

21 ^a"But if he is poor, and his ¹means are insufficient, then he is to take one male lamb for a ^bguilt offering as a wave offering to make atonement for him, and one-tenth of ²a bushel of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and a ³log of oil,

22 and two turtledoves or two young pigeons which ¹arc within his means, ^athe one shall be a ^bsin offering and the other a burnt offering.

23 ^a"Then the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleans-

ing to the priest, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, before the LORD.

24 "And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering, and ^athe ¹log of oil, and the priest shall offer them for a wave offering before the LORD.

25 "Next he shall slaughter the lamb of the guilt offering; and the priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on ^athe lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

26 "The priest shall also pour some of the oil into his left palm;

27 and with his right-hand finger the priest shall sprinkle some of the oil that is in his left palm seven times before the LORD.

28 "The priest shall then put some of the oil that is in his palm on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering.

29 "Moreover, the rest of the oil that is in the priest's palm he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed, to make atonement on his behalf before the LORD.

30 "He shall then offer one of the turtledoves or young pigeons, ¹which are within his means.

31 "*He shall offer* what ¹he can afford, ^athe one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, together with the grain offering. So the priest shall make atonement before the LORD on behalf of the one to be cleansed.

32 "This is the law *for him* in whom there is an infection of leprosy, whose ¹means are limited for his cleansing."

33 The LORD further spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

34 "When you enter the land of Canaan, which I give you for a possession, and I put a mark of leprosy on a house in the land of your possession,

35 then the one who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, '*something* like ^aa mark of leprosy has become visible to me in the house.'

36 "The priest shall then order that they empty the house before the priest goes in to look at the mark, so that everything in the house need not become unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to look at the house.

37 "So he shall look at the mark, and if the mark on the walls of the house has greenish or reddish depressions, and appears deeper than the ¹surface;

38 then the priest shall come out of the house, to the ¹doorway, and ²quarantine the house for seven days.

39 "And the priest shall return on the seventh day and ¹make an inspection. If the mark has indeed spread in the walls of the house,

40 then the priest shall order them to tear out the stones with the mark in them and throw them away ¹at an unclean place outside the city.

41 "And he shall have the house scraped all around ¹inside, and they shall dump the plaster that they scrape off at an unclean place outside the city.

24 ¹Approx. one pint
^aLev. 14:10

25 ^aLev. 14:14

30 ¹Lit., *from those which his hand can reach*

31 ¹Lit., *his hand can reach*
^aLev. 5:7

32 ¹Lit., *hand does not reach*

35 ^aPs. 91:10

37 ¹Lit., *wall*

38 ¹Lit., *doorway of the house*
²Lit., *shut up*

39 ¹Lit., *look*

40 ¹Lit., *to*

41 ¹Lit., *from the house around*

44 ¹Lit., look42 "Then they shall take other stones and replace *those* stones; and he shall take other plaster and replaster the house.45 ²Lev. 14:41

43 "If, however, the mark breaks out again in the house, after he has torn out the stones and scraped the house, and after it has been replastered,

46 ¹Lit., shut up44 then the priest shall come in and ¹make an inspection. If he sees that the mark has indeed spread in the house, it is a malignant mark in the house; it is unclean.48 ¹Lit., looks ²Lit., healed45 "He shall therefore tear down the house, its stones, and its timbers, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall take *them* outside the city to an ^aunclean place.49 ¹Lit., scarlet color
²Lev. 14:446 "Moreover, whoever goes into the house during the time that he has ¹quarantined it, becomes unclean until evening.

47 "Likewise, whoever lies down in the house shall wash his clothes, and whoever eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

50 ¹Lit., living48 "If, on the other hand, the priest comes in and ¹makes an inspection, and the mark has not indeed spread in the house after the house has been replastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean because the mark has ²not reappeared.49 "To cleanse the house then, he shall take ^atwo birds and cedar wood and a ¹scarlet string and hyssop,50 and he shall slaughter the one bird in an earthenware vessel over ¹running water.51 ¹Lit., scarlet color ²Lit., living51 "Then he shall take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the ¹scarlet string, with the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, as well as in the ²running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.52 "He shall thus cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the ¹running water, along with the live bird and with the cedar wood and with the hyssop and with the ²scarlet string.52 ¹Lit., living ²Lit., scarlet color

53 "However, he shall let the live bird go free outside the city into the open field. So he shall make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean."

54 This is the law for any mark of leprosy—even for a scale,

55 and for the leprous garment or house,

56 and for a swelling, and for a scab, and for a bright spot—

57 to teach ¹when they are unclean, and ¹when they are clean. This is the law of leprosy.57 ¹Lit., in the day of

CHAPTER 15

THE LORD also spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ^aWhen any man has a discharge from his ¹body, ²his discharge is unclean.

3 "This, moreover, shall be his uncleanness in his discharge: it is his uncleanness whether his body allows its discharge to flow, or whether his body obstructs its discharge.

4 "Every bed on which the person with the discharge lies becomes unclean, and everything on which he sits becomes unclean.

5 "Anyone, moreover, who touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening;

² ¹Lit., flesh, and so throughout the chap. ²Or, by his discharge, he is unclean. ³Lev. 22:4; Num. 5:2; 2 Sam. 3:29

6 and whoever sits on the thing on which the man with the discharge has been sitting, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

7 ¹Lit., *flesh*

7 ¹Also whoever touches the ¹person with the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

8 ¹Or if the man with the discharge spits on one who is clean, he too shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

12 ²Lev. 6:28; 11:33

9 ¹And every saddle on which the person with the discharge rides becomes unclean.

10 ¹Whoever then touches any of the things which were under him shall be unclean until evening, and he who carries them shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

11 ¹Likewise, whomever the one with the discharge touches without having rinsed his hands in water shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

13 ¹Lit., *living*

12 ¹However, an ²earthenware vessel which the person with the discharge touches shall be broken, and every wooden vessel shall be rinsed in water.

13 ¹Now when the man with the discharge becomes cleansed from his discharge, then he shall count off for himself seven days for his cleansing; he shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in ¹running water and shall become clean.

15 ²Lev. 5:7

14 ¹Then on the eighth day he shall take for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and give them to the priest;

15 and the priest shall offer them, ²one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD because of his discharge.

16 ¹Lit., *man's, goes out from him*
²Lev. 22:4; Deut. 23:10, 11

16 ¹Now if a ¹man has a seminal emission, he shall bathe all his body in water and be unclean until evening.

17 ¹As for any garment or any leather on which there is seminal emission, it shall be washed with water and be unclean until evening.

18 ¹If a man lies with a woman *so that* there is a seminal emission, they shall both bathe in water and be ²unclean until evening.

18 ¹ Sam. 21:4

19 ¹When a woman has a discharge *if* her discharge in her body is blood, she shall continue in her menstrual impurity for seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.

20 ¹Everything also on which she lies during her menstruation impurity shall be unclean, and everything on which she sits shall be unclean.

24 ²Lev. 18:19; 20:18

21 ¹And anyone who touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

22 ¹And whoever touches any thing on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

23 ¹Whether it be on the bed or on the thing on which she is sitting, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until evening.

24 ²And if a man actually lies with her, so that her menSTRU-

25 ¹Lit., her menstrual impurity ²Lit., in the days of
^aMatt. 9:20; Mark 5:25; Luke 8:43

26 ¹Lit., the bed of her menstrual impurity ²Lit., the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity

30 ^aLev. 5:7

31 ¹Or, dwelling place
^aLev. 20:3; Num. 19:13, 20; Ezek. 36:17

32 ¹Lit., whose seminal emission goes out from him

1 ^aLev. 10:1, 2

2 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aEx. 30:10; Heb. 9:7, 25 ^bEx. 25:21, 22

3 ¹Or, bull of the herd
^aLev. 16:6; 4:1-12

4 ¹Lit., flesh
^aEx. 28:39, 42 ^bLev. 16:24

5 ^aLev. 4:13-21

6 ^aHeb. 5:3

al impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

25 ^aNow if a woman has a discharge of her blood many days, not at the period of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond ¹that period, all the days of her impure discharge she shall continue as though ²in her menstrual impurity; she is unclean.

26 ^aAny bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her like ¹her bed at menstruation; and every thing on which she sits shall be unclean, like ²her uncleanness at that time.

27 ^aLikewise, whoever touches them shall be unclean and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

28 ^aWhen she becomes clean from her discharge, she shall count off for herself seven days; and afterward she shall be clean.

29 ^aThen on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and bring them in to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

30 ^aAnd the priest shall offer the ^aone for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on her behalf before the LORD because of her impure discharge.

31 ^aThus you shall keep the sons of Israel separated from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by their ^adefiling My ¹tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the law for the one with a discharge, and for the man ¹who has a seminal emission so that he is unclean by it,

33 and for the woman who is ill because of menstrual impurity, and for the one who has a discharge, whether a male or a female, or a man who lies with an unclean woman.

CHAPTER 16

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses after ^athe death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died.

2 And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter ^aat any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the ¹mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for ^{b1} will appear in the cloud over the ¹mercy seat.

3 ^aAaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a ¹bull for a ^asin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 ^aHe shall put on the ^aholy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his ¹body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash, and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall ^bbathe his ¹body in water and put them on.

5 ^aAnd he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel ^btwo male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 ^aThen ^aAaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household.

7 "And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

8 "And Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the ¹scapegoat.

9 "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering.

10 "But the goat on which the lot for the ¹scapegoat fell, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the ¹scapegoat.

11 "Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering ^awhich is for himself, and make atonement for himself and ^bfor his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.

12 "And he shall take a ^afirepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD, and ¹two handfuls of finely ground ^bsweet incense, and bring it inside the veil.

13 "And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the ¹mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, ^alest he die.

14 "Moreover ^ahe shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it ^bwith his finger on the ¹mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the ¹mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 "Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering ^awhich is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the ¹mercy seat and in front of the ¹mercy seat.

16 "And ^ahe shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions, in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

17 "When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall be in the tent of meeting until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel.

18 "Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat, and ^aput it on the horns of the altar on all sides.

19 "And ^awith his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times, and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it.

20 "When he finishes atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat.

21 "Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and [†]confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions ¹in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness.

22 "And the goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

23 "Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and take off ^athe linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there.

8 ¹Lit., goat of removal, or else a name: Azazel
pt of the tent

10 ¹Lit., goat of removal, or else a name: Azazel

11 ^aHeb. 7:27; 9:7 ^bLev. 16:33

12 ¹Lit., the filling of the hollow of his hands
^aLev. 10:1 ^bEx. 30:34-38

13 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aLev. 22:9; Ex. 28:43; Num. 4:15, 20

14 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aHeb. 9:25 ^bLev. 4:6, 17

15 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aHeb. 7:27; 9:7

16 ^aEx. 29:36, 37; 30:10; Heb. 2:17

18 ^aLev. 4:25; Ezek. 43:20, 22

19 ^aLev. 16:14

21 ¹Lit., in addition to
^aLev. 5:5

23 ^aLev. 16:4

24 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aLev. 16:4 ^bEx. 28:40, 41

26 ¹Lit., *goat of removal*, or
else a name: *Azazel* ²Lit.,
flesh
^aLev. 11:25, 40

27 ^aHeb. 13:11

28 ^aNum. 19:8

29 ^aLev. 23:27 ^bEx. 31:14,
15

30 ¹Lit., *he shall make*

31 ^aLev. 23:32; Ezra 8:21;
Is. 58:3, 5; Dan. 10:12

32 ¹Lit., *whose hand is
filled*
^aLev. 16:4

33 ^aLev. 16:11

34 ^aHeb. 9:7

⁴Lit., *dwelling place*
^aDeut. 12:5-21

⁵Lit., *In order that*

24 "And ^ahe shall bathe his ¹body with water in a holy place and put on ^bhis clothes, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people.

25 "Then he shall offer up in smoke the fat of the sin offering on the altar.

26 "And the one who released the goat as the ¹scapegoat ^ashall wash his clothes and bathe his ²body with water; then afterward he shall come into the camp.

27 "But the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, ^awhose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be taken outside the camp, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire.

28 "Then the ^aone who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water, then afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 "And *this* shall be a permanent statute for you: ^ain the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls, and not ^bdo any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you;

30 for it is on this day that ^aatonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you shall be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 "It is to be a sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may ^ahumble your souls; it is a permanent statute.

32 "So the priest who is anointed and ¹ordained to serve as priest in his father's place shall make atonement: he shall thus put on ^athe linen garments, the holy garments,

33 and make atonement for the holy sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar. He shall also make atonement for ^athe priests and for all the people of the assembly.

34 "Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to ^amake atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year." And just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so he did.

CHAPTER 17

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'This is what the LORD has commanded, saying,

3 "Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox, or a lamb, or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp,

4 and ^ahas not brought it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to present *it* as an offering to the LORD before the ¹tabernacle of the LORD, bloodguiltiness is to be reckoned to that man. He has shed blood and that man shall be cut off from among his people.

5 "The reason is so that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they were sacrificing in the open field, that they may bring them in to the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting to the priest, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD.

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Must Not Eat It. Incest.**

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6 "And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and offer up the fat in smoke as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

7 "And ^athey shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the ¹goat demons with which they play the harlot. This shall be a permanent statute to them throughout their generations."

8 "Then you shall say to them, 'Any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 and ^adoes not bring it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to ¹offer it to the LORD, that man also shall be cut off from his people.

10 ^aAnd any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, ^{b1} will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 'For ^athe ¹life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the ¹life that makes atonement.'

12 "Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'No person among you may eat blood, nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.'

13 "So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, ¹in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, ^ahe shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.

14 ^a"For as for the ¹life of all flesh, its blood is *identified* with its ¹life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the ¹life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

15 ^a"And when any person eats *an animal* which dies, or is torn *by beasts*, whether he is a native or an alien, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening; then he will become clean.

16 "But if he does not wash *them* or bathe his body, then he shall bear his ¹guilt."

CHAPTER 18

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, '^aI am the LORD your God.

3 'You shall not do ¹what is ^adone in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do ¹what is ^bdone in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you; you shall not walk in their statutes.

4 'You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, ¹to live in accord with them; ^aI am the LORD your God.

5 'So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, ^aby which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD.

6 'None of you shall approach any blood relative ¹of his to uncover nakedness; I am the LORD.

7 ^aYou shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, that is, the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother; you are not to uncover her nakedness.

⁷ ¹Or, goat-idols
^aEx. 22:20; 32:8; 34:15; Deut. 32:17; 2 Chr. 11:15

⁹ ¹Lit., do
^aLev. 17:4; Ex. 20:24

¹⁰ ^aLev. 3:17; 7:26, 27; Deut. 12:16, 23-25 ^bLev. 20:3, 6

¹¹ ¹Lit., soul
^aLev. 17:14; Gen. 9:4

¹³ ¹Lit., who in hunting
^aDeut. 12:16

¹⁴ ¹Lit., soul
^aLev. 17:11

¹⁵ ^aLev. 7:24; 22:8; Ex. 22:31

¹⁶ ¹Or, iniquity

² ^aLev. 11:44

³ ¹Lit., according to the deed of
^aEzek. 20:7; ^bLev. 18:24-30; 20:23

⁴ ¹Lit., to walk in them
^aLev. 18:2

⁵ ^aGal. 3:12; Luke 10:28; Rom. 10:5; Ezek. 20:11

⁶ ¹Lit., of his flesh

⁷ ^aLev. 20:11; Deut. 27:20; Ezek. 22:10

9^aLev. 18:11; 20:17; Deut. 27:22

10¹Lit., *they are your nakedness*

11¹Lit., *begotten of*

12^aLev. 20:19

14^aLev. 20:20

15^aLev. 20:12

16^aLev. 20:21

17¹Or, *wickedness*
^aLev. 20:14

18¹Lit., *take a wife*²Or, *another*³Lit., *to be*

19^aLev. 15:24; 20:18^bLev. 12:2

20^aLev. 20:10

21¹Lit., *cause to pass over*
^aLev. 20:25; Deut. 12:31
^bLev. 19:12; 20:3; 21:6

22¹Lit., *those who*
^aLev. 20:13; Deut. 23:18

23¹Or, *lie*
^aEx. 22:19; Lev. 20:15, 16;
Deut. 27:21

24^aLev. 18:3

25¹Lit., *iniquity*
^aLev. 20:23; Deut. 9:5; 18:12
^bLev. 18:28; 20:22

8 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness.

9 ^aThe nakedness of your sister, *either* your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

10 'The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for ¹their nakedness is yours.

11 'The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, ¹born to your father, she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

12 ^aYou shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's blood relative.

13 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's blood relative.

14 ^aYou shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother; you shall not approach his wife, she is your aunt.

15 ^aYou shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

16 ^aYou shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.

17 ^aYou shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are blood relatives. It is ¹lewdness.

18 'And you shall not ¹marry a woman in addition to ²her sister ³as a rival while she is alive, to uncover her nakedness.

19 ^aAlso you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her ^bmenstrual impurity.

20 ^aAnd you shall not have intercourse with your neighbor's wife, to be defiled with her.

21 'Neither shall you give any of your offspring ^ato ¹offer them to Molech, nor shall you ^bprofane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

22 ^aYou shall not lie with a male as ¹one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

23 ^aAlso you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to ¹mate with it; it is a perversion.

24 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these ^athe nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.

25 'For the land has become defiled, ^atherefore I have visited its ¹punishment upon it, so the land ^bhas spewed out its inhabitants.

26 'But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not do any of these abominations, *neither* the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you;

27 (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled);

28 so that the land may not spew you out should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.

29 'For whoever does any of these abominations, ¹those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people.

30 'Thus you are to keep ^aMy charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; ^bI am the LORD your God.'

CHAPTER 19

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, '^aYou shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

3 'Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep ^aMy sabbaths; ^bI am the LORD your God.

4 'Do not turn to ^aidols or make for yourselves molten ^bgods; I am the LORD your God.

5 'Now when you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted.

6 'It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and the next day; but what remains until the third day shall be burned with fire.

7 'So if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an offense; it will not be accepted.

8 'And everyone who eats it will bear his iniquity, for he has profaned the holy thing of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from his people.

9 '^aNow when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God.

11 '^aYou shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

12 'And you shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to ^bprofane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

13 '^aYou shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob *him*. ^bThe wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning.

14 'You shall not curse a deaf man, nor ^aplace a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

15 '^aYou shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

16 'You shall not go about as ^aa slanderer among your people, and you are not to ^aact against the ^{2b}life of your neighbor; I am the LORD.

17 'You ^ashall not hate your ¹fellow-countryman in your heart; you ^bmay surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

18 '^aYou shall not take vengeance, ^bnor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but ^cyou shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

29 ¹Or, and the

30 ¹Lev. 22:9; Deut. 11:1
^bLev. 18:2

2 ¹Pet. 1:16

3 ^aEx. 20:8 ^bLev. 11:44

4 ^aLev. 26:1; Ps. 96:5;
115:4-7 ^bEx. 20:23; 34:17

9 ^aLev. 23:22; Deut. 24:20-22

11 ^aEx. 20:15, 16

12 ^aEx. 20:7 ^bLev. 18:21

13 ^aEx. 22:7-15, 21-27
^bDeut. 24:15

14 ^aDeut. 27:18

15 ^aEx. 23:3, 6; Deut. 1:17;
10:17

16 ¹Lit., stand ²lit., blood
^aPs. 15:3; Jer. 6:28; 9:4; Ezek.
22:9 ^bEx. 23:7; Deut. 27:25

17 ¹Lit., brother
^a1 John 2:9, 11; 3:15 ^bMatt.
18:15; Luke 17:3

18 ^aDeut. 32:35; Rom.
12:19; Heb. 10:30 ^bPs. 103:9
^cMatt. 19:19; Mark 12:31;
Luke 10:27; Rom. 13:9

19 *Deut. 22:9, 11

20 *Deut. 22:23-27

21 *Lev. 6:1-7

23 ¹Lit., *uncircumcised*

26 *Lev. 17:10 ^bDeut. 18:10

27 *Lev. 21:5

28 ¹Lit., *flesh* ²Lit., *soul*

29 ¹Or, *degrade*
^aLev. 21:9; Deut. 22:21;
23:17, 18

30 *Lev. 19:3 ^bLev. 26:2

31 ¹Or, *ghosts or spirits*
^aLev. 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:11

32 ¹Lit., *face of the aged*
^aLam. 5:12

33 *Ex. 22:21

34 *Lev. 19:18

35 *Deut. 25:13-16

36 ¹Approx. one bushel
²Approx. one gallon

2 *Lev. 18:21

19 'You are to keep My statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; ^ayou shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.

20 ^aNow if a man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave acquired for *another* man, but who has in no way been redeemed, nor given her freedom, there shall be punishment; they shall not, *however*, be put to death, because she was not free.

21 'And he shall bring his guilt offering to the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting, ^aa ram for a guilt offering.

22 'The priest shall also make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before the LORD for his sin which he has committed, and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.

23 'And when you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as ¹forbidden. Three years it shall be ¹forbidden to you; *it* shall not be eaten.

24 'But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to the LORD.

25 'And in the fifth year you are to eat of its fruit, that its yield may increase for you; I am the LORD your God.

26 'You shall not eat *anything* ^awith the blood, nor practice ^bdivination or soothsaying.

27 ^aYou shall not round off the side-growth of your heads, nor harm the edges of your beard.

28 'You shall not make any cuts in your ¹body for the ²dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.

29 ^aDo not ¹profane your daughter by making her a harlot, so that the land may not fall to harlotry, and the land become full of lewdness.

30 'You shall ^akeep My sabbaths and ^brevere My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

31 ^aDo not turn to ^amediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

32 ^aYou shall rise up before the grayheaded, and honor the ¹aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

33 ^aWhen a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

34 'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and ^ayou shall love him as yourself; for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 ^aYou shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight, or capacity.

36 'You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ¹ephah, and a just ²hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt.

37 'You shall thus observe all My statutes, and all My ordinances, and do them: I am the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 20

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "You shall also say to the sons of Israel, 'Any man from the sons of Israel or from the aliens sojourning in Israel, ^awho

gives any of his ¹offspring to Molech, shall surely be put to death; ^bthe people of the land shall stone him with stones.

² ¹Lit., *seed*
^bLev. 20:27; 24:14-23; Num. 15:35, 36; Deut. 21:21

3 'I will also set My face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given some of his ¹offspring to Molech, ^aso as to defile My sanctuary and ^bto profane My holy name.

³ ¹Lit., *seed*
^aLev. 15:31 ^bLev. 18:21

4 'If the people of the land, however, ¹should ever disregard that man when he gives any of his ²offspring to Molech, so as not to put him to death,

⁴ ¹Lit., *hiding they hide their eyes from* ²Lit., *seed*

5 then I Myself will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut off from among their people both him and all those who play the harlot after him, by playing the harlot after Molech.

⁶ ¹Or, *ghosts and spirits*
^aLev. 19:31

6 'As for the person who turns to ^{1a}mediums and to spirit-ists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

⁷ ¹ Pet. 1:16

7 'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and ^abe holy, for I am the LORD your God.

⁹ ^aEx. 21:17; Deut. 27:16

8 'And you shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

9 ^aIf *there* is anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother, his bloodguiltiness is upon him.

¹⁰ ^aLev. 18:20; Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18

10 ^aIf *there is* a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

¹¹ ^aLev. 18:7, 8

11 ^aIf *there is* a man who lies with his father's wife he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

¹² ¹Lit., *confusion*; i.e., a violation of divine order
^aLev. 18:15

12 ^aIf *there is* a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed ¹incest, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

¹³ ^aLev. 18:22

13 ^aIf *there is* a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *takes*
^aDeut. 27:23

14 ^aIf *there is* a man who ¹marries a woman and her mother, it is immorality; both he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no immorality in your midst.

¹⁵ ^aLev. 18:23

15 ^aIf *there is* a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; you shall also kill the animal.

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *lie*

16 'If *there is* a woman who approaches any animal to ¹mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

¹⁷ ^aLev. 18:9

17 ^aIf *there is* a man who takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the sons of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he bears his guilt.

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *sick* ²Or, *uncovered*
^aLev. 15:24; 18:19

18 ^aIf *there is* a man who lies with a ¹menstruous woman and uncovers her nakedness, he has laid bare her flow, and she has ²exposed the flow of her blood; thus both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

¹⁹ ^aLev. 18:12, 13

19 ^aYou shall also not uncover the nakedness of your moth-

19 ¹Lit., *flesh*

20 ^aLev. 18:14

21 ¹Or, *an impure deed*
^aLev. 18:16

22 ¹Lit., *dwell in it*
^aLev. 18:28

23 ¹Lit., *walk in the statutes*
^aLev. 18:3 ^bLev. 18:25

24 ^aEx. 13:5; 33:3 ^bLev. 20:26; Ex. 33:16

25 ¹Lit., *your souls* ²Lit.,
with which the ground creeps
^aLev. 10:10; 11:1-47; Deut. 14:3-21

26 ^aLev. 20:24

27 ¹Or, *ghost or familiar spirit with them*
^aLev. 19:31

1 ^aLev. 19:28; Ezek. 44:25

2 ^aLev. 21:11

3 ¹Or, *whom no man has had*

4 ¹Lit., *husband among*

5 ^aDeut. 14:1; Ezek. 44:20
^bLev. 19:27 ^cDeut. 14:1

6 ¹Lit., *of*
^aLev. 18:21 ^bLev. 3:11

7 ^aLev. 21:13, 14

8 ^aLev. 21:6

9 ^aLev. 19:29

er's sister or of your father's sister, for such a one has made naked his ¹blood relative; they shall bear their guilt.

20 ^aIf *there is* a man who lies with his uncle's wife he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin. They shall die childless.

21 ^aIf *there is* a man who takes his brother's wife, it is ¹abhorrent; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.

22 ^aYou are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I am bringing you to ¹live will not ^aspew you out.

23 ^aMoreover, you shall not ¹follow ^athe customs of the nation which I shall drive out before you, for they did all these things, and ^btherefore I have abhorred them.

24 ^aHence I have said to you, ^a"You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who have ^bseparated you from the peoples.

25 ^aYou are therefore to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make ¹yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything ²that creeps on the ground, which I have separated for you as unclean.

26 ^aThus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I ^ahave set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.

27 ^aAs for a man or a woman, ^aif there is a ¹medium or a spiritist among them, they shall surely be put to death; they shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them. "

CHAPTER 21

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, ^aNo one shall defile himself for a *dead* person among his people,

2 ^aexcept for his relatives who are nearest to him, his mother and his father and his son and his daughter and his brother,

3 also for his virgin sister, who is near to him ¹because she has had no husband; for her he may defile himself.

4 ^aHe shall not defile himself as a ¹relative by marriage among his people, and so profane himself.

5 ^aThey shall not make any baldness on their heads, ^bnor shave off the edges of their beards, ^cnor make any cuts in their flesh.

6 ^aThey shall be holy to their God and ^anot profane the name of their God, for they present the offerings by fire ¹to the LORD, ^bthe bread of their God; so they shall be holy.

7 ^aThey shall not take a woman who is profaned by harlotry, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband; for he is holy to his God.

8 ^aYou shall consecrate him, therefore, for he offers ^athe bread of your God; he shall be holy to you; for I the LORD, who sanctifies you, am holy.

9 ^aAlso the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself

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by harlotry, she profanes her father; she shall be burned with fire.

10 'And the priest who is the highest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured, and ¹who has been consecrated to wear the garments, ²shall not ²uncover his head, nor tear his clothes;

11 ^anor shall he approach any dead person, nor defile himself *even* for his father or his mother;

12 ^anor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for ^bthe consecration of the anointing oil of his God is on him: I am the LORD.

13 'And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 ^aA widow, or a divorced woman, or one who is profaned by harlotry, these he may not take; but rather he is to ¹marry a virgin of his own people;

15 that he may not profane his ¹offspring among his people: for I am the LORD who sanctifies him.' "

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moscs, saying,

17 "Speak to Aaron, saying, 'No man of your ¹offspring throughout their generations who has a defect shall approach to offer the ^abread of his God.

18 ^aFor no one who has a defect shall approach: a blind man, or a lame man, or he who has a ^adisfigured *face*, or any deformed *limb*,

19 or a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,

20 or a hunchback or a dwarf, or *one who has a* ¹defect in his eye or eczema or scabs or ^acrushed testicles.

21 'No man among the ¹descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, is to come near to offer the LORD's offerings by fire; *since* he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer ^athe bread of his God.

22 'He may eat ^athe bread of his God, *both* of the most holy and of the holy,

23 only he shall not go in to the veil or come near the altar because he has a defect, that he may not profane My sanctuaries. For I am the LORD who sanctifies them.' "

24 So Moses spoke to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 22

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Tell Aaron and his sons to be careful with the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to Me, so as not to profane My holy name; I am the LORD.

3 "Say to them, ^aIf any man among all your ¹descendants throughout your generations approaches the holy *gifts* which the sons of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from before Me. I am the LORD.

4 ^aNo man of the ¹descendants of Aaron who is a leper, or who has a discharge, may eat of the holy *gifts* until he is clean. ^bAnd if one touches anything made unclean by a corpse or if ^ca man has a seminal emission,

5 or ^aif a man touches any teeming things, by which he is

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *whose hand has been filled* ²Lit., *unbind* ^aLev. 10:6, 7

11 ^aLev. 19:28

12 ^aLev. 10:7 ^bEx. 29:6, 7

14 ¹Lit., *take as wife* ^aLev. 21:7; Ezek. 44:22

15 ¹Lit., *seed*

17 ¹Lit., *seed* ^aLev. 21:6

18 ¹Lit., *slit* ^aLev. 22:19-25

20 ¹Lit., *obscurity* ^aDeut. 23:1; Is. 56:3-5

21 ¹Lit., *seed* ^aLev. 21:6

22 ^a1 Cor. 9:13

3 ¹Lit., *seed* ^aLev. 7:20, 21; Num. 19:13

4 ¹Lit., *seed* ^aLev. 14:1-32 ^bLev. 11:24-28, 39, 40 ^cLev. 15:16, 17

5 ^aLev. 11:24-28

6 ¹Lit., *soul* ²Lit., *flesh*

7 ¹Lit., *bread*

8 ^aLev. 7:24; 11:39, 40; 17:15

9 ^aLev. 18:30 ^bLev. 22:16

10 ¹Lit., *stranger*
^aLev. 22:13; Ex. 29:33

11 ¹Lit., *soul* ²Lit., *he may*
¹Lit., *bread*
^aGen. 17:13; Ex. 12:44

12 ¹Lit., *stranger* ²Lit.,
heave offering

13 ¹Lit., *bread* ²Lit.,
stranger
^aLev. 22:10

14 ^aLev. 5:15, 16

16 ¹Or, *iniquity requiring a*
guilt offering
^aLev. 22:9; 10:17

18 ¹Lit., *vows*

19 ^aLev. 21:18-21; Deut.
15:21

21 ¹Or, *make a special*
votive offering

23 ¹Or, *deformed*

24 ¹Lit., *do*
^aLev. 21:20

made unclean, or any man by whom he is made unclean, whatever his uncleanness;

6 ^aperson who touches any such shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy *gifts*, unless he has bathed his ²body in water.

7 'But when the sun sets, he shall be clean, and afterward he shall eat of the holy *gifts*, for it is his ¹food.

8 'He shall not eat ^aan animal which dies or is torn by *beasts*, becoming unclean by it; I am the LORD.

9 'They shall therefore keep ^aMy charge, so that ^bthey may not bear sin because of it, and die thereby because they profane it; I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

10 ^aNo ¹layman, however, is to eat the holy *gift*; a sojourner with the priest or a hired man shall not eat of the holy *gift*.

11 'But if a priest buys a ¹slave as *his* property with his money, ²that one may eat of it, and those who are born in his house may eat of his ³food.

12 'And if a priest's daughter is married to a ¹layman, she shall not eat of the ²offering of the *gifts*.

13 'But if a priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorced, and has no child and returns to her father's house as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's ¹food; ^abut no ²layman shall eat of it.

14 ^aBut if a man eats a holy *gift* unintentionally, then he shall add to it a fifth of it and shall give the holy *gift* to the priest.

15 'And they shall not profane the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel which they offer to the LORD,

16 and so cause them ^ato bear ¹punishment for guilt by eating their holy *gifts*; for I am the LORD who sanctifies them. "

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When any man of the house of Israel or of the aliens in Israel, who presents his offering, whether it is any of their ¹votive or any of their freewill offerings, which they present to the LORD for a burnt offering,

19 ^afor you to be accepted, *it must be* a male without defect from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.

20 'Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you.

21 'And when a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to ¹fulfill a special vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

22 'Those *that are* blind or fractured or maimed or having a running sore or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the LORD.

23 'In respect to an ox or a lamb which has an ¹overgrown or stunted *member*, you may present it for a freewill offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 'Also ^aanything *with its testicles* bruised or crushed or torn or cut, you shall not offer to the Lord, or ¹sacrifice in your land,

25 nor shall you accept any such from the hand of a foreign-

er for offering ^aas the food of your God; for their corruption is in them, they have a defect, they shall not be accepted for you."

26 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

27 "When an ox or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall remain ^aseven days ²with its mother, and from the eighth day on it shall be accepted as a sacrifice of an offering by fire to the LORD.

28 ^a"But, whether it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill both it and its young in one day.

29 "And when you sacrifice ^aa sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.

30 "It shall be eaten on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the LORD.

31 "So you shall keep My commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

32 "And you shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the sons of Israel: I am the LORD who sanctifies you,

33 ^awho brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 23

THE LORD spoke again to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ^aThe LORD's appointed times which you shall ^bproclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these:

3 ^aFor six days work may be done; but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work; it is a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 "These are the ^aappointed times of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them.

5 ^aIn the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month ¹at twilight is the LORD's Passover.

6 "Then on the fifteenth day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.

7 "On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall ^anot do any laborious work.

8 "But for seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and ^areap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.

11 'And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 'Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD.

²⁵ ¹Lit., bread
^aLev. 21:22

²⁷ ¹Lit., be ²Lit., under
^aEx. 22:30

²⁸ ^aDeut. 22:6, 7

²⁹ ^aLev. 7:12

³³ ^aLev. 11:45

² ^aLev. 23:4, 37, 44; Num. 29:39 ^bLev. 23:21

³ ^aLev. 19:3; Ex. 31:13-17; 35:2, 3

⁴ ^aLev. 23:2

⁵ ¹Lit., between the two evenings
^aEx. 12:18, 19; Num. 28:16-25

⁷ ^aLev. 23:8, 21, 25, 35, 36

¹⁰ ^aEx. 23:19; 34:26

13 ¹Approx. one gallon
^aLev. 6:20

14 ^aEx. 34:26; Num. 15:20,
21

15 ^aNum. 28:26-31; Deut.
16:9-12

16 ^aNum. 28:26

17 ¹An ephah is assumed
^aLev. 2:12; 7:13

19 ^aNum. 28:30

21 ^aLev. 23:2, 4 ^bLev. 23:7

22 ^aLev. 19:9

24 ¹Lit., sabbath rest
^aNum. 29:1 ^bNum. 10:9, 10

25 ^aLev. 23:21

27 ^aLev. 16:29; 25:9; Num.
29:7 ^bLev. 23:28

28 ^aLev. 23:27 ^bLev. 16:34

29 ¹Lit., soul

13 'Its ^agrain offering shall then be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire to the LORD for a soothing aroma, with its libation, a fourth of a ^hhin of wine.

14 'Until this same day, until you have brought in the offering of your God, ^ayou shall eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor new growth. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

15 ^aYou shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths.

16 'You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a ^anew grain offering to the LORD.

17 'You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of a ^hbushel; they shall be of a fine flour, baked ^awith leaven as first fruits to the LORD.

18 'Along with the bread, you shall present seven one year old male lambs without defect, and a bull of the herd, and two rams; they are to be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their libations, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

19 'You shall also offer ^aone male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20 'The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before the LORD; they are to be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21 'On this same day you shall ^amake a proclamation as well; you are to have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious ^bwork. It is to be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

22 ^aWhen you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor gather the gleanings of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. I am the LORD your God.'

23 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ^aIn the seventh month on the first of the month, you shall have a ^hrest, a ^breminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

25 'You shall ^anot do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD.'

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

27 "On exactly ^athe tenth day of this seventh month is ^bthe day of atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the LORD.

28 "Neither shall you do any work on this same day, for it is a ^aday of atonement, ^bto make atonement on your behalf before the LORD your God.

29 "If there is any ^hperson who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people.

30 "As for any person who does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.

31 "You shall do no work at all. It is to be a perpetual

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Lamp and Bread of the Sanctuary.

statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

32 "It is to be a sabbath of complete rest to you, and you shall humble your soul; on the ninth of the month at evening, from evening until evening you shall keep your sabbath."

33 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

34 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'On ^athe fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast ^bof Booths for seven days to the LORD.

35 'On the first day is a holy convocation; you shall do ^ano laborious work of any kind.

36 ^aFor seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On ^bthe eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work.

37 'These are ^athe appointed times of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present offerings by fire to the LORD—burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and libations, ^beach day's matter on its own day—

38 besides *those* of the sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your ¹votive and freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

39 'On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a ¹rest on the first day and a ¹rest on the eighth day.

40 'Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the ¹foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

41 'You shall thus celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It *shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 'You shall ¹live ^ain booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall ¹live in booths,

43 so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.' "

44 So Moses declared to the sons of Israel ^athe appointed times of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you ^aclear oil from beaten olives for the ¹light, to make a lamp ²burn continually.

3 "Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD continually; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

4 "He shall keep the lamps in order on the ^apure gold lampstand before the LORD continually.

5 "'Then you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths of an *ephah* shall be in each cake.

Leviticus 23, 24

34 ^aNum. 29:12 ^bLev. 23:42, 43; Deut. 16:13, 16

35 ^aLev. 23:25

36 ^aNum. 29:12-34 ^bNum. 29:35-38

37 ^aLev. 23:2 ^bNum. 28:1-29, 38

38 ¹Lit., *vows, and besides all your*

39 ¹Lit., *sabbath rest*

40 ¹Lit., *products, fruit*

42 ¹Lit., *dwell*
^aLev. 23:34

44 ^aLev. 23:37

2 ¹Or, *luminary* ²Lit.,
ascend
^aEx. 27:20, 21

4 ^aEx. 25:31; 31:8; 37:17

5 ^aEx. 25:30; 39:36; 40:23

Leviticus 24, 25

6 *Ex. 25:24

7 *Lev. 2:2, 9, 16

8 ¹Lit., *from*
*Matt. 12:5 ^bEx. 25:30;
Num. 4:7

9 *Matt. 12:4; Mark 2:26;
Luke 6:4

11 *Ex. 3:15; 22:28

12 ¹Or, *prison* ²Lit., *to
declare distinctly to them
according to the mouth of
the LORD*
^aEx. 18:15

14 *Deut. 13:9; 17:7 ^bLev.
20:2, 27; Deut. 21:21

15 *Ex. 22:28

17 ¹Lit., *smites*
^aEx. 21:12; Num. 35:30, 31;
Deut. 27:24

18 ¹Lit., *smites*
^aLev. 24:21

19 ¹Lit., *gives a blemish*

20 ¹Lit., *given a blemish*
²Lit., *given*
^aEx. 21:23; Deut. 19:21
^bMatt. 5:38

21 ¹Lit., *smites*
^aLev. 24:17

22 ¹Lit., *judgment*
^aEx. 12:49; Num. 9:14; 15:15,
16, 29

¹Or, *on*

³*Ex. 23:10, 11

6 “And you shall set them *in* two rows, six to a row, on the ^apure *gold* table before the LORD.

7 “And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be ^aa memorial portion for the bread, *even* an offering by fire to the LORD.

8 “^aEvery sabbath day he shall set it in order before the LORD ^bcontinually; it is an everlasting covenant ¹for the sons of Israel.

9 “^aAnd it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the LORD’s offerings by fire, *his* portion forever.”

10 Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the sons of Israel; and the Israelite woman’s son and a man of Israel struggled with each other in the camp.

11 And the son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the ^aName and cursed. So they brought him to Moses. (Now his mother’s name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)

12 And they put him in ¹custody ²so that ^athe command of the LORD might be made clear to them.

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

14 “Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him ^alay their hands on his head; then ^blet all the congregation stone him.

15 “And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, “^aIf anyone curses his God, then he shall bear his sin.

16 “Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

17 “^aAnd if a man ¹takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.

18 “And ^athe one who ¹takes the life of an animal shall make it good, life for life.

19 “And if a man ¹injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him:

20 ^afracture for fracture, ^beye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has ¹injured a man, so it shall be ²inflicted on him.

21 “^aThus the one who ¹kills an animal shall make it good, but the one who ¹kills a man shall be put to death.

22 “There shall be ^aone ¹standard for you; it shall be for the stranger as well as the native, for I am the LORD your God.”

23 Then Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought the one who had cursed outside the camp and stoned him with stones. Thus the sons of Israel did, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 25

THE LORD then spoke to Moses ¹at Mount Sinai, saying,

2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, “When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to the LORD.

3 “Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop,

4 but during ^athe seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

5 'Your harvest's ¹aftergrowth you shall not reap, and your grapes of trimmed vines you shall not gather; the land shall have a sabbatical year.

6 ^aAnd all of you shall have the sabbath *products* of the land for food: yourself, and your male and female slaves, and your hired man and your foreign resident, those who live as aliens with you.

7 'Even your cattle and the animals that are in your land shall have all its crops to eat.

8 'You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, *namely*, forty-nine years.

9 'You shall then sound a ram's horn abroad on ^athe tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land.

10 'You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim ¹a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, ²and ^aeach of you shall return to his own property, ²and each of you shall return to his family.

11 'You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee: you shall not sow, nor reap its aftergrowth, nor gather in *from* its untrimmed vines.

12 'For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its crops out of the field.

13 ^aOn this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his own property.

14 'If you make a sale, moreover, to your friend, or buy from your friend's hand, ^ayou shall not wrong one another.

15 'Corresponding to the number of years after the jubilee, you shall buy from your ¹friend; he is to sell to you according to the number of years of crops.

16 ^aIn proportion to the ¹extent of the years you shall increase its price, and in proportion to the fewness of the years, you shall diminish its price; for *it is* a number of crops he is selling to you.

17 'So ^ayou shall not wrong one another, but you shall ¹fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.

18 'You shall thus observe My statutes, and keep My judgments, so as to carry them out, that ^ayou may live securely on the land.

19 'Then the land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it.

20 'But if you say, "^aWhat are we going to eat on the seventh year ¹if we do not sow or gather in our crops?"

21 then I will so order My blessing for you in the sixth year that it will bring forth the crop for three years.

22 'When you are sowing the eighth year, you can still eat ^aold things from the crop, eating *the old* until the ninth year when its crop comes in.

23 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for ^athe land is Mine; for ^byou are *but* aliens and sojourners with Me.

4 ^aLev. 25:20

5 ¹Lit., growth from spilled kernels

6 ^aLev. 25:20, 21

9 ^aLev. 23:27

10 ¹Or, liberty ²Or, when Lev. 25:13, 28, 54

13 ^aLev. 25:10

14 ^aLev. 25:17

15 ¹Lit., friend's hands

16 ¹Lit., multiplied ^aLev. 25:27, 51, 52

17 ¹Or, reverence ^aLev. 25:14

18 ^aLev. 26:4, 5

20 ¹Or, behold ^aLev. 25:4

22 ^aLev. 26:10

23 ^aEx. 19:5 ^bGen. 23:4; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 39:12; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11

24 ¹Lit., land

25 ¹Lit., brother
^aRuth 2:20; 4:4, 6

26 ¹Lit., his hand reaches

27 ^aLev. 25:16

28 ¹Lit., his hand has not
found sufficient to ²Lit., go
out
^aLev. 25:10, 13

30 ¹Lit., go out

31 ¹Lit., according to ²Lit.,
go out

32 ^aNum. 35:1-8

33 ¹Lit., is from ²Lit., and
³Lit., goes out

34 ^aNum. 35:2-5

35 ¹Lit., brother ²Lit., hand
^aDeut. 15:7-11; 24:14, 15

36 ¹Lit., interest and usury
²Lit., brother
^aEx. 22:25; Deut. 23:19, 20

38 ^aLev. 11:45 ^bGen. 17:7

39 ¹Lit., brother
^aEx. 21:2-6; Deut. 15:12-18

40 ^aEx. 21:2

43 ^aLev. 25:46, 53; Ex. 1:13,
14; Ezek. 34:4

24 'Thus for every ¹piece of your property, you are to provide for the redemption of the land.

25 'If a ¹fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his ¹relative has sold.

26 'Or in case a man has no kinsman, but so ¹recovers his means as to find sufficient for its redemption,

27 ^athen he shall calculate the years since its sale and refund the balance to the man to whom he sold it, and so return to his property.

28 'But if ¹he has not found sufficient means to get it back for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hands of its purchaser until the year of jubilee; but at the jubilee it shall ²revert, that ^ahe may return to his property.

29 'Likewise, if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then his redemption right remains valid until a full year from its sale; his right of redemption lasts a full year.

30 'But if it is not bought back for him within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city passes permanently to its purchaser throughout his generations; it does not ¹revert in the jubilee.

31 'The houses of the villages, however, which have no surrounding wall shall be considered ¹as open fields; they have redemption rights and ²revert in the jubilee.

32 'As for ^acities of the Levites, the Levites have a permanent right of redemption for the houses of the cities which are their possession.

33 'What, therefore, ¹belongs to the Levites may be redeemed and a house sale ²in the city of this possession ³reverts in the jubilee, for the houses of the Levites are their possession among the sons of Israel.

34 'But pasture fields of their cities shall not be sold, for that is their perpetual possession.

35 'Now in case a ¹countryman of yours becomes poor and his ²means with regard to you falter, then you are to sustain him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.

36 'Do not take ¹usurious interest from him, but revere your God, that your ²countryman may live with you.

37 'You shall not give him your silver at interest, nor your food for gain.

38 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan *and* ^bto be your God.

39 'And if a ¹countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to you that he sells himself to you, you shall not subject him to a slave's service.

40 'He shall be with you as a hired man, as ^aif he were a sojourner with you, until the year of jubilee.

41 'He shall then go out from you, he and his sons with him, and shall go back to his family, that he may return to the property of his forefathers.

42 'For they are My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt; they are not to be sold *in* a slave sale.

43 'You shall not rule over him with severity, but are to revere your God.

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Leviticus 25, 26

44 'As for your male and female slaves whom you may have—you may acquire male and female slaves from the pagan nations that are around you.

45 ¹Lit., *begotten*

45 'Then, too, *it is* out of the sons of the sojourners who live as aliens among you that you may gain acquisition, and out of their families who are with you, whom they will have produced in your land; they also may become your possession.

46 ¹Lit., *brother*
²Lev. 25:43

46 'You may even bequeath them to your sons after you, to receive as a possession; you can use them as permanent slaves. ²But in respect to your ¹countrymen, the sons of Israel, you shall not rule with severity over one another.

47 ¹Lit., *hand . . . reaches*
²Lit., *brother*

47 'Now if the ¹means of a stranger or of a sojourner with you becomes sufficient, and a ²countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to him as to sell himself to a stranger who is sojourning with you, or to the descendants of a stranger's family,

49 ¹Lit., *his hand has reached*
²Lev. 25:26, 27

48 then he shall have redemption right after he has been sold. One of his brothers may redeem him,

49 or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or one of his blood relatives from his family may redeem him; or ¹if he prospers, he may redeem himself.

51 ¹Lev. 25:16

50 'He then with his purchaser shall calculate from the year when he sold himself to him up to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall correspond to the number of years. *It is* like the days of a hired man *that* he shall be with him.

53 ¹Lev. 25:43

51 'If there are still many years, ²he shall refund part of his purchase price in proportion to them for his own redemption;

52 and if few years remain until the year of jubilee, he shall so calculate with him. In proportion to his years he is to refund *the amount* for his redemption.

54 ¹Or, *these years*
²Lev. 25:10, 13, 28

53 'Like a man hired year by year he shall be with him; ²he shall not rule over him with severity in your sight.

54 'Even if he is not redeemed by ¹these *means*, ²he shall still go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him.

¹ Lit., *over*
² Lev. 19:4 ³ Ex. 20:4 ⁴ Ex. 23:24 ⁵ Num. 33:52

55 'For the sons of Israel are My servants; they are My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 26

'YOU shall not make for yourselves ²idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves ³an image or ⁴a *sacred* pillar, nor shall you place a ⁵figured stone in your land to bow down ¹to it; for I am the LORD your God.

² Lev. 19:30

2 ²You shall keep My sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

³ Deut. 7:12-26; 28:1-14

3 ²If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out,

4 then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.

⁵ Lit., *bread*
¹ Amos 9:13 ² Lev. 25:18, 19

5 ²Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your ¹food to the full and ²live securely in your land.

6 ^aPs. 29:11; 85:8; 147:14
^bZeph. 3:13 ^cLev. 26:22
^dLev. 26:25

8 ^aDeut. 32:30

9 ^aGen. 17:6; 22:17; 48:4
^bGen. 17:7

10 ^aLev. 25:22

11 ¹Or, *tabernacle* ²Lit.,
abhor
^aEx. 25:8; 29:45, 46

12 ² Cor. 6:16; Gen. 3:8;
 Deut. 23:14

13 ^aEx. 20:2 ^bEzek. 34:27

14 ^aDeut. 28:15-68; Josh.
 23:15

15 ^aLev. 26:11 ^bLev. 26:9

16 ^aPs. 78:33 ^bEzek. 24:23;
 33:10 ^cJudg. 6:3-6

17 ^aPs. 106:41 ^bLev. 26:36,
 37; Ps. 53:5; Prov. 28:1

18 ^aLev. 26:21, 24, 28

19 ^aIs. 28:1-3; Ezek. 24:21

20 ^aIs. 17:10, 11; Jer. 12:13

21 ¹Lit., *walk*, and so
 throughout the chap.

22 ^aLev. 26:23, 27, 40 ^bLev.
 26:18

23 ^aLev. 26:21

24 ^aLev. 26:28, 41 ^bLev.
 26:21

25 ^aJer. 50:28; 51:11 ^bNum.
 14:12

26 ^aIs. 3:1; Ezek. 4:16, 17;
 5:16

6 ^aI shall also grant peace in the land, so that ^byou may lie down with no one making you tremble. ^cI shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and ^dno sword will pass through your land.

7 ^aBut you will chase your enemies, and they will fall before you by the sword;

8 ^afive of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword.

9 ^aSo I will turn toward you and ^amake you fruitful and multiply you, and I will ^bconfirm My covenant with you.

10 ^aAnd you will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new.

11 ^aMoreover, I will make My ¹dwelling among you, and My soul will not ²reject you.

12 ^aI will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

13 ^aI am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their slaves, and ^bI broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

14 ^aBut if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments,

15 if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if ^ayour soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, *and so* ^abreak My covenant,

16 I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a ^asudden terror, consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the ^bsoul to pine away; also, ^cyou shall sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies shall eat it up.

17 ^aAnd I will set My face against you so that you shall be struck down before your enemies; and ^athose who hate you shall rule over you, and ^byou shall flee when no one is pursuing you.

18 ^aIf also after these things, you do not obey Me, then I will punish you ^aseven times more for your sins.

19 ^aAnd I will also ^abreak down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.

20 ^aAnd ^ayour strength shall be spent uselessly, for your land shall not yield its produce and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

21 ^aIf then, you ¹act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you ^bseven times according to your sins.

22 ^aAnd I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.

23 ^aAnd if by these things you are not turned to Me, but act with hostility against Me,

24 then I will ^aact with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you ^bseven times for your sins.

25 ^aI will also bring upon you a sword which will execute ^avengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send ^bpestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands.

26 ^aWhen I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your

bread ¹in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.

27 Yet if in spite of this, you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me,

28 then ^aI will act with wrathful hostility against you; and I, even I, will punish you seven ^{times} for your sins.

29 Further, you shall eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you shall eat.

30 I then ^awill destroy your high places, and cut down your ^bincense altars, and heap your ¹remains on the ¹remains of your idols; for My soul shall abhor you.

31 I will ¹lay ^awaste your cities as well, and will make your ^bsanctuaries desolate; and I will not ^csmell your soothing aromas.

32 And I will make ^athe land desolate ^bso that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled over it.

33 You, however, I ^awill scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste.

34 Then the land will ¹enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and ¹enjoy its sabbaths.

35 All the days of its desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you were living on it.

36 As for those of you who may be left, I will also bring ^aweakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them and even when no one is pursuing, they will flee ¹as though from the sword, and they will fall.

37 They will therefore stumble over each other as if *running* from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have *no strength* ¹to stand up before your enemies.

38 But ^ayou will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you.

39 So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them.

40 If they ^aconfess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me—

41 I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies—^aor if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that ^bthey then make amends for their iniquity,

42 then I will remember ^aMy covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant ^bwith Isaac, and ^cMy covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land.

43 For the land shall be abandoned by them, and shall make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, shall be making amends for their iniquity, ¹because they rejected My ordinances and their ^bsoul abhorred My statutes.

44 Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I ^aso ^babhor them as to

26 ¹Lit. *by weight*

28 ^aLev. 26:24, 41

30 ¹Lit. *corpses*
^a2 Kin. 23:20; Ezek. 6:3, 6;
 Amos 7:9 ^b2 Chr. 34:4, 7; Is. 27:9

31 ¹Lit. *give desolation to*
^aJer. 44:2, 6, 22 ^bIs. 63:18;
 Lam. 2:7 ^cAmos 5:21

32 ^aJer. 12:11; 33:10 ^bJer. 18:16; 19:8

33 ^aPs. 44:11; 106:27; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 12:15

34 ¹Lit. *satisfy*
^aLev. 26:43; 2 Chr. 36:21

36 ¹Lit. *the flight of the sword*
^aIs. 30:17; Lam. 1:3, 6; 4:19

37 ¹Lit. *you will stand*
^aJer. 6:21; Nah. 3:3

38 ^aDeut. 4:26

39 ^aEzek. 4:17; 33:10

40 ^aJer. 3:12-15; 14:20; Hos. 5:15

41 ^aJer. 4:4; 9:25, 26; Ezek. 44:9 ^bEzek. 20:43

42 ^aGen. 28:13-15; 35:11, 12
^bGen. 26:2-5 ^cGen. 22:15-18

43 ¹Lit. *because and by the cause*
^aLev. 26:34 ^bLev. 26:11

44 ^aDeut. 4:31; Jer. 30:11
^bLev. 26:11

44 ^cJer. 33:20-26

destroy them, ^cbreaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.

45 ^aEx. 6:6-8 ^bGen. 17:7

45 'But I will remember for them the ^acovenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that ^bI might be their God. I am the LORD.' "

46 ¹Lit., by the hand of ^aLev. 7:38; 27:34; Deut. 4:5; 29:1

46 ^aThese are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the LORD established between Himself and the sons of Israel ¹through Moses at Mount Sinai.

CHAPTER 27

AGAIN, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

3 ^aLev. 27:25; Ex. 30:13

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man makes a difficult vow, he *shall be valued* according to your valuation of persons, belonging to the LORD.

3 'If your valuation is of the male from twenty years even to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after ^athe shekel of the sanctuary.

6 ^aNum. 18:16

4 'Or if it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels.

5 'And if it be from five years even to twenty years old then your valuation for the male shall be twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 ¹Lit., what the hand reaches ^aLev. 5:11; 14:21-24

6 'But if *they are* from a month even up to five years old, then your valuation shall be ^afive shekels of silver for the male, and for the female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver.

9 ¹Lit., they

7 'And if *they are* from sixty years old and upward, if it is a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 'But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he shall be placed before the priest, and the priest shall value him; ^aaccording to ¹the means of the one who vowed, the priest shall value him.

10 ^aLev. 27:33

9 'Now if it is an animal of the kind which ¹men can present as an offering to the LORD, any such that one gives to the LORD shall be holy.

11 ¹Lit., they

10 'He shall not replace it or exchange it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; or if he does exchange animal for animal, then both it and its substitute shall become holy.

12 ¹Lit., between

11 'If, however, it is any unclean animal of the kind which ¹men do not present as an offering to the LORD, then he shall place the animal before the priest.

12 'And the priest shall value it ¹as either good or bad: as you, the priest, value it, so it shall be.

14 ¹Lit., between good

13 'But if he should ever *wish* to redeem it, then he shall add one-fifth of it to your valuation.

14 'Now if a man consecrates his house as holy to the LORD, then the priest shall value it ¹as either good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand.

15 'Yet if the one who consecrates it should *wish* to redeem his house, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may be his.

16 'Again, if a man consecrates to the LORD part of the fields of his own property, then your valuation shall be

¹proportionate to the seed needed for it: a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver.

17 'If he consecrates his field as of the year of jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand.

18 'If he consecrates his field after the jubilee, however, then the priest shall calculate the price for ¹him ²proportionate to the years that are left until the year of jubilee; and it shall be deducted from your valuation.

19 'And if the one who consecrates it should ever wish to redeem the field, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may pass to him.

20 'Yet if he will not redeem the field, ¹but has sold the field to another man, it may no longer be redeemed;

21 and when it ¹reverts in the jubilee, the field shall be holy to the LORD, like a field ²set apart; it shall be for the priest as his ³property.

22 'Or if he consecrates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not a part of the field of his own ¹property,

23 then the priest shall calculate for ¹him the amount of your valuation up to the year of jubilee; and he shall on that day give your valuation as holy to the LORD.

24 'In the year of jubilee the field shall return to the one from whom he bought it, to whom the possession of the land belongs.

25 'Every valuation of yours, moreover, shall be after ^athe shekel of the sanctuary. The shekel shall be twenty gerahs.

26 ^aHowever, a first-born among animals, which as a first-born belongs to the LORD, no man may consecrate it; whether ox or sheep, it is the LORD's.

27 'But if *it is* among the unclean animals, then he shall ¹redeem it according to your valuation, and add to it one-fifth of it; and if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

28 'Nevertheless, any ^aproscribed thing which a man ¹sets apart to the LORD out of all that he has, of man or animal or of the fields of his own property, shall not be sold or redeemed. Every proscribed thing is most holy to the LORD.

29 'No proscribed *person* who may have been ¹set apart among men shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

30 Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD.

31 'If, therefore, a man wishes to redeem part of his tithe, he shall add to it one-fifth of it.

32 'And for every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

33 ^a'He is not to be concerned whether *it is* good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; or if he does exchange it, then both it and its substitute shall become holy. It shall not be redeemed.'''

34 ^a'These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.

16 ¹Lit., according to its seed

18 ¹Or, it ²Lit., according to the years

20 ¹Or, if he

21 ¹Lit., goes out ²Or, devoted, banned ³Lit., possession

22 ¹Lit., possession

23 ¹Or, it

25 ^aLev. 27:3

26 ^aEx. 13:2

27 ¹Or, ransom

28 ¹Or, puts under bans ^aNum. 18:14; Josh. 6:17-19

29 ¹Or, puts under the ban

33 ^aLev. 27:10

34 ^aLev. 26:46; Deut. 4:5

NUMBERS

The Census of Israel's Warriors.

¹ Ex. 40:2, 17

² ¹ Lit., *sum*
² Num. 26:2; Ex. 12:37; 38:25,
26

³ ¹ Lit., *muster*, and so
throughout the chap.
² Ex. 30:14; 38:26

⁴ ² Num. 1:16; Ex. 18:21,
24; Deut. 1:15

¹⁶ ¹ Lit., *thousands*, or,
clans
² Num. 16:2; 26:9

¹⁸ ² Num. 1:1

²⁰ ² Num. 26:5-11

²² ² Num. 26:12-14

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on ^athe first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 ^aTake a ¹census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head

3 from ^atwenty years old and upward, whoever *is able* to go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall ¹number them by their armies.

4 "With you, moreover, there shall be a man of each tribe, ^aeach one head of his father's household.

5 "These then are the names of the men who shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

6 of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

7 of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

8 of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

9 of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

10 of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

11 of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

12 of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

13 of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran;

14 of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

15 of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

16 "These are they who were ^acalled of the congregation, the leaders of their fathers' tribes; they were the heads of ¹divisions of Israel."

17 So Moses and Aaron took these men who had been designated by name,

18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the ^afirst of the second month. Then they registered by ancestry in their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, head by head,

19 just as the LORD had commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 ^aNow the sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able* to go out to war,

21 their numbered men, of the tribe of Reuben, *were* 46,500.

22 ^aOf the sons of Simeon, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, its numbered men, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

23 their numbered men, of the tribe of Simeon, were 59,300.

24 *Num. 26:15-18

24 ^aOf the sons of Gad, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

26 *Num. 26:19-22

25 their numbered men, of the tribe of Gad, were 45,650.

26 ^aOf the sons of Judah, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

27 their numbered men, of the tribe of Judah, were 74,600.

28 *Num. 26:23-25

28 ^aOf the sons of Issachar, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

29 their numbered men, of the tribe of Issachar, were 54,400.

30 *Num. 26:26, 27

30 ^aOf the sons of Zebulun, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

31 their numbered men, of the tribe of Zebulun, were 57,400.

32 *Num. 26:35-37

32 ^aOf the sons of Joseph, *namely*, of the sons of Ephraim, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

33 their numbered men, of the tribe of Ephraim, were 40,500.

34 *Num. 26:28-34

34 ^aOf the sons of Manasseh, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

35 their numbered men, of the tribe of Manasseh, were 32,200.

36 *Num. 26:38-41

36 ^aOf the sons of Benjamin, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

37 their numbered men, of the tribe of Benjamin, were 35,400.

38 *Num. 26:42, 43

38 ^aOf the sons of Dan, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

39 their numbered men, of the tribe of Dan, were 62,700.

40 *Num. 26:44-47

40 ^aOf the sons of Asher, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

41 their numbered men, of the tribe of Asher, were 41,500.

42 *Num. 26:48-50

46 *Num. 2:32; 26:51; Ex. 12:37; 38:26

47 *Num. 2:33; 3:14-39; 4:49; 26:57-64

49 ¹Lit.. *sum*50 ¹Lit., *dwelling place*, and so throughout the chap. *Num. 3:25-3751 ¹Lit., *stranger* *Num. 4:1-33 ^bNum. 3:10, 38; 4:15, 19, 20

52 *Num. 2:2

53 *Num. 3:23, 29, 35

2 ¹Lit., *signs* ²Or, *facing it* *Num. 1:52

3 *Num. 1:7

4 ¹Lit., *mustered*, and so throughout the chap.

5 *Num. 1:8

42 *Of the sons of Naphtali, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,

43 their numbered men, of the tribe of Naphtali, were 53,400.

44 These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each of whom was of his father's household.

45 So all the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war in Israel*,

46 even all the numbered men were *603,550.

47 *The Levites, however, were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe.

48 For the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying,

49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor shall you take their ¹census among the sons of Israel.

50 "But you shall ^aappoint the Levites over the ¹tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it; they shall also camp around the ¹tabernacle.

51 "So when the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle encamps, the Levites shall set it up. But ^bthe ¹layman who comes near shall be put to death.

52 "And the sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard, according to their armies.

53 "But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the testimony."

54 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all which the LORD had commanded Moses, so they did.

CHAPTER 2

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the ¹banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting ²at a distance.

3 "Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise *shall be* of the standard of the camp of Judah, by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Judah: *Nahshon the son of Amminadab,

4 and his army, even their ¹numbered men, 74,600.

5 "And those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar, and the leader of the sons of Issachar: *Nethanel the son of Zuar,

6 and his army, even their numbered men, 54,400.

7 "Then *comes* the tribe of Zebulun, and the leader of the sons of Zebulun: ^aEliab the son of Helon,

7 ^aNum. 1:9

8 and his army, even his numbered men, 57,400.

9 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Judah: 186,400, by their armies. They shall set out first.

10 ^aNum. 1:5

10 "On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Reuben: ^aElizur the son of Shedeur,

11 and his army, even their numbered men, 46,500.

12 ^aNum. 1:6

12 "And those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the sons of Simeon: ^aShelumiel the son of Zurishaddai,

13 and his army, even their numbered men, 59,300.

14 "Then *comes* the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the sons of Gad: Eliasaph the son of ^{1a}Deuel,

14 ¹Many mss. read, *Reuel*
14 ^aNum. 1:14

15 and his army, even their numbered men, 45,650.

16 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Reuben: 151,450 by their armies. And they shall set out second.

17 ^aNum. 1:53

17 "Then the tent of meeting shall set out *with* the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; just as they camp, so they shall set out, every man in his place, by their standards.

18 "On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* ^aElishama the son of Ammihud,

18 ^aNum. 1:10

19 and his army, even their numbered men, 40,500.

20 "And next to him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the sons of Manasseh: ^aGamaliel the son of Pedahzur,

20 ^aNum. 1:10

21 and his army, even their numbered men, 32,200.

22 "Then *comes* the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the sons of Benjamin: ^aAbidan the son of Gideoni,

22 ^aNum. 1:11

23 and his army, even their numbered men, 35,400.

24 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Ephraim: 108,100, by their armies. And they shall set out third.

25 "On the north side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Dan by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Dan: ^aAhiezzer the son of Ammishaddai,

25 ^aNum. 1:12

26 and his army, even their numbered men, 62,700.

27 "And those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the sons of Asher: ^aPagiel the son of Ochran,

27 ^aNum. 1:13

28 and his army, even their numbered men, 41,500.

29 "Then *comes* the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the sons of Naphtali: ^aAhira the son of Enan,

29 ^aNum. 1:15

30 and his army, even their numbered men, 53,400.

31 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Dan, were 157,600. They shall set out last by their standards."

32 ^aNum. 1:46

32 These are the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households; the total of the numbered men of the camps by their armies, ^a603,550.

33 ^aThe Levites, however, were not numbered among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

33 ^aNum. 1:47

34 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, every one by his family, according to his father's household.

1 ^aEx. 6:20-272 ^aNum. 26:603 ¹Lit., *filled their hand*4 ¹Lit., *before the face*
^aNum. 26:61; Lev. 10:1, 26 ^aNum. 8:6-22; 18:1-7;
Deut. 10:87 ¹Lit., *him and the duties
of the whole congregation*9 ^aNum. 18:610 ¹Lit., *stranger*
^aEx. 29:9 ^bNum. 1:5112 ^aNum. 3:45; 8:14 ^bEx.
13:215 ¹Lit., *muster, and so
throughout the chap.*
^aNum. 1:4716 ¹Lit., *mouth*17 ^aEx. 6:16-22

CHAPTER 3

^a **N**OW these are *the records* of the generations of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

2 ^aThese then are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he ¹ordained to serve as priests.

4 ^aBut Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests ¹in the lifetime of their father Aaron.

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 ^a"Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.

7 "And they shall perform the duties for ¹him and for the whole congregation before the tent of the meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 "They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 "You shall thus ^agive the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel.

10 "So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that ^athey may keep their priesthood, but ^bthe ¹layman who comes near shall be put to death."

11 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "Now, behold, I ^ahave taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every ^bfirst-born, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall be Mine.

13 "For all the first-born are Mine; on the day that I struck down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the first-born in Israel, from man to beast. They shall be Mine; I am the LORD."

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 ^{1a}"Number the sons of Levi by their fathers' households, by their families; every male from a month old and upward you shall number."

16 So Moses numbered them according to the ¹word of the LORD, just as he had been commanded.

17 ^aThese then are the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei;

19 and the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel;

20 and the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

21 Of Gershon *was* the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimeites; these *were* the families of the Gershonites.

22 Their numbered men, in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, *even* their numbered men were 7,500.

23 ¹Lit., *dwelling place*, and so throughout the chap.

23 The families of the Gershonites were to camp behind the ¹tabernacle westward,

24 and the leader of the fathers' households of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 Now the duties of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting *involved* the tabernacle and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting,

26 ¹Lit., *of it*

26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the court, which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and its cords, according to all the service ¹concerning them.

27 And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites and the family of the Izharites and the family of the Hebronites and the family of the Uzzielites; these were the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, *there were* 8,600, performing the duties of the sanctuary.

31 ¹Lit., *of it*

29 The families of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the southward side of the tabernacle,

30 and the leader of the fathers' households of the Kohathite families was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 Now their duties *involved* the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all the service ¹concerning them;

38 ¹Lit., *stranger*
^aNum. 1:51

32 and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was the chief of the leaders of Levi, *and had* the oversight of those who perform the duties of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these were the families of Merari.

34 Their numbered men in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, were 6,200.

35 And the leader of the fathers' households of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to camp on the northward side of the tabernacle.

39 ¹Lit., *word*
^aNum. 3:43; 4:48; 26:62

36 Now the appointed duties of the sons of Merari involved the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its equipment, and the service concerning them,

37 and the pillars around the court with their sockets and their pegs and their cords.

38 Now those who were to camp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, are Moses and Aaron and his sons, performing the duties of the sanctuary for the obligation of the sons of Israel; but ^athe ¹layman coming near was to be put to death.

40 ¹Lit., *take the number*

39 All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the ¹command of the LORD by their families, every male from a month old and upward, were ^a22,000.

40 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Number every first-born male of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward, and ¹make a list of their names.

43 ^aNum. 3:39

45 ^aNum. 3:12

46 ^aNum. 18:15, 16; Ex. 13:13, 15

47 ¹I.e., A gerah equals approx. one-fortieth ounce
^aEx. 30:13

51 ¹Lit., *mouth*

2 ¹Lit., *the sum* ²Lit., *sons*

3 ^aNum. 4:23, 30, 35; 8:24

4 ¹Lit., *sons*

5 ^aEx. 40:5

6 ¹Or, *dolphin* ²Or, *violet*
^aNum. 4:25

7 ¹Or, *violet*
^aEx. 25:30; Lev. 24:5-9

9 ¹Or, *violet* ²Lit., *snuff dishes*

41 "And you shall take the Levites for Me, I am the LORD, instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the first-born among the cattle of the sons of Israel."

42 So Moses numbered all the first-born among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded him;

43 and all the first-born males by the number of names from a month old and upward, for their numbered men were ^a22,273.

44 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

45 "Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel and the cattle of the Levites. And the Levites shall be Mine; I am the LORD.

46 "And for the ransom of the 273 of the first-born of the sons of Israel who are in excess beyond the Levites,

47 you shall take five shekels apiece, per head; you shall take *them* in ^aterms of the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty ¹gerahs),

48 and give the money, the ransom of those who are in excess among them, to Aaron and to his sons."

49 So Moses took the ransom money from those who were in excess, beyond those ransomed by the Levites;

50 from the first-born of the sons of Israel he took the money in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary, 1,365.

51 Then Moses gave the ransom money to Aaron and to his sons, at the ¹command of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 4

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "Take ^{1a} a census of the ²descendants of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' households,

3 from ^athirty years and upward, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

4 "This is the work of the ¹descendants of Kohath in the tent of meeting, *concerning* the most holy things.

5 "When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down ^athe veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;

6 and they shall lay a ^acovering of ¹porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over *it* a cloth of pure ²blue, and shall insert its poles.

7 "Over the table of the bread of the Presence they shall also spread a cloth of ¹blue and put on it the dishes and the spoons and the sacrificial bowls and the jars for the libation, and ^athe continual bread shall be on it.

8 "And they shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet *material*, and cover the same with a covering of dolphin skin, and they shall insert its poles.

9 "Then they shall take a ¹blue cloth and cover the lampstand for the light, along with its lamps and its snuffers, and its ²trays and all its oil vessels, by which they serve it;

10 and they shall put it and all its utensils in a covering of dolphin skin, and shall put it on the carrying bars.

11 "And over the golden altar they shall spread a ¹blue cloth and cover it with a covering of dolphin skin, and shall insert its poles;

11¹Or, violet

12 and they shall take all the utensils of service, with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put them in a ¹blue cloth and cover them with a covering of dolphin skin, and put them on the carrying bars.

12¹Or, violet

13 "Then they shall take away the ¹ashes from the ²altar, and spread a purple cloth over it.

13¹Or, fat ashes; i.e., soaked with fat
²Ex. 27:1-8

14 "They shall also put on it all its utensils by which they serve in connection with it: the firepans, the forks and shovels and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread a cover of ¹porpoise skin over it and insert its poles.

14¹Or, dolphin

15 "And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy *objects* and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry *them*, so that they may not touch the holy *objects* and die. These are the ¹things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

15¹Lit., burden . . . of the sons
²Num. 4:19, 20; 1:51; 2 Sam. 6:6, 7

16 "And the responsibility of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is ²the oil for the light and the ^bfragrant incense and ^cthe continual grain offering and ^dthe anointing oil—the responsibility of all the ¹tabernacle and of all that is in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings."

16¹Lit., dwelling place, and so throughout the chap.
²Lev. 24:1-3 ³Ex. 30:34-38
⁴Lev. 6:20 ⁵Ex. 30:22-33

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

18 "Do not let the tribe of the families of the Kohathites be cut off from among the Levites.

19²Num. 4:15

19 "But do this to them that they may live and ^anot die when they approach the most holy *objects*: Aaron and his sons shall go in and assign each of them to his work and to his load;

20 but they shall not go in to see the holy *objects* even for a moment, lest they die."

22¹Lit., the sum ²Lit., also them

21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

22 "Take ^aa census of the sons of Gershon ²also, by their fathers' households, by their families;

23 from ^athirty years and upward to fifty years old, you shall ¹number them; all who enter to perform the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

23¹Lit., muster, and so throughout the chap.
²Num. 4:3

24 "This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in carrying:

25 they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle and the tent of meeting *with* its covering and ^athe covering of ¹porpoise skin that is on top of it, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting,

25¹Or, dolphin
²Num. 4:6; Ex. 26:14

26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the gate of the court which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords and all the equipment for their service; and all that is to be done, ¹they shall perform.

26¹Lit., so they shall serve

27 "All the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their loads and in all their work, shall be *performed* at the ¹command of Aaron and his sons; and you shall assign to them as a duty all their loads.

27¹Lit., mouth

28 "This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting, and their duties *shall be* ¹under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

28¹Lit., in the hand

30 ^aNum. 4:3

29 "As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers' households;

30 from ¹thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tent of meeting.

31 ¹Or, bases

31 "Now this is the duty of their loads, for all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle and its bars and its pillars and its ¹sockets,

32 and the pillars around the court and their ¹sockets and their pegs and their cords, with all their equipment and with all their service; and you shall assign *each man* by name the items ²he is to carry.

32 ¹Or bases ²Lit., of the duty of their loads.

33 "This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the tent of meeting, ¹under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest."

34 So Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' households,

33 ¹Lit., in the hand

35 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

36 And their numbered men by their families were 2,750.

37 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand of

37 These are the numbered men of the Kohathite families, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the ¹commandment of the LORD ²through Moses.

38 And the numbered men of the sons of Gershon by their families, and by their fathers' households,

41 ¹Lit., mouth

39 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

40 And their numbered men by their families, by their fathers' households, were 2,630.

45 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand

41 These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Gershon, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the ¹commandment of the LORD.

42 And the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari by their families, by their fathers' households,

48 ^aNum. 3:39

43 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

44 And their numbered men by their families were 3,200.

45 These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the ¹commandment of the LORD ²through Moses.

49 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand of ^aNum. 1:47

46 All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and by their fathers' households,

47 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who could enter to do the work of service and the work of carrying in the tent of meeting.

48 And their numbered men were ^a8,580.

49 According to the ¹commandment of the LORD ²through Moses, they ^awere numbered, everyone by his serving

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or carrying; thus these were his numbered men, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

^a THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper and everyone having a discharge and everyone who is ^aunclean because of a *dead* person.

3 "You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp where I dwell ^ain their midst."

4 And the sons of Israel did so and sent them outside the camp; just as the LORD had spoken to Moses, thus the sons of Israel did.

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 "Speak to the sons of Israel, ^a"When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the LORD, and that person is guilty,

7 then ¹he shall ^aconfess ²his sins which ³he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong, and add to it one-fifth of it, and give *it* to him whom he has wronged.

8 'But if the man has no ¹relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution which is made for the wrong *must go* to the LORD for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which atonement is made for him.

9 ^aAlso every ¹contribution pertaining to all the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they offer to the priest, shall be his.

10 'So every man's holy *gifts* shall be his; whatever any man gives to the priest, it becomes his.'

11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'If any man's wife ^agoes astray and is unfaithful to him,

13 and a man has intercourse with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is ¹undetected, although she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act,

14 ¹if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself,

15 the man shall then bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring *as* ¹an offering for her one-tenth of an ²ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil on it, nor put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, ^aa reminder of iniquity.

16 'Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the LORD,

17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and ¹he shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put *it* into the water.

18 'The priest shall then have the woman stand before the LORD and let *the hair* of the woman's head go loose, and place the grain offering of memorial ¹in her hands, which is the grain

1 *Num. 12:15; Lev. 13:46

2 *Num. 19:11

3 *Num. 35:34; Lev. 26:12

6 *Lev. 5:14-6:7

7 ¹Lit., *they* ²Lit., *their*
¹Lit., *they have*
^aLev. 5:5

8 ¹Lit., *redeemer*

9 ¹Lit., *heave offering*
^aLev. 7:32, 34; 10:14, 15

12 *Num. 5:19, 20, 29

13 ¹Lit., *concealed*

14 ¹Lit., *and*

15 ¹Lit., *her* ²i.e., approx.
one bushel
^aEzek. 29:16

17 ¹Lit., *the priest*

18 ¹Lit., *on her palms*

19 ¹Lit., free from
²Num. 5:12

20 ²Num. 5:12

21 ¹Lit., fall

22 ¹Or, inward parts ²Lit.,
fall

23 ¹Lit., wipe

24 ¹Lit., to

27 ¹Lit., to ²Lit., fall
³Jer. 29:18; 42:18; 44:12

28 ¹Lit., seed

29 ²Num. 5:12

31 ¹Or, iniquity

² ¹Or, difficult ²L.e., one
separated ³Or, live as a
Nazirite
⁴Judg. 13:5; 16:17; Amos
2:11, 12

offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest is to be the water of bitterness that brings a curse.

19 'And the priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you and if you have not gone astray into uncleanness, *being* under the authority of your husband, be immune to this water of bitterness that brings a curse;

20 if you, however, have gone astray, *being* under the authority of your husband, and if you have defiled yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you,"

21 then the priest shall have the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall say to the woman, "The LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people by the LORD's making your thigh waste away and your abdomen swell;

22 and this water that brings a curse shall go into your stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh waste away." And the woman shall say, "Amen, Amen."

23 'The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall wash them off into the water of bitterness.

24 'Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness.

25 'And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and he shall wave the grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar;

26 and the priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer it up in smoke on the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water.

27 'When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has been unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse shall go into her and cause bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away, and the woman will become a curse among her people.

28 'But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she will then be free and conceive children.

29 'This is the law of jealousy: when a wife, *being* under the authority of her husband, goes astray and defiles herself,

30 or when a spirit of jealousy comes over a man and he is jealous of his wife, he shall then make the woman stand before the LORD, and the priest shall apply all this law to her.

31 'Moreover, the man shall be free from guilt, but that woman shall bear her guilt.'

CHAPTER 6

AGAIN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man or woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to dedicate himself to the LORD,

3 he shall abstain from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar, whether made from wine or strong drink, neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.

4 'All the days of his ¹separation he shall not eat anything that is produced by the grape vine, from *the* seeds even to *the* skin.

⁴ 1¹Or, living as a Nazirite, and so through vs. 21

5 'All the days of his vow of separation ^ano razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD; he shall let the locks of hair on his head grow long.

5^a 1 Sam. 1:11

6 ^aAll the days of his separation to the LORD he shall not go near to a dead person.

7 'He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head.

6^a Num. 19:11-22; Lev. 21:1-3

8 'All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.

9 'But if a man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his dedicated head of *hair*, then ^ahe shall shave his head on the day when he becomes clean; ^bhe shall shave it on the seventh day.

9^a Lev. 14:8, 9^b Num. 6:18

10 'Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

11 'And the priest shall offer ^aone for a sin offering and *the* other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him ¹concerning his sin because of the *dead* person. And that same day he shall consecrate his head,

11¹ Lit., because of that which he sinned^a Lev. 5:7

12 and shall ¹dedicate to the LORD his days ²as a Nazirite, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering; but the former days shall be void because his separation was defiled.

12¹ Or, of dedication² I.e., one separated

13 'Now this is the law of the Nazirite when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall bring ¹the offering to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

13¹ Lit., it

14 'And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering and one ^aewe-lamb a year old without defect for a sin offering and one ram without defect for a peace offering,

14^a Num. 15:27; Lev. 14:10

15 and a basket of unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil and unleavened wafers spread with oil, along with ^atheir grain offering and their libations.

16 'Then the priest shall present *them* before the LORD and shall offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.

15^a Num 15:1-7

17 'He shall also offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, together with the basket of unleavened cakes; the priest shall likewise offer its grain offering and its libation.

18^a Num. 6:9

18 ^aThe Nazirite shall then shave his dedicated head of *hair* at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and take the dedicated hair of his head and put *it* on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace offerings.

19 ^aAnd the priest shall take the ram's shoulder *when it has been* boiled, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* on the ¹hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his ²dedicated *hair*.

19¹ Lit., palms² Or, separated^a Lev. 7:28-34

20 'Then the priest shall wave *them* for a wave offering before the LORD. It is holy, for the priest, together with the breast offered by waving and the thigh offered by lifting up; and afterward the Nazirite may drink wine.'

21 ¹Lit., *his hand can reach*

23 ¹Chr. 23:13

24 ^aDeut. 28:3-6; Ps. 28:9
^b1 Sam. 2:9; Ps. 17:8

25 ^aPs. 80:3, 7, 19 ^bPs. 86:16

26 ^aPs. 4:6; 44:3 ^bPs. 29:11;
37:11, 37

27 ¹Lit., *put*
²Sam. 7:23

1 ^aEx. 40:17 ^bNum. 7:10,
84, 88; Ex. 40:9-11

2 ¹Lit., *stood* ²Lit.,
mustered
^aNum. 1:5-16

3 ^aIs. 66:20

5 ¹Lit., *for serving*

7 ^aNum. 4:24-26

8 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aNum. 4:31, 32

9 ^aNum. 4:5-15

10 ¹Lit., *of* ²Lit., *in the day*
that
^aNum. 7:1; 2 Chr. 7:9

13 ¹Or, *platter*, and so
through vs. 85 ²I.e., approx.
one-half ounce, and so
through vs. 86
^aEx. 25:29; 37:16 ^bNum. 3:47

21 "This is the law of the Nazirite who vows his offering to the LORD according to his separation, in addition to what *else* ¹he can afford; according to his vow which he takes, so he shall do according to the law of his separation."

22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus ^ayou shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

24 The LORD ^abless you, and ^bkeep you;

25 The LORD ^amake His face shine on you,
And ^bbe gracious to you;

26 The LORD ^alift up His countenance on you,
And ^bgive you peace.'

27 "So they shall ^{1a}invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about on ^athe day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he ^banointed it and consecrated it with all its furnishings and the altar and all its utensils, he anointed them and consecrated them also.

2 Then ^athe leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' households, made an offering (they were the leaders of the tribes; they were the ones who ¹were over the ²numbered men).

3 When they brought their offering before the Lord, six ^acovered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for *every* two of the leaders and an ox for each one, then they presented them before the tabernacle.

4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

5 "Accept *these things* from them, that they may be ¹used in the service of the tent of meeting, and you shall give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service."

6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to ^atheir service,

8 and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to ^atheir service, under the ¹direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath because theirs was ^athe service of the holy *objects*, which they carried on the shoulder.

10 And the leaders offered the dedication *offering* ¹for the altar ²when ^ait was anointed, so the leaders offered their offering before the altar.

11 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Let them present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

12 Now the one who presented his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

13 and his offering was one silver ^{1a}dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, ^baccording to ²the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

14 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

15 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

16 one male goat for a sin offering;

17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented *an offering*;

19 he presented as his offering one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

20 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

21 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

22 one male goat for a sin offering;

23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day *it was* Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the sons of Zebulun;

25 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

26 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

27 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

28 one male goat for a sin offering;

29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day *it was* Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the sons of Reuben;

31 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

32 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

33 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

34 one male goat for a sin offering;

35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day *it was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishad-dai, leader of the children of Simeon;

37 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

38 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

39 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

40 one male goat for a sin offering;

41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five

15 ¹Or, bull of the herd, and so through vs. 81

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rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day *it was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the sons of Gad;

43 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

44 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

45 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

46 one male goat for a sin offering;

47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day *it was* Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the sons of Ephraim;

49 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

50 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

51 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

52 one male goat for a sin offering;

53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day *it was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the sons of Manasseh;

55 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

56 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

57 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

58 one male goat for a sin offering;

59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day *it was* Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the sons of Benjamin;

61 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

62 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

63 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

64 one male goat for a sin offering;

65 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day *it was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the sons of Dan;

67 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

68 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

69 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

70 one male goat for a sin offering;

71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day it was Pagiel the son of Ochrán, leader of the sons of Asher;

73 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

74 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

75 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

76 one male goat for a sin offering;

77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochrán.

78 On the twelfth day it was Ahira the son of Enán, leader of the sons of Naphtali;

79 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering.

80 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

81 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

82 one male goat for a sin offering;

83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enán.

84 This was ^athe dedication offering ¹for the altar from the leaders of Israel ²when ^bit was anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, twelve gold pans,

85 each silver dish weighing one hundred and thirty *shekels* and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils was 2,400 *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

86 the twelve gold pans, full of incense, weighing ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the pans 120 *shekels*;

87 all the oxen for the burnt offering twelve bulls, all the rams twelve, the male lambs one year old with their grain offering twelve, and the male goats for a sin offering twelve;

88 and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings 24 bulls, all the rams 60, the male goats 60, the male lambs one year old 60. ^aThis was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.

89 Now when ^aMoses went into the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from

⁸⁴ ¹Lit., of ²Lit., in the day that

²Num. 7:10 ^bNum. 7:1

⁸⁸ ^aNum. 7:1, 10

⁸⁹ ^aEx. 40:34, 35

89 ¹Lit., *propitiatory*
^bEx. 25:21, 22 ^cPs. 80:1; 99:1

2 ¹Lit., *raise up*
^aEx. 25:37; Lev. 24:2, 4

3 ¹Lit., *raised up*

4 ^aEx. 25:31-40 ^bEx. 25:9,
40; 26:30

7 ¹Lit., *water of sin* ²Lit.,
their cleansing ³Lit.,
cause to pass ⁴Lit., *flesh*
^aNum. 19:9, 13, 20 ^bLev.
14:8, 9 ^cNum. 8:21

8 ¹Or, *bull of the herd*
^aNum. 15:8-10

11 ¹Lit., *wave, and so*
throughout the chap. ²Lit.,
be able
^aLev. 7:30, 34

14 ^aNum. 3:12

16 ^aNum. 3:9 ^bEx. 13:2

above ^bthe ¹mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from ^cbetween the two cherubim, so He spoke to him.

CHAPTER 8

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to Aaron and say to him, 'When you ¹mount the lamps, the seven lamps will ^agive light in the front of the lampstand.' "

3 Aaron therefore did so: he ¹mounted its lamps at the front of the lampstand, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

4 ^aNow this was the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold; from its base to its flowers, it was hammered work; ^baccording to the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

5 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 "Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel and cleanse them.

7 "And thus you shall do to them, for their ¹cleansing: *sprinkle* ²purifying ^awater on them, and let them ³use a razor over their whole ^bbody, and ^cwash their clothes, and they shall be clean.

8 "Then let them take a ¹bull with ^aits grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil; and a second ¹bull you shall take for a sin offering.

9 "So you shall present the Levites before the tent of meeting. You shall also assemble the whole congregation of the sons of Israel,

10 and present the Levites before the LORD; and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites.

11 "Aaron then shall ¹present the Levites before the LORD as a ^awave offering from the sons of Israel, that they may ²qualify to perform the service of the LORD.

12 "Now the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls; then offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

13 "And you shall have the Levites stand before Aaron and before his sons so as to present them as a wave offering to the LORD.

14 "Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and ^athe Levites shall be Mine.

15 "Then after that the Levites may go in to serve the tent of meeting. But you shall cleanse them and present them as a wave offering;

16 for they are ^awholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel. I have taken them for Myself ^binstead of every first issue of the womb, the first-born of all the sons of Israel.

17 "For every first-born among the sons of Israel are Mine, among the men and among the animals; on the day that I struck down all the first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for Myself.

18 "But I have taken the Levites instead of every first-born among the sons of Israel.

19 "And I have given the Levites as ¹a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, to perform the service of the sons of Israel at the tent of meeting, and to make atonement on behalf of the sons of Israel, and there may be no ^aplague among the sons of Israel by ²their coming near to the sanctuary."

19 ¹Lit., *given ones* ²Lit., *the sons of Israel's*
^aNum. 1:53

20 Thus did Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel to the Levites: according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them.

21 ^aNum. 8:7

21 ^aThe Levites, too, purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes; and Aaron presented them as a wave offering before the LORD. Aaron also made atonement for them to cleanse them.

24 ¹Lit., *he*
^aNum. 4:3

22 Then after that the Levites went in to perform their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron and before his sons; just as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

25 ¹Lit., *return*

23 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "This is what *applies* to the Levites: from ^atwenty-five years old and upward ¹they shall enter to perform service in the work of the tent of meeting.

26 ¹Lit., *serve*

25 "But at the age of fifty years they shall ¹retire from service in the work and not work any more.

26 "They may, however, ¹assist their brothers in the tent of meeting, to keep an obligation; but they *themselves* shall do no work. Thus you shall deal with the Levites concerning their obligations."

1 ^aNum. 1:1; Ex. 40:2, 17

2 ^aEx. 12:6

CHAPTER 9

THUS the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in ^athe first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

3 ¹Lit., *between the two evenings, and so throughout the chap.*

2 "Now, let the sons of Israel observe the Passover at ^aits appointed time.

3 "On the fourteenth day of this month, ¹at twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed time; you shall observe it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances."

4 ¹Lit., *spoke to*

4 So Moses ¹told the sons of Israel, to observe the Passover.

5 And they observed the Passover in the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

6 ¹Lit., *soul of man*
^aNum. 19:11-22

6 But there were *some* men who were ^aunclean because of *the* ¹dead person, so that they could not observe the Passover on that day; so they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.

7 ¹Lit., *soul of man*

7 And those men said to him. "Though we are unclean because of *the* ¹dead person, why are we restrained from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the sons of Israel?"

8 ¹Lit., stand
²Ex. 18:15

10 ¹Lit., soul

12 ²John 19:36; Ex. 12:46

13 ¹Or, ceases ²Lit., soul
³Ex. 12:47

14 ¹Or, would observe
²Ex. 12:48 ³Num. 15:15, 16,
29; Ex. 12:49; Lev 24:22

15 ²Ex 40:1, 17 ^bEx. 40:34
^cNum. 17:7 ^dEx. 13:21, 22

17 ²Num. 10:11, 12; Ex.
40:36-38

18 ¹Lit., mouth

19 ¹Lit., and the

20 ¹Lit., it was that ²Lit.,
mouth

21 ¹Lit., it was that ²Lit.,
was

23 ¹Lit., mouth

8 Moses therefore said to them, "Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a *dead* ¹person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the LORD.

11 'In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 'They shall leave none of it until morning, ^anor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

13 ^aBut the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet ¹neglects to observe the Passover, that ²person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That man shall bear his sin.

14 ^aAnd if an alien sojourns among you and ¹observes the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do; you shall have ^bone statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.'

15 Now on ^athe day that the tabernacle was erected ^bthe cloud covered the tabernacle, the ^ctent of the testimony, and ^din the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning.

16 So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 ^aAnd whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp.

18 At the ¹command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the ¹command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.

19 Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, ¹the sons of Israel would keep the LORD's charge and not set out.

20 If ¹sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the ²command of the LORD they remained camped. Then according to the ²command of the LORD they set out.

21 If ¹sometimes the cloud ²remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning, they would move out; or *if it remained* in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out.

22 Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out.

23 At the ¹command of the LORD they camped, and at the ¹command of the LORD they set out; they kept the LORD's charge, according to the ¹command of the LORD through Moses.

CHAPTER 10

THE LORD spoke further to Moses, saying,

2 "Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out.

3 "And when both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

4 "Yet if *only* one is blown, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you.

5 "But when you blow an alarm, the camps that are pitched ^aon the east side shall set out.

6 "And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that are pitched on ^athe south side shall set out; an alarm is to be blown for them to set out.

7 "When convening the assembly, however, you shall blow without sounding an alarm.

8 "^aThe priestly sons of Aaron, moreover, shall blow the trumpets; and ¹this shall be for you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

9 "And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the LORD your God, and be saved from your enemies.

10 "Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed ¹feasts, and on the first *days* of your months, ^ayou shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God."

11 Now it came about in ^athe second year, in the second month, on the twentieth of the month, that the cloud was lifted from over the ¹tabernacle of the testimony;

12 and the sons of Israel set out on their journeys from the wilderness of Sinai. Then the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran.

13 ^aSo they moved out for the first time according to the ¹commandment of the LORD through Moses.

14 And the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah, according to their armies, ^aset out first, with Nahshon the son of Amminadab, over its army,

15 and Nethanel the son of Zuar, over the tribal army of the sons of Issachar;

16 and Eliab the son of Helon over the tribal army of the sons of Zebulun.

17 ^aThen the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who were carrying the tabernacle, set out.

18 Next ^athe standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies, set out with Elizur the son of Shedeur, over its army,

19 and Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai over the tribal army of the sons of Simeon,

20 and Eliasaph the son of Deuel was over the tribal army of the sons of Gad.

⁴ ¹Lit., *thousands, or, clans*

5 ^aNum. 10:14

6 ^aNum. 10:18

⁸ ¹Lit., *it*
^aNum. 31:6

10 ¹Or, *times*
^aPs. 81:3-5

¹¹ ¹Lit., *dwelling place and so throughout the chap.*
^aEx. 40:17

13 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aDeut. 1:6

14 ^aNum. 2:3-9

17 ^aNum. 4:21-32

18 ^aNum. 2:10-16

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21 ^aNum. 4:4-20 ^bNum. 10:17

22 ^aNum. 2:18-24

25 ^aNum. 2:25-31 ^bJosh. 6:9, 13

28 ¹Lit., *These are the settings out of the sons*

29 ¹Lit., *spoken*
^aJudg. 4:11 ^bEx. 2:18; 3:1; 18:12 ^cGen. 12:7; Ex. 6:4-8
^dPs. 95:1-7; 100:1-5 ^eDeut. 4:40; 30:5

30 ^aMatt. 21:28, 29; Judg. 1:16

32 ¹Lit., *that good which*
²Lit., *does good* ³Lit., *do good*
^aPs. 22:27-31; 67:5-7 ^bLev. 19:34; Deut. 10:18

33 ¹Lit., *three days' journey*
^aNum. 10:11 ^bDeut. 1:33 ^cIs. 11:10

34 ^aNum. 9:15-23

35 ¹Or, *from Thy presence*
^aPs. 68:1, 2; Is. 17:12-14
^bDeut. 7:10; 32:41

36 ^aIs. 63:17 ^bDeut. 1:10

1 ^aNum. 14:2; 16:11; 17:5
^bNum. 11:18; 14:28

2 ¹Lit., *sank down*
^aNum. 12:11, 13; 21:7

3 ¹i.e., *Burning*
^aDeut. 9:22

21 ^aThen the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy *objects*; and ^bthe tabernacle was set up before their arrival.

22 ^aNext the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim, according to their armies, was set out, with Elishama the son of Ammihud over its army,

23 and Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur over the tribal army of the sons of Manasseh;

24 and Abidan the son of Gideon over the tribal army of the sons of Benjamin.

25 ^aThen the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan, according to their armies, *which formed* the ^brear guard for all the camps, set out, with Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai over its army,

26 and Pagiel the son of Ochran over the tribal army of the sons of Asher;

27 and Ahira the son of Enan over the tribal army of the sons of Naphtali.

28 ¹This was the order of march of the sons of Israel by their armies as they set out.

29 Then Moses said to ^aHobab the son of ^bReuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; ^dcome with us and we will do you good, for the LORD ^ehas ¹promised good concerning Israel."

30 But he said to him, "I will not come, but rather will go to my *own* land and relatives."

31 Then he said, "Please do not leave us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will be as eyes for us.

32 "So it will be, if you go with us, it will come about that ^{1a}whatever good the LORD ²does for us, ^bwe will ³do for you."

33 ^aThus they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey, with ^bthe ark of the covenant of the LORD journeying in front of them for the ¹three days, to seek out ^ca resting place for them.

34 ^aAnd the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, when they set out from the camp.

35 Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said,

"^aRise up, O LORD!

And let Thine enemies be scattered,

And let those ^bwho hate Thee flee ¹before Thee."

36 And when it came to rest, he said,

"^aReturn Thou, O LORD

To the myriad ^bthousands of Israel."

CHAPTER 11

NOW the people became like ^athose who complain of adversity ^bin the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard *it*, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed *some* of the outskirts of the camp.

2 ^aThe people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire ¹died out.

3 So the name of that place was called ^{1a}Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

**The People Cry for Meat. Moses Is Grieved.
Seventy Elders to Assist.**

Numbers 11

4 And the ^arabble who were among them ¹had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, “^bWho will give us ²meat to eat?”

5 “^aWe remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic,

6 but now ^aour ¹appetite is gone. There is nothing at all ²to look at except this manna.”

7 ^aNow the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium.

8 The people would go about and gather *it* and grind *it* ¹between two millstones or beat *it* in the mortar, and boil *it* in the pot and make cakes with it; and its taste was as the taste of ²cakes baked with oil.

9 ^aAnd when the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would fall ¹with it.

10 Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, each man at the doorway of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly, and ¹Moses was displeased.

11 ^aSo Moses said to the LORD, “Why hast Thou ¹been so hard on Thy servant? And why have I not found favor in Thy sight, that Thou hast laid the burden of all this people on me?”

12 “Was it I who conceived all this people? Was it I who brought them forth, that Thou shouldest say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom as a ^anurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which ^bThou didst swear to their fathers?’

13 “Where am I to get ¹meat to give to ^aall this people? For they weep before me, saying, ‘Give us ¹meat that we may eat!’

14 “^aI alone am not able to carry all this people, because it is too ¹burdensome for me.

15 “^aSo if Thou art going to deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Thy sight, and do not let me see my wretchedness.”

16 The LORD therefore said to Moses, “Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, ^awhom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

17 “^aThen I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put *Him* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you shall not bear *it* all alone.

18 “And say to the people, ^aConsecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept ^bin the ears of the LORD, saying, “Oh that someone would give us meat to eat! For we were well-off in Egypt.” Therefore the LORD will give you meat and you shall eat.

19 ‘You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

20 ¹but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you; because ^ayou have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?” ’ ”

21 But Moses said, “The people, among whom I am, are

4 ¹Lit., *desired a desire*
²Lit., *flesh*, and so throughout the chap.
^aEx. 12:38; 1 Cor. 10:6 ^bPs. 78:20

5 ^aEx. 16:3

6 ¹Lit., *soul is dried up*
²Lit., *for our eyes*
^aNum. 21:5

7 ^aEx. 16:31

8 ¹Lit., *with* ²Lit., *juice of oil*

9 ¹Lit., *on*
^aEx. 16:13, 14

10 ¹Lit., *it was evil in Moses' sight*

11 ¹Lit., *dealt ill with*
^aEx. 5:22

12 ¹Or, *foster-father*
^a2 Kin. 10:1, 5; Is. 49:23
^bGen. 24:7; Ex. 13:5, 11; 33:1

13 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aNum. 11:21, 22; John 6:5-9

14 ¹Lit., *heavy*
^aEx. 18:18; Deut. 1:12

15 ^aEx. 32:32

16 ^aEx. 18:25

17 ^aNum. 11:25

18 ^aEx. 19:10, 22 ^bNum. 11:1

20 ¹Lit., *until*
^aJosh. 24:27; 1 Sam. 10:19

23 ¹Lit., *hand short* ²Lit., *befall you*
^aIs. 50:2; 59:1

24 ^aNum. 11:16

25 ^aNum. 11:17; 12:5

26 ¹Lit., *second*
^aNum. 24:2; 1 Sam. 10:6;
²Chr. 15:1; Neh. 9:30

28 ^aEx. 33:11; Josh. 1:1
^bMark 9:38-40

30 ¹Lit., *removed himself*

31 ¹Or, *from about two cubits above* ²i.e., one cubit equals 18 inches
^aEx. 16:13; Ps. 78:26-28; 105:40

32 ¹Lit., *rose* ²i.e., one homer equals about 11 bushels

33 ^aPs. 78:29-31; 106:15

34 ¹i.e., *The graves of greediness*
^aDeut. 9:22

35 ¹Lit., *were*

1 ^aEx. 2:21

2 ^aNum. 16:3

3 ^aNum. 16:3

600,000 on foot; yet Thou hast said, 'I will give them meat in order that they may eat for a whole month.'

22 "Should flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Or should all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?"

23 And the LORD said to Moses, "Is ^athe LORD's ¹power limited? Now you shall see whether My word will ²come true for you or not."

24 So Moses went out and ^atold the people the words of the LORD. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent.

25 ^aThen the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders. And it came about that when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do it again.

26 But two men had remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the ¹other Medad. And ^athe Spirit rested upon them (now they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp.

27 So a young man ran and told Moses and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

28 Then ^aJoshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, answered and said, "^bMoses, my lord, restrain them."

29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

30 Then Moses ¹returned to the camp, *both* he and the elders of Israel.

31 ^aNow there went forth a wind from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea, and let *them* fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and ¹about two ²cubits *deep* on the surface of the ground.

32 And the people ¹spent all day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten ²homers) and they spread *them* out for themselves all around the camp.

33 ^aWhile the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very severe plague.

34 So the name of that place was called ^{1a}Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had been greedy.

35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people set out for Hazeroth, and they ¹remained at Hazeroth.

CHAPTER 12

THEN Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a ^aCushite woman);

2 ^aand they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only

through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" [And the LORD heard it]

3 (Now the man Moses was ^avery humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

4 And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, "You three come out to the tent of meeting." So the three of them came out.

5 ^aThen the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called ¹Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward,

6 He said,

"Hear now My words:

If there is a prophet among you,

I the LORD shall make Myself known to him in a ^avision.

I shall speak with him in a ^bdream.

7 "Not so, with ^aMy servant Moses,

^bHe is faithful in all My household;

8 ^aWith him I speak mouth to mouth,

Even openly, and not in dark sayings,

And he beholds ^bthe form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid

To speak against My servant, against Moses?"

9 So the anger of the LORD burned against them and ^aHe departed.

10 But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, ^aMiriam was leprous, as ^bwhite as snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she was leprous.

11 Then Aaron said to Moses, Oh, my lord, I beg you, ^ado not account *this* sin to us, in which we have acted foolishly and in which we have sinned.

12 "Oh do not let her be like one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes from his mother's womb!"

13 And Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Oh God, ^aheal her, I pray!"

14 But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but ^aspit in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her be shut up for seven days ^boutside the camp, and afterward she may be received again."

15 So Miriam was shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until Miriam was received again.

16 Afterward, however, the people moved out from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

CHAPTER 13

THEN ^athe LORD spoke to Moses saying,

2 "Send out for yourself men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am going to give to the sons of Israel; you shall send a man from each of their fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them."

3 So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran at the ¹command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the sons of Israel.

3 ^aMatt. 11:29

5 ¹Or, "Aaron and Miriam!"
^aEx. 19:9; 34:5

6 ^aGen. 46:2; 1 Sam. 3:15
^bGen. 31:11; 1 Kin. 3:5, 15

7 ^aJosh. 1:1 ^bHeb. 3:2, 5

8 ^aDeut. 34:10; Hos. 12:13
^bEx. 20:4; 24:10, 11; Deut. 5:8; Ps. 17:15

9 ^aGen. 17:22; 18:33

10 ^aDeut. 24:9 ^bEx. 4:6;
2 Kin. 5:27

11 ^a2 Sam. 19:19; 24:10

13 ^aPs. 30:2; 41:4; Is. 30:26;
Jer. 17:14

14 ^aDeut. 25:9; Job 17:6;
30:10; Is. 50:6 ^bNum. 5:1-4

1 ^aDeut. 1:22, 23

3 ¹Lit., *mouth*

8*Num. 13:16; Deut. 32:44

16*Num. 13:8; Deut. 32:44

17¹Lit., *here* ²I.e., South country, and so throughout the chap.
*Gen. 12:9; 13:1, 3

19¹Lit., in

20¹Lit., *use your strength*
*Deut. 1:24, 25^bDeut. 31:6, 23

21¹Or, *to the entrance of Hamath*
*Num. 20:1; 27:14; 33:36
^bJosh. 13:5

22¹Lit., Most mss. read, *one came* ²Lit., *children*
*Num. 13:17^bJosh. 15:14
^cNum. 13:28, 33^dPs. 76:12, 43

23¹Or, *wadi* ²I.e., cluster
*Num. 13:24; 32:9; Gen. 14:13; Deut. 1:24

24¹I.e., Cluster

26¹Lit., to
*Num. 20:1, 14; 32:8

27*Ex. 3:8, 17; 13:5^bDeut. 1:25

28¹Lit., *born ones*
*Num. 13:33

29*Num. 13:17; 14:25, 45
^bJosh. 10:6^cNum. 14:43, 45

4 These then *were* their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

6 from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

8 from the tribe of Ephraim, ^aHoshea the son of Nun;

9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

11 from the tribe of Joseph, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;

12 from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land; but Moses called ^aHoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

17 When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, "Go up ¹there into ^athe ²Negev; then go up into the hill country.

18 "And see what the land is like, and whether the people who live in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many.

19 "And how is the land in which they live, is it good or bad? And how are the cities in which they live, are *they* ¹like open camps or with fortifications?

20 "And ^ahow is the land, is it fat or lean? Are there trees in it or not? ¹Make an ^beffort then to get some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.

21 So they went up and spied out the land from ^athe wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, ^{1b}at Lebo-hamath.

22 When they had gone up into ^athe Negev, ¹they came to Hebron where ^bAhiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the ²descendants of ^cAnak were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before ^dZoan in Egypt.)

23 Then they came to the ¹valley of ^{2a}Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two *men*, with some of the pomegranates and the figs.

24 That place was called the valley of ¹Eshcol, because of the cluster which the sons of Israel cut down from there.

25 When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,

26 they proceeded to come to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel ¹in the wilderness of Paran, at ^aKadesh; and they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Thus they told him, and said, "We went in to the land where you sent us; and ^ait certainly does flow with milk and honey, and ^bthis is its fruit.

28 "Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified *and* very large; and moreover we saw ^athe ¹descendants of Anak there.

29 "Amalck is living in the land of ^athe Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and ^bthe Amorites are living in the hill country, and ^cthe Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan."

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30 Then Caleb quieted the people ¹before Moses, and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it."

30 ¹Lit., toward

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."

31 ^aDeut. 1:28; 9:1-3

32 So they gave out to the sons of Israel ^aa bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is ^ba land that devours its ¹inhabitants; and ^call the people whom we saw in it are men of great size.

32 ¹Or, settlers
^aNum. 14:36, 37; Ps. 106:24
^bEzek. 36:13, 14 ^cAmos 2:9

33 "There also we saw the ^aNephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and ^bwe became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

33 ^aGen. 6:4 ^bDeut. 1:28; 9:2 John 11:21

CHAPTER 14

¹ ¹Lit., lifted and gave their voice ²Lit., in that

THEN all the congregation ¹lifted up their voice and cried, and the people wept ²that night.

² ^aNum. 11:1 ^bNum. 11:5; 16:13; 20:3, 4; 21:5

2 And all the sons of Israel ^agrumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

³ ^aEx. 5:21; 16:3 ^bNum. 14:31; Deut. 1:39

3 "And why is the LORD bringing us into this land, ^ato fall by the sword? ^bOur wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

⁵ ^aNum. 16:4

4 So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt."

⁷ ^aNum. 13:27; Deut. 1:25

5 ^aThen Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.

⁸ ^aDeut. 10:15 ^bNum. 13:27; Ex. 3:8

6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land.

⁹ ¹Lit., food ²Lit., shadow
^aDeut. 1:26; 9:23, 24 ^bDeut. 1:21, 29

8 "If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us—^ba land which flows with milk and honey.

¹⁰ ^aEx. 17:4 ^bEx. 16:10; Lev. 9:23

9 "Only ^ado not rebel against the LORD; and do not ^bfear the people of the land, for they shall be our ¹prey. Their ²protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

¹¹ ^aEx. 32:9-13 ^bPs. 106:24

10 ^aBut all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then ^bthe glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.

¹² ¹Lit., the pestilence
^aLev. 26:25; Deut. 28:21 ^bEx. 32:10

11 ^aAnd the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will ^bthey not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?

12 "I will smite them with ¹pestilence and dispossess them, and I ^bwill make you into a nation greater and mightier than they."

¹³ ^aPs. 106:23

13 ^aBut Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for by Thy strength Thou didst bring up this people from their midst,

14 ^aEx. 13:21; Deut. 5:4

15 ¹Lit., *speak, saying*
^aEx. 32:12

17 ¹Lit., *spoken, saying.*

18 ¹Lit., *on*
^aEx. 34:6, 7

19 ^aEx. 32:32; 34:9

20 ^aMic. 7:18-20

21 ¹Lit., *and all*
^aNum. 14:28; Deut. 32:40;
Is. 49:18 ^bIs. 6:3; Hab. 2:14

22 ^{a1} Cor. 10:5 ^bEx. 5:21;
14:11; 15:24; 16:2; 17:2, 3;
32:1; Num. 11:1, 4; 12:1; 14:2

23 ^aNum. 26:65; 32:11

24 ¹Lit., *him* ¹²Lit., *where*
³Lit., *seed*
^aNum. 14:7-9 ^bNum. 26:65;
32:12; Deut. 1:36; Josh. 14:6-
15

25 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aNum. 13:29

27 ¹Lit., *complaining*
^aNum. 11:1

28 ^aNum. 14:21 ^bNum.
14:2; Deut. 2:14, 15; Heb.
3:17

29 ¹Lit., *mustered*
^aNum. 1:45, 46

30 ¹Lit., *raised My hand*
^aNum. 14:24

31 ^aNum. 14:3

32 ^aNum. 26:64, 65; 32:13;
¹ Cor. 10:5

33 ¹Lit., *bear* ²Lit.,
fornications ³Lit., *are*
finished
^aDeut. 2:7; 8:2, 4; 29:5

14 and they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of this people, for ^aThou, O LORD, art seen eye to eye, while Thy cloud stands over them; and Thou dost go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 "Now if Thou dost slay this people as one man, ^athen the nations who have heard of Thy fame will ¹say,

16 'Because the LORD could not bring this people into the land which He promised them by oath, therefore He slaughtered them in the wilderness.'

17 "But now, I pray, let the power of the Lord be great, just as Thou hast ¹declared,

18 ^a"The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children ¹to the third and the fourth *generations*.'

19 ^a"Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Thy lovingkindness, just as Thou also hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

20 So the LORD said, ^a"I have pardoned *them* according to your word;

21 but indeed, ^aas I live, ^{1b}all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 "Surely ^aall the men who have seen My glory and My signs, which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ^bten times and have not listened to My voice,

23 ^ashall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it.

24 "But My servant Caleb, ^abecause he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, ^{1b}I will bring into the land ²which he entered, and his ³descendants shall take possession of it.

25 ^a"Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys; turn tomorrow and set out to the wilderness by the way of the ¹Red Sea."

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

27 "How long *shall I bear* with this evil congregation who are ^agrumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are ¹making against Me.

28 "Say to them ^a"As I live," says the LORD, "just as ^byou have spoken in My hearing, so I will surely do to you;

29 your corpses shall fall in this wilderness, even all ^ayour ¹numbered men, according to your complete number from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me.

30 'Surely you shall not come into the land in which I ¹swore to settle you, ^aexcept Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 ^aYour children, however, whom you said would become a prey—I will bring them in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected.

32 ^a"But as for you, your corpses shall fall in this wilderness.

33 'And your sons shall be shepherds for ^aforty years in the wilderness, and they shall ¹suffer for your ²unfaithfulness, until your corpses ³lie in the wilderness.

34 'According to the number of days which you spied out

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the land, forty days, for every day you shall bear your ¹guilt a year, *even* forty years, and you shall know My opposition.

35 'I the LORD have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be destroyed, and there they shall die. "'

36 ^aAs for the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing out a bad report concerning the land,

37 even those men who brought out the very bad report of the land died by a ^aplague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive out of those men who went to spy out the land.

39 And when Moses spoke ^athese words to all the sons of Israel, ^bthe people mourned greatly.

40 In the morning, however, they rose up early and went up to the ¹ridge of the hill country, saying, "^aHere we are; ²we have indeed sinned, but we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised."

41 But Moses said, "Why then are you transgressing the ¹commandment of the LORD, when it will not succeed?"

42 "Do not go up, lest you be struck down before your enemies, for the LORD is not among you.

43 "For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will be there in front of you, and you will fall by the sword, inasmuch as you have turned back from following the LORD. And the LORD will not be with you."

44 But they went up heedlessly to the ¹ridge of the hill country; neither ^athe ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses left the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down, and struck them and beat them down as far as ^aHormah.

CHAPTER 15

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land ¹where you are to live, which I am giving you,

3 then make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice to ¹fulfill a special vow, or as a freewill offering or in your ^aappointed times, to make a soothing aroma to the LORD, from the herd or from the flock.

4 ^aAnd the one who presents his offering shall present to the LORD a grain offering of one-tenth of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a ¹hin of oil,

5 and you shall prepare wine for the libation, one-fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for ^aeach lamb.

6 'Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil;

7 and for the libation you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

34 ¹Or, iniquities

36 ^aNum. 13:4-16, 32

37 ^aNum. 16:49

39 ^aNum. 14:28-35 ^bEx. 33:4

40 ¹Or, top of the mountain ²Or, and we will go up . . . for we have sinned ²Deut. 1:41-44

41 ¹Lit., mouth

44 ¹Or, top of the mountain ^aNum. 31:6

45 ^aNum. 21:3

2 ¹Lit., of your dwellings

3 ¹Or, make a special votive offering ^aLev. 23:1-44

4 ¹I.e., approx. one gallon, and so through vs. 10 ^aNum. 28:1-29, 40

5 ^aNum. 15:11; Lev. 1:10; 3:6

⁸ ¹Or, *make a special votive offering*
²Lev. 1:3; 3:1

15 *Num. 15:29; 9:14

19 ¹Lit., *bread* ²Or, *heave offering*

20 ¹Or, *coarse meal* ²Or, *heave offering*
³Ex. 34:26; Lev. 23:14 ^bDeut. 14:22, 23; 16:13

21 ¹Or, *coarse meal* ²Or, *offering lifted up*

23 ¹Lit., *by the hand of*

24 ¹Lit., *from the eyes of the congregation*
²Lev. 4:2, 22, 27; 5:15, 18
^bNum. 15:8-10

26 *Num. 15:24

8 'And when you prepare ^aa bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to ¹fulfill a special vow, or for peace offerings to the LORD,

9 then he shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-half a hin of oil;

10 and you shall offer as the libation one-half a hin of wine as an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

11 'Thus it shall be done for each ox, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the goats.

12 'According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do for everyone according to their number.

13 'All who are native shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

14 'And if an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he *wishes* to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so he shall do.

15 'As for the assembly, there shall be ^aone statute for you and for the alien who sojourns *with you*, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the alien be before the LORD.

16 'There is to be one law and one ordinance for you and for the alien who sojourns with you.' "

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land where I bring you,

19 then it shall be, that when you eat of the ¹food of the land, you shall lift up an ²offering to the LORD.

20 ^a'Of the first of your ¹dough you shall lift up a cake as an ²offering; as ^bthe ²offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

21 'From the first of your ¹dough you shall give to the LORD an ²offering throughout your generations.

22 'But when you unwillingly fail and do not observe all these commandments, which the LORD has spoken to Moses,

23 *even* all that the LORD has commanded you ¹through Moses, from the day when the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations,

24 then it shall be, if it is done ^aunintentionally, ¹without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one bull for a burnt offering, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, ^bwith its grain offering, and its libation, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering.

25 'Then the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their error.

26 'So all the congregation of the sons of Israel will be forgiven, with the alien who sojourns among them, for it *happened* to all the people through ^aerror.

27 'Also if one person sins unintentionally, then he shall offer a one year old female goat for a sin offering.

28 'And the priest shall make atonement before the LORD

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for the person who goes astray when he sins unintentionally, making atonement for him ¹that he may be forgiven.

29 'You shall have one law for him who does *anything* unintentionally, for him who is native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them.

30 'But the person who does *anything* ^adefiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

31 'Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his ¹guilt *shall be* on him.'

32 Now while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man ^agathering wood on the sabbath day.

33 And those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation;

34 and they put him in ¹custody ^abecause it had not been ²declared what should be done to him.

35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man shall surely be put to death; ^aall the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."

36 So all the congregation brought him outside the camp, and stoned him ¹to death with stones, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

37 The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

38 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves ^atassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue.

39 "And it shall be a tassel for you ¹to look at and ^aremember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not ²follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot,

40 in order that you may remember to do all My commandments, and be holy to your God.

41 "I am the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD your God."

28 ¹Or, and he shall

30 ^aNum. 14:40-44; Deut. 1:43, 17:12, 13

31 ¹Or, iniquity

32 ^aEx. 31:14, 15; 35:2, 3

34 ¹Or, prison ²Lit., declared distinctly ^aNum. 9:8

35 ^aLev. 20:2, 27; 24:14-23; Deut. 21:21

36 ¹Lit., with stones and he died

38 ^aDeut. 22:12, Matt. 23:5

39 ¹Lit., and you shall look at it ²Lit., seek ^aDeut. 4:23; 6:12; 8:11, 14, 19

¹ ^aEx. 6:21; Jude 11
^bNum. 26:9; Deut. 11:6

CHAPTER 16

NOW ^aKorah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with ^bDathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *action*,

2 and they rose up before Moses, ¹together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, ^{2a}chosen in the assembly, men of renown.

3 And they assembled together ^aagainst Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "^{1b}You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and ^cthe LORD is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

4 When Moses heard *this*, ^ahe fell on his face;

5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His, and ^awho is holy, and will bring *him* near to Himself; even ^bthe one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself.

2 ¹Lit., and men from
²Lit., called ones of
^aNum. 1:16; 26:9

3 ¹Lit., It is much for you
^aNum. 12:2; Ps. 106:16
^bNum. 16:7 ^cNum. 5:3

4 ^aNum. 14:5

5 ^aLev. 10:3; Ps. 65:4
^bNum. 17:5, 8

6 ¹Lit., his

7 ¹Lit., *It is much for you*
^aNum. 16:3

9 ¹Or, *too little for you*
^aNum. 3:6, 9

10 ^aNum. 3:10; 18:1-7

11 ¹Lit., *what*
^aEx. 16:7 ^{b1} Cor. 10:10

12 ¹Lit., *to call*

13 ¹Lit., *a little thing*
^aNum. 11:4-6; Ex. 16:3
^bNum. 14:2, 3

14 ¹Lit., *bore out* ²Lit.,
those
^aNum. 13:27; 14:8 ^bNum.
20:5; Ex. 22:5; 23:11 ^cJudg.
16:21; 1 Sam. 11:2

15 ^aGen. 4:4, 5 ^{b1} Sam. 12:3

17 ¹Lit., *them*

18 ¹Lit., *them*

19 ^aNum. 16:42; 14:10; 20:6

21 ^aNum. 16:45 ^bEx. 32:10,
12

22 ^aNum. 27:16 ^bGen.
18:23-32; Lev. 4:3

24 ^aNum. 16:45

6 "Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah and all your company,

7 and put fire in them, and lay incense upon them in the presence of the LORD tomorrow; and the man whom the LORD chooses *shall be* the one who is holy. ^{1a}You have gone far enough, you sons of Levi!"

8 Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi,

9 is it ¹not enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the *rest of* the congregation of Israel, ^ato bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them;

10 and that He has brought you near, *Korah*, and all your brothers, sons of Levi, with you? And are you ^aseeking for the priesthood also?

11 "Therefore you and all your company are gathered together ^aagainst the LORD; but as for Aaron, ¹who is he that ^byou grumble against him?"

12 Then Moses sent ^{1a} summons to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come up.

13 "Is it ¹not enough that you have brought us up out of a ^aland flowing with milk and honey ^bto have us die in the wilderness, but you would also lord it over us?

14 "Indeed, you have not brought us ^ainto a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of ^bfields and vineyards. Would you ^{1c}put out the eyes of ²these men? We will not come up!"

15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, "^aDo not regard their offering! ^{b1}I have not taken a single donkey from them, nor have I done harm to any of them."

16 And Moses said to Korah, "You and all your company be present before the LORD tomorrow, both you and they along with Aaron.

17 "And each of you take his firepan and put incense on ¹it, and each of you bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty firepans; also you and Aaron *shall* each *bring* his firepan.

18 So they each took his own censer and put fire on ¹it, and laid incense on ¹it; and they stood at the doorway of the tent of meeting, with Moses and Aaron.

19 Thus Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the doorway of the tent of meeting. And ^athe glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.

20 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

21 "^aSeparate yourselves from among this congregation, ^bthat I may consume them instantly."

22 But they fell on their faces, and said, "O God, ^aThou God of the spirits of all flesh, ^bwhen one man sins, wilt Thou be angry with the entire congregation?"

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the congregation, saying, ^aGet back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. . ."

25 Then Moses arose and went to Dathan and Abiram, with the elders of Israel following him,

26 and he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now

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from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing that belongs to them, ^alest you be swept away in all their sin.

27 So they got back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out *and* stood at the doorway of their tents, along with their wives and ^atheir sons and their little ones.

28 And Moses said, "By this you shall know that ^athe LORD has sent me to do all these deeds; for ¹this is not my doing.

29 "If these men die ¹the death of all men, or ²if they suffer the fate of all men, *then* the LORD has not sent me.

30 "But if the LORD ¹brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that is theirs, and they descend alive into ²Sheol, then you will understand that these men have spurned the LORD."

31 Then it came about as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them split open;

32 and ^athe earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and ^ball the men who belonged to Korah, with *their* possessions.

33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to ¹Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

34 And all Israel who *were* around them fled at their ¹outcry, for they said, "²The earth may swallow us!"

35 ^aFire also came forth from the LORD and consumed the ^btwo hundred and fifty men who were offering the incense.

36 ¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

37 "Say to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, that he shall take up the censers out of the midst of the ¹blaze, for they are holy; and you scatter the ²burning coals abroad.

38 "As for the censers of these ¹men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, let them be made into hammered sheets for a plating of the altar, since they did present them before the LORD and they are holy; and they shall be for a sign to the sons of Israel."

39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers which the men who were burned had offered; and they hammered them out as a plating for the altar,

40 as a ¹reminder to the sons of Israel that ^ano ²layman who is not of the ³descendants of Aaron should come near ^bto burn incense before the LORD; that he might not become like Korah and his company—just as the LORD had spoken to him ⁴through Moses.

41 But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel ^agrumbled against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You are the ones who have caused the death of the LORD's people."

42 It came about, however, when the congregation had assembled against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tent of meeting, and behold, the cloud covered it and ^athe glory of the LORD appeared.

43 Then Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting,

44 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

45 "¹Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly." Then they fell on their faces.

26 *Gen. 19:15, 17

27 *Num. 26:11

28 ¹Lit., *not from my heart*
*Ex. 3:12-15; 4:12, 15

29 ¹Lit., *like the death*
²Lit., *the visitation of all men be visited upon them*

30 ¹Lit., *creates a new creation*
²Lit., *the nether world*

32 *Num. 26:10; Deut. 11:6; Ps. 106:17
^bNum. 26:11

33 ¹Lit., *the nether world*

34 ¹Or, *voice*
²Lit., *Lest the earth*

35 *Num. 11:1-3; 26:10
^bNum. 16:2

36 ¹Chap. 17:1 in Heb.

37 ¹Or, *place of burning*
²Lit., *the fire*

38 ¹Lit., *sinner against their lives*

40 ¹Or, *memorial*
²Lit., *stranger*
³Lit., *seed*
⁴Lit., *by the hand of*
*Num. 1:51
^bEx. 30:7-10

41 *Num. 16:3

42 *Num. 16:19

45 ¹Or, *Arise*
*Num. 16:21, 24

46 ^aNum. 25:13; Is. 6:6, 7
^bNum. 18:5; Deut. 9:22

47 ^aNum. 25:7, 8, 13

49 ^aNum. 25:9 ^bNum. 16:32, 35

1 ¹In Heb., chap. 17:16

4 ^aNum. 17:7; Ex. 25:16, 21, 22

5 ^aNum. 16:5

7 ^aNum. 1:50, 53; 9:15

8 ^aHeb. 9:4

10 ¹Lit., for preserving
²Lit., sons of rebellion
^aNum. 17:4 ^bDeut. 9:7, 24

12 ^aIs. 6:5

13 ^aNum. 1:51

46 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put in it fire from the altar, and lay incense *on it*; then bring it quickly to the congregation and ^amake atonement for them, for ^bwrath has gone forth from the LORD, the plague has begun!"

47 Then Aaron took *it* as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly, for behold, the plague had begun among the people. ^aSo he put *on* the incense and made atonement for the people.

48 And he took his stand between the dead and the living, so that the plague was checked.

49 ^aBut those who died by the plague were 14,700, besides those who ^bdied on account of Korah.

50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the doorway of the tent of meeting, for the plague had been checked.

CHAPTER 17

¹ THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and get from them a rod for each father's household: twelve rods, from all their leaders according to their fathers' households. You shall write each name on his rod,

3 and write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there is one rod for the head of *each* of their fathers' households.

4 "You shall then deposit them in the tent of meeting in front of ^athe testimony, where I meet with you.

5 "And it will come about that the rod of ^athe man whom I choose will sprout. Thus I shall lessen from upon Myself the grumbings of the sons of Israel, who are grumbling against you."

6 Moses therefore spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' households, twelve rods, with the rod of Aaron among their rods.

7 So Moses deposited the rods before the LORD in ^athe tent of the testimony.

8 Now it came about on the next day that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, ^athe rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.

9 Moses then brought out all the rods from the presence of the LORD to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod.

10 But the LORD said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron ^abefore the testimony ¹to be kept as a sign against the ²rebels, that you may put an end to their grumbings against Me, so that they should not die."

11 Thus Moses did; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

12 Then the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "^aBehold, we perish, we are dying, we are all dying!

13 "^aEveryone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, must die. Are we to perish completely?"

CHAPTER 18

SO the LORD said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your father's household with you shall ^abear the guilt ¹in connection with the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the guilt ²in connection with your priesthood.

2 "But bring with you also your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may be ^ajoined with you and serve you, while you and your sons with you are before the tent of the testimony.

3 "And they shall thus attend to your obligation and the obligation of all the tent, but ^athey shall not come near to the furnishings of the sanctuary and ^bthe altar, lest both they and you die.

4 "And they shall be joined with you and attend to the obligations of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tent; but an ¹outsider may not come near you.

5 "So you shall attend to the obligations of the sanctuary and the obligations of the altar, ^athat there may no longer be wrath on the sons of Israel.

6 "And behold, I Myself have taken your ¹fellow-Levites from among the sons of Israel; they are ^aa gift to you, ²dedicated to the LORD, to perform the service for the tent of meeting.

7 "But you and your sons with you shall ^aattend to your priesthood for everything concerning the altar and inside the veil, and you are to perform service. I am giving you the priesthood as ^ba ¹bestowed service, but ^cthe ²outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

8 Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, "Now behold, I Myself have given you charge of My ^{1a}offerings, even all the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, I have given them to you as a portion, and to your sons as a perpetual allotment.

9 "This shall be yours from the most holy gifts, reserved from the fire; every offering of theirs, even ^aevery grain offering and every ^bsin offering and every guilt offering, which they shall render to Me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons.

10 "As the most holy gifts you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you.

11 "This also is yours, ^athe offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel; I have ^bgiven them to you and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment. Everyone of your household who is clean may eat it.

12 "All the ¹best of the fresh oil and all the ¹best of the fresh wine and of the grain, the first fruits of those which they give to the LORD, I give them to you.

13 "The first ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall be yours; everyone of your household who is clean may eat it.

14 "Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours.

15 "Every first issue of the womb of all flesh, whether man or animal, which they offer to the LORD, shall be yours; nevertheless the first-born of man you shall surely redeem, and the first-born of unclean animals you shall redeem.

16 "And as to their redemption price, from a month old

¹ Lit., of the sanctuary
² Lit., of your priesthood
^a Ex. 28:38; Lev. 10:17; 22:16

² Num. 3:5-10

³ Num. 4:15-20 ^b Num. 18:7; 1:51

⁴ Lit., stranger

⁵ Num. 16:46

⁶ Lit., brethren the ² Lit., given
^a Num. 3:9

⁷ Lit., service of gift ² Lit., stranger
^a Ex. 29:9 ^b Num. 18:20; Deut. 18:2; Matt. 10:8; 1 Pet. 5:2, ³ Num. 1:51

⁸ Lit., heave offerings, and so throughout the chap.
^a Lev. 7:28-34

⁹ Lev. 2:1-16 ^b Lev. 6:30

¹¹ Num. 18:1; Deut. 18:3
^b Lev. 22:1-16

¹² Lit., fat
^a Deut. 18:4; 32:14; Ps. 81:16; 147:14

¹³ Ex. 22:29; 23:19; 34:26

¹⁴ Lev. 27:1-33

¹⁵ Lit., Everything that opens
^a Num. 3:46; Ex. 13:13, 15

16 ¹A shekel equals approx. one-half ounce.

18 ¹Lit., *flesh*

19 ¹Lit., *seed*
²Num. 18:11 ³Chr. 13:5

20 ²Deut. 10:9; 12:12;
14:27, 29 ³Deut. 18:2; Josh. 13:33; Ezek. 44:28

21 ²Lev. 27:30-33

22 ²Num. 1:51

23 ²Num. 18:1 ³Num. 18:20

26 ²Num. 18:21 ³Neh. 10:38

29 ¹Lit., *fat* ²Lit., *its*

30 ¹Lit., *lifted*

32 ¹Lit., *lifted* ²Lit., *fat*
³Lev. 22:15, 16

you shall redeem them, by your valuation, five ¹shekels in silver, according to the ¹shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

17 "But the first-born of an ox or the first-born of a sheep or the first-born of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar and shall offer up their fat in smoke as an offering by fire, for a soothing aroma to the LORD.

18 "And their ¹meat shall be yours; it shall be yours like the breast of a wave offering and like the right thigh.

19 "All the offerings of the holy *gifts*, which the sons of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and your daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment. It is an everlasting covenant of salt before the LORD to you and your ¹descendants with you."

20 Then the LORD said to Aaron, "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor own any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel.

21 "And to the sons of Levi, behold, I have given all the ²tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they perform, the service of the tent of meeting.

22 "And ²the sons of Israel shall not come near the tent of meeting again, lest they bear sin and die.

23 "Only the Levites shall perform the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall ²bear their iniquity; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the sons of Israel ³they shall have no inheritance.

24 "For the tithe of the sons of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance; therefore I have said concerning them, 'They shall have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.' "

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

26 "Moreover, you shall speak to the Levites and say to them, 'When you take from the sons of Israel ²the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present an offering from it to the LORD, a ³tithe of the tithe.

27 'And your offering shall be reckoned to you as the grain from the threshing floor or the full produce from the wine vat.

28 'So you shall also present an offering to the LORD from your tithes, which you receive from the sons of Israel; and from it you shall give the LORD's offering to Aaron the priest.

29 'Out of all your gifts you shall present every offering due to the LORD, from all the ¹best of them, ²the sacred part from them.'

30 "And you shall say to them, 'When you have ¹offered from it the best of it, then *the rest* shall be reckoned to the Levites as the product of the threshing floor, and as the product of the wine vat.

31 'And you may eat it anywhere, you and your households, for it is your compensation in return for your service in the tent of meeting.

32 'And you shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have ¹offered the ²best of it. But you shall not ²profane the sacred gifts of the sons of Israel, lest you die.' "

CHAPTER 19

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel that they bring you an ^aunblemished red heifer in which is no defect, *and* ^bon which a yoke has never ¹been placed.

3 'And you shall give it to ^aEleazar the priest, and it shall ^bbe brought outside the camp and be slaughtered in his presence.

4 'Next Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and ^asprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.

5 'Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight; its hide and its flesh and its blood, with its refuse, shall be burned.

6 'And the priest shall take ^acedar wood and hyssop and scarlet *material*, and cast it into the midst of the ¹burning heifer.

7 'The priest ^ashall then wash his clothes and bathe his ¹body in water, and afterward come into the camp, but the priest shall be unclean until evening.

8 'The one who burns it shall also wash his clothes in water and bathe his ¹body in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

9 'Now a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and ¹the congregation of the sons of Israel shall keep it as ^awater to remove impurity; it is ²purification from sin.

10 'And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer ^ashall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; and it shall be a perpetual statute to the sons of Israel and to the alien who sojourns among them.

11 'The one who touches *(the corpse)* of any ¹person shall be unclean for seven days.

12 'That one shall ^apurify himself from uncleanness with ¹the water on the third day and on the seventh day, *and then* he shall be clean; but if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he shall not be clean.

13 'Anyone who touches a corpse, the ¹body of a man who has died, and does not purify himself, ^bdefiles the ²tabernacle of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water for impurity was not ³sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.

14 'This is the law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean for seven days.

15 'And every open vessel, which has no covering ¹tied down on it, shall be unclean.

16 'Also, anyone who in the open field touches one who has been slain with a sword or who has died *naturally*, or a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean for seven days.

17 'Then for the unclean *person* they shall take some of the ¹ashes of the ²burnt ³purification from sin and ⁴flowing water shall be ⁵added to them in a vessel.

18 'And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the

² Lit., *come up*
^a Lev. 22:20-25 ^b Deut. 21:3

³ Num. 3:4 ^b Num. 19:9;
Lev. 4:11, 12, 21

⁴ Lev. 4:6, 17

⁶ Lit., *burning of the heifer*
^a Lev. 14:4

⁷ Lit., *flesh*
^a Lev. 16:26, 28; 22:6

⁸ Lit., *flesh*

⁹ Lit., *it shall be to the congregation . . . Israel, for a guarding as water of impurity*
² Or, *sin offering*
^a Num. 8:7

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¹⁰ Num. 19:7

¹¹ Lit., *soul of man*
^a Num. 5:2; 6:6; Lev. 21:1, 11; Acts 21:26, 27

¹² Lit., *it*
^a Num. 19:19

¹³ Lit., *soul* ² Lit., *dwelling place*
³ Or, *thrown*
^a Lev. 7:20, 21; 22:3-7 ^b Num. 19:20; Lev. 15:31; 20:3
^c Num. 19:19

¹⁵ Lit., *cord*

¹⁶ Num. 31:19

¹⁷ Lit., *dust* ² Lit., *burning of the* ³ Or, *sin offering* ⁴ Lit., *living* ⁵ Lit., *put*
^a Num. 19:9

19 ^aEzek. 36:25; Heb. 10:22

water, and sprinkle *it* on the tent and on all the furnishings and on the persons who were there, and on the one who touched the bone or the one slain or the one dying *naturally* or the grave.

20 ^aNum. 19:13

19 'Then the clean *person* ^ashall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify him from uncleanness, and he shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and shall be clean by evening.

21 ^aNum. 19:7

20 'But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself from uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he has ^adefiled the sanctuary of the LORD; the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him, he is unclean.

22 ^aLev. 5:2, 3; 7:21; 22:5, 6

21 'So it shall be a perpetual statute for them. And he ^awho sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening.

1 ^aNum. 13:21; 27:14;
33:36

22 ^aFurthermore, anything that the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches *it* shall be unclean until evening.'

CHAPTER 20

2 ^aEx. 17:1

THEN the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to the ^awilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people stayed at Kadesh. Now Miriam died there and was buried there.

3 ^aEx. 17:2 ^bNum. 14:2, 3
^cNum. 16:31-35

2 ^aAnd there was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron.

3 ^aThe people thus contended with Moses and spoke, saying, "^bIf only we had perished ^cwhen our brothers perished before the LORD!

4 ¹Lit., *there*

4 "Why then have you brought the LORD's assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die ¹here?

5 "And why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? ^aIt is not a place of ¹grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, nor is there water to drink."

5 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aNum. 16:14

6 Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to them;

7 and ¹the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "Take ^athe rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and ¹spea^k to the rock; before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink."

8 ^aEx. 4:17, 20; 17:5, 6

9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD, just as He had commanded him;

10 and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"

11 Then ¹Moses lifted up his hand and ¹struck the rock

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Edom Refuses Passage. Aaron Dies.**

twice with his rod; and ^awater came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.

12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “^aBecause you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”

13 Those *were* the waters of ^{1a}Meribah, ²because the sons of Israel contended with the LORD, and He proved Himself holy among them.

14 From Kadesh Moses then sent messengers to ^athe king of Edom: “Thus your brother Israel has said, ‘You ^bknow all the hardship that has befallen us;

15 that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we stayed in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our fathers badly.

16 ‘But when we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent ^aan angel and brought us out from Egypt; now behold, we are at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

17 ‘Please let us pass through your land. We shall not pass through field or through vineyard; we shall not even drink water from a well. We shall go along the king’s highway, not turning to the right or left, until we pass through your territory.’”

18 ^aEdom, however, said to him, “You shall not pass through ¹us, lest I come out with the sword against you.”

19 Again, the sons of Israel said to him, “We shall go up by the highway, and if I and ^amy livestock do drink any of your water, then I will ¹pay its price. Let me only pass through on my feet, ²nothing else.”

20 But he said, “You shall not pass through.” And Edom came out against him with a heavy ¹force, and with a strong hand.

21 ^aThus Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through his territory; ^bso Israel turned away from him.

22 Now when they set out from ^aKadesh, the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron at ^aMount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

24 “Aaron shall be ^agathered to his people; for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because ^byou rebelled against My ¹command at the waters of Meribah.

25 “Take Aaron and his son ^aEleazar, and bring them up to Mount Hor;

26 and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar. So Aaron will be ^agathered to *his people*, and will die there.”

27 So Moses did just as the LORD had commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And after Moses had stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar, ^aAaron died there on the mountain top. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had died, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days.

11 ^aPs. 78:16; Is. 48:21;
1 Cor. 10:4

12 ^aNum. 20:24; 27:14;
Deut. 1:37; 3:26, 27

13 ¹1.e., Contention ²Or,
where
^aEx. 17:7

14 ^aGen. 36:31-39; Deut.
2:4 ^bJosh. 2:9, 10; 9:9, 10, 24

16 ^aEx. 14:19

18 ¹Lit., *me*
^aNum. 24:18

19 ¹Lit., *give* ²Or, *no great
thing*
^aEx. 12:38

20 ¹Lit., *people*

21 ^aJudg. 11:17 ^bDeut. 2:8

22 ^aNum. 20:1, 14

23 ^aNum. 33:37

24 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aGen. 25:8 ^bNum. 20:5, 10

25 ^aNum. 3:4

26 ^aNum. 20:24

28 ^aNum. 33:38; Deut.
10:6; 32:50

¹ I.e., South country ² Or, of the spies
^a Num. 33:40; Josh. 12:14;
 Judg. 1:16

² Lit., devoted to destruction

³ Lit., devoted to destruction ² I.e., A devoted thing; or, Destruction
^a Num. 14:45

⁴ Lit., Sea of Reeds ² Lit., soul of the people was short
^a Deut. 2:8

⁵ Lit., bread ² Lit., our soul
^a Num. 14:2, 3 ^b Num. 11:6

⁶ Deut. 8:15 ^b Jer. 8:17
^c 1 Cor. 10:9

⁷ Num. 11:2

⁸ Lit., Make for yourself
^a Is. 14:29; 30:6; John 3:14

⁹ 2 Kin. 18:4; John 3:14,
 15

¹⁰ Num. 33:43, 44

¹¹ Lit., sunrise

¹² I.e., a dry ravine except during rainy season
^a Num. 33:45

¹⁵ Num. 21:28; Deut. 2:9,
 18, 29

¹⁶ I.e., A well
^a Num. 33:46-49

WHEN the Canaanite, the king of ^aArad, who lived in the ¹Negev, heard that Israel was coming by the way of ²Atharim; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive.

2 So Israel made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If Thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will ¹utterly destroy their cities."

3 And the LORD heard the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; then they ¹utterly destroyed them and their cities. Thus the name of the place was called ^{2a}Hormah.

4 Then they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the ¹Red Sea, to ^ago around the land of Edom; and the ²people became impatient because of the journey.

5 And the people spoke against God and Moses, "^aWhy have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no ¹food and no water, and ^{2b}we loathe this miserable food."

6 ^aAnd the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and ^bthey bit the people, so that ^cmany people of Israel died.

7 ^aSo the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; intercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "¹Make a ^afiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he shall live."

9 And Moses made a ^abronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

10 ^aNow the sons of Israel moved out and camped in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at Iyeabarim, in the wilderness which is opposite Moab, to the ^aeast.

12 ^aFrom there they set out and camped in ¹Wadi Zered.

13 From there they journeyed and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that comes out of the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD,

"Waheb in Suphah,

And the wadis of the Arnon,

15 And the slope of the wadis

That extends to the site of ^aAr,

And leans to the border of Moab."

16 ^aAnd from there *they continued* to ¹Beer, that is the well where the LORD said to Moses, "Assemble the people, that I may give them water."

17 Then Israel sang this song:

"Spring up, O well! Sing to it!

18 "The well, which the leaders sank,

Which the nobles of the people dug,

With the sceptre *and* with their staffs."

And from the wilderness *they continued* to Mattanah,

19 and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

20 and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the land of Moab, at the top of Pisgah which overlooks the ¹wasteland.

21 ^aThen Israel sent messengers to Sihon, king of the Amorites, saying,

22 ^a"Let me pass through your land. We will not turn off into field or vineyard; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the king's highway until we have passed through your border."

23 ^aBut Sihon would not permit Israel to pass through his border. So Sihon gathered all his people and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and came to ^bJahaz and fought against Israel.

24 Then Israel ¹struck him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the sons of Ammon; for the ^aborder of the sons of Ammon was ²Jazer.

25 And Israel took all these cities and ^aIsrael lived in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all her ¹villages.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.

27 Therefore those who use proverbs say,

"Come to Heshbon! Let it be built!

So let the city of Sihon be established.

28 ^a"For a fire went forth from Heshbon,

A flame from the town of Sihon;

It devoured ^bAr of Moab,

The ^{1c}dominant ²heights of the Arnon.

29 ^a"Woe to you, O Moab!

You are ruined, O people of ^bChemosh!

^cHe has given his sons as fugitives,

^dAnd his daughters into captivity,

To an Amorite king, Sihon.

30 ^a"But we have cast them down,

Heshbon is ruined as far as ^aDibon,

Then we have laid waste even to Nophah,

Which *reaches* to Medeba."

31 Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out ^aJazer, and they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who *were* there.

33 ^aThen they turned and went up by the way of Bashan, and Og the king of Bashan went out ¹with all his people, for battle at Edrei.

34 But the LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon."

35 So they ¹killed him and his sons and all his people, until there was no remnant left him; and they possessed his land.

20 ¹Or, *Jeshimon*

21 ^aDeut. 2:26-37

22 ^aNum. 20:16, 17

23 ^aNum. 20:21 ^bDeut. 2:32

24 ¹Lit., *smote*, so with Gk. and Latin ²M.T. reads *strong*
^aDeut. 2:37

25 ¹Lit., *daughters*
^aAmos 2:10

28 ¹Lit., *lords of the* ²Or, *Bamoth*
^aJer. 48:45 ^bNum. 21:15
^cNum. 22:41; Is. 15:2; 16:12

29 ^aJer. 48:46 ^bJudg. 11:24;
1 Kin. 11:33; 2 Kin. 23:13 ^cIs. 15:5 ^dIs. 16:2

30 ^aNum. 32:3, 34

32 ^aNum. 32:1, 3, 35

33 ¹Lit., *he and*
^aDeut. 3:1-7

35 ¹Lit., *smote*

1 ^aNum. 33:48, 49

CHAPTER 22

^aTHEN the sons of Israel journeyed, and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan *opposite* Jericho.

3 ^aEx. 15:15

2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 ^aSo Moab was in great fear because of the people, for they were numerous; and Moab was in dread of the sons of Israel.

4 ¹Lit., *assembly*
^aNum. 25:15-18; 31:1-3

4 And Moab said to the elders of ^aMidian, "Now this ¹horde will lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.

5 ¹i.e., Euphrates
^aJosh. 24:9 ^bNum. 23:7;
Deut. 23:4

5 ^aSo he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, at ^bPethor, which is near the ¹River, *in* the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, "Behold, a people came out of Egypt; behold, they cover the surface of the land, and they are living opposite me.

6 ^a"Now, therefore, please come, ^bcurse this people for me since they are too ¹mighty for me; perhaps I may be able to ²defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

6 ¹Or, *humorous* ²Lit.,
smite
^aNum. 22:17; 23:7, 8 ^bNum.
22:12; 24:9

7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the *fees* for ^adivination in their hand; and they came to Balaam and ¹repeated Balak's words to him.

8 And he said to them, "Spend the night here, and I will bring word back to you as the LORD may speak to me." And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam.

7 ¹Lit., *spoke*
^aNum. 23:23; 24:1; Josh.
13:22

9 Then God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?"

10 And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent word to me,

11 'Behold, there is a people who came out of Egypt and they cover the surface of the land; now come, curse them for me; perhaps I may be able to fight against them, and drive them out.'"

12 ^aNum. 23:8; 24:9

12 And God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; ^ayou shall not curse the people; for they are blessed."

13 So Balaam arose in the morning and said to Balak's leaders, "Go back to your land, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you."

15 ¹Lit., *these*

14 And the leaders of Moab arose and went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refused to come with us."

15 Then Balak again sent leaders, more numerous and more distinguished than ¹the former.

17 ^aNum. 22:6

16 And they came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, 'Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;

17 for I will indeed honor you richly, and I will do whatever you say to me. ^aPlease come then, curse this people for me.'"

18 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aNum. 22:38; 24:13

18 And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "^aThough Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, either small or great, contrary to the ¹command of the LORD my God.

19 "And now please, you also stay here tonight, and I will find out what else the LORD will speak to me."

20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If

the men have come to call you, rise up *and* go with them; but ^aonly the word which I speak to you shall you do.”

21 ^aSo Balaam arose in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab.

22 But God was angry because he was going, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey and his two servants were with him.

23 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, the donkey turned off from the way and went into the field; but Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back into the way.

24 Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path of the vineyards, *with* a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

25 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pressed herself to the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn to the right hand or the left.

27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam was angry and struck the donkey with his stick.

28 And ^athe LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?”

29 Then Balaam said to the donkey, “Because you have made a mockery of me! If there had been a sword in my hand, I would have killed you by now.”

30 And the donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I ever been accustomed to do so to you?” And he said, “No.”

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw ^athe angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed ¹all the way to the ground.

32 And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out as an adversary, because your way was ¹contrary to me.

33 “But the donkey saw me and turned aside from me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, I would surely have killed you just now, and let her live.”

34 And Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, “^aI have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the way against me. Now then, if it is displeasing to you, I will turn back.”

35 But the angel of the LORD said to Balaam, “Go with the men, but ^ayou shall speak only the word which I shall ¹tell you.” So Balaam went along with the leaders of Balak.

36 When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, which is on the Arnon border, ¹at the extreme end of the border.

37 Then Balak said to Balaam, “Did I not urgently send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I really unable to honor you?”

38 So Balaam said to Balak, “Behold, I have come now to

20 ^aNum. 22:35; 23:5, 12, 16, 26; 24:13

21 ^a2 Pet. 2:15

28 ^a2 Pet. 2:16

31 ¹Lit., *and prostrated himself to his face*
^aJosh. 5:13-15

32 ¹Lit., *reckless*

34 ^aNum. 14:40

35 ¹Or, *speak to*
^aNum. 22:20

36 ¹Lit., *which is at*

38 ^aNum. 22:18

you! ^aAm I able to speak anything at all? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak."

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.

40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent *some* to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.

41 Then it came about in the morning that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to ^{1a}the high places of Baal; and he saw from there ^{2a}a ^bportion of the people.

41 ¹Or. *Bamoth-baal* ²Lit. *the end of the camp*
^aNum. 21:28 ^bNum. 23:13

CHAPTER 23

THEN Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

2 And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

3 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand beside your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a bare hill.

4 Now God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have set up the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

5 Then the LORD ^aput a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and you shall speak thus."

6 So he returned to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

7 And he took up his ¹discourse and said,

"From ^aAram Balak has brought me,
Moab's king from the mountains of the East,
^bCome curse Jacob for me,
And come, denounce Israel!"

8 "^aHow shall I curse, whom God has not cursed?

And how can I denounce, whom the LORD has not denounced?

9 "As I see him from the top of the rocks,

And I look at him from the hills;

^aBehold, a people *who* dwells apart,

And shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 "^aWho can count the dust of Jacob,

Or number the fourth part of Israel?

^bLet ¹me die the death of the upright,

^cAnd let my end be like his!"

11 Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have actually blessed them!"

12 And he answered and said, "Must I not be careful to speak ^awhat the LORD puts in my mouth?"

13 Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from where you may see them, although you will only see the extreme end of them, and will not see all of them; and curse them for me from there."

14 So he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

5 ^aNum. 22:20

7 ¹Lit. *parable*
^aNum. 22:5; Deut. 23:4
^bNum. 22:6

8 ^aNum. 22:129 ^aDeut. 32:8; 33:28

10 ¹Lit. *mysoul*
^aGen. 13:16; 28:14 ^bIs. 57:1
^cPs. 37:37

12 ^aNum. 22:20

15 And he said to Balak, "Stand here beside your burnt offering, while I myself meet *the LORD* yonder."

16 Then the LORD met Balaam and ^aput a word in his mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

17 And he came to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, and the leaders of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?"

18 Then he took up his ¹discourse and said,

"Arise, O Balak, and hear;
Give ear to me, O son of Zippor!

19 "^aGod is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent;
^bHas He said, and will He not do it?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

20 "Behold, I have received *a command* to bless;
When He has blessed, then ^{a1} I cannot revoke it.

21 "^aHe has not observed ¹misfortune in Jacob;
^bNor has He seen trouble in Israel;
^cThe LORD his God is with him,
^dAnd the shout of a king is among them.

22 "^aGod brings them out of Egypt,
He is for them like the horns of the wild ox.

23 "^aFor there is no omen against Jacob,
Nor is there any divination against Israel;
At the proper time it shall be said to Jacob
And to Israel, what God has done.

24 "^aBehold, a people rises like a lioness,
And as a lion it lifts itself;
It shall not lie down until it devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain."

25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Do not curse them at all nor bless them at all!"

26 But Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, ^{1a}Whatever the LORD speaks, that I must do?"

27 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will be ¹agreeable with God that you curse them for me from there."

28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor which overlooks the ¹wasteland.

29 And Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

30 And Balak did just as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

CHAPTER 24

WHEN Balaam saw that it ¹pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times to ²seek ^aomens but he set his face toward the ^bwilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel ¹camping tribe by tribe; and ^athe Spirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his ¹discourse and said,
"^aThe oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,

And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened;
The oracle of him who ^ahears the ¹words of God,
Who sees the ^bvision of ²the Almighty,

16 ^aNum. 22:20

18 ¹Lit., *parable*

19 ^{a1} Sam. 15:29 ^bIs. 40:8; 55:11

20 ^aIs. 43:13

21 ¹Or, *iniquity*
^aNum. 14:18, 19, 34; Ps. 32:2, 5
^bDeut. 9:24; 32:5; Jer. 50:20
^cEx. 3:12; Deut. 31:23
^dDeut. 33:5; Ps. 89:15-18

22 ^aNum. 24:8

23 ^aNum. 22:7; 24:1; Josh. 13:22

24 ^aGen. 49:9; Nah. 2:11, 12

26 ¹Lit., *saying, 'Whatever*
^aNum. 22:18

27 ¹Lit., *right in the sight of*
God

28 ¹Or, *Jeshimon*

¹ Lit., *was good in the eyes of*
²Lit., *encounter*
^aNum. 22:7; 23:23 ^bNum. 23:28

² Lit., *dwelling*
^aNum. 11:26

³ Lit., *parable*, and so throughout the chap.
^aNum. 24:15, 16

⁴ Lit., *sayings* ²Heb., *Shaddai*
^aNum. 22:20 ^bNum. 12:6; Gen. 15:1

6 ¹Or possibly, *palm trees*
^aPs. 45:8 ^bPss. 1:3

7 ^aNum. 24:20; 1 Sam.
 15:8 ^bPss. 145:11-13

8 ^aNum. 23:22 ^bNum.
 23:24; Ps. 2:9 ^cPs. 45:5

9 ¹Lit., bows down ²Or,
 lionsess ³Lit., shall
^aNum. 23:24; Gen. 49:9
^bGen. 12:3; 27:29

10 ¹Lit., palms

11 ¹Lit., flee for yourself

12 ^aNum. 22:18

13 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., heart
^aNum. 16:28 ^bNum. 22:20

14 ¹Lit., end of the days
^aNum. 31:8, 16; Josh. 13:22

15 ^aNum. 24:3, 4

16 ¹Lit., sayings ²Heb.,
 Elyon ³Heb., Shaddai

17 ¹Lit., corners ²Another
 reading is, the crown of the
 head of ³i.e., tumult
^aGen. 49:10 ^bNum. 21:29; Is.
 15:1-16:14

18 ^aGen. 27:29 ^bGen. 32:3

19 ^aAmos 9:11, 12

- Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered,
 5 How fair are your tents, O Jacob,
 Your dwellings, O Israel!
 6 "Like ¹valleys that stretch out,
 Like gardens beside the river,
 Like ^aaloes planted by the LORD,
 Like ^bcedars beside the waters.
 7 "Water shall flow from his buckets,
 And his seed *shall be* by many waters,
 And his king shall be higher than ^aAgag,
^bAnd his kingdom shall be exalted.
 8 "God brings him out of Egypt,
 He is for him like the horns of the wild ox.
^bHe shall devour the nations *who are* his adversaries,
 And shall crush their bones in pieces,
 And shatter his ^carrows.
 9 "God ¹He couches, he lies down as a lion,
 And as a ²lion; who ³dares rouse him?
^bBlessed is everyone who blesses you,
 And cursed is everyone who curses you."
 10 Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam, and he
 struck his ¹hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called
 you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have persisted in
 blessing them these three times!
 11 "Therefore, ¹flee to your place now. I said I will hon-
 or you greatly, but behold, the LORD has held you back from
 honor."
 12 And Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not tell your mes-
 sengers whom you had sent to me, saying,
 13 "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver
 and gold, I could not do anything contrary to the ¹command
 of the LORD, either good or bad, ^aof my own ²accord. ^bWhat
 the LORD speaks, that I will speak?"
 14 "And now behold, ^aI am going to my people; come, *and*
 I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the
¹days to come."
 15 And he took up his discourse and said,
 "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,
 And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened,
 16 The oracle of him who hears the ¹words of God,
 And knows the knowledge of the ²Most High,
 Who sees the vision of ³the Almighty,
 Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered.
 17 "I see him, but not now;
 I behold him, but not near;
 A star shall come forth from Jacob,
^aAnd a scepter shall rise from Israel,
^bAnd shall crush through the ¹forehead of Moab,
 And ²tear down all the sons of ³Sheth.
 18 "And Edom shall be a possession,
^bSeir, its enemies, also shall be a possession;
 While Israel performs valiantly.
 19 "One from Jacob shall have dominion,
 And shall destroy the remnant from the city."
 20 And he looked at Amalek and took up his discourse
 and said,

"Amalek was the first of the nations,
^aBut his end *shall be* ¹destruction."

21 And he looked at the ^aKenite, and took up his discourse and said,

"Your dwelling place is enduring,
 And your nest is set in the cliff.

22 "Nevertheless Kain shall be consumed,
 How long shall ^aAsshur ¹keep you captive?"

23 And he took up his discourse and said,
 "Alas, who can live except God has ordained it?"

24 "But ships *shall come* from the coast of ^aKittim,
 And they shall afflict Asshur and shall afflict ^bEber;
 "So they also *shall come* to destruction."

25 Then Balaam arose and departed and returned to ^ahis place, and Balak also went his way.

CHAPTER 25

WHILE Israel remained at ^aShittim, the people began ^bto play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.

2 For ^athey invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

3 So ^aIsrael joined themselves to ¹Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry against Israel.

4 And the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them ¹in broad daylight before the LORD, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

5 So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves to ¹Baal of Peor."

6 Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his ¹relatives a ^aMidianite woman, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, while they were weeping at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

7 ^aWhen Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand;

8 and he went after the man of Israel into the ¹tent, and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through the ²body. So the plague on the sons of Israel was checked.

9 ^aAnd those who died by the plague were 24,000.

10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel, in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.

12 "Therefore say, ^aBehold, I give him My ^bcovenant of peace;

13 and it shall be for him and his ¹descendants after him, a covenant of a ^aperpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God, and ^bmade atonement for the sons of Israel."

14 Now the name of the ¹slain man of Israel who was ¹slain with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father's household among the Simeonites.

20 ¹Lit., *to destroying*
^aNum. 24:24

21 ^aGen. 15:19

22 ¹Lit., *take*
^aGen. 10:21, 22

24 ^aGen. 10:4; Ezek. 27:6
^bGen. 10:21 ^cNum. 24:20

25 ^aNum. 24:14

1 ^aNum. 33:49; Josh. 2:1
^bNum. 31:16; 1 Cor. 10:8;
 Rev. 2:14

2 ^aEx. 34:15; Deut. 32:38

3 ¹Or, *Baal-peor*
^aPs. 106:28, 29; Hos. 9:10

4 ¹Lit., *in front of the sun*

5 ¹Or, *Baal-peor*

6 ¹Lit., *brothers*
^aNum. 22:4

7 ^aNum. 16:46-48; Ps. 106:30

8 ¹Or, *inner rooms* ²Or, *belly*

9 ^aNum. 14:37; 16:48-50;
 31:16

12 ^aPs. 106:31 ^bIs. 54:10;
 Ezek. 34:25; 37:26

13 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aEx. 29:9 ^bNum. 16:46

14 ¹Lit., *smitten*

15 ¹Lit. *smitten* ²Lit., *he*
^aNum. 25:18 ^bNum. 31:8

17 ^aNum. 25:1; 31:1-3

1 ¹In Heb. 25:1 ²In Heb. 26:1
^aNum. 25:9

2 ¹Lit. *sum*
^aNum. 1:2; Ex. 30:11-16;
 38:25, 26

7 ^aNum. 1:21

9 ^aNum. 1:16; 16:2

10 ¹Lit. *sign*
^aNum. 16:32 ^bNum. 16:35,
 38

11 ^aNum. 16:27, 33; Deut. 24:16

12 ¹In Gen. 46:10; Ex. 6:15,
Jemuel ²In 1 Chr. 4:24, *Jarib*

13 ¹In Gen. 46:10 *Zohar*

14 ^aNum. 1:23

15 ¹In Gen. 46:16, *Ziphion*

16 ¹In Gen. 46:16, *Ezbon*

17 ¹In Gen. 46:16, *Aradi*

18 ^aNum. 1:25

15 And the name of the Midianite woman who was ¹slain was ^aCozbi the daughter of ^bZur, ²who was head of the people of a father's household in Midian.

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 ^a"Be hostile to the Midianites and strike them;

18 for they have been hostile to you with their tricks, with which they have deceived you in the affair of Peor, and in the affair of Cozbi, the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister who was slain on the day of the plague because of Peor."

CHAPTER 26

¹ THEN it came about after the ^aplague, ²that the LORD spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 ^a"Take a ¹census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' households, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel."

3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

4 ^a"Take a census of the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD has commanded Moses."

Now the sons of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt were:

5 Reuben, Israel's first-born, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites, and those who were numbered of them were ^a43,730.

8 And the son of Pallu: Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram who were ^acalled by the congregation, who contended against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD,

10 and ^athe earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with Korah, when that company died, ^bwhen the fire devoured 250 men, so that they became a ¹warning.

11 ^aThe sons of Korah, however, did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon according to their families: of ¹Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of ²Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13 of ¹Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, ^a22,200.

15 The sons of Gad according to their families: of ¹Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 of ¹Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 of ¹Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them, ^a40,500.

19 The sons of Judah were Er and Onan, but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah according to their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

21 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them, ^a76,500.

23 The sons of Issachar according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the Punites;

24 of ¹Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, ^a64,300.

26 The sons of Zebulun according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them, ^a60,500.

28 The sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir ¹became the father of Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

30 These are the sons of Gilead: of ¹Iezer, the family of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

31 and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32 and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hopher, the family of the Hopherites.

33 Now Zelophehad the son of Hopher had no sons, but only daughters; and ^athe names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

34 These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were ^a52,700.

35 These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelaites; of ¹Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, ^a32,500. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of ¹Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

39 of ¹Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of ²Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were ¹Ard and Naaman: of *Ard*, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were ^a45,600.

22 ^aNum. 1:27

24 ¹In Gen. 46:13, *Job*

25 ^aNum. 1:29

27 ^aNum. 1:31

29 ¹Lit., *begot*

30 ¹In. Josh. 17:2, *Abiezer* cf. Judg. 6:11, 24, 34

33 ^aNum. 27:1

34 ^aNum. 1:35

35 ¹In 1 Chr. 7:20, *Bered*

37 ^aNum. 1:33

38 ¹In Gen. 46:21, *Ehi*; in 1 Chr. 8:1, *Aharah*

39 ¹In Gen. 46:21, *Muppim*; in 1 Chr. 7:12, *Shuppim* ²In Gen. 46:21, *Muppim* and *Huppim*

40 ¹In 1 Chr. 8:3, *Addar*

41 ^aNum. 1:37

42 ¹In Gen. 46:23, *Hushim*

43 ^aNum. 1:39

47 ^aNum. 1:41

50 ^aNum. 1:43

51 ^aEx. 12:37; 38:26; Num. 1:46; 11:21

53 ¹Lit., *To*

54 ^aNum. 33:54

55 ¹Lit., *inherit according to*
^aNum. 33:54; 34:13

58 ¹Lit., *begot*
^aEx. 6:20

60 ^aNum. 3:2

61 ^aNum. 3:4; Lev. 10:1, 2

62 ^aNum. 3:39 ^bNum. 1:47
^cNum. 18:23, 24

42 These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of ¹Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were ^a64,400.

44 The sons of Asher according to their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.

47 These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, ^a53,400.

48 The sons of Naphtali according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were ^a45,400.

51 These are those who were numbered of the sons of Israel, ^a601,730.

52 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

53 ¹“Among these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

54 ^a“To the larger *group* you shall increase their inheritance, and to the smaller *group* you shall diminish their inheritance; each shall be given their inheritance according to those who were numbered of them.

55 ^a“But the land shall be ^adivided by lot. They shall receive their inheritance according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

56 ^a“According to the selection by lot, their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller *groups*.”

57 And these are those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. ^aAnd Kohath ¹became the father of Amram.

59 And the name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram: Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.

60 ^aAnd to Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 ^aBut Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And those who were numbered of them were ^a23,000, every male from a month old and upward, for ^bthey were not numbered among the sons of Israel ^csince no inheritance was given to them among the sons of Israel.

63 These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

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64 ^aBut among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

⁶⁴ ^aNum. 14:29-35; Deut. 2:14-16; Heb. 3:17

65 For the LORD had said ¹of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." And not a man was left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

65 ¹Or, too

CHAPTER 27

THEN ^athe daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manassch, of the families of Manassch the son of Joseph, came near; and these are ^bthe names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah and Milcah and Tirzah.

¹ ^aNum. 26:33; 36:1
^bNum. 26:33

2 And they stood before Moses and before Eleazar the priest and before the leaders and all the congregation, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, saying,

³ ^aNum. 26:64, 65 ^bNum. 26:33

3 "Our father died in the wilderness, yet he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but ^ahe died in his own sin, and ^bhe had no sons.

⁵ ^aNum. 27:21; 9:8

4 "Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."

5 ^aAnd Moses brought their case before the LORD.

⁷ ^aNum. 36:2; Josh. 17:4

6 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

7 "^aThe daughters of Zelophehad are right in *their* statements. You shall surely give them a hereditary possession among their father's brothers, and you shall transfer the inheritance of their father to them.

¹² ^aDeut. 32:48-52 ^bNum. 33:47, 48

8 "Further, you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.

9 'And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

¹³ ¹Lit., *was gathered*
^aNum. 31:2

10 'And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

11 'And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his nearest relative in his own family, and he shall possess it; and it shall be a statutory ordinance to the sons of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses.' "

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *mouth* ²Lit., *for My sanctity*
^aNum. 20:12

12 ^aThen the LORD said to Moses, "Go up to this ^bmountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel.

13 "And when you have seen it, you too ^ashall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother ¹was;

¹⁶ ^aNum. 16:22

14 for in the wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, ^ayou rebelled against My ¹command ²to treat Me as holy before their eyes at the water." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

15 Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,

16 "^aMay the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

17 who will go out ¹and come in before them, and who will lead them out and ²bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *before them and who will* ²Lit., *who will bring*

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¹⁸ ¹Lit., *Take for yourself*
^aNum. 11:25-29; Deut. 34:9
^bNum. 27:23

¹⁹ ^aDeut. 3:28; 31:3, 7, 8, 23

²⁰ ¹Lit., *majesty*

²¹ ¹Lit., *mouth*
^a1 Sam. 28:6

²³ ¹Lit., *by the hand of*

² ¹Lit., *watch*
^aLev. 3:11

³ ^aEx. 29:38-42

⁴ ¹Lit., *between the two evenings*

⁸ ¹Lit., *between the two evenings*

¹⁰ ^aNum. 28:3

¹¹ ¹Lit., *bull of the herd*
^aNum. 10:10; Ezek. 46:6, 7

¹² ^aNum. 15:4-12

18 So the LORD said to Moses, “¹Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man ^ain whom is the Spirit, and ^blay your hand on him; **19** and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation; and ^acommission him in their sight.

20 “And you shall put some of your ¹authority on him, in order that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may obey *him*.

21 “Moreover, he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him ^aby the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his ¹command they shall go out and at his ¹command they shall come in, *both* he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation.”

22 And Moses did just as the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken ¹through Moses.

CHAPTER 28

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 “Command the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall ¹be careful to present My offering, My ^afood for My offerings by fire, of a soothing aroma to Me, at their appointed time.’

3 “^aAnd you shall say to them, ‘This is the offering by fire which you shall offer to the LORD; two male lambs one year old without defect *as* a continual burnt offering every day.’

4 ‘You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer ¹at twilight.

5 ‘Also a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

6 ‘It is a continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount Sinai as a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

7 ‘Then the libation with it *shall be* a fourth of a hin for each lamb, in the holy place you shall pour out a libation of strong drink to the LORD.

8 ‘And the other lamb you shall offer ¹at twilight; as the grain offering of the morning and as its libation, you shall offer it, an offering by fire, a soothing aroma to the LORD.

9 “Then on the sabbath day two male lambs one year old without defect, and two-tenths *of a measure* of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and its libation.

10 ‘The burnt offering of every sabbath is in addition to the ^acontinual burnt offering and its libation.

11 ‘Then ^aat the beginning of each of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD; two ¹bulls and one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect,

12 ^aand three-tenths *of a measure* of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; and two-tenths of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram;

13 and a tenth *of a measure* of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering for each lamb, for a burnt offering of a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

14 ‘And their libations shall be half a hin of wine for a bull

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and a third of a hin for the ram and a fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year.

15 'And one male goat for a sin offering to the LORD; it shall be offered with its libation in addition to the ^acontinual burnt offering.

16 ^aThen on the fourteenth day of the first month shall be the LORD's Passover.

17 'And on the fifteenth day of this month *shall be* a feast, unleavened bread *shall be* eaten for seven days.

18 'On the first day *shall be* a holy convocation, you shall do no laborious work.

19 'And you shall present an offering by fire, a burnt offering to the LORD; two ¹bulls and one ram and seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect.

20 'And for their grain offering, you shall offer fine flour mixed with oil; three-tenths of *a measure* for a bull and two-tenths for the ram.

21 A tenth of *a measure* you shall offer for ¹each of the seven lambs,

22 and one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

23 'You shall present these besides ^athe burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.

24 'After this manner you shall present daily, for seven days, ^athe food of the offering by fire, of a soothing aroma to the LORD; it shall be presented with its libation in addition to the ^bcontinual burnt offering.

25 'And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation, ^ayou shall do no laborious work.

26 'Also on ^athe day of the first fruits, when you present a new grain offering to the LORD in your *Feast of Weeks*, you shall have a holy convocation; ^byou shall do no laborious work.

27 'And you shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing aroma to the LORD, two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs one year old,

28 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of *a measure* for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

29 a tenth for ¹each of the seven lambs,

30 one male goat to make atonement for you.

31 ^aBesides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, you shall present *them* with their libations. They shall be ¹without defect.

15 ^aNum. 28:3

16 ^aEx. 12:14-20; Lev. 23:5-8; Deut. 16:1-8

19 ¹Or, *bulls of the herd*

21 ¹Lit., *each lamb*

23 ^aNum. 28:3

24 ^aLev. 3:11 ^bNum. 28:3

25 ^aNum. 28:18

26 ^aEx. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:9-12
^bNum. 28:18

29 ¹Lit., *each lamb*

31 ¹Lit., *without defect to you*
^aNum. 28:3

¹Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:23-25 ^bNum. 28:26

²Or, *bull of a herd*, and so throughout the chap.

⁴Lit., *each lamb*, and so throughout the chap.

CHAPTER 29

^a**N**OW in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation, ^byou shall do no laborious work. It will be to you a day for blowing trumpets.

2 'And you shall offer a burnt offering as a soothing aroma to the LORD; one ¹bull, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old without defect;

3 also their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of *a measure* for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

4 and one-tenth for ¹each of the seven lambs.

6 ^aNum. 28:27 ^bNum. 28:3

5 'And *offer* one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you,

6 ^abesides the burnt offering of the new moon, and its grain offering, and the ^bcontinual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations, according to their ordinance, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

7 ^aLev. 16:29-34; 23:26-32

7 'Then on ^athe tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall humble yourselves; you shall not do any work.

8 'And you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD *as a* soothing aroma; one ¹bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect;

11 ^aNum. 28:3

9 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of a measure* for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

10 a tenth for each of the seven lambs;

11 one male goat for a sin offering, besides the sin offering of atonement and ^athe continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations.

12 ^aLev. 23:33-35 ^bNum. 29:1

12 'Then on ^athe fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you ^bshall do no laborious work, and you shall observe a feast to the LORD for seven days.

13 'And you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire as a soothing aroma to the LORD: thirteen bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old, which are without defect,

14 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of a measure* for ¹each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for ²each of the two rams,

15 and a tenth for each of the fourteen lambs;

16 and one male goat for a sin offering, ^abesides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

17 'Then on ^athe second day: twelve bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

18 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

19 and one male goat for a sin offering, ^abesides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations.

20 'Then on the third day: eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

21 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, their number according to the ordinance;

22 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

23 'Then on the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

24 their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

25 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

26 'Then on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

27 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls,

14 ¹Lit., each bull ²Lit., each ram.16 ^aNum. 28:317 ^aLev. 23:3619 ^aNum. 28:8

for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

28 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

29 Then on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

30 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

31 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libations.

32 Then on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

33 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

34 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

35 On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work.

36 But you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect;

37 their grain offering and their libations for the bull, for the ram and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

38 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

39 You shall present these to the LORD at your appointed times, besides your ¹votive offerings and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings and for your grain offerings and for your libations and for your peace offerings."

40 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel in accordance with all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

35 ^aLev. 23:36

39 ¹Lit., vows
^aLev. 23:2

40 ¹Chap. 30:1 in Heb.

²Deut. 23:21-23; Matt. 5:33

CHAPTER 30

THEN Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the word which the LORD has commanded.

2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

3 "Also if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by an obligation in her father's house in her youth,

4 and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father ¹says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand.

5 "But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will forgive her because her father had forbidden her.

⁴ ¹Lit., is silent to her, and so throughout the chap.

⁶ ¹Lit., *be to a husband*
²Lit., *her vows are on her*

⁸ ¹Lit., *is on her*

6 "However, if she should ¹marry while ²under her vows or the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself, **7** and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day he hears *it*, then her vows shall stand and her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand.

8 "But if on the day her husband hears *of it*, he forbids her, then he shall annul her vow which ¹she is under and the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself; and the LORD will forgive her.

9 "But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, every-thing by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

10 "However, if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an obligation with an oath,

11 and her husband heard *it*, but said nothing to her *and* did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she bound herself shall stand.

12 "But if her husband indeed annuls them on the day he hears *them*, then whatever proceeds out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning the obligation of herself, shall not stand; her husband has annulled them, and the LORD will forgive her.

13 "Every vow and every binding oath to humble herself, her husband may confirm it or her husband may annul it.

14 "But if her husband indeed says nothing to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all her obligations which are on her; he has confirmed them, because he said nothing to her on the day he heard them.

15 "But if he indeed annuls them after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt."

16 These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, *as* between a man and his wife, *and as* between a father and his daughter, *while she is* in her youth in her father's house.

CHAPTER 31

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Take full vengeance for the sons of Israel on the Midianites; afterward you will be ^bgathered to your people."

3 And Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may ¹go against Midian, to execute ^athe LORD's vengeance on Midian.

4 "A thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Israel you shall send to the war."

5 So there were ¹furnished from the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them, a thousand from each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war with them, ^aand the holy vessels and ^bthe trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

7 So they made war against Midian, just as the LORD had commanded Moses, and they killed every male.

8 And they killed the kings of Midian along with the *rest* of their slain: ^aEvi and Rekem and ^bZur and Hur and Reba,

² ^aNum. 25:1, 16, 17
^bNum. 20:24, 26; 27:13

³ ¹Lit., *be*
^aLev. 26:25

⁵ ¹Lit., *delivered*

⁶ ^aNum. 14:44 ^bNum. 10:8, 9

⁸ ^aJosh. 13:21 ^bNum. 25:15

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Division of the Booty.**

the five kings of Midian; ^cthey also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

8 ^cNum. 31:16; Josh. 13:22

9 And the sons of Israel captured the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle and all their flocks and all their goods, they plundered.

15 ¹Lit., *let . . . live*

10 Then they burned all their cities where they lived and all their camps with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil and all the prey, both of man and of beast.

12 And they brought the captives and the prey and the spoil to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

16 ¹Lit., *were* to ²Lit., *word*
³Possibly, *defect from the Lord*
^aNum. 25:1-9 ^bNum. 31:8

13 And Moses and Eleazar the priest and all the leaders of the congregation went out to meet them outside the camp.

14 And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who had come from service in the war.

15 And Moses said to them, "Have you ¹spared all the women?"

17 ¹Lit., *by lying with*
^aDeut. 7:2; 20:16-18

16 ^a"Behold, these ¹caused the sons of Israel, through the ²counsel of ^bBalaam, to ³trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the congregation of the LORD.

17 ^a"Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man ¹intimately.

18 ¹Lit., *female children*
²Lit., *by lying with a man*
³Lit., *keep alive*

18 "But all the ¹girls who have not known man ²intimately, ³spare for yourselves.

19 ^a"And you, camp outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves, you and your captives, on the third day and on the seventh day.

19 ^aNum. 19:11-22

20 "And you shall purify for yourselves every garment and every article of ¹leather and all the work of goats' *hair*, and all articles of wood."

21 Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle, "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded Moses:

20 ¹Or, *skin*

22 only the gold and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin and the lead,

23 everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall be clean, but it shall be purified with water for impurity. But whatever cannot stand the fire you shall pass through the water.

26 ¹Lit., *of captives*

24 "And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may enter the camp."

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

26 "You and Eleazar the priest and the heads of the fathers' households of the congregation, take a count of the booty ¹that was captured, both of man and of animal;

28 ¹Lit., *soul from*
^aNum. 18:21-30

27 and divide the booty between the warriors who went out to battle and all the congregation.

28 ^a"And levy a tax for the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle, one ¹in five hundred of the persons and of the cattle and of the donkeys and of the sheep;

29 ¹Lit., *heave offering,*
and so throughout the chap.

29 take it from their half and give it to Eleazar the priest, as an ¹offering to the LORD.

30 "And from the sons of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys and of the sheep, from all the animals, and give them to the Levites who keep charge of the tabernacle of the LORD."

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 Now the booty that remained from the spoil which the ¹men of war had plundered was 675,000 sheep,

33 and 72,000 cattle,

34 and 61,000 donkeys,

35 and of human beings, of the women who had not known man ¹intimately, all the persons are 32,000.

36 And the half, the portion of those who went out to war, was as follows: the number of sheep was 337,500,

37 and the LORD's levy of the sheep was 675,

38 and the cattle were 36,000, from which the LORD's levy was 72.

39 And the donkeys were 30,500, from which the LORD's levy was 61.

40 And the human beings were 16,000, from whom the LORD's levy was 32 persons.

41 And Moses gave the levy which was the LORD's offering to Eleazar the priest, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

42 As for the sons of Israel's half, which Moses ¹separated from the men who had gone to war—

43 now the congregation's half was 337,500 sheep,

44 and 36,000 cattle,

45 and 30,500 donkeys,

46 and the human beings were 16,000—

47 and from the sons of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of animals, and gave them to the Levites, who kept charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

48 Then the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, approached Moses;

49 and they said to Moses, "Your servants have taken a census of men of war who are in our charge, and no man of us is missing.

50 "So we have brought as an offering to the LORD what each man found, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD."

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all kinds of wrought articles.

52 And all the gold of the offering which they offered up to the LORD, from the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, was 16,750 shekels.

53 ^aThe men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.

54 So Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it to the tent of meeting as a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD.

32 ¹Lit., *people*

35 ¹Lit., *by lying with man*

42 ¹Or., *divided*

53 ^aNum. 31:32

CHAPTER 32

NOW the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had an ^aexceedingly large number of livestock. So when they saw the land of ^bJazer and the land of Gilead, that ¹it was indeed a place suitable for livestock,

2 the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

3 ^a“Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon,

4 the land which the LORD ¹conquered before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock; and your servants have livestock.”

5 And they said, “If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession; do not take us across the Jordan.”

6 But Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, “Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here?

7 ^a“Now why ¹are you discouraging the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land which the LORD has given them?

8 ¹“This is what your fathers did when I sent them from ^aKadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 “For when they went up to the ¹valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they ²discouraged the sons of Israel so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 “So the LORD’s anger burned in that day, and He swore, saying,

11 ^a“None of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob; for they did not follow Me fully,

12 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have followed the LORD fully.’

13 ^a“So the LORD’s anger burned against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the entire generation of those who had done evil in the sight of the LORD was destroyed.

14 “Now behold, you have risen up in your fathers’ place, a brood of sinful men, to add still more to the burning anger of the LORD against Israel.

15 “For if you turn away from following Him, He will once more abandon them in the wilderness; and you will destroy all these people.”

16 Then they came near to him and said, “We will build here sheepfolds for our livestock and cities for our little ones;

17 ^abut we ourselves will be armed ready to go before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place, while our little ones live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 ^a“We will not return to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance.

19 “For we will not have an inheritance with them on the

¹ ¹Lit., *behold, the place, a place for*
^aEx. 12:38 ^bNum. 21:32

3 ^aNum. 32:34-38

4 ¹Lit., *smote*

7 ¹Lit., *restraining the heart*
^aNum. 13:27-14:4

8 ¹Lit., *Thus your fathers*
^aNum. 13:3, 26; Deut. 1:19-25

9 ¹Or, *wadi* ²Lit., *restrained the heart*

11 ^aNum. 14:28-30

13 ^aNum. 14:33-35

17 ^aJosh. 4:12, 13

18 ^aJosh. 22:1-4

²⁰ ¹Lit., *this thing*
²Deut. 3:18

other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of Jordan toward the east."

20 ²So Moses said to them, "If you will do ¹this, if you will arm yourselves before the LORD for the war,

21 and all of you armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven His enemies out from before Him,

22 ²and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward the LORD and toward Israel, and this land shall be yours for a possession before the LORD.

22 ²Deut. 3:20

23 "But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 "Build yourselves cities for your little ones, and sheepfolds for your sheep; and ²do ¹what you have promised."

25 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do just as my lord commands.

26 "Our little ones, our wives, our livestock and all our cattle shall ¹remain there in the cities of Gilead;

27 while your servants, everyone who is armed for war, will cross over in the presence of the LORD to battle, just as my lord says."

24 ¹Lit., *that which has come out of your mouth*
²Num. 30:2

28 So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' *households* of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

29 And Moses said to them, "If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, everyone who is armed for battle, will cross with you over the Jordan in the presence of the LORD, and the land will be subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession;

30 but if they will not cross over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

31 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, "As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do.

32 "We ourselves will cross over armed in the presence of the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance *shall remain* with us across the Jordan."

33 ²So Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og the king of Bashan, the land with its cities with *their* ¹territories, the cities of the surrounding land.

34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer,

35 and Atroth-shophan and Jazer and Jogbehah,

36 and Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran as fortified cities, and sheepfolds for sheep.

37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kiriathaim,

38 and Nebo and Baal-meon—their names being changed—and Sibmah, and they gave *other* names to the cities which they built.

39 And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it.

26 ¹Lit., *be*

33 ¹Lit., *borders*
²Deut. 3:8-17; Josh. 12:1-6

**The Encampments of Israel
from Rameses to Rithmah.**

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40 So Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it.

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its ¹towns, and called them ^{2a}Havvoth-jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages, and called it Nobah after his own name.

41 ¹Lit., *tent villages* ²i.e., the towns of Jair
^aDeut. 3:14; Judg. 10:4

¹Lit., *hand*
^aPs. 77:20; 105:26; Mic. 6:4

CHAPTER 33

THESE are the journeys of the sons of Israel, by which they came out from the land of Egypt by their armies under ^athe ¹leadership of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses recorded their starting places according to their journeys by the ¹command of the LORD, and these are their journeys according to their starting places.

3 ^aAnd they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the ¹next day after the Passover the sons of Israel ^bstarted out ²boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians,

4 while the Egyptians were burying all their first-born whom the LORD had struck down among them. The LORD had also executed judgments ^aon their gods.

5 Then the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and camped in Succoth.

6 ^aAnd they journeyed from Succoth, and camped in Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness.

7 ^aAnd they journeyed from Etham, and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which faces Baal-zephon; and they camped before Migdol.

8 ^aAnd they journeyed ¹from before Hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness; and ^bthey went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah.

9 ^aAnd they journeyed from Marah, and came to Elim; and in Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they camped there.

10 And they journeyed from Elim, and camped by the ¹Red Sea.

11 And they journeyed from the ¹Red Sea, and camped in ^athe wilderness of Sin.

12 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, and camped at Dophkah.

13 And they journeyed from Dophkah, and camped at Alush.

14 And they journeyed from Alush, and camped ^aat Rephidim; now it was there that the people had no water to drink.

15 And they journeyed from Rephidim, and camped in ^athe wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai, and camped at ^aKibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and camped at ^aHazeroth.

18 And they journeyed from Hazeroth, and camped at Rithmah.

19 And they journeyed from Rithmah, and camped at Rimmon-perez.

²Lit., *mouth*

³Lit., *morrow* ²Lit., *with a high hand*
^aEx. 12:37 ^bEx. 14:8

⁴aEx. 12:12

⁶aEx. 13:20

⁷aEx. 14:1, 2

⁸Many mss. read, *from Pi-hahiroth*
^aEx. 14:22 ^bEx. 15:22

⁹aEx. 15:27

10 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*

11 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aEx. 16:1

14 ^aEx. 17:1

15 ^aEx. 19:1

16 ^aNum. 11:34

17 ^aNum. 11:35

30 *Deut. 10:6

20 And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez, and camped at Libnah.

21 And they journeyed from Libnah, and camped at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and camped in Kehelathah.

33 *Deut. 10:7

23 And they journeyed from Kehelathah, and camped at Mount Shepher.

24 And they journeyed from Mount Shepher, and camped at Haradah.

25 And they journeyed from Haradah, and camped at Makheloth.

35 *Deut. 2:8

26 And they journeyed from Makheloth, and camped at Tahath.

27 And they journeyed from Tahath, and camped at Terah.

28 And they journeyed from Terah, and camped at Mithkah.

36 *Num. 20:1

29 And they journeyed from Mithkah, and camped at Hashmonah.

30 And they journeyed from Hashmonah, and camped at ^aMoseroth.

31 And they journeyed from Moseroth, and camped at Bene-jaakan.

32 And they journeyed from Bene-jaakan, and camped at Hor-haggidgad.

37 *Num. 20:22 ^bNum. 20:16

33 And they journeyed from Hor-haggidgad, and camped at ^aJotbathah.

34 And they journeyed from Jotbathah, and camped at Abronah.

35 And they journeyed from Abronah, and camped at ^aEzion-geber.

36 And they journeyed from Ezion-geber, and camped in the wilderness of ^aZin, that is, Kadesh.

37 And they journeyed from Kadesh, and camped at ^aMount Hor, ^bat the edge of the land of Edom.

38 ^aThen Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the ¹command of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the sons of Israel had come from the land of Egypt on the first *day* in the fifth month.

39 And Aaron was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

40 Now the Canaanite, the king of ^aArad ¹who lived in the ²Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the sons of Israel.

41 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor, and camped at Zalmonah.

42 And they journeyed from Zalmonah, and camped at Punon.

43 And they journeyed from Punon, and camped at ^aOboth.

44 And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at Iyeabarim, at the border of Moab.

45 And they journeyed from Iyim, and camped at Dibon-gad.

38 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aNum. 20:28

40 ¹Lit., *and he* ²L.e., South
country
^aNum. 21:1

43 *Num. 21:10, 11

46 And they journeyed from Dibon-gad, and camped at Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they journeyed from Almon-diblathaim, and camped in the mountains of ^aAbarim, before Nebo.

48 And they journeyed from the mountains of Abarim, and ^acamped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *opposite* Jericho.

49 And they camped by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth as far as ^aAbel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

50 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *opposite* Jericho, saying,

51 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and ^adestroy all their *figured stones*, and destroy all their molten images and demolish all their high places;

53 ^aand you shall take possession of the land and live in it, for I have given the land to you to possess it.

54 ^aAnd you shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the larger you shall give more inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give less inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to anyone, that shall be his. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

55 'But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall come about that those whom you let remain of them *will become* ^aas pricks in your eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land in which you live.

56 'And it shall come about that as I plan to do to them, so I will do to you.'

CHAPTER 34

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, *even the* land of Canaan according to its borders.

3 ^aYour southern ¹sector shall ²extend from the wilderness of Zin along the side of Edom, and your southern border shall ²extend from the end of the Salt Sea ^beastward.

4 "Then your border shall turn *direction* from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and ¹continue to Zin, and its ²termination shall be to the south of Kadesh-barnea; and it shall ³reach Hazaraddar, and ¹continue to Azmon.

5 'And the border shall turn *direction* from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and its termination shall be at ^athe sea.

6 'As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea, that is, *its* ¹coastline; this shall be your west border.

7 ^aAnd this shall be your north border: you shall draw your *border* line from the Great Sea to Mount Hor.

8 'You shall draw a line from Mount Hor to ^athe ¹Lebo-hamath, and the termination of the border shall be at Zedad;

9 and the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and its termination shall be at Hazer-enan. This shall be your north border.

47 ^aNum. 27:12

48 ^aNum. 22:1

49 ^aNum. 25:1

52 ^aEx. 23:24; Lev 26:1; Deut. 7:5; 12:3, 30; Ps. 106:34

53 ^aDeut. 11:31; 17:14; Josh. 21:43

54 ^aNum. 26:53-56

55 ^aJosh 23:13

³ ¹Lit., *side* ²Lit., *be* ^aJosh. 15:1-3 ^bJosh. 15:5

⁴ ¹Lit., *pass along* ²Lit., *goings out*, and so throughout the chap. ³Lit., *go forth to*

5 ^aJosh. 15:4

6 ¹Lit., *border*

7 ^aEzek. 47:15-17

⁸ ¹Or, *entrance of Hamath* ^aJosh. 13:5

¹¹ ¹Lit., *shoulder*
² Kin. 23:33 ^bDeut. 3:17;
 Josh. 13:27

13 *Gen. 15:18; Deut. 11:24

14 aNum. 32:33

17 *Josh. 14:1, 2

1 *Lev. 25:32-34

10 'For your eastern border you shall also draw a line from Hazer-enan to Shepham,

11 and the border shall go down from Shepham to ^aRiblah on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down and reach to the ¹slope on the east side of the sea of ^bChinnereth.

12 'And the border shall go down to the Jordan and its termination shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders all around.' "

13 So Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, "aThis is the land that you are to apportion by lot among you as a possession, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine and a half tribes.

14 "aFor the tribe of the sons of Reuben have received *theirs* according to their fathers' households, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to their fathers' households, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their possession.

15 "The two and a half tribes have received their possession across the Jordan opposite Jericho, eastward toward the sun-rising."

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 "aThese are the names of the men who shall apportion the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.

18 "And you shall take one leader of every tribe to apportion the land for inheritance.

19 "And these are the names of the men: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20 "And of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Samuel the son of Ammihud.

21 "Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22 "And of the tribe of the sons of Dan a leader, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23 "Of the sons of Joseph: of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24 "And of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.

25 "And of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26 "And of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a leader, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

27 "And of the tribe of the sons of Asher a leader, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

28 "And of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

29 These are those whom the LORD commanded to apportion the inheritance to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAPTER 35

^a **N**OW the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites from the inheritance of their possession, cities to live in; and you shall give to the Levites pasture lands around the cities.

3 "And the cities shall be theirs to live in; and their pasture

lands shall be for their cattle and for their herds and for all their beasts.

4 "And the pasture lands of the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall extend from the wall of the city ¹outward a thousand cubits around.

5 "You shall also measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, with the city in the center. This shall become theirs as pasture lands for the cities.

6 "And the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be the ²six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to; and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.

7 "All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities, ¹together with their pasture lands.

8 "^aAs for the cities which you shall give from the possession of the sons of Israel, you shall take more from the larger and you shall take less from the smaller; each shall give some of his cities to the Levites in proportion to his possession which he inherits."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

11 ^athen you shall select for yourselves cities to be your cities of refuge, that the manslayer who has ¹killed any person ^bunintentionally may flee there.

12 'And the cities shall be to you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation for ¹trial.

13 'And the cities which you are to give shall be your six cities of refuge.

14 'You shall give three cities across the Jordan and three cities ¹in the land of Canaan, they are to be cities of refuge.

15 'These six cities shall be for refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the alien and for the sojourner among them; that anyone who ¹kills a person ^aunintentionally may flee there.

16 '^aBut if he struck him down with an iron object, so that he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 'And if he struck him down with a stone in the hand, by which he may die, and *as a result* he died, he is a murderer; the murderer ^ashall surely be put to death.

18 'Or if he struck him with a wooden object in the hand, by which he may die, and *as a result* he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 'The blood avenger himself shall put the murderer to death; he shall put him to death when he meets him.

20 'And if he pushed him of hatred, or threw something at him lying in wait and *as a result* he died,

21 or if he struck him down with his hand in enmity, and *as a result* he died, the one who struck him shall surely be put to death, he is a murderer; the blood avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

22 '^aBut if he pushed him suddenly without enmity, or threw something at him without lying in wait,

4 ¹Lit., and outward

6 ²Josh. 20:7-9

7 ¹Lit., them

8 ⁸Num. 26:54; 33:54; Lev. 25:32-34; Josh. 21:1-42

11 ¹Lit., smote
^aDeut. 19:1-13 ^bNum. 35:22; Ex. 21:13; Lev. 4:2, 22

12 ¹Lit., judgment

14 ¹Lit., you shall give in

15 ¹Lit., smites
^aNum. 35:11

16 ⁶Ex. 21:12, 14; Lev. 24:17

17 ⁷Num. 35:31

22 ²Num. 35:11

23 ¹Lit., by which he may die

30 ¹Lit., mouth
^aNum. 35:16 ^bDeut. 17:6;
19:15; Matt. 18:16; John
7:51; 8:17, 18

32 ¹Or, until

33 ^aDeut. 21:7, 8; Ps. 106:38
^bGen. 9:6

34 ^aLev. 18:24, 25 ^bNum.
5:3

1 ^aNum. 27:1

2 ^aNum. 27:5, 6

3 ¹Lit., become wives to,
and so throughout the chap.

4 ¹Lit., shall be
^aLev. 25:10

23 or with any ¹deadly object of stone, and without seeing it dropped on him so that he died, while he was not his enemy nor seeking his injury,

24 then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the blood avenger according to these ordinances.

25 'And the congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the blood avenger, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge to which he fled; and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil.

26 'But if the manslayer shall at any time go beyond the border of his city of refuge to which he may flee,

27 and the blood avenger finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and the blood avenger kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of blood

28 because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return to the land of his possession.

29 'And these things shall be for a statutory ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 'If anyone kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death at the ¹evidence of witnesses, but ^bno person shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

31 'Moreover you shall not take ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

32 'And you shall not take ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to live in the land ¹before the death of the priest.

33 'So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except ^bby the blood of him who shed it.

34 'And you shall not ^adefile the land in which you live, in the midst of which ^bI dwell; for I the LORD am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel.'

CHAPTER 36

^aAND the heads of the fathers' households of the family of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the leaders, the heads of the fathers' households of the sons of Israel,

2 and they said, "The LORD commanded my lord to give the land by lot to the sons of Israel as an inheritance, and my lord ^awas commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.

3 "But if they ¹marry one of the sons of the other tribes of the sons of Israel, their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of our fathers and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they belong; thus it will be withdrawn from our allotted inheritance.

4 "And when the ^ajubilee of the sons of Israel ¹comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the

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tribe to which they belong; so their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.”

5 Then Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the ¹word of the LORD, saying, “The tribe of the sons of Joseph are right in *their* statements.

6 “This is ¹what the LORD has commanded concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, ‘Let them marry ²whom they wish; only they must marry within the family of the tribe of their father.’

7 “Thus no inheritance of the sons of Israel shall ¹be transferred from tribe to tribe, for the sons of Israel shall each ²hold to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 “^aAnd every daughter who comes into possession of an inheritance of any tribe of the sons of Israel, shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers.

9 “Thus no inheritance shall ¹be transferred from one tribe to another tribe, for the tribes of the sons of Israel shall each ²hold to his own inheritance.”

10 Just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so the daughters of Zelophehad did,

11 and for ^aMahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah and Mileah and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad married their uncles’ sons.

12 They married *those* from the families of the sons of Manasseh the sons of Joseph, and their inheritance ¹remained with the tribe of the family of their father.

13 ^aThese are the commandments and the ordinances which the LORD commanded to the sons of Israel through Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *opposite* Jericho.

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God’s Command to Possess the Land.

THESE are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel ^aacross the Jordan in the wilderness, in the ^bArabah opposite ¹Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab.

2 It is eleven days’ *journey* from ^aHoreb by the way of Mount ^bSeir to ^cKadesh-barnea.

3 And it came about in the ^afortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, ^baccording to all that the LORD had commanded him *to give* to them,

4 after he had ^{1a}defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth ²and Edrei.

5 Across the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this law, saying,

6 “The LORD our God ^aspoke to us at Horeb, saying, ‘You have ¹stayed long enough at this mountain.

Num. 36, Deut.

5 ¹Lit., *mouth*

6 ¹Lit., *the thing which*
²Lit., *to the good one in their eyes*

7 ¹Lit., *turn about* ²Lit., *cleave*

8 ^a1 Chr. 23:22

9 ¹Lit., *turn about* ²Lit., *cleave*

11 ^aNum. 26:33

12 ¹Lit., *was*

13 ^aNum. 22:1; Lev. 26:46; 27:34

1 ¹Perhaps Red Sea
^aDeut. 4:46 ^bDeut. 2:8

2 ^aEx. 3:1; 17:6 ^bGen. 32:3
^cNum. 32:8

3 ^aNum. 33:38 ^bDeut. 4:1, 2

4 ¹Lit., *smitten* ²So with ancient versions. M.T. omits *and*; cf. also Josh. 12:4
^aNum. 21:24, 25

6 ¹Lit., *dwelt*
^aNum. 10:11-13

7 ¹I.e., South country
^aDeut. 11:24; Gen. 15:18;
Josh. 10:40 ^bGen. 12:9

8 ¹Lit., seed
^aEx. 26:3; Ex. 33:1; Num.
14:23; 32:11

9 ^aEx. 18:18, 24

10 ^aDeut. 10:22; 26:5; Gen.
15:5; 22:17

11 ¹Lit., spoken to

13 ¹Lit., give for yourselves
^aEx. 18:21

15 ¹Lit., gave ²Lit., leaders
of

16 ¹Lit., brothers ²Lit.,
brother

17 ¹Lit., because of man
^aDeut. 10:17; 16:19; 24:17
^bEx. 18:19, 23

18 ^aEx. 18:20

19 ^aDeut. 1:2 ^bDeut. 2:7;
8:15; 32:10 ^cDeut. 1:7 ^dDeut.
1:2

22 ^aNum. 13:1-3

24 ^aNum. 13:21-25

7 'Turn and set your journey, and go to ^athe hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in ^{1b}the Negev and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 'See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD ^aswore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their ¹descendants after them.'

9 "And I spoke to you at that time, saying, ^a'I am not able to bear *the burden* of you alone.

10 'The LORD your God has ^amultiplied you, and behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 'May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you are, and bless you, just as He has ¹promised you!

12 'How can I alone bear the load and burden of you and your strife?

13 ^{1a}'Choose wise and discerning and experienced men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads.'

14 "And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have said to do is good.'

15 "So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and ¹appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands, and ²of hundreds, ²of fifties and ²of tens, and officers for your tribes.

16 "Then I charged our judges at that time, saying, 'Hear *the cases* between your ¹fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his ²fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him.

17 ^a'You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear ¹man, for the judgment is God's. And ^bthe case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.'

18 "And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

19 "Then we set out from ^aHoreb, and went through all that ^bgreat and terrible wilderness which you saw, on the way to the ^chill country of the Amorites, just as the LORD our God had commanded us; and we came to ^dKadesh-barnea.

20 "And I said to you, 'You have come to the hill country of the Amorites which the LORD our God is about to give us.

21 'See, the LORD your God has placed the land before you; go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you. Do not fear or be dismayed.'

22 "And then all of you approached me and said, 'Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up, and the cities which we shall enter.'

23 "And the thing pleased me and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe.

24 "And ^athey turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.

25 "Then they took *some* of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought us back a

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report and said, 'It is a good land which the LORD our God is about to give us.'

26 "Yet you were not willing to go up, but rebelled against the ¹command of the LORD your God;

27 and ²you grumbled in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.'

28 'Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw ²the sons of the Anakim there."'

29 "Then I said to you, 'Do not be shocked, nor fear them.'

30 'The LORD your God who goes before you will ²Himself fight on your behalf, ¹just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

31 and in the wilderness where you saw how ²the LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked, until you came to this place.'

32 "But ¹for all this, you did not trust the LORD your God,

33 ²who goes before you on *your* way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go.

34 "Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and ²took an oath, saying,

35 'Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers,

36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and ²to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the LORD fully.'

37 "²The LORD was angry with me also on your account, saying, ²'Not even you shall enter there.'

38 'Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, ²he shall enter there; encourage him, for ²he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 'Moreover, ²your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them, and they shall possess it.

40 'But as for you, ²turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the ¹Red Sea.'

41 "²Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will indeed go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And every man of you girded on his weapons of war, and regarded it as easy to go up into the hill country.

42 "²And the LORD said to me, 'Say to them, "Do not go up, nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be ¹defeated before your enemies."'

43 "So I spoke to you, but you would not listen. Instead ²you rebelled against the ¹command of the LORD, and acted presumptuously and went up into the hill country.

44 "²And the Amorites who ¹lived in that hill country came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and crushed you from Seir to Hormah.

45 "Then you returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD did not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you.

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26 ²Lit., *mouth*
²Num. 14:14

27 ²Ps. 106:25

28 ²Deut. 9:2; Num. 13:28, 33

30 ¹Lit., *according to all that*
²Deut. 3:22; 20:4; Ex. 14:14

31 ²Acts 13:18

32 ¹Lit., *in this matter*

33 ²Num. 9:15-23

34 ²Num. 14:28-30

36 ²Num. 14:24; Josh. 14:9

37 ²Num. 20:12 ²Num. 27:13, 18

38 ²Num. 14:20 ²Deut. 3:28; 31:7; Num. 34:17; Josh. 11:23

39 ²Num. 14:3, 31

40 ¹Or, *Sea of Reeds*
²Num. 14:25

41 ²Num. 14:40

42 ¹Lit., *smitten*
²Num. 14:41-43

43 ¹Lit., *mouth*
²Num. 14:40

44 ¹Lit., *dwelt*
²Num. 14:45

46 ¹Lit., *as the days*
^aDeut. 2:7, 14

¹ Or, *Sea of Reeds*
^aNum. 21:4 ^bDeut. 1:2

⁴ ^aNum. 20:14-21 ^bEx.
 15:15

⁵ ¹Or, *engage in strife*
 with ²Lit., *treading of a sole of a foot*

⁷ ¹Lit., *the work of your hand* ²Lit., *goings*
^aDeut. 1:19 ^bDeut. 2:14;
 Num. 14:33, 34; 32:13

⁹ ¹Lit., *his*
^aDeut. 2:18, 29; Num. 21:15,
 28 ^bGen. 19:36, 37

¹¹ ^aDeut. 2:20; Gen. 14:5

¹² ¹Lit., *his*
^aDeut. 2:22 ^bNum. 21:25, 35

¹³ ¹Or, *wadi*

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *days in which we went* ²Or, *wadi*
^aDeut. 2:7 ^bNum. 14:29-35;
 26:64, 65; Ps. 106:26; 1 Cor.
 10:5

¹⁵ ^aJude 5

¹⁶ ^aDeut. 2:14

¹⁸ ^aDeut. 2:9

46 "So you remained in Kadesh ^amany days, ¹the days that you spent *there*.

CHAPTER 2

¹ ^aTHEN we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the ¹Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and circled ^bMount Seir for many days.

² "And the LORD spoke to me, saying,

³ "You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn north,

⁴ ^aand command the people, saying, "You will pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and ^bthey will be afraid of you. So be very careful;

⁵ do not ¹provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even *as little as a* ²footstep because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

⁶ "You shall buy food from them with money so that you may eat, and you shall also purchase water from them with money so that you may drink.

⁷ "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all ¹that you have done; He has known your ²wanderings through this ^agreat wilderness. These ^bforty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing."

⁸ "So we passed beyond our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the ^aArabah road, away from Elath and from Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed through by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

⁹ "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of ¹their land as a possession, because I have given ^aAr to ^bthe sons of Lot as a possession.

¹⁰ (The Emim lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.

¹¹ Like the Anakim, they are also regarded as ^aRephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

¹² ^aThe Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, ^bjust as Israel did to the land of ¹their possession which the LORD gave to them.)

¹³ 'Now arise and cross over the ¹brook Zered yourselves.' So we crossed over the ¹brook Zered.

¹⁴ "Now the ¹time that it took for us to come from Kadesh-barnea, until we crossed over the ²brook Zered, was ^athirty-eight years; until ^ball the generation of the men of war perished from within the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them.

¹⁵ ^aMoreover the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from within the camp, until they all perished.

¹⁶ "So it came about when ^aall the men of war had finally perished from among the people,

¹⁷ that the LORD spoke to me, saying,

¹⁸ 'You shall cross over ^aAr, the border of Moab, today.

¹⁹ 'And when you come opposite the sons of Ammon, do not harass them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any

of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to ^athe sons of Lot as a possession.'

20 (It is also regarded as the land of the ^aRephaim, for Rephaim formerly lived in it, but the Amorites call them Zamzummin,

21 a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place,

22 just as He did for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed ^athe Horites from before them; and they dispossessed them, and settled in their place even to this day.

23 And the ^aAvvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the ^bCaphtorim who came from ^cCaphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)

24 'Arise, set out, and pass through the ¹valley of Arnon. Look! I have given Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land into your hand; begin to take possession and contend with him in battle.

25 'This day I will begin to put ^athe dread and fear of you ¹upon the peoples ²everywhere under the heavens, who, when they hear the report of you, ^bshall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'

26 ^aSo I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,

27 'Let me pass through your land, I will ¹travel only on the highway; I will not turn aside to the right or to the left.

28 'You will sell me food for money so that I may eat, and give me water for money so that I may drink, only let me pass through on ¹foot,

29 just as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in ^aAr, did for me, until I cross over the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God is giving to us.'

30 'But Sihon king of Heshbon was not willing for us to pass ¹through his land; for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand, as *he is* today.

31 'And the LORD said to me, 'Sec, I have begun to deliver Sihon and his land ¹over to you. Begin to ²occupy, that you may possess his land.'

32 'Then Sihon ¹with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz.

33 'And the LORD our God delivered him ¹over to us; and we ²defeated him with his sons and all his people.

34 'So we captured all his cities at that time, and ^{1a}utterly destroyed ²the men, women and children of every city. We left no survivor.

35 'We took ^aonly the animals as our booty and the spoil of the cities which we had captured.

36 'From ^aAroer which is on the edge of the ¹valley of Arnon and *from* the city which is in the ¹valley, even to Gilead, there was no city that was too high for us; the LORD our God delivered all ²over to us.

37 ^aOnly you did not go near to the land of the sons of Ammon, all along the ¹river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, and wherever the LORD our God had commanded us.

19 ^aDeut. 2:9

20 ^aDeut. 2:11

22 ^aDeut. 2:12

23 ¹i.e., Philistines ²i.e., Crete
^aJosh. 13:3 ^bGen. 10:14;
¹Chr. 1:12 ^cJer. 47:4; Amos 9:7

24 ¹Or, wadi

25 ¹Lit., in front of ²Lit., under all the heavens
^aDeut. 11:25; Ex. 23:27;
Josh. 2:9 ^bEx. 15:14-16

26 ^aNum. 21:21-32

27 ¹Lit., go by the way

28 ¹Lit., my feet

29 ^aDeut. 2:9

30 ¹Lit., by him

31 ¹Lit., before you ²Lit., possess

32 ¹Lit., he and

33 ¹Lit., before us ²Lit., smote

34 ¹Or, put under the ban
²Lit., every city of man ...
^aDeut. 3:6

35 ^aDeut. 3:7

36 ¹Or, wadi ²Lit., before us
^aDeut. 3:12; 4:48

37 ¹Or, wadi
^aDeut. 2:19

¹ Lit., *he and*
^a Num. 21:33-35

³ Lit., *him* ² Lit., *left to him*

⁴ Deut. 2:13, 14; 1 Kin. 4:13

⁵ Or, *rural*

⁶ Or, *put them under the ban* ² Or, *putting under the ban* ³ Lit., *every city of men*
^a Deut. 2:34

⁷ Deut. 2:35

⁸ Or, *wadi*
^a Num. 32:33; Josh. 12:1-7; 13:8-12

⁹ Deut. 4:48; Josh. 11:17; Ps. 42:6; 133:3 bPs. 29:6

¹¹ Or, *couch* ² Lit., *by a man's forearm*
^a Deut. 2:11, 20 b² Sam. 11:1; 12:26; Jer. 49:2

¹² Or, *wadi*
^a Deut. 2:36 ^b Num. 32:32-38; Josh. 13:8-13

¹⁴ Lit., *them* ² I.e., *the towns of fair*
^a Num. 32:41; 1 Chr. 2:22

¹⁵ Num. 32:40

¹⁶ Or, *wadi* ² Lit., *and*

¹⁷ Lit., *under* ² I.e., *The Sea of Galilee* ³ Lit., *under*
^a Num. 34:11; Josh. 13:27

¹⁸ Num. 32:20; Josh. 4:12, 13

^{4a} **T**HEN we turned and went up the road to Bashan, and Og, king of Bashan, ¹with all his people came out to meet us in battle.

2 "But the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him just as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.'

3 "So the LORD our God delivered Og also, king of Bashan, with all his people into our hand, and we smote ¹them until no survivor was ²left.

4 "And we captured all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of ^aArgob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 "All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates and bars, besides a great many ¹unwalled towns.

6 "And we ¹utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, ^{2a}utterly destroying ³the men, women and children of every city.

7 "But all the animals and the spoil of the cities we took as our booty.

8 "Thus we took the land at that time from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the ¹valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon

9 (Sidonians ^acall Herman ^bSirion, and the Amorites call it Senir):

10 all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 (For only Og king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the ^aRephaim. Behold, his ¹bedstead was an iron ¹bedstead; it is in ^bRabbah of the sons of Ammon. Its length was nine cubits and its width four cubits ²by ordinary cubit.)

12 "So we took possession of this land at that time. From ^aAroer, which is by the ¹valley of Arnon, and half the hill country of ^bGilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 "And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh, all the region of Argob concerning all Bashan, it is called the land of Rephaim.

14 ^aJair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called ¹it, *that is*, Bashan, after his own name, ²Havvothjair, *as it is to this day*.)

15 "And to Machir I gave Gilead.

16 "And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites, I gave from Gilead even as far as the ¹valley of Arnon, the middle of the ¹valley ^{2a}as a border and as far as the ¹river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

17 the Arabah also, with the Jordan ¹as a border, from ^{2a}Chinnereth even as far as the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, ³at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah on the east.

18 "Then I commanded you at that time, saying, 'The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it; ^aall you

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valiant men shall cross over armed before your brothers, the sons of Israel.

19 'But your wives and your little ones and your livestock (I know that you have ^amuch livestock), shall remain in your cities which I have given you,

20 until the LORD gives rest to your fellow countrymen as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God will give them beyond the Jordan. ^aThen you may return every man to his possession, which I have given you.'

21 "And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so the LORD shall do to all the kingdoms into which you are about to cross.

22 'Do not fear them, for the LORD your God ^ais the one fighting for you.'

23 "I also pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,

24 'O LORD ¹God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness and Thy strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Thine?

25 'Let me, I pray, cross over and see the fair land that is beyond the Jordan, ¹that good hill country and Lebanon.'

26 "But ^athe LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me; and the LORD said to me, 'Enough! Speak to Me no more of this matter.

27 'Go up to the top of ^aPisgah and lift up your eyes to the west and north and south and east, and see it with your eyes, ^bfor you shall not cross over this Jordan.

28 ^aBut charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; ^bfor he shall go across ¹at the head of this people, and he shall give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.'

29 "So we remained in the valley opposite ^aBeth-peor.

CHAPTER 4

"AND now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which ^aI am teaching you to perform, in order that by you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

2 "^aYou shall not add to the word which ^bI am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 "^aYour eyes have seen what the LORD has done in the case of Baal-peor, for all the men who followed Baal-peor, the LORD your God has destroyed ¹them from among you.

4 "But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.

5 "See, I have taught you statutes and judgments ^ajust as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it.

6 "So keep and do *them*, ^afor that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

7 "For what great nation is there that has a god ^aso near to it as is the LORD our God ^bwhenever we call on Him?

19 ^aEx. 12:38

20 ^aJosh. 22:4

22 ^aDeut. 1:30

24 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD

25 ¹Lit., *this*

26 ¹Lit., *Enough for you*
^aDeut. 1:37

27 ^aNum. 23:14; 27:12
^bDeut. 1:37

28 ¹Lit., *before this people*
^aDeut. 31:3, 7, 8, 23; Num. 27:18
^bDeut. 1:38

29 ^aDeut. 4:46; 34:6; Num. 25:1-3

1 ^aDeut. 1:3 ^bDeut. 5:33; 8:1; 16:20; 30:16, 19

2 ^aDeut. 12:32 ^bDeut. 4:5, 14, 40

3 ¹Lit., *him*
^aNum. 25:1-9

5 ^aLev. 26:46; 27:34

6 ^aDeut. 30:19, 20; 32:46,
47

7 ^aPs. 148:14 ^bPs. 34:18;
85:9

8 ^aPs. 89:14; 97:2; 119:144, 160, 172

9 ^aDeut. 4:23; 6:12; 8:11, 14, 19 ^bDeut. 6:2; 12:1; 16:3 ^cDeut. 4:10; 6:7; 20:25; 11:19; 32:46

10 ¹Or, reverence
^aDeut. 14:23; 17:19; 31:12,
13 ^bDeut. 4:9

11 ^aEx. 19:18; Heb. 12:18,
19

13 ¹Lit., words
^aDeut. 10:4; Ex. 34:28 ^bEx.
31:18; 34:1, 28

16 ^aDeut. 4:25; 9:12;
31:29 ^bDeut. 5:8, 9

19 ^aDeut. 13:5, 10

20 ¹ Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

21 ^aDeut. 1:37

22 ^aNum. 27:13, 14

23 ^aDeut. 4:9 ^bDeut.
4:16

24 ^aDeut. 9:3; Ex. 24:17;
Heb. 12:29 ^bDeut. 5:9; 6:15

25 ¹Lit., beget
^aDeut. 4:16

8 "Or what great nation is there that has ^astatutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

9 "Only ^agive heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart ^ball the days of your life; but ^cmake them known to your sons and your grandsons.

10 "*Remember* the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words ^aso they may learn to ¹fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may ^bteach their children.'

11 "And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, ^aand the mountain burned with fire to the very heart of the heavens, darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

12 "Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form—only a voice.

13 "So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, *that is*, ^athe ten ¹commandments; and ^bHe wrote them on two tablets of stone.

14 "And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it.

15 "So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire;

16 lest you ^aact corruptly and ^bmake a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky,

18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the earth.

19 "And *beware*, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, ^aand be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

20 "But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of ^athe iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession, as today.

21 "^aNow the LORD was angry with me on your account, and swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

22 "For ^aI shall die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this good land.

23 "So watch yourselves, ^alest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which He made with you, and ^bmake for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything *against* which the LORD your God has commanded you.

24 "For the LORD your God is a ^aconsuming fire, a ^bjealous God.

25 "When you ¹become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and ^aact

corruptly, and ^bmake an ²idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger,

26 I ^acall heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you shall ^bsurely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not ¹live long on it, but shall be utterly destroyed.

27 "And the LORD will ^ascatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where the LORD shall drive you.

28 "And there you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, ^awood and stone, ^bwhich neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

29 "^aBut from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you search for Him ^bwith all your heart and all your soul.

30 "When you ^aare in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.

31 "For the LORD your God is a ^acompassionate God; ^bHe will not fail you nor ^cdestroy you nor ^dforget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

32 "Indeed, ^aask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the ^bday that God created ¹man on the earth, and *inquire* ^cfrom one end of the heavens to the other. Has *anything* been done like this great thing, or has *anything* been heard like it?

33 "^aHas *any* people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard *it*, and survived?

34 "^aOr has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within *another* nation ^bby trials, by signs and wonders and by war and ^cby a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, ^aas the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 "To you it was shown that the LORD, He is God; ^athere is no other besides Him.

36 "^aOut of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire.

37 "^{1a}Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose ²their descendants after them. And He ^{3b}personally brought you from Egypt by His great power,

38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in *and* ^ato give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today.

39 "Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; ^athere is no other.

40 "^aSo you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am ¹giving you today, that ^bit may go well with you and with your children after you, and ^cthat you may ²live long on the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

41 ^aThen Moses set apart three cities across the Jordan to the ¹east,

42 that a manslayer might flee there, who unintentionally

²⁵ ²Or, *a graven image*
^bDeut. 4:23

²⁶ ¹Lit., *prolong your days*
^aDeut. 30:19; 31:28; 32:1
^bDeut. 7:4; 8:19, 20

²⁷ ^aDeut. 28:64; 29:28

²⁸ ^aDeut. 28:36, 64; 29:17
^bPs. 115:4-8

²⁹ ^aDeut. 30:1-3, 10 ^bDeut. 6:5; 10:12

³⁰ ^aPs. 18:6; 59:16; 107:6, 13

³¹ ^aEx. 34:6 ^bDeut. 31:6, 8; Josh. 1:5; 1 Chr. 28:20; Heb. 13:5 ^cJer. 30:11 ^dLev. 26:45

³² ¹Or, *Adam*
^aDeut. 32:7 ^bGen. 1:27; Is. 45:12 ^cDeut. 28:64

³³ ^aDeut. 5:24, 26; Ex. 20:22

³⁴ ¹Lit., *according to all that*
^aDeut. 33:29; Ex. 14:30
^bDeut. 7:19 ^cDeut. 5:15; 6:21; Ps. 136:12

³⁵ ^aDeut. 4:39; Ex. 8:10; 9:14; Mark 12:32

³⁶ ^aDeut. 4:33; 8:5; Neh. 9:13; Heb. 12:25

³⁷ ¹Lit., *And instead, because* ²Lit., *his seed* ³Lit., *with His presence*
^aDeut. 7:7, 8; 10:15; 33:3
^bEx. 33:14; Is. 63:9

³⁸ ^aNum. 32:4; 34:14, 15

³⁹ ^aDeut. 4:35

⁴⁰ ¹Lit., *commanding* ²Lit., *prolong your days*
^aDeut. 4:2; Ps. 105:45 ^bDeut. 5:16, 29, 33 ^cDeut. 32:47; Ex. 23:26

⁴¹ ¹Lit., *sunrise*
^aDeut. 19:2-13; Num. 35:6; Josh. 20:7-9

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46 ¹Lit., *smote*
^aDeut. 3:29 ^bNum. 21:21-25

47 ¹Lit., *sunrise*

48 ¹Or, *wadi*
^aDeut. 2:36 ^bDeut. 3:9

49 ¹Lit., *under*

¹ ¹Lit., *ears* ²Lit., *to do them*

² ^aEx. 19:5; Mal. 4:4

³ ¹Lit., *us ourselves*
^aNum. 26:63-65

⁴ ^aNum. 14:14 ^bDeut. 4:33
to do it

⁵ ¹Lit., *saying*
^aEx. 19:16, 21-24

⁶ ¹Lit., *slaves*
^aEx. 20:2-17

⁷ ¹Or, *besides*

⁸ ¹Or, *a graven image*
²Lit., *or what is*

¹¹ ¹Or, *hold him guiltless*
^aDeut. 6:13; 10:20

slew his neighbor without having enmity toward him in time past; and by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:

43 Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

44 Now this is the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel;

45 these are the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out from Egypt,

46 across the Jordan, in the valley ^aopposite Bethpeor, in the land of ^bSihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel ¹defeated when they came out from Egypt.

47 And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, *who were* across the Jordan to the ¹east,

48 from ^aAroer, which is on the edge of the ¹valley of Arnon, even as far as ^bMount Sion (that is, Hermon),

49 with all the Arabah across the Jordan to the east, even as far as the sea of the Arabah, ¹at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah.

CHAPTER 5

THEN Moses summoned all Israel, and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your ¹hearing, that you may learn them and observe ²them carefully.

2 "The LORD our God made ^aa covenant with us at Horeb.

3 "^aThe LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *with* all those of ¹us alive here today.

4 "The LORD spoke to you ^aface to face at the mountain ^bfrom the midst of the fire,

5 *while* I was standing between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; ^afor you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain. ¹He said,

6 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹slavery.

7 "You shall have no other gods ¹before Me.

8 "You shall not make for yourself ¹an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above ²or on the earth beneath ²or in the water under the earth.

9 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

10 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

11 "^aYou shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not ¹leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

12 "Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

13 "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

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14 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who ¹stays with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

14 ¹Lit., *is in your gates*

15 ^aAnd you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

15 *Ex. 20:11

16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

21 *Rom. 7:7; 13:9

17 'You shall not murder.

18 'You shall not commit adultery.

19 'You shall not steal.

20 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

22 *Deut. 4:13; Ex. 31:18

21 ^aYou shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his manservant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'

22 "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. And ^aHe wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

25 *Deut. 18:16; Ex. 20:18, 19

23 "And it came about, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders.

24 "And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

27 ¹Lit., *Go yourself*

25 ^aNow then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer, then we shall die.

28 *Deut. 18:17

26 'For who is there of all flesh, who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?

27 ¹Go near and hear all that the LORD our God says; then speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.'

29 *Ps. 81:13; Is. 48:18
^bDeut. 5:16, 33

28 "And the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, ^aand the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.

29 ^aOh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that ^bit may be well with them and with their sons forever!

31 *Ex. 24:12

30 'Go, say to them, "Return to your tents."

31 ^aBut as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you all the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe *them* in the land which I give them to possess.'

32 ^aDeut. 17:20; 28:14;
Josh. 1:7; 23:6

33 ^aDeut. 4:1, 40

2 ^aDeut. 10:12 ^bDeut. 4:9

3 ¹Lit., *keep*
^aDeut. 5:33 ^bEx. 3:8, 17

4 ^aMatt. 22:37; Mark
12:29, 30; Luke 10:27 ^bDeut.
4:35, 39

7 ^aDeut. 4:9

8 ¹Or, *frontlet bands*; ²Lit.,
between your eyes
^aDeut. 11:18; Ex. 12:14; 13:9,
16

9 ^aDeut. 11:20

10 ^aDeut. 9:1; 19:1; Josh.
24:13

11 ^aDeut. 8:10; 11:15; 14:29

12 ¹Lit., *slaves*
^aDeut. 4:9

13 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Or,
serve
^aMatt. 4:10; Luke 4:8 ^bDeut.
5:11; 10:20

15 ¹Lit., *destroy*
^aDeut. 4:24; 5:9

16 ^aMatt. 4:7; Luke 4:12
^bEx. 17:7

32 "So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; ^ayou shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.

33 "You shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God has commanded you, ^athat you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which you shall possess.

CHAPTER 6

"NOW this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded *me* to teach you, that you might do *them* in the land where you are going over to possess it,

2 so that you and your son and your grandson might ^afear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, ^ball the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

3 "O Israel, you should listen and ¹be careful to do *it*, that ^ait may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* ^ba land flowing with milk and honey.

4 "^aHear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the ^bLORD is one!

5 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

7 and ^ayou shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

8 "^aAnd you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as ¹frontals ²on your forehead.

9 "^aAnd you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 "Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, ^agreat and splendid cities which you did not build,

11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and ^ayou shall eat and be satisfied,

12 then watch yourself, lest ^ayou forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹slavery.

13 "^aYou shall ¹fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall ²worship Him, and ^bswear by His name.

14 "You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,

15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a ^ajealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will ¹wipe you off the face of the earth.

16 "^aYou shall not put the LORD your God to the test, ^bas you tested *Him* at Massah.

17 "You should diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you.

18 "And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to give your fathers,

19 by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the LORD commanded you?'

21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt; and the LORD brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 'Moreover, the LORD showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household;

23 and He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.'

24 "So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today.

25 "And it will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

CHAPTER 7

1 "When the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you are entering to possess it, and shall clear away many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and stronger than you;

2 and when the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, and you shall defeat them, then you shall utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them and show no favor to them.

3 "Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons.

4 "For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will quickly destroy you.

5 "But thus you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, and smash their sacred pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

7 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

8 but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath

17 *Deut. 11:22

18 *Deut. 4:40

20 *Ex. 13:8, 14

24 *Deut. 10:12

25 ¹Lit., keep
²Deut. 24:13

¹Deut. 20:16-18 ^bActs 13:19

²Lit., smite ²Lit., surely devote
^aNum. 31:17 ^bEx. 23:32
^cDeut. 7:16; 13:8

³Lit., daughter ²Lit., his son ³Lit., his daughter ⁴Lit., son
^aEx. 34:15, 16

⁴Lit., he ²Lit., son ³Lit., after
^aDeut. 4:26

⁵Lit., wooden symbols of a female deity
^aDeut. 12:3; Ex. 23:24; 34:13

⁶Or, special treasure
²Lit., ground
^aDeut. 14:2, 21; Ex. 19:6
^bDeut. 14:2; 26:18; Ex. 19:5

7 *Deut. 4:37

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8 ¹Lit., slaves

9 ¹Lit., the
^aDeut. 4:35, 39 ^bDeut. 5:10

10 ¹Lit., his face ²Lit., him
³Lit., to

12 ¹Lit., the
^aDeut. 28:1-14; Lev. 26:3-13

13 ¹Lit., on
^aDeut. 13:17; 30:5; Lev. 26:9

14 ^aEx. 23:26

15 ^aEx. 15:26

16 ^aDeut. 7:2 ^bEx. 23:33

19 ^aDeut. 4:34

20 ^aEx. 23:28; Josh. 24:12

21 ¹Lit., from before them
^aEx. 29:45

22 ¹Lit., beasts of the field
^aEx. 23:29, 30

23 ¹Lit., confuse them with
^aEx. 23:27; Josh. 10:10

24 ^aJosh. 6:2; 10:23 ^bDeut.
11:25; Josh. 1:5; 10:8; 23:9

25 ^aDeut. 7:2

which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of ¹slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God, ^aHe is God, the faithful God, who keeps ¹His covenant and ¹His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who ^blove Him and keep His commandments;

10 but repays those who hate Him to ¹their faces, to destroy ²them; He will not delay ³with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

11 "Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you to-day, to do them.

12 ^a"Then it shall come about, because you listen to these judgments and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you ¹His covenant and ¹His lovingkindness which He swore to your forefathers.

13 "And He will love you and bless you and ^amultiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, ¹in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you.

14 "You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall be no male or female ^abarren among you or among your cattle.

15 "And ^athe LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you.

16 "And you shall consume all the peoples whom the LORD your God will deliver to you; ^ayour eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that *would be* ^ba snare to you.

17 "If you should say in your heart, "These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?"

18 you shall not be afraid of them; you shall well remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:

19 ^athe great trials which your eyes saw and the signs and the wonders and the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

20 "Moreover, the LORD your God will send ^athe hornet against them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you, perish.

21 "You shall not dread ¹them, for ^athe LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God.

22 ^a"And the LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, lest the ¹wild beasts grow too numerous for you.

23 ^a"But the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, and will ¹throw them into great confusion until they are destroyed.

24 ^a"And He will deliver their kings into your hand so that you shall make their name perish from under heaven; ^bno man will be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them.

25 ^a"The graven images of their gods you are to burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them,

nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

26 "And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, and become a ¹devoted thing like it; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is a ¹devoted thing.

CHAPTER 8

"ALL the commandment that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you ^amay live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers.

2 ^a"And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, ^btesting you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3 "And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you ¹understand that ^aman does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

4 ^a"Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5 ^a"Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.

6 "Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to ¹fear Him.

7 "For ^athe LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

9 a land where you shall eat food without scarcity, in which you shall not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

10 "When ^ayou have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

11 "¹Beware lest you ^aforget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

12 lest, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*,

13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

14 then your heart becomes ¹proud, and you ^aforget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of ²slavery.

15 "He led you through ^athe great and terrible wilderness, with its ^bfiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He ^cbrought water for you out of the rock of flint.

16 "In the wilderness He fed you manna ^awhich your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might ^btest you, to do good for you ¹in the end.

26 ¹Or, *banned*

1 ¹Deut. 4:1

2 ²Deut. 8:16 ^bEx. 15:25; 20:20

3 ¹Lit., *know*
^aMatt. 4:4; Luke 4:4

4 ^aDeut. 29:5; Neh. 9:21

5 ⁵Deut. 4:36; Prov. 3:12; Heb. 12:6

6 ¹Or, *reverence*

7 ^aDeut. 11:9-12; Jer. 2:7

10 ¹⁰Deut. 6:11

11 ¹Lit., *take heed to yourself*
^aDeut. 4:9

14 ¹Lit., *lifted up* ²Lit., *slaves*
^aDeut. 8:11

15 ⁵Deut. 1:19 ^bNum. 21:6
^cDeut. 32:13; Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps. 78:15; 114:8

16 ¹Lit., *at your end*
^aEx. 16:15 ^bDeut. 8:2

18 *Prov. 10:22; Hos. 2:8

19 *Deut. 4:26; 30:18

1 ¹Lit., and fortified2 *Num. 13:22, 28, 33;
Josh. 11:21, 22

3 *Deut. 4:24

4 ¹Lit., you saying.
*Deut. 7:24; 31:27 ^bDeut.
12:31; 18:9-14; Lev. 18:3, 24-
305 ¹Lit., word6 *Or, stiffnecked
*Deut. 9:13; 10:16; 31:27

7 *Num. 14:22

8 *Ex. 32:7-10

9 *Deut. 9:18; 8:3; Ex.
24:18

10 *Deut. 4:13

11 *Deut. 9:9

17 "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'

18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for ^ait is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 "And it shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God, and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, ^aI testify against you today that you shall surely perish.

20 "Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 9

"**H**EAR, O Israel! You are crossing over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, great cities ¹fortified to heaven,

2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know and of whom you have heard *it said*, ^a'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?'

3 "Know therefore today that it is the LORD your God who is crossing over before you as ^aa consuming fire. He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so that you may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the LORD has spoken to you.

4 "Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before ¹you, ^a'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' *but it is* ^bbecause of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD is dispossessing them before you.

5 "It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, *but it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the ¹oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

6 "Know, then, *it is* not because of your righteousness *that* the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are ^aa ¹stubborn people.

7 "Remember, do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness; ^afrom the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 "Even ^aat Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that He would have destroyed you.

9 "When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights; ^aI neither ate bread nor drank water.

10 "And the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone ^awritten by the finger of God; and on them *were* all the words which the LORD had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

11 "And it came about ^aat the end of forty days and nights

that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

12 ^aEx. 32:7, 8

12 ^aThen the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made a molten image for themselves.'

13 ¹Or, *stiffnecked*

13 ^aThe LORD spoke further to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed, it is a ¹stubborn people.'

14 ^aEx. 32:10

14 ^aLet Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

15 ^aEx. 32:15-19

15 ^aSo I turned and came down from the mountain while the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

18 ^aEx. 34:28 ^bDeut. 10:10
^cDeut. 9:9 ^dEx. 34:9

16 ^aAnd I saw that you had indeed sinned against the LORD your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you.

19 ^aHeb. 12:21 ^bEx. 34:10

17 ^aAnd I took hold of the two tablets and threw them from my hands, and smashed them before your eyes.

18 ^aAnd I fell down before the LORD, ^bas at the first, forty days and nights; ^cI neither ate bread nor drank water, ^dbecause of all your sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke him to anger.

21 ¹Lit., *sin*
^aEx. 32:20

19 ^aFor ^aI was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was wrathful against you in order to destroy you, ^bbut the LORD listened to me that time also.

20 ^aAnd the LORD was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him; so I also prayed for Aaron at the same time.

22 ^aNum. 11:3 ^bEx. 17:7
^cNum. 11:34

21 ^aAnd I took your ¹sinful *thing*, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that came down from the mountain.

23 ¹Lit., *mouth*

22 ^aAgain at ^aTaberah and at ^bMassah and at ^cKibroth-hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 ^aAnd when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the ¹command of the LORD your God; you neither believed Him nor listened to His voice.

24 ^aDeut. 9:7

24 ^aYou have been rebellious against the LORD from the day I knew you.

25 ¹Lit., *fell down*
^aDeut. 9:18

25 ^aSo I fell down before the LORD the forty days and nights, which I ¹did because the LORD had said He would destroy you.

26 ^aAnd I prayed to the LORD, and said, 'Oh Lord God do not destroy Thy people, even Thine inheritance, whom Thou hast redeemed through Thy greatness, whom Thou hast brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.'

26 ^aEx. 32:11-13

27 ^aRemember Thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look at the stubbornness of this people or at their wickedness or their sin.

28 ¹Lit., *spoken to*

28 ^aOtherwise the land from which Thou didst bring us may say, 'Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which He had ¹promised them and because He hated

29 ^aPs. 106:40 ^bDeut. 4:34

1 ^aEx. 34:1 ^bEx. 25:10

2 ^aDeut. 4:13 ^bEx. 25:16

3 ^aEx. 37:1-9 ^bEx. 34:4

4 ¹Lit., *Words*
^aDeut. 4:13; ^bEx. 34:28

5 ^aEx. 40:20

6 ¹Or, *the wells of the sons of Jaakan*
^aNum. 33:30, 31 ^bNum. 20:25-28

7 ^aNum. 33:33, 34

8 ^aDeut. 31:9; ^bNum. 3:6; 18:1-7 ^bDeut. 17:12; 18:5; 21:5

9 ^aNum. 18:20, 24

10 ^aDeut. 9:18

12 ¹Or, *reverence*
^aMic. 6:8 ^bDeut. 6:5 ^cDeut. 4:29

14 ¹Lit., *heaven of heavens*
^a1 Kin. 8:27; ^bNeh. 9:6; ^cPs. 68:33; 115:16

15 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aDeut. 4:37

16 ¹Lit., *the foreskin of your heart*
^aJer. 4:4 ^bDeut. 9:6

17 ^aJosh. 22:22; ^bPs. 136:2
^cDeut. 1:17 ^dDeut. 16:19

them He has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness."

29 'Yet they are Thy people, even ^aThine inheritance, whom Thou hast brought out by Thy ^bgreat power and Thine outstretched arm.'

CHAPTER 10

"**A**T that time the LORD said to me, '^aCut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the former ones, and come up to Me on the mountain, and ^bmake an ark of wood for yourself.

2 'And ^aI will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered, and ^byou shall put them in the ark.'

3 "So ^aI made an ark of acacia wood and ^bcut out two tablets of stone like the former ones, and went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hand.

4 "And He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, ^athe Ten ¹Commandments which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.

5 "Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and ^aput the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as the LORD commanded me."

6 (Now the sons of Israel set out from ¹Beeroth ^aBene-jaakan to Moserah. ^bThere Aaron died and there he was buried and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place.

7 ^aFrom there they set out to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water.

8 ^aAt that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD ^bto serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.

9 ^aTherefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.)

10 "I, moreover, stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights like the first time, and the LORD listened to me that time also; the LORD was not willing to destroy you.

11 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, proceed on your journey ahead of the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.'

12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to ¹fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and ^blove Him, and to serve the LORD your God with ^call your heart and with all your soul,

13 *and* to keep the LORD's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

14 "Behold, ^ato the LORD your God belong heaven and the ¹highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

15 "Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their ¹descendants after them, *even* you above all peoples, as *it is* this day.

16 "Circumcise then ¹your heart, and ^bstiffen no more.

17 "For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the LORD of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God ^bwho does not show partiality, nor ^ctake a bribe.

18 "He executes justice for ^athe orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

19 "^aSo show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

20 "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and ^acling to Him, and ^byou shall swear by His name.

21 "He is ^ayour praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

22 "^aYour fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, ^band now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

CHAPTER 11

"**Y**OU shall therefore ^alove the LORD your God, and always ^bkeep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.

2 "And know this day ^athat I *am* not *speaking* with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the ¹discipline of the LORD your God—His Greatness, His mighty hand, and His outstretched arm,

3 and His signs and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land;

4 and what He did to Egypt's army, to its horses and its chariots, ^awhen He made the water of the ¹Red Sea to ²engulf them while they were pursuing you, and the LORD ³completely destroyed them;

5 and what He did to you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

6 and ^awhat He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of ¹Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their households, their tents, and ^bevery living thing that ²followed them, among Israel—

7 but your own eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD which He did.

8 "You shall therefore keep every commandment which I am commanding you today, ^aso that you may be strong and go in and possess the land into which you are about to cross to possess it;

9 ^aso that you may prolong *your* days on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their ¹descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 "For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it with your ¹foot like a vegetable garden.

11 "But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven,

12 a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the ¹beginning even to the end of the year.

13 "And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, ^ato love

18 ^aEx. 22:22-24; Ps. 68:5

19 ^aLev. 19:34; Ezek. 47:22, 23

20 ^aDeut. 11:22; 13:4
^bDeut. 5:11; 6:13

21 ^aPs. 109:1; 148:14

22 ^aGen. 46:27 ^bDeut. 1:10

1 ^aDeut. 6:5; 10:12 ^bLev. 18:30; 22:9

2 ¹Or, *instruction*
^aDeut. 4:34

4 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds* ²Lit., *flow over their faces* ³Lit., *to this day*
^aEx. 14:28 Deut. 1:40; 2:1

6 ¹Lit., *son of Reuben*
²Lit., *was at their feet*
^aNum. 16:31-33 ^bNum. 26:10, 11

8 ^aDeut. 31:6, 7, 23

9 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aDeut. 4:40; 5:33; 6:2

10 ¹i.e., probably a treadmill

12 ¹Lit., *beginning of the year*

13 ^aDeut. 11:1

13 ^bDeut. 4:29

14 ¹Some ancient versions read. *He* ²i.e., autumn ³i.e., spring
^aDeut. 28:12

15 ^aDeut. 6:11

16 ¹Lit., *watch yourselves*

17 ^aDeut. 28:24 ^bDeut. 4:26

18 ¹Lit., *put* ²Lit., *frontlet bands* ³Lit., *between your eyes*
^aDeut. 6:8; Ex. 12:14; 13:9, 16

19 ^aDeut. 4:9, 10; 6:7

20 ^aDeut. 6:9

21 ¹Lit., *the days of the heavens*

22 ^aDeut. 6:17 ^bDeut. 11:1
^cDeut. 10:20

24 ¹i.e., the Mediterranean
^aJosh. 1:3 ^bDeut. 1:7, 8; Gen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31

25 ^aDeut. 7:24; Ex. 23:27

26 ^aDeut. 30:1, 19

28 ¹Lit., *to follow*

29 ^aDeut. 27:12; Josh. 8:33

30 ¹Lit., *terebinths*
^aJosh. 4:19 ^bGen. 12:6

31 ^aDeut. 17:14; Josh. 21:43

the LORD your God and to serve Him ^bwith all your heart and all your soul,

14 that ^{1a}I will give the rain for your land in its season, the ²early and ³late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil.

15 'And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and ^ayou shall eat and be satisfied.'

16 "¹Beware, lest your hearts be deceived and you turn away and serve other gods and worship them.

17 "Or the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens ^aso that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and ^byou will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

18 "^aYou shall therefore ¹impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as ²frontals ³on your forehead.

19 "^aAnd you shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.

20 "^aAnd you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

21 so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as ¹long as the heavens *remain* above the earth.

22 "For if you are ^acareful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you, to do it, ^bto love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and ^chold fast to Him;

23 then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

24 "^aEvery place on which the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours; ^byour border shall be from the wilderness to Lebanon, *and* from the river, the River Euphrates, as far as ¹the Western Sea.

25 "^aThere shall no man be able to stand before you; the LORD your God shall lay the dread of you and the fear of you on all the land on which you set foot, as He has spoken to you.

26 "^aSee, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today;

28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, ¹by following other gods which you have not known.

29 "And it shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, ^athat you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

30 "Are they not across the Jordan, west of the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite ^aGilgal, beside ^bthe ¹oaks of Moreh?

31 "For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and ^ayou shall possess it and live in it,

32 and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.

¹ Lit., *all the days* ² Lit., *ground*
³ Deut. 4:9

CHAPTER 12

“THESE are the statutes and the judgments which you shall carefully observe in the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess ¹as long as you live on the ²earth.

³ I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity
⁴ Deut. 7:5

2 “You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

⁵ Deut. 12:11, 13; Ex. 20:24

3 “And ^ayou shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their ¹Asherim with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods, and you shall obliterate their name from that place.

⁶ Or, *heave-offering*

4 “You shall not act like this toward the LORD your God.

5 “^aBut you shall seek *the* LORD at the place which the LORD your God shall choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.

⁷ Lit., *the putting forth of your hand*
⁸ Deut. 12:12, 18; 14:26; 28:47

6 “And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the ¹contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the first-born of your herd and of your flock.

7 “There also you and your households shall eat before the LORD your God, and ^arejoice in all ¹your undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

⁹ Deut. 3:20; 25:19; 95:11
^b Deut. 4:21

8 “You shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man *doing* whatever is right in his own eyes;

9 for you have not as yet come to ^athe resting place and the ^binheritance which the LORD your God is giving you.

¹⁰ Josh. 11:23

10 “When you cross the Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and ^aHe gives you rest from all your enemies around you so that you live in security,

¹¹ Or, *heave offering*
^b Deut. 12:5

11 ^athen it shall come about that the place in which the LORD your God shall choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the ¹contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to the LORD.

¹² Deut. 12:7 ^b Deut. 12:18, 19; 26:11-13 ^c Deut. 10:9

12 “And you shall ^arejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the ^bLevite who is within your gates, since ^che has no portion or inheritance with you.

¹³ Deut. 12:5, 11

13 “^aBe careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every *cultic* place you see,

14 but in the place which the LORD chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

¹⁵ Lit., *in every desire of your soul*
^a Deut. 12:20-23 ^b Deut. 12:22; 14:5

15 “^aHowever, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your gates, ¹whatever you desire, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of ^bthe gazelle and the deer.

16 ^aLev. 17:10-12 ^bDeut. 15:23

17 ¹Lit., *heave-offering*
^aDeut. 12:26

18 ¹Lit., *the putting forth
of your hand*
^aDeut. 12:5 ^bDeut. 12:12
^cDeut. 12:7

19 ¹Lit., *all your days upon
your land*

20 ¹Lit., *your soul* ²Lit.,
every desire of your soul

21 ¹Lit., *in every desire of
your soul*

23 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aDeut. 12:16

25 ^aDeut. 4:40

26 ^aDeut. 12:17

27 ^aLev. 3:1-17

28 ^aDeut. 4:40

30 ¹Lit., *after them*

31 ^aDeut. 9:5 ^bDeut. 18:10;
Lev. 18:21; Ps. 106:37

32 ¹Lit., *All the thing that*
^aDeut. 4:2

16 ^a“Only you shall not eat the blood; ^byou are to pour it out on the ground like water.

17 ^a“You are not allowed to eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or new wine, or oil, or the first-born of your herd or flock, or any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, or the ¹contribution of your hand.

18 ^a“But you shall eat them before the LORD your God in ^athe place which the LORD your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male and female servants, and the ^bLevite who is within your gates; and you shall ^crejoice before the LORD your God in all ¹your undertakings.

19 ^a“Be careful that you do not forsake the Levite ¹as long as you live in your land.

20 ^a“When the LORD your God extends your border as He has promised you, and you say, ‘I will eat meat,’ because ¹you desire to eat meat, *then* you may eat meat, whatever ²you desire.

21 ^a“If the place which the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter of your herd and flock which the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates ¹whatever you desire.

22 ^a“Just as a gazelle or a deer is eaten, so you shall eat it; the unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.

23 ^a“Only be sure ^anot to eat the blood, for the blood is the ¹life, and you shall not eat the ¹life with the flesh.

24 ^a“You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the ground like water.

25 ^a“You shall not eat it, in order that ^ait may be well with you and your sons after you, for you will be doing what is right in the sight of the LORD.

26 ^a“Only your holy things which you may have and your votive offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD chooses.

27 ^a“And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, and ^ayou shall eat the flesh.

28 ^a“Be careful to listen to all these words which I command you, in order that ^ait may be well with you and your sons after you forever, for you will be doing what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

29 ^a“When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

30 ^abeware that you are not ensnared ¹to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, ‘How do these nations serve their gods, that I also may do likewise?’

31 ^a“You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for ^bthey even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 ^a“^{1a}Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

CHAPTER 13

“^{1a}IF a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, ‘^aLet us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’

3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is ^atesting you to find out if ^byou love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 “You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and ^acling to Him.

5 “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be ^aput to death, because he has ¹counseled ²rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of ³slavery, ^bto seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

6 “^aIf your brother, your mother’s son, or your son or daughter, or the wife ¹you cherish, or your friend who is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, ‘^bLet us go and serve other gods’ (whom neither you nor your fathers have known),

7 of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near you or far from you, from one end of the earth to the other end),

8 you shall not yield to him or listen to him; ^aand your eye shall not pity him, nor shall you spare or conceal him.

9 “^aBut you shall surely kill him; ^byour hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 “So you shall stone him ¹to death because he has sought ^ato seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of ²slavery.

11 “Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.

12 “If you hear in one of your cities which the LORD your God is giving you to live in *anyone* saying *that*

13 some worthless men have gone out from among you and have seduced the inhabitants of their city, saying, ‘^aLet us go and serve other gods’ (whom you have not known),

14 then you shall investigate and search out and inquire thoroughly. And if it is true and the matter established that this abomination has been done among you,

15 ^ayou shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, ¹utterly destroying it and all that is in it and its cattle with the edge of the sword.

16 “^aThen you shall gather all its booty into the middle of its open square and burn the city and all its booty with fire as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God; and it shall be a ¹ruin forever. It shall never be rebuilt.

17 “And nothing from that which is put under the ban shall cling to your hand, in order that the LORD may turn from ^aHis burning anger and ^bshow mercy to you, and have compassion

¹ ¹In Heb., 13:2
^aMatt. 24:24; Mark 13:22

2 ^aDeut. 13:6, 13

3 ^aDeut. 8:2, 16; Ex. 20:20
^bDeut. 6:5

4 ^aDeut. 10:20

5 ¹Lit., spoken ²Lit., turning aside ³Lit., slaves
^aDeut. 13:9, 15; 17:5 ^bDeut. 13:10; 4:19

6 ¹Lit., of your bosom
^aDeut. 17:2-7; 29:18 ^bDeut. 13:2

8 ^aDeut. 7:2

9 ^aDeut. 13:5 ^bDeut. 17:7; Lev. 24:14

10 ¹Lit., with stones so that he dies ²Lit., slaves
^aDeut. 13:5

13 ^aDeut. 13:2

15 ¹Or, putting it under the ban
^aDeut. 13:5

16 ¹Lit., mound
^aDeut. 7:25, 26

17 ^aEx. 32:12; Num. 25:4
^bDeut. 30:3

17 ¹Deut. 7:1318 ¹Or, for ²Lit., to keep
¹Lit., to do1 ¹Lit., make a baldness
between your eyes
²Lev. 21:52 ¹Or, special treasure
²Deut. 7:64 ²Lev. 11:1-45; Acts 10:145 ¹Exact identification of
these animals is uncertain6 ¹Lit., two hoofs ²Lit.,
brings up7 ¹Lit., brings up ²Lit., a
cleaving ³Or, hare12 ¹Or, vulture ²Or, black
vulture16 ¹Or, great horned owl19 ¹I.e., flying insects21 ¹Lit., gates
²Deut. 14:2 ³Ex. 23:19; 34:2622 ¹Lit., your seed

on you and ^cmake you increase, just as He has sworn to your fathers,

18 ¹If you will listen to the voice of the LORD your God, ²keeping all His commandments which I am commanding you today, ³and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 14

“**Y**ou are the sons of the LORD your God; ^ayou shall not cut yourselves nor ¹shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.

2 “For you are ^aa holy people to the LORD your God; and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for His ¹own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

3 “You shall not eat any detestable thing.

4 “^aThese are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat,

5 ¹the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope and the mountain sheep.

6 And any animal that divides the hoof and has the hoof split in ¹two and ²chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

7 “Nevertheless, you are not to eat of these among those which ¹chew the cud, or among those that divide the hoof in ²two: the camel and the ³rabbit and the rock-badger, for though they ¹chew the cud, they do not divide the hoof; they are unclean for you.

8 “And the pig, because it divides the hoof but *does not chew* the cud, it is unclean for you. You shall not eat any of their flesh nor touch their carcasses.

9 “These you may eat of all that are in water: anything that has fins and scales you may eat.

10 but anything that does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you.

11 “You may eat any clean bird.

12 “But these are the ones which you shall not eat: the ¹eagle and the vulture and the ²buzzard,

13 and the red kite, the falcon, and the kite in their kinds,

14 and every raven in its kind,

15 and the ostrich, the owl, the sea gull, and the hawk in their kinds,

16 the little owl, the ¹great owl, the white owl,

17 the pelican, the carrion vulture, the cormorant,

18 the stork, and the heron in their kinds, and the hoopoe and the bat.

19 “And all the ¹teeming life with wings are unclean to you; they shall not be eaten.

20 “You may eat any clean bird.

21 “You shall not eat anything which dies of *itself*. You may give it to the alien who is in your ¹town, so that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner, for you are ^aa holy people to the LORD your God. ^bYou shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

22 “You shall surely tithe all the produce from ¹what you sow, which comes out of the field every year.

23 “And you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your

God, ^aat the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the first-born of your herd and your flock, in order that you may ^blearn to fear the LORD your God always.

24 “And if the ¹distance is so great for you that you are not able to ²bring *the tithe*, since the place where the LORD your God chooses ^ato set His name is too far away from you when the LORD your God blesses you,

25 then you shall ¹exchange *it* for money, and bind the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

26 “And you may spend the money for whatever your ¹heart desires, for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your ¹heart ²desires; and ^athere you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

27 “Also you shall not neglect ^athe Levite who is in your ¹town, ^bfor he has no portion or inheritance among you.

28 “^aAt the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit *it* in your ¹town.

29 “And the Levite, ^abecause he has no portion or inheritance among you, and ^bthe alien, the ¹orphan and the widow who are in your ²town, shall come and ^ceat and be satisfied, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

CHAPTER 15

“^aAT the end of *every* seven years you shall ¹grant a remission of *debts*.

2 “And this is the manner of remission: every creditor shall release what he has loaned to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother, because the LORD’s remission has been proclaimed.

3 “From a foreigner you may exact *it*, but your hand shall release whatever of yours is with your brother.

4 “However, there shall be no poor among you, since the LORD will surely bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess,

5 if only you listen obediently to the voice of the LORD your God, to carefully observe all this commandment which I am commanding you today.

6 “^aFor the LORD your God shall bless you as He has promised you, and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; and you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

7 “If there is ^aa poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your ¹towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother;

8 but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need *in* whatever he lacks.

9 “Beware, lest there is a base ¹thought in your heart, saying, “^aThe seventh year, the year of remission, is near,” and

23 ^aDeut. 12:5 ^bDeut. 4:10

24 ¹Lit., way ²Lit., carry it
^aDeut. 12:5

25 ¹Lit., give in money

26 ¹Lit., soul ²Lit., asks of you
^aDeut. 12:7

27 ¹Lit., gates
^aDeut. 12:12 ^bDeut. 10:9

28 ¹Lit., gates
^aDeut. 26:12

29 ¹Or, fatherless ²Lit., gates
^aDeut. 10:9 ^bDeut. 16:11, 14; 24:19-21; 26:12 ^cDeut. 6:11

1 ¹Lit., make a release
^aDeut. 31:10

6 ^aDeut. 28:12, 13

7 ¹Lit., gates
^aDeut. 15:11

9 ¹Lit., word
^aDeut. 15:1

9 ^bDeut. 24:15; Ex. 22:23

your eye is hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; then he ^bmay cry to the LORD against you, and it will be a sin in you.

10 ¹Lit., *the putting forth of your hand*

10 “You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all ¹your undertakings.

11 ¹Lit., *in the midst of*
^aMatt. 26:11; Mark 14:7;
John 12:8

11 “^aFor the poor will never cease to be ¹in the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.’

12 ¹Lit., *brother* ²Lit., *free from you*
^aEx. 21:2-6; Lev. 25:39-43

12 “^aIf your ¹kinsman, a Hebrew man or woman, is sold to you, then he shall serve you six years, but in the seventh year you shall set him ²free.

13 “And when you set him ¹free, you shall not send him away empty-handed.

14 “You shall furnish him liberally from your flock and from your threshing floor and from your wine vat; you shall give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you.

13 ¹Lit., *free from you*

15 “And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you ¹this today.

15 ¹Lit., *this thing*

16 “And it shall come about if he says to you, ‘I will not go out from you,’ because he loves you and your household, since he fares well with you;

17 then you shall take an awl and pierce it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also you shall do likewise to your maid servant.

18 ¹Lit., *free from you* ²Lit., *double the amount*

18 “It shall not seem hard to you when you set him ¹free, for he has given you six years *with* ²double the service of a hired man; so the LORD your God will bless you in whatever you do.

19 ^aEx. 13:2

19 “^aYou shall consecrate to the LORD your God all the first-born males that are born of your herd and of your flock; you shall not work with the first-born of your herd, nor shear the first-born of your flock.

20 ^aLev. 7:15-18

20 “^aYou and your household shall eat it every year before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses.

21 ¹Lit., *blemish*
^aLev. 22:19-25

21 “^aBut if it has any ¹defect, *such as* lameness or blindness, or any serious ¹defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

22 “You shall eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean alike *may eat it*, as ^aa gazelle or a deer.

22 ^aDeut. 12:15, 16

23 “Only you shall not eat its blood; you are to pour it out on the ground like water.

CHAPTER 16

1 ¹Lit., *perform*
^aEx. 12:2

“OBSERVE ^athe month of Abib and ¹celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

2 “And you shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God from the flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD chooses to establish His name.

3 “^aYou shall not eat leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat with it unleavened bread, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), in order that

3 ^aEx. 12:8, 15

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you may remember ^ball the days of your life the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.

4 "For seven days no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory, and none of the flesh which you sacrifice on the evening of the first day shall remain overnight until morning.

5 "You are not allowed to sacrifice the Passover in any of your ¹towns which the LORD your God is giving you;

6 but ^aat the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name, you shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening at sunset, at the time that you came out of Egypt.

7 "And you shall cook and eat *it* in the place which the LORD your God chooses. And in the morning you are to return to your tents.

8 "Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be ^aa solemn assembly to the LORD your God; you shall do no work *on it*.

9 ^a"You shall count seven weeks for yourself; you shall begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

10 "Then you shall ¹celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the LORD your God blesses you;

11 and you shall ^arejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and ^bthe Levite who is in your ¹town, and ^cthe stranger and the ²orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

12 "And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

13 ^a"You shall ¹celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat;

14 and you shall ^arejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the ¹orphan and the widow who are in your ²towns.

15 "Seven days you shall celebrate a feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you shall be altogether joyful.

16 ^a"Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and ^bthey shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

17 "Every man ¹shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

18 "You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your ¹towns which the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

19 ^a"You shall not distort justice; you shall not ¹be partial, and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

20 "Justice, *and only* justice, you shall pursue, that ^ayou

3 ^bDeut. 4:9

5 ¹Lit., *gates*

6 ^aDeut. 12:5

8 ^aLev. 23:36

9 ^aEx. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15; Num. 28:26

10 ¹Lit., *perform*

11 ¹Lit., *gates* ²Or, *fatherless*
^aDeut. 12:7 ^bDeut. 12:12
^cDeut. 14:29

13 ¹Lit., *perform*
^aLev. 23:34-43

14 ¹Or, *fatherless* ²Lit., *gates*
^aDeut. 16:11

16 ^aEx. 23:14-17; 34:23, 24
^bEx. 22:29; 34:20

17 ¹Lit., *according to the gift of his hand*.

18 ¹Lit., *gates*

19 ¹Lit., *regard persons*
^aDeut. 1:17; 10:17

20 ^aDeut. 4:1

21 ¹Lit., wooden symbols of a female deity
²Deut. 7:5

¹Lit., evil thing
²Deut. 15:21

²Lit., gates
²Deut. 13:6-11

⁵Lit., death with stones

⁶Lit., mouth
²Deut. 19:15; Num. 35:30

⁷Deut. 13:9; Lev. 24:14

⁸ ¹Lit., blood to blood
²Lit., judgment to judgment
³Lit., stroke to stroke ⁴Lit., gates
²Deut. 12:5

⁹Deut. 19:17

¹⁰ ¹Lit., mouth

¹¹ ¹Lit., mouth
²Deut. 25:1

¹²Deut. 17:13; 1:43; 18:20

¹³Deut. 17:12

may live and possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

21 ²“You shall not plant for yourself an ¹Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself.

22 “Neither shall you set up for yourself a sacred pillar which the LORD your God hates.

CHAPTER 17

⁴“YOU shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep which has a blemish or any ¹defect, for that is a detestable thing to the LORD your God.

2 ²“If there is found in your midst, in any of your ¹towns, which the LORD your God is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, by transgressing His covenant,

3 and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, which I have not commanded;

4 and if it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. And behold, if it is true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has been done in Israel,

5 then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil deed, to your gates, *that is*, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them to ¹death.

6 ²“On the ¹evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the ¹evidence of one witness.

7 ²“The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

8 “If any case is too difficult for you to decide, between ¹one kind of homicide or another, between ²one kind of lawsuit or another, and between ³one kind of assault or another, being cases of dispute in your ⁴courts, then you shall arise and go up to ²the place which the LORD your God chooses.

9 “So you shall come to ²the Levitical priest or the judge who is *in office* in those days, and you shall inquire *of them*, and they will declare to you the verdict in the case.

10 “And you shall do according to the ¹terms of the verdict which they declare to you from that place which the LORD chooses; and you shall be careful to observe according to all that they teach you.

11 ²“According to the ¹terms of the law which they teach you, and according to the verdict which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you, to the right or the left.

12 “And the man who acts ²presumptuously by not listening to the priest who stands there to serve the LORD your God, nor to the judge, that man shall die; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

13 “Then all the people will hear and be afraid, and will not act ²presumptuously again.

14 “When you enter the land which the LORD your God

gives you, and you ^apossess it and live in it, and you say, ^b'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me.'

15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, *one* from among your ¹countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your ¹countryman.

16 ^aMoreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself; nor shall he ^bcause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

17 ^aNeither shall he multiply wives for himself, ¹lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

18 'Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll ^{1a}in the presence of the Levitical priests.

19 'And it shall be with him, and he shall read it ^aall the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, ^{1b}by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,

20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his ¹countrymen ^aand that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left; in order that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

CHAPTER 18

^a'THE Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the LORD's offerings by fire and His ¹portion.

2 'And they shall have no inheritance among their ¹countrymen; the LORD is their inheritance, as He ²promised them.

3 ^a'Now this shall be the priests' ¹due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, either an ox or a sheep, of which they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach.

4 'You shall give him the first fruits of your grain, your new wine, and your oil, and the first shearing of your sheep.

5 ^a'For the LORD your God has chosen him and his sons from all your tribes, to stand ¹and serve in the name of the LORD forever.

6 'Now if a Levite comes from any of your ¹towns throughout Israel where he resides, and comes ²whenever he desires to the place which the LORD chooses,

7 then he shall serve in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand there before the LORD.

8 ^a'They shall eat ¹equal portions, except *what they receive* from the sale of their fathers' *estates*.

9 'When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to ^{1a}imitate the detestable things of those nations.

10 'There shall not be found among you anyone ^awho makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one ^bwho practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

11 or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

¹⁴ *Deut. 11:31; Josh. 21:43
¹⁵ ¹ Sam. 8:5, 19, 20

¹⁵ ¹ Lit., *brother(s)*

¹⁶ ¹ Kin. 4:26; 10:26-29
¹⁵ Is. 31:1; Ezek. 17:15

¹⁷ ¹ Lit., *nor*
² 2 Sam. 5:13; 12:11; 1 Kin. 11:3, 4

¹⁸ ¹ Lit., *from before*
^a Deut. 31:24-26

¹⁹ ¹ Lit., *to keep to do them*
^a Deut. 4:9, 10

²⁰ ¹ Lit., *brothers*
^a Deut. 5:32

¹ ¹ Or, *inheritance*
^a Deut. 10:9; 1 Cor. 9:13

² ¹ Lit., *brothers* ² Lit., *spoke to*

³ ¹ Lev. 7:32-34; Num. 18:11, 12

⁵ ¹ Lit., *to*
^a Ex. 29:9

⁶ ¹ Lit., *gates* ² Lit., *with all the desire of his soul*

⁸ ¹ Lit., *portion like portion*
^a Lev. 27:30-33; Num. 18:21-24

⁹ ¹ Lit., *do according to*
^a Deut. 9:5

¹⁰ ¹ ¹ Deut. 12:31 ² Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:26, 31; 20:6; Jer. 27:9, 10; Mal. 3:5

13 ¹Lit., complete, perfect; or, having integrity
^aMatt. 5:48; Gen. 6:9; 17:1

15 ¹Lit., brothers
^aActs 3:22; 7:37; John 1:21, 25

16 ^aDeut. 5:23-27; Ex. 20:18, 19

17 ¹Lit., done well what they have spoken
^aDeut. 5:28

18 ¹Lit., brothers

19 ^aActs 3:23; Heb. 12:25

20 ¹Lit., and that
^aDeut. 17:12 ^bDeut. 13:1, 2

21 ¹Lit., if you say

22 ^aDeut. 18:20

1 ^aDeut. 6:10, 11

2 ¹Lit., possess it
^aDeut. 4:41

3 ¹Lit., road ²Lit., and it shall be for every manslayer to flee there

4 ¹Lit., smites ²Lit., without knowledge ³Lit., and he was not hating him previously
^aNum. 35:9-34

5 ¹Lit., is thrust with ²Lit., wood ³Lit., finds

6 ¹Lit., while his heart is hot ²Lit., smite him in the soul

12 "For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

13 ^a"You shall be ¹blameless before the LORD your God.

14 "For those nations which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so.

15 ^a"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your ¹countrymen, you shall listen to him.

16 "This is ^aaccording to all that you asked of the LORD your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, let me not see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

17 ^a"And the LORD said to me, 'They have ¹spoken well.

18 'I will raise up a prophet from among their ¹countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

19 ^a"And it shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.

20 'But the prophet who shall speak a word ^apresumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or ^bwhich he shall speak in the name of other gods, ¹that prophet shall die.'

21 "And ¹you may say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'

22 "When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it ^apresumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

CHAPTER 19

^a"WHEN the LORD your God cuts off the nations, whose land the LORD your God gives you, and you dispossess them and settle in their cities and in their houses,

2 ^ayou shall set aside three cities for yourself in the midst of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to ¹possess.

3 "You shall prepare the ¹roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land, which the LORD your God will give you as a possession, ²so that any manslayer may flee there.

4 ^a"Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee there and live: when he ¹kills his friend ²unintentionally, ³not hating him previously—

5 as when a man goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand ¹swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron head slips off the ²handle and ³strikes his friend so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live;

6 lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer ¹in the heat of his anger, and overtake him, because the way is long, and ²take his life, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated him previously.

7 "Therefore, I command you, saying, 'You shall set aside three cities for yourself.'

8 "And if the LORD your God enlarges your territory, just as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He ¹promised to give your fathers—

9 if you ¹carefully observe all this commandment, which I command you today, ²to love the LORD your God, and to walk in His ways always—then you shall add three more cities for yourself, besides these three.

10 "So innocent blood will not be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and ²bloodguiltiness be on you.

11 "But if there is a man who hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes ¹him so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,

12 then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 "^{1a}You shall not pity him, but you shall purge the blood of the innocent from Israel, that it may go well with you.

14 "^aYou shall not move your neighbor's boundary mark, which the ancestors have set, in your inheritance which you shall inherit in the land that the LORD your God gives you to ¹possess.

15 "^aA single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin ¹which he has committed; on the ²evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

16 "^aIf a malicious witness rises up against a man to ¹accuse him of ²wrongdoing,

17 then both the men who have the dispute shall stand ^abefore the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will be *in office* in those days.

18 "And the judges ^ashall investigate thoroughly; and if the witness is a false witness *and* he has ¹accused his brother falsely,

19 then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

20 "And the rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you.

21 "Thus ^{1a}you shall not show pity: ^blife for life, ^ceye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

"WHEN you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, ^ado not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.

2 "Now it shall come about that when you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people.

3 "And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be

8 ¹Lit. *spoke*

9 ¹Lit. *keep . . . to do it*
^aDeut. 6:5

10 ^aDeut. 21:1-9; Num. 35:33

11 ¹Lit. *him in the soul*

13 ¹Lit. *Your eye*
^aDeut. 7:2

14 ¹Lit. *possess it*
^aDeut. 27:17

15 ¹Lit. *in any sin, which he sins* ²Lit. *mouth of two witnesses, or by the mouth of three*
^aDeut. 17:6; Num. 35:30; Matt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1

16 ¹Lit. *testify against*
²Lit. *turning aside*
^aEx. 23:1

17 ^aDeut. 17:9

18 ¹Lit. *testified against*
^aDeut. 25:1

21 ¹Lit. *your eye*
^aDeut. 19:13 ^bEx. 21:23; Lev. 24:20 ^cMatt. 5:38

1 ^aDeut. 3:22; 7:18; 31:6, 8

3 ^aDeut. 20:1; Josh. 23:10

4 ^aDeut. 1:30

6 ¹Lit., *treat(ed) it as common*

7 ¹Lit., *taken* ²Lit., *take*
^aDeut. 24:5

8 ¹So with Gk. and other ancient versions.
^aJudg. 7:3

10 ¹Lit., *call to it for peace*

11 ¹Lit., *answer peace*

13 ¹Lit., *males*

14 ¹Lit., *eat*

15 ¹Lit., *here*

16 ^aDeut. 7:1-5; Ex. 23:31-33

17 ¹Or, *put them under the ban*

18 ^aDeut. 9:5

19 ¹Read as interrogative with ancient versions ²Lit., *come before you in the siege*

20 ¹Lit., *they are not trees for food*

fainthearted. ^aDo not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them,

4 for the LORD your God ^ais the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

5 "The officers also shall speak to the people, saying, 'Who is the man that has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

6 'And who is the man that has planted a vineyard and has not ¹begun to use its fruit? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man ¹begin to use its fruit.

7 'And who is the man that is engaged to a woman and has not ¹married her? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man ²marry her.'

8 "Then the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, 'Who is the man that is afraid and faint-hearted? Let him depart and return to his house, so that ¹he might not make his brothers' hearts melt like his heart.'

9 "And it shall come about that when the officers have finished speaking to the people, they shall appoint commanders of armies at the head of the people.

10 "When you approach a city to fight against it, you shall ¹offer it terms of peace.

11 "And it shall come about, if it ¹agrees to make peace with you and opens to you, then it shall be that all the people who are found in it shall become your forced labor and shall serve you.

12 "However, if it does not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.

13 "When the LORD your God gives it into your hand, you shall strike all the ¹men in it with the edge of the sword.

14 "Only the women and the children and the animals and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourself; and you shall ¹use the spoil of your enemies which the LORD your God has given you.

15 "Thus you shall do to all the cities that are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations ¹nearby.

16 "Only in the cities of these peoples that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes.

17 "But you shall ¹utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the LORD your God has commanded you,

18 in order that they may not teach you to do ^aaccording to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would sin against the LORD your God.

19 "When you besiege a city a long time, to make war against it in order to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees by swinging an axe against them; for you may eat from them, and you shall not cut them down. ¹For is the tree of the field a man, that it should ²be besieged by you?

20 "Only the trees which you know ¹are not fruit trees you shall destroy and cut down, that you may construct siegeworks against the city that is making war with you until it falls.

**Explication for an Unknown Murderer's Crime.
Marriage of Captive Women.**

CHAPTER 21

Deuteronomy 21

“IF a slain person is found lying in the open country in the land which the LORD your God gives you to ¹possess, *and* it is not known who has struck him,

2 then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure *the distance* to the cities which are around the slain one.

3 “And it shall be that the city which is nearest to the slain man, that is, the elders of that city, shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not been worked and which has not pulled in a yoke;

4 and the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with running water, which has not been plowed or sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.

5 “Then ^athe priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; and every dispute and every ¹assault ²shall be settled by them.

6 “And all the elders of that city ¹which is nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley;

7 and they shall answer and say, ‘Our hands have not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see *it*.’

8 ¹‘Forgive Thy people Israel whom Thou has redeemed, O LORD, and do not place the guilt of ^ainnocent blood in the midst of Thy people Israel.’ And the bloodguiltiness shall be ²forgiven them.

9 ^a‘So you shall remove the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the eyes of the LORD.’

10 “When you go out to battle against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hands, and you take them away captive,

11 and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire for her and would take her as a wife for yourself,

12 then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall ^ashave her head and ¹trim her nails.

13 “She shall also ¹remove the clothes of her captivity and shall remain in your house, and mourn her father and mother a full month; and after that you may go in to her and be her husband and she shall be your wife.

14 “And it shall be, if you are not pleased with her, then you shall let her go ¹wherever she wishes; but you shall certainly not sell her for money, you shall not ²mistreat her, because you have humbled her.

15 “If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other ¹unloved, and *both* the loved and the ¹unloved have borne him sons, if the first-born son belongs to the ¹unloved,

16 then it shall be in the day he ¹wills what he has to his sons, he cannot make the son of the loved the first-born before the son of the ²unloved, who is the first-born.

17 “But he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the ¹unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that ²he has, for he is the ^abeginning of his strength; to him belongs the right of the first-born.

18 “If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will

1 ¹Lit., *possess it*

5 ¹Lit., *stroke* ²Lit., *shall be according to their mouth*
^aDeut. 17:9-11; 19:17

6 ¹Lit., *who are*

8 ¹Lit., *cover over, atone for* ²Lit., *covered over, atoned for*
^aNum. 35:33, 34

9 ^aDeut. 19:13

12 ¹Lit., *do*
^aLev. 14:8, 9; Num. 6:9

13 ¹Lit., *remove from her*

14 ¹Lit., *according to her soul* ²Or, *enslave*

15 ¹Lit., *hated*

16 ¹Lit., *makes to inherit*
²Lit., *hated*

17 ¹Lit., *hated* ²Lit., *is found with him*
^aGen. 49:3

19 ¹Lit., and to the gate of his place

21 ¹Lev. 20:2, 27; 24:14-23; Num. 15:25, 36

22 ²Matt. 26:66; Mark 14:64

23 ¹Lit., the curse of God
²Josh. 8:29; 10:26, 27; John 19:31
³Gal. 3:13

1 ¹Lit., hide yourself from them
²Ex. 23:4, 5

3 ¹Lit., hide yourself

4 ¹Lit., hide yourself from them

6 ²Lev. 22:28

7 ²Deut. 4:40

9 ¹Lit., the fullness, seed
²Lev. 19:19

11 ²Lev. 19:19

12 ²Num. 15:37-41; Matt. 23:5

13 ¹Lit., hates her
²Deut. 24:1

not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them,

19 then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city ¹at the gateway of his home town.

20 "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

21 "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear of it and fear.

22 "And if a man has committed a sin ^aworthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

23 ^ahis corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for ^bhe who is hanged is ¹accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

CHAPTER 22

1 "YOU shall not see your countryman's ox or his sheep straying away, and ¹pay no attention to them; you shall certainly bring them back to your countryman.

2 "And if your countryman is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall remain with you until your countryman looks for it; then you shall restore it to him.

3 "And thus you shall do with his donkey, and you shall do the same with his garment, and you shall do likewise with anything lost by your countryman, which he has lost and you have found. You are not allowed to ¹neglect them.

4 "You shall not see your countryman's donkey or his ox fallen down on the way, and ¹pay no attention to them; you shall certainly help him to raise them up.

5 "A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

6 "If you happen to come upon a bird's nest along the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, ^ayou shall not take the mother with the young;

7 you shall certainly let the mother go, but the young you may take for yourself, ^ain order that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days.

8 "When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring blood-guilt on your house if anyone falls from it.

9 "You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest ¹all the produce of the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard become defiled.

10 "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 "You shall not wear a material mixed of wool and linen together.

12 "You shall make yourself tassels on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself.

13 "If any man takes a wife and goes in to her and then ¹turns against her,

14 and charges her with shameful deeds and ¹publicly defames her, and says, 'I took this woman, *but* when I came near her, I did not find her a virgin.'

15 Then the girl's father and her mother shall take and bring out the *evidence* of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.

16 "And the girl's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man for a wife, but he ¹turned against her;

17 and behold, he has charged her with shameful deeds, saying, "I did not find your daughter a virgin." But ¹this is the *evidence* of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city.

18 "So the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him,

19 and they shall fine him a hundred *shekels* of silver and give it to the girl's father, because he ¹publicly defamed a virgin of Israel. And she shall remain his wife; he cannot ²divorce her all his days.

20 "But if this ¹charge is true, that the girl was not found a virgin,

21 then they shall bring out the girl to the doorway of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her ¹to death because she has ²committed an act of folly in Israel, by playing the harlot in her father's house; thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

22 "If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

23 "If there is a girl who is a virgin engaged to a man, and *another* man finds her in the city and lies with her,

24 then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city and you shall stone them ¹to death; the girl, because she did not cry out in the city, and the man, because he has violated his neighbor's wife. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

25 "But if in the field the man finds the girl who is engaged, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lies with her shall die.

26 "But you shall do nothing to the girl; there is no sin in the girl worthy of death, for just as a man rises against his neighbor and murders him, so is this case.

27 "When he found her in the field, the engaged girl cried out, but there was no one to save her.

28 "If a man finds a girl who is a virgin, who is not engaged, and seizes her and lies with her and they are discovered,

29 then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall become his wife because he has violated her; he cannot divorce her all his days.

30 "If a man shall not take his father's wife so that he shall not uncover his father's skirt.

14 ¹Lit., *causes an evil name to go out against her*

16 ¹Lit., *hated her*

17 ¹Lit., *these are*

19 ¹Lit., *caused an evil name to go out against a virgin* ²Lit., *send her away*

20 ¹Lit., *matter*

21 ¹Lit., *with stones so that she dies*
²Deut. 23:17, 18; Lev. 19:29; 21:9

22 ²Lev. 20:10; Ezek. 16:38; John 8:5

23 ²Lev. 19:20-22

24 ¹Lit., *with stones so that they die*

28 ²Ex. 22:16

30 ¹Ch. 23:1 in Heb.
²Deut. 27:20

¹Lit., *wounded by crushing of testicles*
²Lev. 21:20; 22:24

CHAPTER 23

"¹NO one who is ¹emasculated, or has his male organ cut off, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

4 ¹Lit., *bread* ²Heb. *Aram-naharaim*
^aNum. 22:5; 23:7; 2 Pet. 2:15; Jude 11

5 ^aDeut. 4:37

9 ¹Or, *camp*

10 ¹Lit., *come to the midst of*
^aLev. 15:16

11 ¹Lit., *come to the midst of*

13 ¹Lit., *peg* ²Lit., *and*

14 ¹Lit., *give up* ²Lit., *nakedness of anything* ³Lit., *and*
^aLev. 26:12

15 ¹Lit., *delivered himself*

16 ¹Lit., *gates*

17 ^aDeut. 22:21

18 ¹i.e., *male prostitute, sodomite*
^aLev. 18:22; 20:13

19 ¹Lit., *brothers*
^aEx. 22:25; Lev. 25:35-37

20 ¹Lit., *brother* ²Lit., *the putting forth of your hand*
³Lit., *possess it*
^aDeut. 28:12

21 ^aNum. 30:1, 2; Matt. 5:33

2 "No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of his *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

3 "No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD,

4 because they did not meet you with ¹food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you ^aBalaam the son of Beor from Pethor of ²Mesopotamia, to curse you.

5 "Nevertheless, the LORD your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the LORD your God ^aloves you.

6 "You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days.

7 "You shall not detest an Edomite, for he is your brother; you shall not detest an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land.

8 "The sons of the third generation who are born to them may enter the assembly of the LORD.

9 "When you go out as an ¹army against your enemies, then you shall keep yourself from every evil thing.

10 "If there is among you any man who is unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he must go outside the camp; he may not ¹reenter the camp.

11 "But it shall be when evening approaches, he shall bathe himself with water, and at sundown he may ¹reenter the camp.

12 "You shall also have a place outside the camp and go out there,

13 and you shall have a ¹spade among your tools, and it shall be when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and shall turn ²to cover up your excrement.

14 "Since ^athe LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to ¹defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see ²anything indecent among you ³lest He turn away from you.

15 "You shall not hand over to his master a slave who has ¹escaped from his master to you.

16 "He shall live with you in your midst, in the place which he shall choose in one of your ¹towns where it pleases him; you shall not mistreat him.

17 "None of the daughters of Israel shall be a cult prostitute, nor shall any of the sons of Israel be a cult prostitute.

18 "You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a ¹dog into the house of the LORD your God for any votive offering, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God.

19 "You shall not charge interest to your ¹countrymen: interest on money, food, or anything that may be loaned at interest.

20 "You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your ¹countryman you shall not charge interest, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all ²that you undertake in the land which you are about to enter to ³possess.

21 "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you

shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, ¹and the LORD your God will surely require it of you.

22 "However, if you refrain from vowing, it would not be sin in you.

23 "You shall be careful to perform what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God, what you have ¹promised.

24 "When you enter your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes ¹until you are fully satisfied, but you shall not put any in your ²basket.

25 "When you enter your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not wield a sickle in your neighbor's standing grain.

CHAPTER 24

"WHEN a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens ¹that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some ²indecentcy in her, and ^bhe writes her a certificate of divorce and puts *it* in her hand and sends her out from his house,

2 and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife,

3 and if the latter husband ¹turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts *it* in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,

4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

5 "When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army, nor be charged with any duty; he shall be free at home one year and shall give happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

6 "No one shall take a handmill or an upper millstone in pledge, for he would be taking a life in pledge.

7 "If a man is ¹caught kidnapping any of his ²countrymen of the sons of Israel, and he deals with him violently, or sells him, then that thief shall die; so you shall purge the evil from among you.

8 "Be careful against ¹an infection of leprosy, that you diligently observe and do according to all that the Levitical priests shall teach you; as I have commanded them, so you shall be careful to do.

9 "Remember what the LORD your God did ²to Miriam on the way as you came out of Egypt.

10 "When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, you shall not enter his house to take his pledge.

11 "You shall remain outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.

12 "And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge.

21 ¹Lit., for

23 ¹Lit., spoken with your mouth

24 ¹Lit., according to your satisfaction of your soul ²Or, vessel

25 ²Matt. 12:1; Mark 2:23; Luke 6:1

¹ Lit., if
²Deut. 22:13-21; Num. 5:12, 28
³Matt. 5:31; 19:7-9; Mark 10:4, 5

3 ¹Lit., hates her

5 ²Deut. 20:7

7 ¹Lit., found stealing
²Lit., brothers
³Ex. 21:16

8 ¹Lit., a mark or stroke
²Lev. 13:1-14, 57

9 ²Num. 12:10

10 ²Ex. 22:26, 27

13 ^aDeut. 6:25

14 ¹Lit., *brothers* ²Lit.,
gates
^aDeut. 15:7-18; Lev. 25:35-
43; 1 Tim. 5:18

15 ¹Lit., *that the sun shall
not go down on it* ²Lit., *soul*
^aLev. 19:13; James 5:4
^bDeut. 15:9; Ex. 22:23

16 ¹Or, *with*
^a2 Kin. 14:6; 2 Chr. 25:4; Jer.
31:29, 30; Ezek. 18:20

17 ¹Lit., *of* ²Or, *fatherless*
^aDeut. 1:17; 10:17; 16:19

19 ¹Or, *fatherless*
^aLev. 19:9, 10; 23:22 ^bDeut.
14:29

20 ¹Lit., *after yourself* ²Or,
fatherless
^aLev. 19:10 ^bDeut. 24:19

21 ¹Lit., *glean it after
yourself* ²Or, *fatherless*

1 ¹Lit., *the judgment*
²Lit., *they judge them*
^aDeut. 17:8-13; 19:17 ^bDeut.
1:16, 17

2 ¹Lit., *is a son of beating*
²Or, *wickedness*

3 ^a2 Cor. 11:24

4 ^a1 Cor. 9:9; 1 Tim. 5:18

5 ^aMatt. 22:24; Mark
12:19; Luke 20:28

6 ¹Lit., *stand on*
^aRuth 4:5, 10

7 ^aRuth 4:1, 2

13 "When the sun goes down you shall surely return the pledge to him, that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you; and ^ait will be righteousness for you before the LORD your God.

14 ^a"You shall not oppress a hired servant *who is* poor and needy, whether *he is* one of your ¹countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your land in your ²towns.

15 ^a"You shall give him his wages on his day ¹before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his ²heart on it; so that ^bhe may not cry against you to the LORD and it become sin in you.

16 ^a"Fathers shall not be put to death ¹for *their* sons, nor shall sons be put to death ¹for *their* fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 ^a"You shall not pervert the justice ¹due an alien or an ²orphan, nor take a widow's garment in pledge.

18 "But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and that the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.

19 ^a"When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be ^bfor the alien, for the ¹orphan, and for the widow, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

20 ^a"When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs ¹again; it shall be ^bfor the alien, for the ²orphan, and for the widow.

21 "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not ¹go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the ²orphan, and for the widow.

22 "And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.

CHAPTER 25

1 ^a"IF there is a dispute between men and they go to ¹court, and ²the judges decide their case, ^band they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked,

2 then it shall be if the wicked man ¹deserves to be beaten, the judge shall then make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with the number of stripes according to his ²guilt.

3 ^a"He may beat him forty times *but* no more, lest he beat him with many more stripes than these, and your brother be degraded in your eyes.

4 ^a"You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing.

5 "When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be *married* outside *the family* to a strange man. ^aHer husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

6 "And it shall be that the first-born whom she bears shall ¹assume the name of his dead brother, that ^ahis name may not be blotted out from Israel.

7 ^a"But if the man does not desire to take his brother's

wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to establish a name for his brother in Israel; he is not willing to perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.'

8 "Then the elders of his city shall summon him and speak to him. And if he persists and says, 'I do not desire to take her,'

9 "then his brother's wife shall come to him in the sight of the elders, and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face; and she shall declare, 'Thus it is done to the man who does not build up his brother's house.'

10 "And in Israel his name shall be called, 'The house of him whose sandal is removed.'

11 "If two men, a man and his countryman, are struggling together, and the wife of one comes near to deliver her husband from the hand of the one who is striking him, and puts out her hand and seizes his genitals,

12 then you shall cut off her hand; you shall not show pity.

13 "You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a large and a small.

14 "You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.

15 "You shall have a full and just weight; you shall have a full and just measure, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

16 "For everyone who does these things, everyone who acts unjustly is an abomination to the LORD your God.

17 "Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt,

18 how he met you along the way and attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

19 "Therefore it shall come about when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you must not forget.

CHAPTER 26

"THEN it shall be, when you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it,

2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you shall bring in from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

3 "And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'I declare this day to the LORD my God that I have entered the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.'

4 "Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

5 "And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went

9 ¹Lit. answer and say
*Ruth 4:7, 8 ^bNum. 12:14

11 ¹Lit. brother

12 ¹Lit., palm ²Lit., your eye
*Deut. 7:2

13 ¹Lit., a stone and a stone
*Lev. 19:35-37

14 ¹Lit., an ephah and an ephah

15 ¹Lit., ephah ²Lit., ground

17 *Ex. 17:8-16

18 ¹Or, reverence

19 ¹Lit., possess it
*Deut. 12:9

2 *Ex. 22:29; 23:16, 19

3 ¹So with Gk; Heb., your

5 ¹Or, perishing
*Gen. 25:30; 31:40-42; 43:1-14

⁵ ²Or, *lived as an alien*
^bGen. 46:27 ^cDeut. 1:10;
 10:22

8 ^aDeut. 4:34

9 ^aEx. 3:8, 17

11 ^aDeut. 12:12 ^bDeut. 12:7

12 ¹Lit., *tithing* ²Or,
fatherless ³Lit., *gates*
^aDeut. 14:28, 29; Heb. 7:5, 9,
 10

13 ¹Or, *fatherless*

14 ¹Lit., *while in my*

15 ^aDeut. 26:9

16 ^aDeut. 4:29

17 ¹Lit., *to walk in*

18 ¹Lit., *to keep all*
^aDeut. 7:6

19 ¹Lit., *to set you*
^aDeut. 28:1, 13 ^bDeut. 7:6

down to Egypt and ²sojourned there, ^bfew in number; but there he became a ^cgreat, mighty and populous nation.

6 'And the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us.

7 'Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression;

8 ^aand the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and wonders;

9 and He has brought us to this place, and has given us this land, ^aa land flowing with milk and honey.

10 'And now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which Thou, O LORD hast given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God;

11 and you and ^athe Levite and the alien who is among you shall ^brejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you and your household.

12 ^a"When you have finished ¹paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the ²orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your ³towns, and be satisfied.

13 "And you shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred *portion* from *my* house, and also have given it to the Levite and the alien, the ¹orphan and the widow, according to all Thy commandments which Thou hast commanded me; I have not transgressed or forgotten any of Thy commandments.

14 'I have not eaten of it ¹while mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor offered any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of the LORD my God; I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.

15 'Look down from Thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Thy people Israel, and the ground which Thou hast given us, ^aa land flowing with milk and honey, as Thou didst swear to our fathers.'

16 "This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore be careful to do them ^awith all your heart and with all your soul.

17 "You have today declared the LORD to be your God, and ¹that you would walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments and His ordinances, and listen to His voice.

18 "And the LORD has today declared you to be ^aHis people, a treasured possession, as He promised you, and ¹that you should keep all His commandments;

19 and ¹that He shall ^aset you high above all nations which He has made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall be ^ba consecrated people to the LORD your God, as He has spoken."

CHAPTER 27

THEN Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people, saying, "Keep all the commandments which I command you today.

The Law Recorded at Ebal. Curses There.

2 ^aSo it shall be on the day when you shall cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself large stones, and coat them with lime

3 and write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over, in order that you may enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, ^aa land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, ¹promised you.

4 "So it shall be when you cross the Jordan, you shall set up on Mount Ebal, these stones, ¹as I am commanding you today, and you shall coat them with lime.

5 "Moreover, you shall build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not ¹wield an iron tool on them.

6 "You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of ¹uncut stones; and you shall offer on it burnt offerings to the LORD your God;

7 and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there, and you shall ^arejoice before the LORD your God.

8 "And you shall write on the ¹stones all the words of this law very distinctly."

9 Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God.

10 "You shall therefore ¹obey the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

11 Moses also charged the people on that day, saying,

12 "When you cross the Jordan, these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: ^aSimeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 "And for the curse, these shall stand on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 "The Levites shall then answer and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

15 'Cursed is the man who makes ^{1a}an idol or a molten image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.'

16 'Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

17 'Cursed is he who moves his neighbor's boundary mark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

18 'Cursed is he who misleads a blind *person* on the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

19 'Cursed is he who distorts the justice due an alien, ¹orphan, and widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

20 'Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's skirt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

21 'Cursed is he who lies with any animal.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

22 'Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

23 'Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

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2 ^aJosh. 8:30-32

3 ¹Lit., *spoke to*
^aDeut. 26:9

4 ¹Lit., *which*

5 ¹Lit., *lift up*

6 ¹Lit., *whole*

7 ^aDeut. 26:11

8 ¹i.e., stones coated with lime, cf. vs. 4

10 ¹Lit., *listen to the voice of*

12 ^aJosh. 8:33-35

15 ¹Or, *a graven image*
^aEx. 20:4, 23; 34:17

16 ^aEx. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Ezek. 22:7

17 ^aDeut. 19:14

18 ^aLev. 19:14

19 ¹Or, *fatherless*
^aDeut. 14:17

20 ^aDeut. 22:30; Lev. 18:8; 20:11

21 ^aEx. 22:19; Lev. 18:23

22 ^aLev. 18:9; 20:17

23 ^aLev. 20:14

24 ^aEx. 21:12; Lev. 24:17;
Num. 35:30, 31

25 ^aEx. 23:7

26 ^aGal. 3:10

1 ¹Lit., *listen to the voice of*
^aDeut. 7:12-26; Ex. 23:22-27
Lev. 26:3-13 ^bDeut. 28:13;
26:19

2 ¹Lit., *listen to the voice of*

3 ¹Or, *field*

4 ¹Lit., *fruit* ²Lit., *womb*

7 ¹Lit., *smitten*

10 ¹Lit., *the name of the LORD is called upon you*

11 ¹Lit., *fruit* ²Or, *womb*
^aDeut. 28:4

12 ^aDeut. 23:20

13 ¹Lit., *keep and do*
^aDeut. 28:1, 44

14 ^aDeut. 5:32

15 ¹Lit., *listen to the voice of*
^aLev. 26:14-43; Josh. 23:15

24 ^a'Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor in secret.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

25 ^a'Cursed is he who accepts a bribe to strike down an innocent person.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

26 ^a'Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

CHAPTER 28

^a“^aNOW it shall be, if you will diligently ¹obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God ^bwill set you high above all the nations of the earth.

2 “And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you will ¹obey the LORD your God.

3 “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the ¹country.

4 “Blessed *shall be* the ¹offspring of your ²body and the ¹produce of your ground and the ¹offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

5 “Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

6 “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be ¹defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way and shall flee before you seven ways.

8 “The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

9 “The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you will keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and walk in His ways.

10 “So all the peoples of the earth shall see that ¹you are called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of you.

11 ^a“And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the ¹offspring of your ²body and in the ¹offspring of your beast and in the ¹produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

12 “The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and ^ayou shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

13 ^a“And the LORD shall make you the head and not the tail, and you only shall be above, and you shall not be underneath, if you will listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to ¹observe *them* carefully,

14 and ^ado not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ^a“But it shall come about, if you will not ¹obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His

statutes which I charge you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

16 ^a"Cursed *shall* you *be* in the city, and cursed *shall* you be in the ¹country.

17 ^a"Cursed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

18 ^a"Cursed *shall be* the ¹offspring of your ²body and the ¹produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

19 ^a"Cursed *shall* you *be* when you come in, and cursed *shall* you *be* when you go out.

20 ^a"The LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in all ¹you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until ^byou perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken Me.

21 ^a"The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land, where you are entering to possess it.

22 "The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with ¹the sword and ^awith blight and with mildew, and they shall pursue you until ^byou perish.

23 "And ¹the heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron.

24 ^a"The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25 ^a"The LORD will cause you to be ¹defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them, but you shall flee seven ways before them, and you shall ^bbe *an example* of terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 ^a"And your carcasses shall be food to all birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten *them* away.

27 ^a"The LORD will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with hemorrhoids and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.

28 "The LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart;

29 and you shall ^{1a}grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you.

30 "You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall violate her; ^ayou shall build a house, but you shall not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not ¹use its fruit.

31 "Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be torn away from you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have none to save you.

32 ^a"Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes shall look on and yearn for them continually; but there shall be nothing ¹you can do.

33 "A people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors, and you shall never be anything but oppressed and crushed continually.

16 ¹Or, *field*
^aDeut. 28:3

17 ^aDeut. 28:5

18 ¹Lit., *fruit* ²Or, *womb*
^aDeut. 28:4

19 ^aDeut. 28:6

20 ¹Lit., *the putting forth of your hand which you do*
^aDeut. 28:8 ^bDeut. 4:26

21 ^aLev. 26:25; Num. 14:12

22 ¹Another reading is, *drought*
^aAmos 4:9 ^bDeut. 4:29

23 ¹Lit., *your*

24 ^aDeut. 28:12; 11:17

25 ¹Lit., *smitten*
^aDeut. 28:7 ^{b2}Chr. 29:8; Jer. 15:4

26 ^aJer. 7:33; 16:4; 19:7; 34:20

27 ^aDeut. 28:60, 61; 7:15

29 ¹Lit., *be groping*
^aEx. 10:21

30 ¹Lit., *begin it*
^aAmos 5:11

32 ¹Lit., *in the power of your hand*
^aDeut. 28:41

34 ¹Lit., *your eyes which you*

35 ^aDeut. 28:27

36 ^{a2} Kin. 17:4, 6; 24:12, 14; 25:7, 11 ^bDeut. 4:28

37 ^aJer. 19:8; 29:18

38 ^aIs. 5:10; Mic. 6:15 ^bJoel 1:4

39 ^aIs. 5:10; 17:10, 11

40 ^aJer. 11:16; Mic. 6:15

41 ¹Lit., *beget*
^aDeut. 28:32

42 ^aDeut. 28:38

43 ^aDeut. 28:13

44 ^aDeut. 28:12 ^bDeut. 28:13

45 ¹Lit., *listen to the voice of*
^aDeut. 4:25, 26

46 ¹Lit., *seed*

47 ^aDeut. 12:7

48 ^aLam. 4:4-6 ^bJer. 28:13, 14

49 ^aIs. 5:26-30; 7:18-20

51 ¹Lit., *fruit*

52 ¹Lit., *gates*
^aJer. 10:17, 18; Zeph. 1:15, 16

53 ¹Lit., *fruit*
^aLev. 26:29; Jer. 19:9; Lam. 2:20

34 "And you shall be driven mad by the sight of ¹what you see.

35 ^aThe LORD will strike you on the knees and legs with sore boils, from which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36 ^aThe LORD will bring you and your king whom you shall set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, ^bwood and stone.

37 "And ^ayou shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD will drive you.

38 ^aYou shall bring out much seed to the field but you shall gather in little, for ^bthe locust shall consume it.

39 ^aYou shall plant and cultivate vineyards, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather *the grapes*, for the worm shall devour them.

40 ^aYou shall have olive trees throughout your territory but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off.

41 ^aYou shall ¹have sons and daughters but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity.

42 ^aThe cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground.

43 ^aThe alien who is among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you shall go down lower and lower.

44 ^aHe shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; ^bhe shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45 "So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you ^auntil you are destroyed, because you would not ^blove the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

46 "And they shall become a sign and a wonder on you and your ¹descendants forever.

47 ^aBecause you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD shall send against you, ^ain hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He ^bwill put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

49 ^aThe LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,

50 a nation of fierce countenance who shall have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.

51 "Moreover, it shall eat the ¹offspring of your herd and the produce of your ground until you are destroyed, who also leaves you no grain, new wine, or oil, nor the increase of your herd or the young of your flock until they have caused you to perish.

52 ^aAnd it shall besiege you in all your ¹towns until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout your land, and it shall besiege you in all your ¹towns throughout your land which the LORD your God has given you.

53 ^aThen you shall eat the ¹offspring of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters whom the LORD

your God has given you, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall ²oppress you.

54 "The man who is ¹refined and very delicate among you ²shall be hostile toward his brother and toward the wife ³he cherishes and toward the rest of his children who remain,

55 so that he will not give *even* one of them any of the flesh of his children which he shall eat, since he has nothing *else* left, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall ¹oppress you in all your ²towns.

56 "The ¹refined and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and ²refinement, ³shall be hostile toward the husband ⁴she cherishes and toward her son and daughter,

57 and toward her afterbirth which issues from between her ¹legs and toward her children whom she bears; for she shall eat them secretly for lack of anything *else*, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall ²oppress you in your ³towns.

58 "If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to ¹fear this honored and awesome name, ²the LORD your God,

59 then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and ¹your descendants, even ²severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

60 "And He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

61 "Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring them on you ^auntil you are destroyed.

62 "Then you shall be left few in number, ^awhereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because you did not ¹obey the LORD your God.

63 "And it shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you shall be ^atorn from the land where you are entering to possess it.

64 "Moreover, the LORD will ^ascatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall ^bserve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

65 "And ^aamong those nations you shall find no rest, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.

66 "So your life shall ¹hang in doubt before you; and you shall be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.

67 "In the morning you shall say, 'Would that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that it were morning!' because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.

68 "And the LORD will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way about which ^aI spoke to you, 'You will never see it again!' And there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

53 ²Or, *distress*

54 ¹Lit., *tender* ²Lit., *his eye shall be evil toward* ³Lit., *of his bosom*

55 ¹Or, *distress* ²Lit., *gates*

56 ¹Lit., *tender* ²Lit., *tenderness* ³Lit., *her eye shall be evil toward* ⁴Lit., *of her bosom*
^aLam. 4:10

57 ¹Lit., *feet* ²Or, *distress*
³Lit., *gates*

58 ¹Or, *reverence*
²YHWH, or Yahweh

59 ¹Lit., *plague on your seed* ²Lit., *great*

60 ^aDeut. 28:27

61 ^aDeut. 4:25, 26

62 ¹Lit., *listen to the voice of*
^aDeut. 1:10

63 ^aJer. 12:14; 45:4

64 ^aDeut. 4:27 ^bDeut. 4:28; 29:26; 32:17

65 ^aLam. 1:3

66 ¹Lit., *be hung for you in front*,

68 ^aEx. 13:14

¹ 1^aChap. 28:69 in Heb.
^aLev. 26:46; 27:34^bDeut.
 5:2, 3

2¹Chap. 29:1 in Heb.

4^aRom. 11:8; Is. 6:9, 10;
 Acts 28:26, 27

5^aDeut. 8:4

6^aDeut. 8:3

7¹Lit., *came to* ²Lit.,
smote
^aDeut. 2:26-3:17; Num.
 21:21-24, 33, 35

8^aDeut. 3:12, 13; Num.
 32:32

9^aDeut. 4:6^bJosh. 1:7

11^aJosh. 9:21, 23, 27

13^aGen. 17:7; Ex. 6:7

17^aDeut. 4:28; 28:36; Ex.
 20:23

18^aDeut. 13:6^bDeut.
 32:32; Heb. 12:15

CHAPTER 29

1a

TH**E**SE are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the ^bcovenant which He had made with them at Horeb.

2 ¹And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land;

3 the great trials which your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders.

4 "Yet to this day ^athe LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

5 "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; ^ayour clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot.

6 "You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink, in order that you might know that I am the LORD your God.

7 "When you ¹reached this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us for battle, but we ²defeated them;

8 and we took their land and ^agave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.

9 "So keep the words of this covenant to do them, ^bthat you may prosper in all that you do.

10 "You stand today, all of you, before the LORD your God: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders and your officers, *even* all the men of Israel,

11 your little ones, your wives, and the alien who is within your camps, from ^athe one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water,

12 that you may enter into the covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath which the LORD your God is making with you today,

13 in order that He may establish you today as His people and that ^aHe may be your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

14 "Now not with you alone am I making this covenant and this oath,

15 but both with those who stand here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God and with those who are not with us here today

16 (for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed.

17 "Moreover, you have seen their abominations and their idols of ^awood, stone, silver, and gold, which *they had* with them);

18 ^alest there shall be among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations; lest there shall be among you ^{ba}a root bearing poisonous fruit and wormwood.

19 "And it shall be when he hears the words of this curse.

that he will ¹boast, saying, 'I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart in order ²to destroy the watered land with the dry.'

20 "The LORD shall never be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and His jealousy will ¹burn against that man, and every curse which is written in this book will ²rest on him, and the LORD will ³blot out his name from under heaven.

21 "Then the LORD will single him out for ¹adversity from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant ²which are written in this book of the law.

22 "Now the generation to come, your sons who rise up after you and ²the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has ¹afflicted it, will say,

23 'All its land is ²brimstone and salt, ³ba burning waste, ¹unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.'

24 "And all the nations shall say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great ¹outburst of anger?'

25 "Then ¹men shall say, '²Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

26 'And they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they have not known and whom He had not ¹allotted to them.

27 'Therefore, the anger of the LORD burned against that land, to bring upon it every curse which is written in this book;

28 and ²the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and in fury and in great wrath, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.'

29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

"SO it shall become when all of these things have come upon you, ²the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you ¹call them to mind ²in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you,

2 and you ²return to the LORD your God and ¹obey Him ²with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

3 then the LORD your God will ²restore ¹you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has ²scattered you.

4 "If your outcasts are at the ends of the ¹earth, ²from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will ²bring you back.

5 "And ²the LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and ²multiply you more than your fathers.

6 "Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your

19 ¹Lit., *bless himself in his heart* ²Lit., *to destroy everything*

20 ¹Lit., *smoke* ²Lit., *lie down*
^aPs. 74:1; 80:4 ^bDeut. 9:14; Ex. 32:33; 2 Kin. 14:27

21 ¹Lit., *evil*
^aDeut. 30:10

22 ¹Lit., *made it sick*
^aJer. 19:8; 49:17; 50:13

23 ¹Lit., *it is not sown and does not cause to sprout*
^aGen. 19:24; Is. 34:9 ^bIs. 1:7; 64:11

24 ¹Lit., *heat*

25 ^a2 Kin. 17:9-23; 2 Chr. 36:13-21

26 ¹Lit., *portioned*

28 ^aEzek. 19:12, 13

1 ¹Lit., *cause them to return to your heart*
^aDeut. 30:15, 19; 11:26
^bDeut. 28:64; 29:28; Lev. 26:40-45

2 ¹Lit., *listen to His voice*
^aDeut. 4:29, 30 ^bDeut. 4:29

3 ¹Lit., *your captivity*
^aGen. 28:15; 48:21 ^bDeut. 4:27

4 ¹Lit., *sky* ²Lit., *take you*
^aNeh. 1:9; Is. 43:6; 48:20; 62:11

5 ^aJer. 29:14; 30:3 ^bDeut. 7:13; 13:17

6¹Lit., *seed*
^aDeut. 7:15

7¹Lit., *put*
^aDeut. 7:15

8¹Lit., *listen to the voice of*

9¹Lit., *make you have excess for good* ²Lit., *fruit*
¹Lit., *worm*
^aJer. 31:27, 28

10¹Or, *for you will* ²Lit., *listen to the voice of*
^aDeut. 29:21 ^bDeut. 4:29

11¹Lit., *far off*

12¹Lit., *to say*
^aRom. 10:6-8

13¹Lit., *to say*

15¹Lit., *good* ²Lit., *evil*

16^aDeut. 6:5 ^bDeut. 30:19;
 4:1

18¹Lit., *to*
^aDeut. 4:26

19¹Lit., *seed*
^aDeut. 4:26 ^bDeut. 30:1

20¹Lit., *that* ²Lit., *to dwell*
^aDeut. 6:5 ^bDeut. 10:20
^cDeut. 4:1; 32:47

2^aDeut. 34:7 ^bDeut. 1:37

heart and the heart of your ¹descendants, ^ato love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.

7 ^a"And the LORD your God will ¹inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8 "And you shall again ¹obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

9 ^a"Then the LORD your God will ¹prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the ²offspring of your ³body and in the ²offspring of your cattle and in the ²produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

10 ¹If you ²obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which ^aare written in this book of the law, ¹if you turn to the LORD your God ^bwith all your heart and soul.

11 "For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it ¹out of reach.

12 "It is not in heaven, ¹that you should say, ^a"Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?"

13 "Nor is it beyond the sea, ¹that you should say, "Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?"

14 "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.

15 "See, I have set before you today life and ¹prosperity, and death and ²adversity;

16 in that I command you today ^ato love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you ^bmay live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

17 "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them,

18 I declare to you today that ^ayou shall surely perish. You shall not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter ¹and possess it.

19 "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, ^bthe blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your ¹descendants,

20 ^aby loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and ^bby holding fast to Him; ^cfor ¹this is your life and the length of your days, ²that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

CHAPTER 31

So Moses ^awent and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 And he said to them, "I am ^aa hundred and twenty years old today; I am no longer able to come and go, and the LORD has said to me, ^bYou shall not cross this Jordan."

3 "It is the LORD your God who will cross ahead of you; He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispos-

3 *Num. 27:18

possess them. ^aJoshua is the one who will cross ahead of you, just as the LORD has spoken.

4 "And the LORD will do to them just as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.

6 *Deut. 20:1 ^bHeb. 13:5

5 "And the LORD will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandment which I have commanded you.

7 *Deut. 1:38; 3:28

6 "Be strong and courageous, ^ado not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. ^bHe will not fail you or forsake you."

8 *Deut. 31:6

7 Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "^aBe strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance.

8 "And the LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. ^aHe will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed."

9 *Deut. 31:25, 26; 10:8; Num. 4:5, 6, 15

9 So Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi ^awho carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 *Deut. 15:1, 2

10 Then Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every seven years, at the time of ^athe year of remission of debts, at the Feast of Booths,

11 *Deut. 12:5

11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at ^athe place which He will choose, you shall read this law in front of all Israel in their hearing.

12 "Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and ¹the alien who is in your ²town, in order that they may hear and ^alearn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.

12 ¹Lit., your alien ²Lit., gates
*Deut. 4:10

13 "And their children, who have not known will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live on the land where you are about to cross over the Jordan to possess it."

14 ¹Lit., your days to die are
*Deut. 4:22; 32:50; Num. 27:12, 13 ^bEx. 33:9-11

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, ¹the time for you to die is near; call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, that I may commission him." ^bSo Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the tent of meeting.

15 *Ex. 33:9

15 ^aAnd the LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood at the doorway of the tent.

16 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, ^ayou are about to lie down with your fathers; and ^bthis people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and ^cwill forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.

16 *Gen. 15:15 ^bDeut. 4:25-28; Judg. 2:11, 12 ^cJudg. 10:6

17 "^aThen My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they shall be consumed, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, 'Is it not because our God is not among us that these evils have come upon us?'

17 *Judg. 2:14; 6:13

18 "But I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they will do, for they will turn to other gods.

19 *Deut. 31:22

19 "Now therefore ^awrite this song for yourselves, and

19 ¹Lit., in their mouth

teach it to the sons of Israel; put it ¹on their lips, in order that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel.

20 ¹Lit., fat
^aDeut. 6:10-12; 8:10, 19;
 11:16, 17 ^bDeut. 32:15-17

20 ^aFor when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and ^bbecome ¹prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

21 ¹Lit., mouth of its seed
²Lit., making
^aDeut. 4:30; Lev. 26:41

21 "Then it shall come about, ^awhen many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify before them as a witness (for it shall not be forgotten from the ¹lips of their descendants); for I know their intent which they are ²developing today, before I have brought them into the land which I swore."

22 ^aDeut. 31:19

22 ^aSo Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel.

23 ^aDeut. 31:7 ^bEx. 3:12

23 ^aThen He commissioned Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land which I swore to them, and ^bI will be with you."

25 ^aDeut. 31:9

24 And it came about, when Moses finished writing the words of this law in a book until they were complete,

25 that Moses commanded the Levites ^awho carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 ¹Lit., be

26 "Take this book of the law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may ¹remain there as a witness against you.

27 ¹Lit., stiff neck
^aDeut. 9:7 ^bDeut. 9:6, 13

27 "For I know ^ayour rebellion and ^byour ¹stubbornness; behold, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against the LORD; how much more, then, after my death?

28 ^aDeut. 4:26

28 "Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and ^acall the heavens and the earth to witness against them.

1 ^aDeut. 4:26; Is. 1:2

29 "For I know that after my death you will act corruptly and turn from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, for you will do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of your hands."

2 ^aIs. 55:10, 11

30 Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were complete:

CHAPTER 32

^aGIVE ear, oh heavens, and let me speak;
 And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

2 ^aLet my teaching drop as the rain,
 My speech distill as the dew,
 As the droplets on the fresh grass
 And as the showers on the herb.

3 ^aFor I proclaim the name of the LORD;
^bAscribe greatness to our God!

4 ^aThe Rock! His work is perfect,
^bFor all His ways are ¹just;
^cA God of faithfulness and without injustice,
 Righteous and upright is He.

3 ^aEx. 33:19; 34:5, 6
^bDeut. 3:24; 5:24

4 ¹Or, judgment
^aDeut. 32:15, 18, 30 ^bGen. 18:25 ^cDeut. 7:9

- 5 ^aThey have acted corruptly toward Him,
They are not His children, because of their defect;
^b*But are* a perverse and crooked generation.
- 6 “Do you thus repay the LORD,
^aO foolish and unwise people?
^bIs not He your Father who has bought you?
^cHe has made you and established you.
- 7 “Remember the days of old,
 Consider the years of all generations.
^aAsk your father, and he will inform you,
 Your elders, and they will tell you.
- 8 “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,
 When He separated the sons of ¹man,
 He set the boundaries of the peoples
^aAccording to the number of the sons of Israel.
- 9 “^aFor the LORD’s portion is His people;
 Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.
- 10 “^aHe found him a desert land,
 And in the howling waste of a wilderness;
 He encircled him, He cared for him,
 He guarded him as ^bthe pupil of His eye.
- 11 “^aLike an eagle that stirs up its nest,
 That hovers over its young,
^bHe spread His wings and caught them,
 He carried them on His pinions.
- 12 “^aThe LORD alone guided him,
^bAnd there was no foreign god with him.
- 13 “^aHe made him ride on the high places of the earth,
 And he ate the produce of the field;
^bAnd he made him suck honey from the rock,
 And oil from the flinty rock,
- 14 Curds of cows, and milk of the flock,
 With fat of lambs,
 And rams, the breed of Bashan, and goats,
^aWith the finest of the wheat—
 And of the blood of grapes you drank wine.
- 15 “^aBut ¹Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—
 You are grown fat, thick, and sleek—
^bThen he forsook God ^cwho made him,
 And scorned ^dthe Rock of his salvation.
- 16 “^aThey made Him jealous with strange gods;
^bWith abominations they provoked Him to anger.
- 17 “^aThey sacrificed to demons *who were* not God,
^bTo gods whom they have not known,
^cNew gods who came lately,
 Whom your fathers did not dread.
- 18 “You neglected ^athe Rock who begot you,
^bAnd forgot the God who gave you birth.
- 19 “^aAnd the LORD saw *this*, and spurned *them*
^bBecause of the provocation of His sons and daughters.
- 20 “Then he said, ‘I will hide My face from them,
^aI will see what their end *shall be*;

⁵ ¹Lit., *It has*
^aDeut. 4:25; 31:29 ^bMatt. 17:17

⁶ ^aDeut. 32:28 ^bDeut. 1:31
^cDeut. 32:15

⁷ ^aEx. 12:26; Ps. 78:5-8

⁸ ¹Or, *Adam*
^aDeut. 33:28; Num. 23:9

⁹ ^a1 Kin. 8:51, 53; Jer. 10:16

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 1:19 ^bPs. 17:8;
 Zech. 2:8

¹¹ ^aDeut. 33:12; Ex. 19:4
^bPs. 18:10-18

¹² ^aDeut. 4:35, 39 ^bDeut. 32:39; Is. 43:12

¹³ ^aIs. 58:14 ^bDeut. 8:8; Ps. 81:16

¹⁴ ^aPs. 81:16; 147:14

¹⁵ ¹L.e., *Israel*
^aDeut. 31:20 ^bJudg. 10:6
^cDeut. 32:6 ^dDeut. 32:4

¹⁶ ^aPs. 78:58 ^bPs. 106:29

¹⁷ ^aLev. 17:7; 1 Cor. 10:20
^bDeut. 28:64
^cJudg. 5:8

¹⁸ ^aDeut. 32:4 ^bPs. 106:21

¹⁹ ^aLev. 26:30; Ps. 106:40
^bJer. 44:21-23

²⁰ ^aDeut. 31:29

20 ^bDeut. 32:5 ^cDeut. 9:23

21 ¹Lit., *vanities*
^aDeut. 32:16 ^bDeut. 32:17;
¹ Kin. 16:13, 26 ^cRom. 10:19

22 ¹i.e., the nether world
^aNum. 16:33-35; Ps. 18:7, 8
^bLev. 26:20

23 ^aDeut. 29:21 ^bPs. 18:14;
45:5

24 ¹Lit., *burning heat*
^aDeut. 28:22, 48 ^bPs. 91:6
^cLev. 26:22 ^dAmos 5:18, 19

25 ^aLam. 1:20; Ezek. 7:15
^b2 Chr. 36:17; Lam. 2:21

26 ^aDeut. 4:27; 28:64
^bDeut. 9:14

27 ¹Lit., *high*
^aDeut. 9:26 ^bNum. 15:30

28 ¹Lit., *perishing*
^aDeut. 32:6

29 ¹Or, *latter end*
^aDeut. 5:29 ^bDeut. 31:29

30 ^aLev. 26:7, 8 ^bDeut. 32:4

31 ¹Lit., *are judges*
^aEx. 14:25

32 ^aDeut. 29:18

33 ¹Lit., *dragons* ²Lit.,
cruel

34 ^aJer. 44:21

35 ^aRom. 12:19 ^bJer. 23:12
^cEzek. 7:5-10

^bFor they are a perverse generation,
^cSons in whom is no faithfulness.

21 ^aThey have made Me jealous with *what* is not God;
They have provoked Me to anger with their ¹bidols.
^cSo I will make them jealous with *those who* are not a
people;

I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,
22 ^aFor a fire is kindled in My anger,
And burns to the lowest part of ¹Sheol,
^bAnd consumes the earth with its yield,
And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 ^aI will heap misfortunes on them;
^bI will use My arrows on them.

24 ^a*They shall be* wasted by famine, and consumed by
¹plague

^bAnd bitter destruction;
^cAnd the teeth of beasts I will send upon them,
^dWith the venom of crawling things of the dust.

25 ^aOutside the sword shall bereave,
And inside terror;
^b*It shall destroy* both young man and virgin,
The nursling with the man of gray hairs.

26 ^aI said, ^aI will cleave them in pieces,
^bI will make the memory of them to cease from among
men."

27 ^aHad I not feared the provocation by the enemy,
Lest their adversaries should misjudge,
Lest they should say, ^b"Our hand is ¹triumphant,
And the LORD has not done all this."

28 ^aFor they are a nation ¹lacking in counsel,
And there is no understanding in them.

29 ^a"Would that they were wise, that they understood this,
^bThat they would discern their ¹future!

30 ^a"How could one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,
Unless their ^bRock had sold them,
And the LORD had given them up?

31 "Indeed their rock is not like our Rock,
^aEven our enemies ¹themselves judge this.

32 "For their vine is from the vine of Sodom,
And from the fields of Gomorrah;
Their grapes are grapes of ^apoison,
Their clusters, bitter.

33 "Their wine is the venom of ¹serpents,
And the ²deadly poison of cobras.

34 ^a"Is it not laid up in store with Me,
Sealed up in My treasures?

35 ^aVengeance is Mine, and retribution,
^bIn due time their foot will slip;
^cFor the day of their calamity is near,
And the impending things are hastening upon them."

**The Song of Moses.
Moses Ordered to Ascend Mount Nebo.**

Deuteronomy 32

- 36 ^aFor the LORD will vindicate His people,
^bAnd will have compassion on His servants;
When He sees that *their* ¹strength is gone,
And there is none *remaining*, bond or free.
- 37 ^aAnd He will say, ^aWhere are their gods,
The rock in which they sought refuge?
- 38 ^aWho ate the fat of their sacrifices,
And drank the wine of their libation?
^bLet them rise up and help you,
Let them be your hiding place!
- 39 ^aSee now that I, I am He,
^bAnd there is no god besides Me;
^cIt is I who put to death and give life.
^dI have wounded, and it is I who heal;
^eAnd there is no one who can deliver from My hand.
- 40 ^aIndeed, ^aI lift up My hand to heaven,
And say, as I live forever,
- 41 ^aIf I sharpen My ¹flashing sword,
And my hand takes hold on justice,
^bI will render vengeance on My adversaries,
And I will repay those who hate Me.
- 42 ^aI will make My arrows drunk with blood,
^bAnd My sword shall devour flesh,
With the blood of the slain and the captives,
From the long-haired ¹leaders of the enemy.
- 43 ^aRejoice, O nations, *with* His people;
^bFor He will avenge the blood of His servants,
^cAnd will render vengeance on His adversaries,
^dAnd will atone for His land *and* His people.”
- 44 Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song
in the hearing of the people, he, with ^{1a}Joshua the son of Nun.
- 45 When Moses had finished speaking all these words to
all Israel,
- 46 he said to them, ^aTake to your heart all the words with
which I am warning you today, which you shall command
by our sons to observe ¹carefully, *even* all the words of this law.
- 47 ^aFor it is not an idle word for you; indeed ^ait is your life.
And ^bby this word you shall prolong your days in the land,
where you are about to cross over the Jordan to possess it.”
- 48 And the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day,
saying,
- 49 ^aGo up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo,
which is in the land of Moab ¹opposite Jericho, and look at the
land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a
possession.
- 50 ^aThen die on the mountain where you ascend, and be
^agathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on
Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,
- 51 ^abecause you broke faith with Me in the midst of the
sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the ^bwilder-
ness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst
of the sons of Israel.
- 52 ^aFor you shall see the land at a distance, but ^byou shall
not go there, into the land which I am giving the sons of
Israel.”
- 36 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aHeb. 10:30 ^bDeut. 30:1-3;
Lev. 26:43-45
- 37 ^aJer. 2:28
- 38 ^aNum. 25:1, 2 ^bJer. 11:12
- 39 ^aIs. 41:4; 43:10 ^bDeut.
32:12 ^c1 Sam. 2:6 ^dPs. 51:8
^ePs. 50:22
- 40 ^aEzek. 20:5, 6
- 41 ¹Or, *lightning*
^aIs. 34:6-8 ^bJer. 50:28-32
- 42 ¹Lit., *head*
^aDeut. 32:23
^bJer. 12:12; 46:10, 14
- 43 ^aRom. 15:10 ^b2 Kin. 9:7
^cIs. 1:24, 25 ^dPs. 65:3; 79:9
- 44 ¹Lit., *Hoshea*
^aNum. 13:8, 16
- 46 ¹Lit., *to do*
^aEzek. 40:4; 44:5 ^bDeut. 4:9
- 47 ^aDeut. 8:3; 30:20 ^bDeut.
4:40; 33:25
- 49 ¹Lit., *which is opposite*
^aDeut. 3:27; Num. 27:12-14
- 50 ^aGen. 25:8
- 51 ^aNum. 20:12 ^bNum.
27:14
- 52 ^aDeut. 34:1-3 ^bDeut.
1:37; 3:27

1 *Josh. 14:6

2 ¹Lit., *rose to* ²Lit., *myriads of holiness* ³Or, a *fiery law*
^aEx. 19:18, 20; Ps. 68:8, 17
^bJudg. 5:4 ^cNum. 10:12;
 Hab. 3:3 ^dDan. 7:10 ^eEx. 23:20-22

3 ¹Lit., *peoples* ²Lit., *His*
³Or, *lie down at Thy feet*
^aDeut. 4:37 ^bDeut. 7:6; 14:2
^cDeut. 6:1-9

4 ^aDeut. 4:2 ^bDeut. 8:3;
 Ps. 119:111

5 *Num. 23:21

6 *Gen. 49:3, 4

7 ¹Lit., *him*
^aGen. 49:8-12

8 ¹Lit., *him*
^aLev. 8:8 ^bPs. 106:16 ^cDeut. 6:16; Ex. 17:7; Num. 20:13, 24

9 *Ex. 32:27-29

10 ¹Lit., *in Thy nostrils*
^aDeut. 31:9-13; Lev. 10:11
^bLev. 16:12, 13

12 *Deut. 4:37; 12:10

CHAPTER 33

Now this is the blessing with which Moses ^athe man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

2 And he said,

“^aThe LORD came from Sinai,

^bAnd ¹dawned on them from Seir;

^cHe shone forth from Mount Paran,

And He came from ^dthe ²midst of ten thousand holy ones;

^eAt His right hand there was ³flashing lightning for them.

3 “^aIndeed, He loves ¹the people;

^bAll ²Thy holy ones are in Thy hand,

^cAnd they ³followed in Thy steps;

Everyone receives of Thy words.

4 “^aMoses charged us with a law,

^bA possession for the assembly of Jacob.

5 “^aAnd He was king in Jeshurun,
 When the heads of the people were gathered,
 The tribes of Israel together.
6 “^aMay Reuben live and not die,
 Nor his men be few.”
7 ^aAnd this regarding Judah; so he said,

“Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah,

And bring him to his people.

With his hands he contended for ¹them;

And mayest Thou be a help against his adversaries.”

8 And of Levi he said,

“*Let Thy* ^aThummim and Thy Urim *belong* to ¹Thy
^bgodly man,

^cWhom Thou didst prove at Massah,

With whom Thou didst contend at the waters of Meribah;

9 ^aWho said of his father and his mother,

‘I did not consider them’;

And he did not acknowledge his brothers,

Nor did he regard his own sons,

For they observed Thy word,

And kept Thy covenant.

10 “^aThey shall teach Thine ordinances to Jacob,

And Thy law to Israel.

^bThey shall put incense ¹before Thee,

And whole burnt offerings on Thine altar.

11 “O LORD, bless his substance,

And accept the work of his hands;

Shatter the loins of those who rise up against him,

And those who hate him, so that they may not rise *again.*”

12 Of Benjamin he said,

“^aMay the beloved of the LORD dwell in security by Him,

^bWho shields him all the day,
^cAnd he dwells between His shoulders.”

12 ^bDeut. 32:11 ^cEx. 28:12

13 And of Joseph he said,
 “^aBlessed of the LORD *be* his land,
 With the choice things of heaven, with the dew,
 And from the deep lying beneath,
 14 And with the choice yield of the sun,
 And with the choice produce of the months.
 15 “And with the ¹best things of the ancient mountains,
 And with the choice things of the everlasting hills,
 16 And with the choice things of the earth and its
 fulness,
 And the favor ^aof Him who dwelt in the bush.
 Let it come to the head of Joseph,
 And to the crown of the head of the one distin-
 guished among his brothers.

13 ^aGen. 27:27, 28; 49:22-26

15 ¹Or, *chief*

16 ^aEx. 2:2-6

17 ¹Or, *together*
^aNum. 23:22 ^bPs. 44:5

17 “As the first-born of his ox, majesty is his,
 And his horns are the horns of ^athe wild ox;
 With them he shall ^bpush the peoples,
 All ¹at once, to the ends of the earth.
 And those are the ten thousands of Ephraim,
 And those are the thousands of Manasseh.”

18 ^aGen. 49:13-15

18 ^aAnd of Zebulun he said,
 “Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going forth,
 And, Issachar, in your tents.
 19 “^aThey shall call peoples to the mountain;
 There they shall offer righteous ^bsacrifices;
 For they shall ^ddraw out ^cthe abundance of the seas,
 And the hidden treasures of the sand.”

19 ¹Lit., *suck*
^aEx. 15:17; Ps. 2:6; Is. 2:3 ^bPs.
 4:5; 51:19 ^cIs. 60:5

20 ¹Or, *lioness*
^aGen. 49:19 ^bGen. 49:9

20 ^aAnd of Gad he said,
 “Blessed is the one who enlarges Gad;
 He lies down ^bas a ¹lion,
 And tears the arm, also the crown of the head.
 21 “^aThen he ¹provided the first *part* for himself,
^bFor there the ruler’s portion was ²reserved;
^cAnd he came *with* the leaders of the people;
^dHe executed the justice of the LORD,
 And His ordinances with Israel.”

21 ¹Lit., *saw* ²Or, *covered*
^aNum. 32:1-5 ^bNum. 34:14
^cJosh. 4:12 ^dJosh. 22:1-3

22 ^aGen. 49:16 ^bEzek.
 19:2, 3

22 ^aAnd of Dan he said,
 “Dan is ^aa lion’s whelp,
 That leaps forth from Bashan.”

23 ^aGen. 49:21

23 And of Naphtali he said,
 “^aO Naphtali, satisfied with favor,
 And full of the blessing of the LORD.
 Take possession of the sea and the south.”

24 ^aGen. 49:20 ^bJob 29:6

24 ^aAnd of Asher he said,
 “More blessed than sons is Asher;
 May he be favored by his brothers,
^bAnd may he dip his foot in oil.

25 ^aPs. 147:13

25 “^aYour locks shall be iron and bronze,

25 ^bDeut. 4:40; 32:47

26 ¹I.e., Israel ²Lit., in
^aDeut. 4:35 ^bDeut. 10:14; Ps.
68:33, 34

27 ¹Or, *refuge*
^aPs. 90:1, 2 ^bGen. 49:24 ^cEx.
34:11; Josh. 24:18 ^dDeut. 7:2

28 ^aDeut. 33:12 ^bDeut.
32:8; Num. 23:9 ^cGen. 27:28;
^dDeut. 33:13

29 ^aPs. 1:1; 32:1, 2 ^bDeut.
4:32 ^cGen. 15:1; Ps. 33:20;
115:9-11 ^dPs. 68:34 ^ePs. 66:3
^fDeut. 32:13; Num. 33:52

1 ^aDeut. 32:49 ^bDeut.
32:52

2 ¹I.e., Mediterranean Sea

3 ¹I.e., South country

4 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aGen. 12:7; 26:3; 28:13

5 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aNum. 12:7 ^bDeut. 32:50

6 ^aDeut. 3:29; 4:46

7 ^aDeut. 31:2

8 ^aDeut. 1:3; Josh. 4:19

9 ^aNum. 27:18, 23

10 ^aNum. 12:8

12 ¹Lit., *hand*

^bAnd according to your days, so shall your leisurely walk be.

26 ^aThere is none like the God of ¹Jeshurun,
^bWho rides the heavens ²to your help,
And through the skies in His majesty.

27 ^aThe eternal God is a ¹dwelling place,
^bAnd underneath are the everlasting arms;
^cAnd He drove out the enemy from before you,
^dAnd said, 'Destroy!'

28 ^aSo Israel dwells in security,
^bThe fountain of Jacob secluded,
^cIn a land of grain and new wine;
^dHis heavens also drop down dew.

29 ^aBlessed are you, O Israel;
^bWho is like you, a people saved by the LORD,
^cWho is the shield of your help,
^dAnd the sword of your majesty!
^eSo your enemies shall cringe before you,
^fAnd you shall tread upon their high places."

CHAPTER 34

^a**N**OW Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD ^bshowed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan,

2 and all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the ¹Western Sea,

3 and the ¹Negev and the Plain in the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

4 Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land which ^aI swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your ¹descendants'; I have let you see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

5 So Moses ^athe servant of the LORD ^bdied there in the land of Moab, according to the ¹word of the LORD.

6 And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, ^aopposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.

7 Although Moses was ^aone hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

8 So the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab ^athirty days; then the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses came to an end.

9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was ^afilled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 Since then no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom ^athe LORD knew face to face,

11 for all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land,

12 and for all the mighty ¹power and for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

God's Charge to Joshua. Preparations to Cross Jordan.

NOW it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' ¹servant, saying,

2 "Moses ^aMy servant is dead; now therefore arise, ^bcross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

3 "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

4 "From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory.

5 "No man will *be able* to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; ^bI will not fail you or forsake you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 "Only be strong and very courageous, to ¹be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may ²have success wherever you go.

8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may ¹be careful to do according to all that is written in it; ^bfor then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will ²have success.

9 "Have I not commanded you? ^aBe strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, ^bfor the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within ^athree days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.'"

12 "And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua ¹said,

13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God gives you rest, and will give you this land.'

14 "Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross before your brothers in battle array, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them,

15 until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as *He gives* you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them. ^aThen you shall return to ¹your own land, and

1 ¹Or, minister

2 ^aNum. 12:7; Deut. 34:5
^bJosh. 1:11; Deut. 11:24

3 ^aDeut. 11:24

5 ^aDeut. 7:24; Heb. 13:5
^bDeut. 31:6, 7
Joseph the brother

7 ¹Lit., observe ²Or, act
wisely
^aDeut. 5:32
the letter, f

8 ¹Lit., observe ²Or, act
wisely
^aJosh. 8:34; Deut. 31:24
^bDeut. 29:9; Ps. 1:1-3
the letter, f

9 ^aJosh. 1:7 ^bDeut. 31:8

11 ^aJosh. 3:2

12 ¹Lit., said, saying
^aNum. 32:20-22

13 ^aDeut. 3:18-20

15 ¹Lit., the land of your
possession
^aJosh. 22:4

15 ²Lit., *it*
b) Josh. 1:1

17 ^aJosh. 1:5, 9

18 ¹Lit., *mouth*

¹ Lit., *lay down*
^aJosh. 3:1; Num. 25:1 ^bHeb.
11:31; Jas. 2:25

6 ^aJas. 2:25

8 ¹Lit., *then she*

⁹ Or, *become demoralized*
^aJosh. 9:9, 10, 24; Num.
20:24 ^bEx. 23:27; Deut. 2:25

10 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds* ²Or,
put under the ban
^aNum. 23:22

11 ¹Lit., *spirit arose*

12 ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^aJosh. 2:18

13 ¹Lit., *let live*

possess ²that which Moses ^bthe servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 “Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you; ^aonly may the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

18 “Anyone who rebels against your ¹command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous.”

CHAPTER 2

THEN Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from ^aShittim, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went and came into the house of ^ba harlot whose name was Rahab, and ¹lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, “Behold, men from the sons of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.”

3 And the king of Jericho sent *word* to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.”

4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them, and she said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.

5 “And it came about when *it was time* to shut the gate, at dark, that the men went out; I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.”

6 ^aBut she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them in the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof.

7 So the men pursued them on the road to the Jordan to the fords; and as soon as those who were pursuing them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8 Now before they lay down, ¹she came up to them on the roof,

9 and said to the men, “^aI know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the ^bterror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have ¹melted away before you.

10 “^aFor we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the ¹Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you ²utterly destroyed.

11 “And when we heard *it*, our hearts melted and no ¹courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

12 “Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father’s household, and give me a ^apledge of ¹truth,

13 and ¹spare my father and my mother and my brothers

**Promise to Rahab.
The People Stop at the Jordan.**

and my sisters, with all who belong to them, and deliver our ²lives from death.”

14 So the men said to her, “Our ¹life ²for yours if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall come about when the LORD gives us the land that we will ^adeal kindly and ³faithfully with you.”

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall.

16 And she said to them, “^aGo to the hill country, lest the pursuers happen upon you, and hide yourselves there for three days, until the pursuers return. Then afterward you may go on your way.”

17 And the men said to her, “^aWe *shall be* free from this oath ¹to you which you have made us swear,

18 ¹unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and ^agather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father’s household.

19 “And it shall come about that anyone who goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood *shall be* on his own head, and we *shall be* free; but anyone who is with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if a hand is *laid* on him.

20 “But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be free from the oath which you have made us swear.”

21 And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” So she sent them away, and they departed; and she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

22 And they departed and came to the hill country, and remained there for three days until the pursuers returned. Now the pursuers had sought *them* ¹all along the road, but had not found *them*.

23 Then the two men returned and came down from the hill country and crossed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they related to him all that had happened to them.

24 And they said to Joshua, “Surely the LORD has given all the land into our hands, and ^aall the inhabitants of the land, moreover, have ¹melted away before us.”

CHAPTER 3

THEN Joshua rose early in the morning; and he and all the sons of Israel set out from ^aShittim and came to the Jordan, and they lodged there before they crossed.

2 And it came about ^aat the end of three days that the officers went through the midst of the camp;

3 and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ^aark of the covenant of the LORD your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

4 “However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 ¹cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.”

5 Then Joshua said to the people, “^aConsecrate

13 ²Lit., *souls*

14 ¹Lit., *soul* ²Lit., *instead of you to die* ³Or, *truly*
^aGen. 24:49

16 ^aJas. 2:25

17 ¹Lit., *of yours*
^aGen. 24:8

18 ¹Lit., *behold*
^aJosh. 2:12

22 ¹Lit., *through all the road*

24 ¹Or, *become demoralized*
^aJosh. 2:9

1 ^aJosh. 2:1

2 ^aJosh. 1:11

3 ^aDeut. 31:9

4 ¹I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches

5 ^aJosh. 7:13; Ex. 19:10, 11

7^aJosh. 4:14

yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”

6 And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, “Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over ahead of the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went ahead of the people.

7 Now the LORD said to Joshua, “This day I will begin to ^aexalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you.

12^aJosh. 4:2

8 “You shall, moreover, command the priests who are carrying the ark of the covenant, saying, ‘When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand *still* in the Jordan.’ ”

9 Then Joshua said to the sons of Israel, “Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God.”

10 And Joshua said, “By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite.

13¹Lit., *going* ²Lit., *and they shall*
^aEx. 15:8

11 “Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan.

12 ^aNow then, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe.

13 “And it shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, *and* the waters which are ¹flowing down from above ²shall ^astand in one heap.”

16¹Lit., *going*
^aPs. 66:6, 74:15; 114:3, 5
^bJosh. 3:13 ^cDeut. 1:1

14 So it came about when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people,

15 and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest),

16 ^athat the waters which were ¹flowing down from above stood *and* rose up in ^bone heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were ¹flowing down toward the sea of the ^cArabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.

17^aEx. 14:21, 22, 29

17 And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm ^aon dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

2^aJosh. 3:12

CHAPTER 4

Now it came about when all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 ^a“Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe,

3 and command them, saying, ‘Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet are standing firm, and carry

Memorial Stones from the Jordan. The Stones Set Up at Gilgal.

them over with you, and lay them down in ^athe lodging place where you will lodge tonight.’”

4 So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe;

5 and Joshua said to them, “¹Cross again to the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

6 “¹Let this be a sign among you, so that ^awhen your children ask ²later, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’

7 then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.”

8 And thus the sons of Israel did, as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, just as the LORD spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel; and they carried them over with them to ^athe lodging place, and put them down there.

9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day.

10 For the priests who carried the ark were standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything was completed that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and crossed;

11 and it came about when all the people had finished crossing, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed before the people.

12 ^aAnd the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over in battle array before the sons of Israel, just as Moses had spoken to them;

13 about 40,000, equipped for war, crossed for battle before the LORD to the desert plains of Jericho.

14 ^aOn that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; so that they ¹revered him, just as they had ¹revered Moses all the days of his life.

15 Now the LORD said to ¹Joshua,

16 “Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony that they come up from the Jordan.”

17 So Joshua commanded the priests, saying, “Come up from the Jordan.”

18 And it came about when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come up from the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet were ¹lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks as before.

19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the ^atenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho.

20 ^aAnd ¹those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up ^bat Gilgal.

3 ^aJosh. 4:20

5 ¹Lit., *cross before the ark*

6 ¹Lit., *That this may be*
²Lit., *tomorrow*
^aJosh. 4:21; Ex. 12:26; 13:4

8 ^aJosh. 4:20

12 ^aNurn. 32:17

14 ¹Or, *feared*
^aJosh. 3:7

15 ¹Lit., *Joshua, saying*

18 ¹Lit., *drawn out*

19 ^aDeut. 1:3

20 ¹Lit., *these*
^aJosh. 4:8 ^bJosh. 4:3, 8

21 ¹Lit., *Israel, saying,*

22 ²Josh. 3:17

23 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*

24 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Lit., *all the days*

¹Other mss. read, we
²Num. 13:29 ^bJosh. 2:10, 11

2 ²Ex. 4:25

3 ¹i.e., the hill of the
foreskins

4 ²Deut. 2:14

6 ¹Lit., *were finished*
²Deut. 2:7, 14 ^bNum. 14:29-35; 26:63-65

7 ¹Lit., *circumcised them*

8 ¹Lit., *revived*

9 ¹i.e., *Rolling*
²Zeph. 2:8

10 ²Ex. 12:18 ^bJosh. 4:19

11 ¹Lit., *morrow* ²Lit., *this*

21 And he said to the sons of ¹Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?'

22 then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on ²dry ground.'

23 "For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the ¹Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed;

24 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may ¹fear the LORD your God ²forever."

CHAPTER 5

Now it came about when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites ²who *were* by the sea, ^bheard how the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until ¹they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no spirit in them any longer, because of the sons of Israel.

2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint ²knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time."

3 So Joshua made himself flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at ¹Gibeath-haaraloth.

4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: ²all the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness along the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 For all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

6 For the sons of Israel walked ²forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, *that is*, the men of war who came out of Egypt, ¹perished because they did not listen to the voice of the LORD, ^bto whom the LORD had sworn that He would not let them see the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 And their children whom He raised up in their place, Joshua ¹circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them along the way.

8 Now it came about when they had finished circumcising all the nation, that they remained in their places in the camp until they were ¹healed.

9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away ²the reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called ¹Gilgal to this day.

10 While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal, ²they observed the Passover on the evening of the ^bfourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho.

11 And on the ¹day after the Passover, on ²that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

**The Manna Ceases.
March Around Jericho.**

Joshua 5, 6

12 And ^athe manna ceased on the ¹day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan during that year.

12 ¹Lit., *morrow*
^aEx. 16:35

13 Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, ^aa man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?"

13 ^aGen. 18:1, 2; 32:24, 30;
Num. 22:31

14 And he said, "No, rather I indeed come now *as* captain of the host of the LORD." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?"

15 And the captain of the LORD's host said to Joshua, "^aRemove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

15 ^aEx. 3:5

CHAPTER 6

NOW Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in.

2 ^aDeut. 7:24

2 And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with ^aits king *and* the valiant warriors.

3 "And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.

4 ^aLev. 25:9

4 "Also seven priests shall carry seven ^atrumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

5 "And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down ¹flat, and the people will go up every man straight ²ahead."

5 ¹Lit., *in its place* ²Lit.,
before himself

6 So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 ¹Or, *they*

7 Then ¹he said to the people, "Go forward, and march around the city, and let the armed men go on before the ark of the LORD."

8 And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward and blew the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 ^aJosh. 6:13; Is. 52:12

9 And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and ^athe rear guard came after the ark, while they continued to blow the trumpets.

10 But Joshua commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout!"

11 ¹Lit., *to go around*

11 So he had the ark of the LORD ¹taken around the city, circling *it* once; then they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

13 ^aJosh. 6:4 ^bJosh. 6:9

17 ¹Lit., *she and all*
^aLev. 27:28; Deut. 20:17

18 ¹Lit., *devote*
^aJosh. 7:1

19 ^aNum. 31:11, 12, 21-23

20 ¹Or, *they* ²Lit., *in its
place* ³Lit., *before himself*
^aHeb. 11:30

21 ¹Or, *put under the ban*
^aDeut. 20:16

22 ^aJosh. 2:12-19

23 ^aHeb. 11:31

24 ¹i.e., *tabernacle*
^aDeut. 20:16-18

25 ¹Lit., *let live*
^aHeb. 11:31 ^bJosh. 2:6

26 ^a1 Kin. 16:34

12 Now Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And ^athe seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew the trumpets; and the armed men went before them, and ^bthe rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while they continued to blow the trumpets.

14 Thus the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp; they did so for six days.

15 Then it came about on the seventh day that they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times, only on that day they marched around the city seven times.

16 And it came about at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

17 "And the city shall be ^aunder the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot ¹and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

18 "But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban, lest you ¹covet *them* and take some of the things under the ban, ^aso you would make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it.

19 "But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD."

20 So the people shouted, and ¹priests blew the trumpets; and it came about, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout and the ^awall fell down ²flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ³ahead, and they took the city.

21 ^aAnd they ¹utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22 And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the harlot's house and bring the woman and all she has out of there, as you have sworn to her."

23 So the young men who were spies went in and ^abrought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all she had; they also brought out all her relatives, and placed them outside the camp of Israel.

24 ^aAnd they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the ¹house of the LORD.

25 ^aHowever, Rahab the harlot and her father's household and all she had, Joshua ¹spared; and she has lived in the midst of Israel to this day, for ^bshe hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 Then Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD is the man who rises up and builds this city Jericho; with *the loss of his first-born* he shall lay its foundation, and with *the loss of his youngest son* he shall set up its gates."

27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

CHAPTER 7

^a**B**UT the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel.

2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near ^aBeth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, ¹"Go up and spy out the land." So the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up; *only* about two or three thousand men need go up ¹to Ai; do not make all the people toil up there, for they are few."

4 So about three thousand men from the people went up there, but they fled ¹from the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six of their men, and pursued them ¹from the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent, so the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

6 Then Joshua ^atore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, *both* he and the elders of Israel; and ^bthey put dust on their heads.

7 And Joshua said, "Alas, O LORD ¹God, why didst Thou ever bring this people over the Jordan, *only* to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been willing ²to dwell beyond the Jordan!

8 "Oh Lord, what can I say since Israel has turned *their* ¹back before their enemies?

9 "^aFor the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what wilt Thou do for Thy great name?"

10 So the LORD said to Joshua, "Rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face?

11 "Israel has sinned, and ^athey have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put *them* among their own things.

12 "Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn *their* ¹backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you any more unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.

13 "Rise up! ^aConsecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, for thus the LORD, the God of Israel, has said, "^bThere are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst."

14 'In the morning then you shall come near by your tribes. And it shall be that the tribe which the LORD takes by *lot* shall come near by families, and the family which the LORD takes shall come near by households, and the household which the LORD takes shall come near man by man.

15 'And it shall be that the one who is taken with the things under the ban shall be burned with fire, he and all that belongs

1 ¹Josh. 6:17-192 ¹Lit., saying. "^aGo ^aJosh. 18:12; 1 Sam. 13:5; 14:233 ¹Lit., and smite4 ¹Lit., before5 ¹Lit., before6 ^aJob 2:12; 42:6 ^bLam. 2:10; Rev. 18:197 ¹Lit., YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Lit., and had dwelt8 ¹Lit., neck9 ^aEx. 32:12; Deut. 9:2811 ¹Josh. 6:18, 1912 ¹Lit., necks13 ^aJosh. 3:5 ^bJosh. 6:18

16 ¹Lit., its tribes

to him, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has committed a disgraceful thing in Israel.' ”

16 So Joshua arose early in the morning and brought Israel near by ¹tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

17 And he brought the family of Judah near, and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought the family of the Zerahites near man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

20 ¹Lit., thus and thus I did

18 And he brought his household near man by man; and Achan, son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”

24 ¹Or, cattle ²Lit., trouble
⁴Josh. 15:7

20 So Achan answered Joshua and said, “Truly, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and ¹this is what I did;

21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it.”

25 ¹Lit., him ²Lit., and they stoned
⁴Josh. 6:18

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was concealed in his tent with the silver underneath it.

23 And they took them from inside the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel, and they poured them out before the LORD.

24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his ¹oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to ²the valley of ²Achor.

26 ¹Lit., Trouble
⁴Is. 65:10; Hos. 2:15

25 And Joshua said, “Why have you ²troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.” And all Israel stoned ¹them with stones; and they burned them with fire ²after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called ²the Valley of ¹Achor to this day.

1 ²Josh. 1:9; 10:8 ³Josh. 6:2

CHAPTER 8

NOW the LORD said to Joshua, “²Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, ³I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

2 “And you shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall take ²only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. ¹Set an ambush for the city behind it.”

3 So Joshua rose with all the people of war to go up to Ai; and Joshua chose 30,000 men, valiant warriors, and sent them out at night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, “See, you are going

2 ¹Lit., Set for yourself
⁴Josh. 8:27; Deut. 20:14

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to ambush the city from behind ¹it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

5 “Then I and all the people who are with me will approach the city. And it will come about when they come out to meet us as at the first, that we will flee before them.

6 “And they will come out after us until we have drawn them away from the city, for they will say, ‘They are fleeing before us as at the first.’ So we will flee before them.

7 “And you shall rise from *your* ambush and take possession of the city, for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 “Then it will be when you have seized the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do it ^aaccording to the word of the LORD. See, I have commanded you.”

9 So Joshua sent them away, and they went to the place of ambush and remained between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua spent that night among the people.

10 Now Joshua rose early in the morning and mustered the people, and he went up with the elders of Israel before the people to Ai.

11 Then all the people of war who *were* with him went up and drew near and arrived in front of the city, and camped on the north side of Ai. Now *there was* a valley between him and Ai.

12 And he took about 5,000 men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the ¹city.

13 So they stationed the people, all the army that was on the north side of the city, and its rear guard on the west side of the city, and Joshua spent that night in the midst of the valley.

14 And it came about when the king of Ai saw *it*, that the men of the city hurried and rose up early and went out to meet Israel in battle, he and all his people at the appointed place before the ^adesert plain. But he did not know that *there was* an ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and they pursued Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 So not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who had not gone out after Israel, and they left the city ¹unguarded and pursued Israel.

18 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “^aStretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand.” So Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

19 And the *men in* ambush rose quickly from their place, and when he had stretched out his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it; and they quickly set the city on fire.

20 When the men of Ai turned ¹back and looked, behold, the smoke of the city ascended to the sky, and they had no place to flee this way or that, for the people who had been fleeing to the wilderness turned against the pursuers.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the *men in* ambush had captured the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned back and ¹slew the men of Ai.

4 ¹Lit., *the city*

8 ^aJosh. 8:2; Deut. 20:16-18

12 ¹I.e., Ai

14 ^aJosh. 3:16

17 ¹Lit., *open*

18 ^aJosh. 8:26; Ex. 14:16; 17:9-13

20 ¹Lit., *behind them*

21 ¹Lit., *smote*

22 ¹Lit., these came ²Lit., these . . . those ³Lit., smote ⁴Lit., for it
^aJosh. 8:8

25 ¹Lit., men
^aDeut. 20:16-18

26 ¹Or, put under the ban
^aEx. 17:11, 12

27 ^aJosh. 8:2

29 ^aDeut. 21:22, 23

30 ^aDeut. 27:2-8

31 ^aEx. 20:25

32 ¹i. e., Moses

33 ^aDeut. 27:11-14

34 ^aJosh. 1:8

35 ¹Lit., walking

¹Josh. 3:10; Num. 13:29

22 And ¹the others came out from the city to encounter them, so that they were *trapped* in the midst of Israel, ²some on this side and some on that side; and they ³slew them ^auntil no one was left ⁴of those who survived or escaped.

23 But they took alive the king of Ai and brought him to Joshua.

24 Now it came about when Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field in the wilderness where they pursued them, and all of them were fallen by the edge of the sword until they were destroyed, then all Israel returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword.

25 ^aAnd all who fell that day, both men and women, were 12,000—all the ¹people of Ai.

26 For Joshua did not withdraw his hand with which ^ahe stretched out the javelin until he had ¹utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 ^aIsrael took only the cattle and the spoil of that city as plunder for themselves, according to the word of the LORD which He had commanded Joshua.

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation until this day.

29 ^aAnd he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening; and at sunset Joshua gave command and they took his body down from the tree, and threw it at the entrance of the city gate, and raised over it a great heap of stones *that stands* to this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in ^aMount Ebal,

31 just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, ^aan altar of uncut stones, on which no man had wielded an iron *tool*; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses, which ¹he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

33 ^aAnd all Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them *stood* in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had given command at first to bless the people of Israel.

34 Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in ^athe Book of the Law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were ¹living among them.

CHAPTER 9

Now it came about when ^aall the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill-country and in the lowland and on all the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittite and

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the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, heard of it,

2 that they gathered themselves together with ¹one accord to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

3 When the inhabitants of ^aGibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,

4 they also acted craftily and ¹set out as envoys, and took worn-out sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and ²mended,

5 and worn-out and patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* had become crumbled.

6 And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."

7 And the men of Israel said to the ^aHivites, "Perhaps you are living ¹within our land; ^bhow then shall we make a covenant with you?"

8 But they said to Joshua, "We are your servants." Then Joshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?"

9 And they said to him, "Your servants have come from ^aa very far country because of the ¹fame of the LORD your God; for ^bwe have heard the report of Him and all that He did in Egypt,

10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan who was at Ashtaroth.

11 "So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants; now then, make a covenant with us."'

12 "This our bread *was* warm *when* we took it for our provisions out of our houses on the day that we left to come to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become crumbled.

13 "And these wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and these our clothes and our sandals are worn out because of the very long journey."

14 So the men of Israel took some of their provisions, and ^adid not ask for the ¹counsel of the LORD.

15 ^aAnd Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore *an oath* to them.

16 And it came about at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were neighbors and that they were living ¹within their land.

17 Then the sons of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon and Chephirah and Beeroth and Kiriath-jearim.

18 And the sons of Israel did not strike them because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD the God of Israel. And the whole congregation grumbled against the leaders.

19 But all the leaders said to the whole congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them.

2 ¹Lit., *one mouth*

3 ^aJosh. 9:17, 22; 10:2; 21:17

4 ¹Lit., *went and traveled as envoys* ²Lit., *tied up*

7 ¹Lit., *among us*
^aJosh. 9:2; 11:19 ^bEx. 23:32

9 ¹Or, *name*
^aJosh. 9:16, 17 ^bJosh. 9:24; 2:9

14 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aNum. 27:21

15 ^aEx. 23:32

16 ¹Lit., *among them*

22 ¹Lit., among us
²Josh. 9:17

23 ¹Lit., a servant shall not
be cut off from you

24 ²Josh. 9:9

27 ²Deut. 12:5

¹ Or, put under the ban
² Lit., among them

2 ¹ Lit., they

3 ² Josh. 10:23

4 ¹ Lit., smite

5 ² Num. 13:29

6 ¹ Lit., slacken your
hands from

8 ¹ Lit., a man
² Josh. 1:5, 9

20 "This we will do to them, even let them live, lest wrath be upon us for the oath which we swore to them."

21 And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them.

22 Then Joshua called for them and spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,'^a when you are living¹ within our land?"

23 "Now therefore, you are cursed, and¹ you shall never cease being slaves, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God."

24 So they answered Joshua and said, "²Because it was certainly told your servants that the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you; therefore we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 "And now behold, we are in your hands; do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us."

26 Thus he did to them, and delivered them from the hands of the sons of Israel, and they did not kill them.

27 But Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, ^ain the place which He would choose.

CHAPTER 10

Now it came about when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had¹ utterly destroyed it (just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king), and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were² within their land,

2 that¹ he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

3 Therefore Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem sent word^a to Haham king of Hebron and to Piram king of Jarmuth and to Japhia king of Lachish and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 "Come up to me and help me, and let us¹ attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel."

5 So the five kings of^a the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they with all their armies, and camped by Gibeon and fought against it.

6 Then the men of Gibeon sent word to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not¹ abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that live in the hill country have assembled against us."

7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant warriors.

8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "^aDo not fear them, for I have given them into your hands; not¹ one of them shall stand before you."

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Five Kings Captured and Slain.**

9 So Joshua came upon them suddenly ¹by marching all night from Gilgal.

10 ^aAnd the LORD confounded them before Israel, and He ¹slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and pursued them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.

11 And it came about as they fled from before Israel, *while* they were at the descent of Beth-horon, that the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; *there were* more who died ¹from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

“O sun, stand still at Gibeon,
And O moon in the valley of Aijalon.”

13 ^aSo the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the Book of ^bJashar? And ^cthe sun stopped in the middle of the sky, and did not hasten to go *down* for about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for ^athe LORD fought for Israel.

15 Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp to Gilgal.

16 Now these ^afive kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, “The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah.”

18 And Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and assign men by it to guard them,

19 but do not stay *there* yourselves; pursue your enemies and ¹attack them in the rear. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand.”

20 And it came about when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished ¹slaying them with a very great slaughter, ^auntil they were destroyed, and the survivors *who* remained of them ²had entered the fortified cities,

21 that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. No one ¹uttered a word against any of the sons of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave.”

23 And they did so, and ^abrought these five kings out to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

24 And it came about when they brought these kings out to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.” So they came near and put their feet on their necks.

25 Joshua then said to them, “^aDo not fear or be

9 ¹Lit., *he went up*

10 ¹Lit., *struck*
^aDeut. 7:23

11 ¹Lit., *with*

13 ^aHab. 3:11 ^{b2} Sam. 1:18
^cIs. 38:8

14 ^aJosh 10:42; Ex. 14:14;
Deut. 1:30

16 ^aJosh. 10:5

19 ¹Lit., *smite their tail*

20 ¹Lit., *striking* ²Lit., *and had*
^aDeut. 20:16

21 ¹Lit., *sharpened his tongue*

23 ^aDeut. 7:24

25 ^aJosh. 10:8

26 ¹Josh. 8:29

dismayed! Be strong and courageous, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies with whom you fight.”

26 So afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he ^ahung them on five trees; and they hung on the trees until evening.

27 And it came about at ¹sunset that Joshua commanded, and ^athey took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and put large stones over the mouth of the cave, to this very day.

28 Now Joshua captured Makkedah on that day, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword; ^ahe ¹utterly destroyed ²it and every ³person who was in it. He left no survivor. Thus he did to the king of Makkedah ^bjust as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Makkedah to Libnah, and fought against Libnah.

30 And the LORD gave it also with its king into the hands of Israel, and he struck it and every person who was in it with the edge of the sword. He left no survivor in it. Thus he did to its king just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Libnah to Lachish, and they camped by it and fought against it.

32 And the LORD gave Lachish into the hands of Israel; and he captured it on the second day, and struck it and every person who was in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish, and Joshua ¹defeated him and his people until he had left him no survivor.

34 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Lachish to Eglon, and they camped by it and fought against it.

35 And they captured it on that day and struck it with the edge of the sword; and he ¹utterly destroyed that day every person who was in it, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 Then Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to Hebron, and they fought against it.

37 And they captured it and struck it and its king and all its cities and all the persons who were in it with the edge of the sword. He left no survivor, according to all that he had done to Eglon. And he ¹utterly destroyed it and every person who was in it.

38 Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to Debir, and they fought against it.

39 And he captured it and its king and all its cities, and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and ¹utterly destroyed every person who was in it. He left no survivor. Just as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had also done to Libnah and its king.

40 Thus Joshua struck all the land, ^athe hill country and the ¹Negev and the lowland and the slopes and ^ball their kings. He left no survivor, but ^ahe ²utterly destroyed all who breathed, just as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded.

41 And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea even as

27 ¹Lit., the time of the going of the sun
²Deut. 21:22, 23

28 ¹Or, put under the ban
²Some mss. read them ³Lit., soul, and so throughout the chap.
⁴Deut. 20:16 ^bJosh. 6:21

33 ¹Lit., smote35 ¹Or, put under the ban

37 ¹Or, put it under the ban

39 ¹Or, put it under the ban

40 ¹I.e., South country ²Or, put it under the ban
³Deut. 1:7 ^bDeut. 7:24
^cDeut. 20:16

far as Gaza, and all the country of ^aGoshen even as far as Gibeon.

42 And Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time, because the LORD, the God of Israel, ^afought for Israel.

43 So Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp to Gilgal.

CHAPTER 11

THEN it came about, when Jabin king of ^aHazor heard of it, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon and to the king of Shimron and to the king of Achshaph,

2 and to the kings who were of the north in the hill country, and in the ^aArabah—south of ¹Chinneroth and in the lowland and on the ²heights of Dor on the west—

3 to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite ¹at the foot of Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they came out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as ^athe sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots.

5 So all of these kings having agreed to meet, came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “^aDo not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow at this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel; you shall ^bhamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.”

7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came upon them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and attacked them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, so that they ¹defeated them, and pursued them as far as great Sidon and ^aMisrephoth-maim and the valley of ^bMizpeh to the east; and they struck them until no survivor was left to them.

9 And Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him; he ^ahamstrung their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

10 Then Joshua turned back at that time, and captured ^bHazor and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor formerly was the head of all these kingdoms.

11 ^aAnd they struck every person who was in it with the edge of the sword, ¹utterly destroying *them*; there was no one left who breathed. And he burned Hazor with fire.

12 And Joshua captured all the cities of these kings, and all their kings, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, *and* utterly destroyed them; just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded.

13 However, Israel did not burn any cities that stood on their mounds, except Hazor alone, *which* Joshua burned.

14 ^aAnd all the spoil of these cities and the cattle, the sons of Israel took as their plunder; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. They left no one who breathed.

15 Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so

41 ^aJosh. 11:16; 15:51

42 ^aJosh. 10:14

1 ^aJosh 11:10

2 ¹ i.e., Sea of Galilee ²Or, Naphoth-dor ^aJosh. 12:3-13:27

3 ¹ Lit., *under*

4 ^aJudg. 7:12

6 ^aJosh. 10:8 ^{b2} Sam. 8:4

8 ¹ Lit., *smote* ^aJosh. 13:6 ^bJosh. 11:3

9 ^aJosh. 11:6

10 ^aJosh. 11:1

11 ¹ Or, *putting them under the ban*. So throughout the chapter ^aDeut. 20:16

14 ^aNum. 31:11, 12

16 ¹L.e., South country
^aJosh. 10:40, 41 ^bJosh. 11:2

17 ¹Lit., under
^aJosh. 12:7 ^bDeut. 7:24

19 ^aJosh. 9:3, 7

20 ¹Lit., *make strong* ²Lit.,
have
^aEx. 14:17

21 ^aNum. 13:33; Deut. 9:2

23 ^aDeut. 1:38 ^bDeut. 12:9,
10; 25:19; Heb. 4:8

1 ¹Lit., *smote*
^aNum. 32:33; Deut. 3:8-17

2 ^aDeut. 2:36

3 ¹L.e., Galilee ²Lit., *the*
way of ³Lit., *under*
^aJosh. 11:2 ^bJosh. 13:20

4 ^aDeut. 3:11

6 ¹Lit., *smote*

7 ¹Lit., *smote*

Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

16 Thus Joshua took all that land: ^athe hill country and all the ¹Negev, all that land of Goshen, the lowland, ^bthe Arabah, the hill country of Israel and its lowland

17 from ^aMount Halak, that rises toward Seir, even as far as Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon ¹at the foot of Mount Hermon. And he captured ^ball their kings and struck them down and put them to death.

18 Joshua waged war a long time with all these kings.

19 There was not a city which made peace with the sons of Israel except ^athe Hivites living in Gibeon; they took them all in battle.

20 ^aFor it was of the LORD to ¹harden their hearts, to meet Israel in battle in order that he might utterly destroy them, that they might ²receive no mercy, but that he might destroy them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

21 Then Joshua came at that time and cut off ^athe Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab and from all the hill country of Judah and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

22 There were no Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod some remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses, and ^aJoshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. ^bThus the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 12

^a NOW these are the kings of the land whom the sons of Israel ¹defeated, and whose land they possessed beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the valley of the Arnon as far as Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah to the east:

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, both ^athe middle of the valley and half of Gilead, even as far as the brook Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

3 and the ^aArabah as far as the Sea of ¹Chinneroth toward the east, and as far as the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward ²toward ^bBeth-jeshimoth, and on the south, ³at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah;

4 and the territory of Og king of Bashan, one of ^athe remnant of Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

5 and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half of Gilead, *as far as* the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 Moses the servant of the LORD and the sons of Israel ¹defeated them; and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it to the Reubenites and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh as a possession.

7 Now these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel ¹defeated beyond the Jordan toward the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even as far as

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^aMount Halak, which rises toward Seir; and Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their divisions,

8 ^ain the hill country, in the lowland, in the Arabah, on the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the ¹Negev; the Hittite, the Amorite and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite:

9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

10 the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 the king of Horman, one; the king of ^aArad, one;

15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one

16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;

18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one;

23 the king of Dor in the ¹heights of Dor, one; the king of Goyim in Gilgal, one;

24 the king of Tirzah, one: ^ain all thirty-one kings.

CHAPTER 13

^aNOW Joshua was old *and* advanced in years when the LORD said to him, "You are old *and* advanced in years, and very much of the land remains to be possessed.

2 "This is the land that remains: all the regions of the Philistines and all *those* of the Geshurites;

3 from the Shihor which is ¹east of Egypt, even as far as the border of Ekron to the north (it is counted as Canaanite); the five lords of the Philistines: the Gazite, the Ashdodite, the Ashkelonite, the Gittite, the Ekronite; and the Avvite

4 ¹to the south, all the land of the Canaanite, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, as far as Aphek, to the border of the Amorite;

5 and the land of the Gebalite, and all of Lebanon, toward the ¹east, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon as far as ²Lebo-hamath.

6 "All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon as far as ^aMisrephoth-maim, all the Sidonians, I will ¹drive them out from before the sons of Israel; only allot it to Israel for an inheritance as I have commanded you.

7 "Now therefore apportion this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manasseh."

8 With ¹the other half-tribe, the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance which Moses gave them ^abeyond the Jordan to the east, just as Moses the servant of the LORD gave to them;

9 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the

7 ^aJosh. 11:178 ¹Lit., South country
^aJosh. 11:1614 ^aNum. 21:123 ¹Or, Naphath-dor24 ^aDeut. 7:241 ^aJosh. 14:103 ¹Lit., on the face of4 ¹Or, from the Teman5 ¹Lit., sunrise ²Or, the entrance of Hamath6 ¹Or, dispossess
^aJosh. 11:88 ¹Lit., it, the
^aJosh. 12:1-6

11 ¹Or, border

Arnon, with the city which is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba, as far as Dibon;

10 and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the border of the sons of Ammon;

11 and Gilead, and the ¹territory of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salecah;

12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he alone was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for Moses struck them and dispossessed them.

13 But the sons of Israel did not dispossess the Geshurites or the Maacathites; for Geshur and Maacath live among Israel until this day.

14 ^aOnly to the tribe of Levi he did not give an inheritance; the offerings by fire to the LORD, the God of Israel, are ¹their inheritance, as He spoke to him.

15 So Moses gave *an inheritance* to the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to their families.

16 And their ¹territory was from ^aAroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, with the city which is in the middle of the valley and all the plain by Medeba;

17 Heshbon, and all its cities which are on the plain: Dibon and Bamoth-baal and Beth-baal-meon,

18 and Jahaz and Kedemoth and Mephaath,

19 and Kiriathaim and Sibmah and Zereth-shahar on the hill of the valley,

20 and Beth-peor and the slopes of Pishgah and Beth-jeshimoth,

21 even all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the chiefs of Midian, ^aEvi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who lived in the land.

22 The sons of Israel also killed ^aBalaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword among *the rest* of their slain.

23 And the border of the sons of Reuben was the ¹Jordan. This was the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 Moses also gave *an inheritance* to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad, according to their families.

25 And their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the sons of Ammon, as far as Aroer which is before Rabbah;

26 and from Heshbon as far as Ramath-mizpeh and Betonim, and from Mahanaim as far as the border of ¹Debir;

27 and in the valley, Beth-haram and Beth-nimrah and Succoth and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan ¹as a border, as far as the *lower end* of the Sea of ^{2a}Chinnereth beyond the Jordan to the east.

28 This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages.

29 Moses also gave *an inheritance* to the half-tribe of Manasseh; and it was for the half-tribe of the sons of Manasseh according to their families.

30 And their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all

14 ¹Lit., his
^aDeut. 18:1, 216 ¹Or, border
^aJosh. 13:921 ^aNum. 31:822 ^aNum. 31:823 ¹Lit., Jordan and border26 ¹Or, Lidebir27 ¹Lit., and border ²i.e., Galilee
^aNum. 34:11; Deut. 3:17

the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all ^athe ¹towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities;

31 also half of Gilead, with Ashtaroth and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were* for the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the sons of Machir according to their families.

32 These are *the territories* which Moses apportioned for an inheritance in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho to the east.

33 ^aBut to the tribe of Levi Moses did not give an inheritance; the LORD, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as He had ¹promised to them.

CHAPTER 14

NOW these are *the territories* which the sons of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which ^aEleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the ¹households of the tribes of the sons of Israel apportioned to them for an inheritance,

2 by the lot of their inheritance, as the LORD commanded ¹through Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.

3 ^aFor Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; ^bbut he did not give an inheritance to the the Levites among them.

4 For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, and they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in, with their pasture lands for their livestock and for their property.

5 Thus the sons of Israel did just as the LORD had commanded Moses, and they divided the land.

6 Then the sons of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal, and ^aCaleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the word which the LORD spoke to Moses the man of God concerning ¹you and me in Kadesh-barnea.

7 "I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him as *it was* in my heart.

8 "Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people ¹melt with fear; but I followed the LORD my God fully.

9 ^a"So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.'

10 "And now behold, the LORD has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today.

11 "I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in.

12 "Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that ^aAnakim *were* there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the LORD

30 ¹Lit., *tent villages*
^aNum. 32:41

33 ¹Lit., *spoken to*
^aJosh. 13:14

¹Lit., *fathers'*
^aNum. 34:16-29

2 ¹Lit., *by the hand of*

3 ^aNum. 32:33 ^bJosh. 13:14

6 ¹Lit., *me and concerning you*
^aNum. 13:6, 30; 14:6, 24, 30

8 ¹Lit., *become demoralized*

9 ^aDeut. 1:36

12 ¹Num. 13:33

12 ¹Or, *dispossess*

15 ¹I.e., the city of Arba
²Josh. 11:23

1 ¹Lit., *was to*
²Num. 34:3, 4 ^bNum. 20:16
^cDeut. 32:51

4 ¹Or, *wadi* ²Lit., *goings*
out of the border were

5 ¹Lit., *end*
²Num. 34:3 ^bJosh. 18:15-19

7 ¹Lit., *the goings out of it*
were
²Deut. 7:24

8 ²Josh. 15:63

11 ¹Lit., *goings*
out . . . were

12 ¹Lit., *border*

will be with me, and I shall ¹drive them out as the LORD has spoken."

13 So Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

14 Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully!

15 Now the name of Hebron was formerly ¹Kiriath-arba; for Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim. ²Then the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

NOW the lot for the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families ¹reached the ^bborder of Edom, southward to the wilderness of ^cZin at the extreme south.

2 And their south border was from the lower end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that turns to the south.

3 Then it proceeded southward to the ascent of Akrab-bim and continued to Zin, then went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea and continued to Hezron, and went up to Ad-dar and turned about to Karka.

4 And it continued to Azmon and proceeded to the ¹brook of Egypt; and the ²border ended at the sea. This shall be your south border.

5 ^aAnd the east border *was* the Salt Sea, as far as the ¹mouth of the Jordan. ^bAnd the border of the north side was from the bay of the sea at the ¹mouth of the Jordan.

6 Then the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and continued on the north of Beth-arabah, and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

7 And the border went up to Debir from ^athe valley of Achor, and turned northward toward Gilgal which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south of the valley; and the border continued to the waters of En-shemesh, and ¹it ended at En-rogel.

8 Then the border went up the valley of Ben-Hinnom to the slope of the ^aJebusite on the south (that is, Jerusalem); and the border went up to the top of the mountain which is before the valley of Hinnom to the west, which is at the end of the valley Rephaim toward the north.

9 And from the top of the mountain the border curved to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah and proceeded to the cities of Mount Ephron, then the border curved to Baalah (that is, Kiriath-jearim).

10 And the border turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and continued to the slope of Mount Jearim on the north (that is, Chesalon), and went down to Beth-shemesh and continued through Timnah.

11 And the border proceeded to the side of Ekron northward. Then the border curved to Shikkeron and continued to Mount Baalah and proceeded to Jabneel, and the ¹border ended at the sea.

12 And the west border was at the Great Sea, even *its* ¹coastline. This is the border around the sons of Judah according to their families.

13 ^aNow he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion ^bamong the sons of Judah, according to the ¹command of the LORD to Joshua, *namely*, ²Kiriath-arba, *Arba being* the father of Anak (that is, Hebron).

14 And ^aCaleb ¹drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 Then he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir; now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher.

16 And Caleb said, "The one who ¹attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, ²I will give him Achsah my daughter as a wife."

17 ^aAnd Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it; so he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife.

18 And it came about that when she came to *him*, she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she alighted from the donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?"

19 Then she said, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me the land of the ¹Negev, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families.

21 Now the cities at the extremity of the tribe of the sons of Judah toward the border of Edom in the south were Kabzeel and ^aEder and Jagur,

22 and Kinah and Dimonah and Adadah,

23 and Kedesh and Hazor and Ithnan,

24 Ziph and Telem and Bealoth,

25 and Hazor-hadattah and Kerioth-hezron (that is, Hazor),

26 Amam and Shema and Moladah,

27 and Hazar-gaddah and Heshmon and Beth-pelet,

28 and Hazar-shual and ^aBeer-sheba and Biziothiah,

29 Baalah and Iim and Ezem,

30 and Eltolad and Chesil and Hormah,

31 and ^aZiklag and Madmannah and Sansannah,

32 and Lebaoth and Shilhim and Ain and Rimmon; in all, twenty-nine cities with their villages.

33 In the lowland: ^aEshtaol and Zorah and Ashnah,

34 and Zanoah and Engannim, Tappuah and Enam,

35 Jarmuth and ^aAdullam, Socoh and Azekah,

36 and Shaaraim and Adithaim and Gederah and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan and Hadashah and Migdal-gad,

38 and Dilean and Mizpeh and Joktheel,

39 ^aLachish and Bozkath and Eglon,

40 and Cabbon and Lahmas and Chitlish,

41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon and Naamah and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah and Ether and Ashan,

43 and Iphtah and Ashnah and Nezib,

44 and Keilah and Achzib and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron, with its towns and its villages;

46 from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the ¹side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and

13 ¹Lit., *mouth* ²i.e., the city of Arba
^aJosh. 14:13-15 ^bNum. 13:6

14 ¹Or, *dispossessed*
^aJosh. 11:21, 22; Num. 13:33; Deut. 9:2

16 ¹Lit., *smites* ²Lit., *and I*

17 ^aJudg. 1:13; 3:9

19 ¹i.e., South country

21 ^aGen. 35:21

28 ^aGen. 21:31

31 ^a1 Sam. 27:6; 30:1

33 ^aJudg. 13:25; 16:31

35 ^a1 Sam. 22:1

39 ^aJosh. 10:3; 2 Kin. 14:19

46 ¹Lit., *hand*

⁴⁷ ¹Or, wadi ²Lit., border
^aJosh. 13:3

⁶³ ¹Or, dispossess them
^aJudg. 1:21; ²Sam. 5:6

¹ ^aJosh. 8:15; 18:12

³ ¹Lit., goings out of it
were
^aJosh. 18:13; ¹Kin. 9:17
^bJosh. 10:33

⁵ ^aJosh. 18:13

⁶ ^aJosh. 17:7

⁷ ^{a1} Chr. 7:28

⁸ ¹Or, wadi ²Lit., goings
out of it were
^aJosh. 17:8

¹⁰ ¹Or, dispossess
^aJudg. 1:29; ¹Kin. 9:16
^bJosh. 17:12, 13

its villages; as far as ^athe ¹brook of Egypt and the Great Sea, even its ²coastline.

48 And in the hill country: Shamir and Jattir and Socoh,
49 and Dannah and Kiriath-sannah (that is, Debir),

50 and Anab and Eshtemoh and Anim,

51 and Goshen and Holon and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab and Dumah and Eshan,

53 and Janum and Beth-tappuah and Aphekah,

54 and Humtah and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel and Ziph and Juttah,

56 and Jezreel and Jokdeam and Zanoah,

57 Kain, Gibeah and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Beth-zur and Gedor,

59 and Maarath and Beth-anoth and Eltekon; six cities with their villages.

60 Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness: Beth-arabah, Middin and Secacah,

62 and Nibshan and the City of Salt and Engedi; six cities with their villages.

63 Now as for the ^aJebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not ¹drive them out; so the Jebusites live with the sons of Judah at Jerusalem until this day.

CHAPTER 16

THEN the lot for the sons of Joseph went from the Jordan at Jericho to the waters of Jericho on the east into ^athe wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel.

2 And it went from Bethel to Luz, and continued to the border of the Archites at Ataroth.

3 And it went down westward to the territory of the Japhletites, as far as the territory of lower ^aBeth-horon even to ^bGezer, and ¹it ended at the sea.

4 And the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.

5 Now *this* was the territory of the sons of Ephraim according to their families: the border of their inheritance eastward was ^aAtaroth-addar, as far as upper Beth-horon.

6 Then the border went westward to ^aMichmethath on the north, and the border turned about eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and continued *beyond* it to the east of Janoah.

7 And it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and to ^aNarah, then reached Jericho and came out at the Jordan.

8 From ^aTappuah the border continued westward to the ¹brook of Kanah, and ²it ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim according to their families,

9 *together* with the cities which were set apart for the sons of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10 ^aBut they did not ¹drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so ^bthe Canaanites live in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and they became forced laborers.

CHAPTER 17

NOW *this* was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the first-born of Joseph. To Machir the first-born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, ¹was allotted Gilead and Bashan, because he was a man of war.

2 So *the lot* was *made* for the rest of the sons of Manasseh according to their families: for the sons of Abiezer and for the sons of Helek and for the sons of Asriel and for the sons of Shechem and for the sons of Hopher and for the sons of Shemida; these *were* the male *descendants* of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families.

3 ^aHowever, Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, only daughters; and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest and before Joshua the son of Nun and before the leaders, saying, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." So ^aaccording to the ¹command of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among their father's brothers.

5 Thus there fell ten portions to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan,

6 because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons. And the ^aland of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh.

7 And the border of Manasseh ¹ran from Asher to Michmethath which was east of Shechem; then the border went ²southward to the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh *belonged* to the sons of Ephraim.

9 And the border went down to the ¹brook of Kanah, southward of the ¹brook (these cities *belonged* to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh), and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the ¹brook, and ²it ended at the sea.

10 The south side *belonged* to Ephraim and the north side to Manasseh, and the sea was ¹their border; and they reached to Asher on the north and to Issachar on the east.

11 And in Issachar and in Asher, ^aManasseh had Bethshean and its towns and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, the third is ^bNapheth.

12 ^aBut the sons of Manasseh could not take possession of these cities, because the Canaanites persisted in living in that land.

13 And it came about when the sons of Israel became strong, ^athey put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not ¹drive them out completely.

14 Then the sons ^aof Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me only one lot and one portion for an inheritance, since I am a numerous people whom the LORD has thus far blessed?"

¹ ¹Lit., and there was to him

³ ^aNum. 26:33; 27:1-7

⁴ ¹Lit., mouth
^aNum. 27:5-7

⁶ ^aJosh. 13:30, 31

⁷ ¹Lit., was ²Lit., to the right hand

⁹ ¹Or, wadi ²Lit., goes out of it were

¹⁰ ¹Lit., its

¹¹ ^{a1} Chr. 7:29 ^bJosh. 11:2; 12:23

¹² ^aJudg. 1:27

¹³ ¹Or, dispossess
^aJosh. 16:10

¹⁴ ^aNum. 13:8

15 ¹Lit., up for yourself
²Lit., cut down

16 ¹Josh. 17:18; Judg. 1:19;
4:3, 13

18 ¹Lit., cut down ²Lit.,
goings out ³Or, dispossess
³Josh. 17:16

1 ¹Judg. 21:19; Jer. 7:12;
26:6, 9

4 ¹Lit., the ²Lit., come

7 ¹Lit., his
¹Josh. 13:33; Num. 18:7, 20

8 ¹Josh. 18:1

10 ¹Josh. 19:51; Num.
34:16-29

11 ¹Lit., went out

15 And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go ¹up to the forest and ²clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you."

16 And the sons of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the valley land have ¹chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth-shean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Jezreel."

17 And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, saying, "You are a numerous people and have great power; you shall not have one lot *only*,

18 but the hill country shall be yours. For though it is a forest, you shall ¹clear it, and to its ²farthest borders it shall be yours; for you shall ³drive out the Canaanites, even though they have ¹chariots of iron *and* though they are strong."

CHAPTER 18

THEN the whole congregation of the sons of Israel assembled themselves at ¹Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there; and the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the sons of Israel seven tribes who had not divided their inheritance.

3 So Joshua said to the sons of Israel, "How long will you put off entering to take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?"

4 "Provide for yourselves three men from ¹each tribe that I may send them, and that they may arise and walk through the land and write a description of it according to their inheritance; then they shall ²return to me.

5 "And they shall divide it into seven portions; Judah shall stay in its territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall stay in their territory on the north.

6 "And you shall describe the land in seven divisions, and bring *the description* here to me. And I will cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 "For ¹the Levites have no portion among you, because the priesthood of the LORD is ¹their inheritance. Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh also have received their inheritance eastward beyond the Jordan, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."

8 Then the men arose and went, and Joshua commanded those who went to describe the land, saying, "Go and walk through the land and describe it, and return to me; then I will cast lots for you here before the LORD in ¹Shiloh."

9 So the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities in seven divisions in a book; and they came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh.

10 ¹And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel according to their divisions.

11 Now the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their lot ¹lay between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from the Jordan, then the border went up to the side of Jericho on the

north, and went up through the hill country westward; and ¹it ended at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And from there the border continued to Luz, to the side of Luz (that is, Bethel) southward; and the border went down to Ataroth-addar, near the hill which *lies* on the south of lower Beth-horon.

14 And the border extended *from there*, and turned round on the west side southward, from the hill which *lies* before Beth-horon southward; and ¹it ended at Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), a city of the sons of Judah. This was the west side.

15 ^aThen the south side was from the edge of Kiriath-jearim, and the border went westward and went to the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border went down to the edge of the hill which is in the valley of Ben-Hinnom, which is in the vale of Rephaim northward; and it went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the slope of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En-rogel.

17 And it extended northward and went to En-shemesh and went to Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, and it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

18 And it continued to the side in front of the Arabah northward, and went down to the Arabah.

19 And the border continued to the side of Beth-hoglah northward; and the ¹border ended at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the south border.

20 Moreover, the Jordan was its border on the east side. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, according to their families *and* according to its borders all around.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho and Beth-hoglah and Emek-keziz,

22 and Beth-arabah and Zemaraim and Bethel,

23 and Avvim and Parah and Ophrah,

24 and Chephar-ammoni and Ophni and Geba; twelve cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon and Ramah and Beeroth,

26 and Mizpeh and Chephirah and Mozah,

27 and Rekem and Irpeel and Taralah,

28 and Zelah, Haeleph and the Jebusite (that is, Jerusalem), Gilbeath, Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.

12 ¹Lit., *goings out of it were*

14 ¹Lit., *goings out of it were*

15 ^aJosh. 15:5-9

19 ¹Lit., *goings out of the border were*

1 ¹Lit., *came out*

2 ¹Or, *Shema*, cf. Josh. 15:26

CHAPTER 19

THEN the second lot ¹fell to Simeon, to the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families, and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

2 So they had as their inheritance Beersheba and ¹Sheba and Moladah,

3 and Hazar-shual and Balah and Ezem,

4 and Eltolad and Bethul and Hormah,

8 ¹I.e., South country9 ¹Lit., *their*11 ¹Or, *reached to* ²Or, *wadi*12 ¹Lit., *went up*13 ¹Or, *and is marked off*14 ¹Lit., *goings out of it were*17 ¹Lit., *came out*22 ¹Lit., *goings out of their border were*24 ¹Lit., *came out*27 ¹Lit., *sunrise* ²Lit., *from the left hand*

5 and Ziklag and Beth-marcaboth and Hazar-susah,
6 and Beth-lebath and Sharuhem, thirteen cities with their villages;

7 Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan, four cities with their villages;

8 and all the villages which *were* around these cities as far as Baalath-beer, Ramah of the ¹Negev. This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families.

9 The inheritance of the sons of Simeon *was taken* from the portion of the sons of Judah, for the share of the sons of Judah was too large for them; so the sons of Simeon received *an* inheritance in the midst of ¹Judah's inheritance.

10 Now the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families. And the territory of their inheritance was as far as Sarid.

11 Then their border went up to the west and Marealah, it then ¹touched Dabbesheth, and reached to the ²brook that is before Jokneam.

12 Then it turned from Sarid to the east toward the sun rise as far as the border of Chisloth-tabor, and it proceeded to Daberath and ¹up to Japhia.

13 And from there it continued eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin, and it proceeded to Rimmon ¹which stretches to Neah.

14 And the border circled around it on the north to Hanthon, and ¹it ended at the valley of Iphtahel.

15 *Included also were* Kattah and Nahalal and Shimron and Idalah and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages.

16 This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 The fourth lot ¹fell to Issachar, to the sons of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their territory was to Jezreel and *included* Chesuloth and Shunem,

19 and Hapharaim and Shion and Anaharath,

20 and Rabbith and Kishion and Ebez,

21 and Remeth and En-gannim and En-haddah and Bethpazzez.

22 And the border reached to Tabor and Shahazumah and Beth-shemesh, and ¹their border ended at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24 Now the fifth lot ¹fell to the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

25 And their territory was Helkath and Hali and Beten and Achshaph,

26 and Allammelech and Amad and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel on the west and to Shihor-libnath.

27 And it turned toward the ¹east to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtahel northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; then it proceeded on ²north to Cabul,

28 and Ebron and Rehob and Hammon and Kanah, as far as Great Sidon.

29 And the border turned to Ramah, and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and ¹it ended at the sea by the region of Achzib.

30 *Included also were* Ummah, and Aphek and Rehob; twenty-two cities with their villages.

31 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 The sixth lot ¹fell to the sons of Naphtali; to the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; and ¹it ended at the Jordan.

34 Then the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and proceeded from there to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the south and ¹touched Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the ²east.

35 And the fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer and Ham-math, Rakkath and Chinnereth,

36 and Adamah and Ramah and Hazor,

37 and Kedesh and Edrei and En-hazor,

38 and Yiron and Migdal-el, Horem and Beth-anath and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

40 The seventh lot ¹fell to the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families.

41 And the territory of their inheritance was Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir-shemesh,

42 and Shaalabbin and Aijalon and Ithlah,

43 and Elon and Timnah and Ekron,

44 and Eltekeh and Gibbethon and Baalath,

45 and Jehud and Bene-berak and Gath-rimmon,

46 and Me-jarkon and Rakkon, with the territory over against ¹Joppa.

47 And the territory of the sons of Dan proceeded ¹beyond them; for the sons of Dan went up and fought with Leshem and captured it. Then they struck it with the edge of the sword and possessed it and ²settled in it; and they called Leshem Dan after the name of Dan their father.

48 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 When they finished apportioning the land for inheritance by its borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance in their midst to Joshua the son of Nun.

50 In accordance with the ¹command of the LORD they gave him the city for which he asked, ^aTimnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. So he built the city and ²settled in it.

51 ^aThese are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the ¹households of the tribes of the sons of Israel distributed by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

29 ¹Lit., goings out of it were

32 ¹Lit., came out

33 ¹Lit., goings out of it were

34 ¹Or, reached to ²Lit., sunrise

40 ¹Lit., came out

46 ¹Heb., Japho

47 ¹Lit., from ²Lit., dwelt

50 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., dwelt
^aJosh. 24:30; Num. 13:8

51 ¹Lit., fathers
^aJosh. 18:10

CHAPTER 20

THEN the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, "1Designate ^athe cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you ²through Moses,

3 that the manslayer who ¹kills any person unintentionally, without premeditation, may flee there, and they shall become your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 'And he shall flee to one of these cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city and state his case in the hearing of the elders of that city; and they shall ¹take him into the city to them and give him a place, so that he may dwell among them.

5 'Now if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor without premeditation and did not hate him beforehand.

6 'And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the manslayer shall ¹return to his own city and to his own house, to the city from which he fled.' "

7 So they ¹set apart ^aKedesh in ²Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in ^bthe hill country of Judah.

8 And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they ¹designated Bezer in the wilderness on the plain from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever ¹kills any person unintentionally may flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stands before the congregation.

CHAPTER 21

THEN the heads of ¹households ^aof the Levites approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of ¹households of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

2 And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "The LORD commanded ¹through Moses to give us cities to live in, with their pasture lands for our cattle."

3 So the sons of Israel gave the Levites from their inheritance these cities with their pasture lands, according to the ¹command of the LORD.

4 Then the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And the sons of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, ¹received thirteen cities by lot from the tribe of Judah and from the tribe of the Simeonites and from the tribe of Benjamin.

5 And the rest of the sons of Kohath ¹received ten cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Ephraim and from the tribe of Dan and from the half-tribe of Manasseh.

6 And the sons of Gershon ¹received thirteen cities by lot

² Lit., set for yourselves
² Lit., by the hand of
^a Num. 35:6-34; Deut. 4:41; 19:2

3 ¹ Lit., smites

4 ¹ Lit., gather

6 ¹ Lit., return and come

7 ¹ Lit., sanctified ² Heb. Galil
^a Josh. 21:32; 1 Chr. 6:76
^b Josh. 21:11; Luke 1:39

8 ¹ Lit., set

9 ¹ Lit., smites

¹ Lit., fathers
^a Num. 35:1-8

² Lit., by the hand of
^a Num. 35:2

3 ¹ Lit., mouth

4 ¹ Lit., had

5 ¹ Lit., had

6 ¹ Lit., had

Cities of the Levites.

7¹Lit., had

from the families of the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher and from the tribe of Naphtali and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

7 The sons of Merari according to their families received twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of Zebulun.

8 Now the sons of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their pasture lands, as the LORD had commanded through Moses.

9 And they gave these cities which are *here* mentioned by name from the tribe of the sons of Judah and from the tribe of the sons of Simeon;

10 and they were for the sons of Aaron, one of the families of the Kohathites, of the sons of Levi, for the lot was theirs first.

11 Thus they gave them Kirath-arba, *Arba being* the father of Anak (that is, Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its surrounding pasture lands.

12 But the fields of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

13 So to the sons of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, and Libnah with its pasture lands,

14 and Jattir with its pasture lands and Eshtemoa with its pasture lands,

15 and Holon with its pasture lands and Debir with its pasture lands,

16 and Ain with its pasture lands and Juttah with its pasture lands and Beth-shemesh with its pasture lands; nine cities from these two tribes.

8¹Lit., by the hand of

17 And from the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasture lands, Geba with its pasture lands,

18 Anathoth with its pasture lands and Almon with its pasture lands; four cities.

19 All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

20 Then the cities from the tribe of Ephraim were allotted to the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites, *even to* the rest of the sons of Kohath.

21 And they gave them Shechem, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, in the hill country of Ephraim, and Gezer with its pasture lands,

22 and Kibzaim with its pasture lands and Beth-horon with its pasture lands; four cities.

23 And from the tribe of Dan, Eletke with its pasture lands, Gibbethon with its pasture lands,

24 Aijalon with its pasture lands, Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands; four cities.

25 And from the half-tribe of Manasseh, *they allotted* Taanach with its pasture lands and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands; two cities.

26 All the cities with their pasture lands for the families of the rest of the sons of Kohath were ten.

27 And to the sons of Gershon, one of the families of the Levites, from the half-tribe of Manasseh, *they gave* Golan in

41 ^aNum. 35:7

Bashan, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, and Be-eshterah with its pasture lands; two cities.

28 And from the tribe of Issachar, *they gave* Kishion with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,

29 Jarmuth with its pasture lands, En-gannim with its pasture lands; four cities.

30 And from the tribe of Asher, *they gave* Mishal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands,

31 Helkath with its pasture lands and Rehob with its pasture lands; four cities.

32 And from the tribe of Naphtali, *they gave* Kedesh in Galilee, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands and Hammoth-dor with its pasture lands and Kartan with its pasture lands; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

34 And to the families of the sons of Merari, the rest of the Levites, *they gave* from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasture lands and Kartah with its pasture lands.

35 Dimnah with its pasture lands, Nahalal with its pasture lands; four cities.

36 And from the tribe of Reuben, *they gave* Bezer with its pasture lands and Jahaz with its pasture lands,

37 Kedemoth with its pasture lands and Mephaath with its pasture lands; four cities.

38 And from the tribe of Gad, *they gave* Ramoth in Gilead, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands and Mahaniam with its pasture lands,

39 Heshbon with its pasture lands, Jazer with its pasture lands; four cities in all.

40 All *these were* the cities of the sons of Merari according to their families, the rest of the families of the Levites; and their lot was twelve cities.

41 ^aAll the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities with their pasture lands.

42 These cities each had its surrounding pasture lands; thus *it was* with all these cities.

43 ^aSo the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and ^bthey possessed it and lived in it.

44 And the LORD ^agave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and ^bno one of all their enemies stood before them; ^cthe LORD gave all their enemies into their hand.

45 ^aNot ¹one of the good ²promises which the LORD had ³made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

43 ^aDeut. 34:4 ^bNum. 33:53; Deut. 11:31; 17:1444 ^aJosh. 1:13; 23:1 ^bDeut. 7:24 ^cEx. 23:3145 ¹Lit., a word ²Lit., words ³Lit., spoken
^aJosh. 23:14; 1 Kin. 8:561 ^aNum. 32:30-222 ^aJosh. 1:12-18

CHAPTER 22

THEN Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh,

2 and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, ^aand have listened to my voice in all that I commanded you.

3 "You have not forsaken your brothers these many days

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to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 ^a“And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brothers, as He spoke to them; therefore turn now and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan.

5 ^a“Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him ^bwith all your heart and with all your soul.”

6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

7 ^aNow to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, ^bbut to the other half Joshua gave a possession among their brothers westward beyond the Jordan. So when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them,

8 and said to ¹them, “Return to your tents with great riches and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, iron, and with very many clothes; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.”

9 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home and departed from the sons of Israel at Shiloh which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession which they had possessed, according to the ¹command of the LORD ²through Moses.

10 And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is in the land of Canaan, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, a large altar in appearance.

11 And the sons of Israel heard it ¹said, “Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built ^aan altar at the ²frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan, on the side belonging to the sons of Israel.”

12 And when the sons of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves at ^aShiloh, to go up against them in war.

13 Then the sons of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, ^aPhinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

14 and with him ten chiefs, one chief for each father’s household from each of the tribes of Israel; and each one of them was the head of his father’s household among the ¹thousands of Israel.

15 And they came to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them saying,

16 “Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, ‘What is this unfaithful act which you have committed against the God of Israel, turning away from following the LORD this day, by building yourselves ^aan altar, to rebel against the LORD this day?

17 ‘Is not ^athe ¹iniquity of Peor enough for us, from which

4 ^aNum. 32:18; Deut. 3:20

5 ^aDeut. 5:10 ^bDeut. 4:29

7 ^aNum. 32:33 ^bJosh. 17:1-13

8 ¹Lit., them, saying, “Return

9 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand of

11 ¹Lit., saying ²Lit., front ^aJosh. 22:19; Deut. 12:5

12 ^aJosh. 18:1

13 ^aNum. 25:7, 11; 31:6

14 ¹Or, families

16 ^aJosh. 22:11

17 ¹Lit., the iniquity... little for us ^aNum. 25:1-9

19 ¹Lit., *cross for yourselves*
²Lit., *abides*
³Josh. 22:11

we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although a plague came on the congregation of the LORD,

18 that you must turn away this day from following the LORD? And it will come about if you rebel against the LORD today, that He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel tomorrow.

20 ³Josh. 7:1-26

19 'If, however, the land of your possession is unclean then ¹cross into the land of the possession of the LORD, where the LORD's ²tabernacle ³stands, and take possession among us. Only do not rebel against the LORD, or rebel against us by building an altar for yourselves, besides the altar of the LORD our God.

21 ¹Lit., *thousands*

20 'Did not ³Achan the son of Zerah act unfaithfully in the things under the ban, and wrath fall on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.'

21 Then the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the ¹families of Israel.

23 ³Deut. 12:11

22 "The Mighty One, God, the LORD, the Mighty One, God, the LORD! He knows, and may Israel itself know. If *it was* in rebellion, or if in an unfaithful act against the LORD do not Thou save us this day!

23 "If we have built us an altar to turn away from following the LORD, or ³if to offer a burnt offering or grain offering on it, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings on it, may the LORD Himself require it.

24 ¹Lit., *from* ²Lit., *sons,*
saying

24 "But truly we have done this out of concern, ¹for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your sons may say to our ²sons, "What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?'

25 "For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between us and you, *you* sons of Reuben and sons of Gad; you have no portion in the LORD." So your sons may make our sons stop fearing the LORD.'

26 ¹Lit., *prepare to build*
for ourselves

26 "Therefore we said, 'Let us ¹build an altar, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice;

27 rather it shall be a witness between us and you and between our generations after us, that we are to perform the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings, that your sons may not say to our sons in time to come, "You have no portion in the LORD."'

29 ¹Lit., *dwelling place*

28 "Therefore we said, 'It shall also come about if they say *this* to us or to our generations in time to come, then we shall say, "See the copy of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice; rather it is a witness between us and you."'

30 ¹Lit., *thousands*

29 "Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away from following the LORD this day, by building an altar for burnt offering, for grain offering or for sacrifice, besides the altar of the LORD our God which is before His ¹tabernacle."

30 So when Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the congregation, even the heads of the ¹families of Israel who *were* with him, heard the words which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Manasseh, "Today we know that the LORD is in our midst, because you have not committed this unfaithful act against the LORD; now you have delivered the sons of Israel from the hand of the LORD."

32 Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the leaders returned from the sons of Reuben and from the sons of Gad, from the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel, and brought back word to them.

33 And the word pleased the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel blessed God; and they did not speak of going up against them in war, to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad were living.

34 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad ^acalled the altar *Witness*; "For," *they said*, "it is a witness between us that the LORD is God."

CHAPTER 23

NOW it came about after many days, when the LORD had given ^arest to Israel from all their enemies ¹on every side, and Joshua was old, advanced in years,

2 ^athat Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and their heads and their judges and their officers, and said to them, "I am old, advanced in years.

3 "And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for ^athe LORD your God is He who has been fighting for you.

4 "See, ^aI have apportioned to you these nations which remain as an inheritance for your tribes, with all the nations which I have cut off, from the Jordan even to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.

5 "And the LORD your God, He shall thrust them out from before you and ¹drive them from before you; and ^ayou shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God ²promised you.

6 ^a"Be very firm, then, to keep and do ^ball that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you may not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left,

7 in order that you may not ¹associate with these nations, these which remain among you, ^aor mention the name of their gods, or ^bmake *anyone* swear by *them*, or ^cserve them, or bow down to them.

8 "But you are to cling to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

9 ^a"For the LORD has ¹driven out great and strong nations from before you; and as for you, ^bno man has stood before you to this day.

10 ^a"One of your men puts to flight a thousand, for the LORD your God is ^bHe who fights for you, just as He ¹promised you.

11 "So take diligent heed to yourselves to love the LORD your God.

12 "For if you ever go back and ^acling to the rest of these

34 ^aGen. 31:47-49¹ ¹Lit., *from round about*
^aJosh. 21:44² ^aJosh. 24:1³ ^aDeut. 1:30⁴ ^aEx. 23:30⁵ ¹Or, *dispossess* ²Lit.,
spoke to
^aNum. 33:53⁶ ^aDeut. 5:32 ^bJosh. 1:7⁷ ¹Lit., *go among*
^aEx. 23:13; Ps. 16:4 ^bDeut.
6:13; 10:20 ^cEx. 20:5⁹ ¹Or, *dispossessed*
^aEx. 23:23, 30 ^bDeut. 7:24¹⁰ ¹Lit., *spoke to*
^aLev. 26:8; Deut. 28:7 ^bJosh.
23:3¹² ^aEx. 34:15, 16; Ps.
106:34, 35

¹² ¹Lit., *go among*
^bDeut. 7:3, 4; Ezra 9:2; Neh.
13:25

¹³ ¹Or, *dispossess*
^aEx. 23:33; 34:12; Deut. 7:16

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *come* ²Lit., *one word*
^a1 Kin. 2:2 ^bJosh. 21:45

¹⁵ ^aLev. 26:14-33; Deut.
28:15

¹⁶ ^aDeut. 4:25, 26

¹ ^aJosh. 23:2

² ¹L.e., *Euphrates*
^aGen. 11:27-32

³ ¹L.e., *Euphrates* ²Lit.,
seed
^aGen. 12:1; 24:7 ^bGen. 15:5
^cGen. 21:3

⁴ ^aGen. 25:25, 26 ^bDeut.
2:5 ^cGen. 46:6, 7

⁵ ¹Lit., *according to*
^aEx. 4:14-17

⁶ ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aEx. 14:2-31

⁷ ^aDeut. 1:46; 2:14

⁸ ^aNum. 21:21-35

⁹ ^aNum. 22:2

nations, these which remain among you, and ^bintermarry with them, so that you ¹associate with them and they with you,

13 know with certainty that the LORD your God will not continue to ¹drive these nations out from before you; but they ^ashall be a snare and a trap to you, and a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

14 "Now behold, today ^aI am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls ^bthat not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have ¹been fulfilled for you, not ²one of them has failed.

15 "And it shall come about that just as all the good words which the LORD your God spoke to you have come upon you, ^aso the LORD will bring upon you all the threats, until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

16 "^aWhen you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given you."

CHAPTER 24

^a**T**HEN Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel and for their heads and their judges and their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the ¹River, *namely*, ^aTerah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nabor, and they served other gods.

3 ^a'Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the ¹River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and ^bmultiplied his ²descendants and gave him ^cIsaac.

4 'And to Isaac I gave ^aJacob and Esau, and to Esau ^bI gave Mount Seir, to possess it; but ^cJacob and his sons went down to Egypt.

5 'Then ^aI sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt ¹by what I did in its midst; and afterward I brought you out.

6 'And I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and ^ayou came to the sea; and Egypt pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the ¹Red Sea.

7 'But when they cried out to the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your own eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And ^ayou lived in the wilderness for a long time.

8 'Then ^aI brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan, and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land when I destroyed them before you.

9 'Then ^aBalak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel, and he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to curse you.

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10 ¹But I was not willing to listen to Balaam. So he had to bless you, and I delivered you from his hand.

11 ¹And ²you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho; and the citizens of Jericho fought against you, ^{and} ³the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Girgashite, the Hivite and the Jebusite. Thus ⁴I gave them into your hand.

12 ¹Then I ²sent the hornet before you and it ¹drove out the two kings of the Amorites from before you, ^{but} not by your sword or your bow.

13 ¹And I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you had not built, and you have lived in them; you are eating of vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant.

14 ¹Now, therefore, ¹fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and ²truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the ³River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

15 “And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the Gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

16 ¹And the people answered and said, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;

17 for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of ¹bondage, and who did these great signs in our sight and preserved us through all the way in which we went and among all the peoples through whose midst we passed.

18 “And the LORD drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who lived in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God.”

19 Then Joshua said to the people, “You will not be able to serve the LORD, ²for He is a holy God. He is ³a jealous God; ⁴He will not forgive your transgression or your sins.

20 ¹“If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you after He has done good to you.”

21 And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.”

22 And Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen for yourselves the LORD, to serve Him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.”

23 “Now therefore, put away the foreign gods which are in your midst, and ¹incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

24 ¹And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and we will ²obey His voice.”

25 ¹So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, ¹this stone shall be for a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of

¹¹ ¹Josh. 3:16, 17 ²Ex. 23:23, 28; Deut. 7:1 ³Ex. 23:31

¹² ¹Lit., *drove them out* ²Ex. 23:28; Deut. 7:20 ³Ps. 44:3

13 ¹Deut. 6:10, 11

14 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Or, *faithfulness* ³I.e., Euphrates ⁴Deut. 10:12; 18:13; 1 Sam. 12:24

17 ¹Lit., *bondmen*

19 ¹Lev. 19:2; 20:7, 26 ²Ex. 20:5; 34:14 ³Ex. 23:21

20 ¹Deut. 4:25, 26

23 ¹Kin. 8:57, 58; Ps. 119:36; 141:4

24 ¹Lit., *listen to* ²Ex. 19:8; 24:3, 7; Deut. 5:27

25 ¹Ex. 24:8

27 ¹Josh. 22:27, 34

27¹Lit., with

the LORD which he spoke ¹to us; thus it shall be for a witness against you, lest you deny your God.”

30^aJosh. 19:50

28 Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to his inheritance.

29 And it came about after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being one hundred and ten years old.

31¹Lit., prolonged days after

30 And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in ^aTimnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of Mount Gaash.

31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who ¹survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

32¹Heb. *qesitah*
^aGen. 50:24, 25; Ex. 13:19;
Acts 7:15, 16 ^bGen. 33:19

32 ^aNow they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the piece of ground ^bwhich Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred ¹pieces of money; and they became the inheritance of Joseph's sons.

33¹Or, on the hill
^aJosh. 22:13

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him ¹at Gibeah of ^aPhinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

1^aNum. 27:21
bJudg. 1:27; 2:21-23; 3:1-6

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Jerusalem Captured.

3¹Lit., my lot ²Lit., I, even
I³Lit., your lot

NOW it came about after the death of Joshua that the sons of Israel ^ainquired of the LORD, saying, “Who shall go up first for us ^bagainst the Canaanites, to fight against them?”

2 And the LORD said, “Judah shall go up; behold, I have given the land into his hand.”

4¹Lit., smote them

3 Then Judah said to Simeon his brother, “Come up with me into ¹the territory allotted me, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and ²I in turn will go with you into ³the territory allotted you.”

5¹Lit., smote

4 And Judah went up, and the LORD gave the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hands; and they ¹defeated ten thousand men at Bezek.

6¹Lit., thumbs of his hands and his feet

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek and fought against him and they ¹defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his ¹thumbs and big toes.

8^aJudg. 1:21; Josh. 15:63

7 And Adoni-bezek said, “Seventy kings with their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to gather up *scraps* under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me.” So they brought him to Jerusalem and he died there.

8 Then the sons of Judah fought against ^aJerusalem and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.

9 And afterward the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites living in the hill country and in the ¹Negev and in the lowland.

9 ¹i.e., South country

10 ^aSo Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba); and they struck Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai.

10 ^aJosh. 15:13-19

11 Then from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir (now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher).

13 ^aJudg. 3:9

12 And Caleb said, "The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will even give him my daughter Achsah for a wife."

14 ¹Lit., the ²Lit., for yourself

13 And ^aOthniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, captured it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah for a wife.

14 Then it came about when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. Then she alighted from ¹her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What ²do you want?"

15 ¹i.e., South country

15 And she said to him, "Give me a blessing, since you have given me the land of the ¹Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 ¹Lit., sons
^aJudg. 4:11; Num. 10:20-32
^bJudg. 3:13; Deut. 34:3
^cNum. 21:1

16 And the ¹descendants of ^athe Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the ^bcity of palms with the sons of Judah, to the wilderness of Judah which is in the south of ^cArad; and they went and lived with the people.

17 ^aNum. 21:3

17 Then Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck the Canaanites living in Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called ^aHormah.

18 And Judah took Gaza with its territory and Ashkelon with its territory and Ekron with its territory.

19 ¹Or, dispossess
^aJudg. 4:3, 13; Josh. 17:16

19 Now the LORD was with Judah, and they took possession of the hill country; but they could not ¹drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had ^airon chariots.

20 Then they gave Hebron to Caleb, ^aas Moses had ¹promised; and he drove out from there ^bthe three sons of Anak.

20 ¹Lit., spoken
^aJosh. 14:9 ^bJudg. 1:10;
Josh. 15:14

21 ^aBut the sons of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem; so the Jebusites have lived with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

21 ^aJudg. 1:8; Josh. 15:63

22 Likewise the house of Joseph went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph spied out Bethel (^anow the name of the city was formerly Luz).

23 ^aGen. 28:19

24 And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the city and we will treat you kindly."

25 ^aJosh. 6:25

25 So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword, ^abut they let the man and all his family go free.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites and built a city and named it Luz ¹which is its name to this day.

26 ¹Lit., it

27 ^aBut Manasseh did not take possession of Bethshean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; so ^bthe Canaanites persisted in living in that land.

27 ^aJosh. 17:12 ^bJudg. 1:1

28 And it came about when Israel became strong, that

29 ^aJosh. 16:10

34 ¹Lit., *pressed*

35 ¹Lit., *dwelling* ²Lit., *hand* ³Lit., *was heavy*

36 ^aJosh. 15:3

¹Judg. 6:11; 13:2-21
^bJudg. 2:5 ^cEx. 20:2
^dGen. 17:7, 8; Lev. 26:42, 44;
Deut. 7:9

²Lit., *listened to My voice*
^aEx. 23:32
^bEx. 34:12, 13

³Some ancient mss. read *he adversaries, and*
^aJosh. 23:13 ^bNum. 33:55

⁵Lit., *Weepers*

⁶Josh. 24:28-31

⁷Lit., *prolonged days after*

they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not drive them out completely.

29 ^aNeither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who were living in Gezer; so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

30 Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites lived among them and became subject to forced labor.

31 Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, or of Achzib, or of Helbah, or of Aphik, or of Rehob.

32 So the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-anath, but lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; and the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath became forced labor for them.

34 Then the Amorites ¹forced the sons of Dan into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the valley;

35 yet the Amorites persisted in ¹living in Mount Heres, in Aijalon and in Shaalbim; but when the ²power of the house of Joseph ³grew strong, they became forced labor.

36 And the border of the Amorites ran from the ^aascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

CHAPTER 2

NOW ^athe angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to ^bBochim. And he said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, ^dI will never break My covenant with you,

2 and as for you, ^ayou shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; ^byou shall tear down their altars.' But you have not ¹obeyed Me; what is this you have done?"

3 "Therefore ^aI also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall ¹become ^{bas} thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.' "

4 And it came about when the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 So they named that place ¹Bochim; and there they sacrificed to the LORD.

6 ^aWhen Joshua had dismissed the people, the sons of Israel went each to his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who ¹survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

8 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of one hundred and ten.

9 And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

10 And all that generation also were gathered to their

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The Test by Other Nations.**

fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

11 Then the sons of Israel did ^aevil in the sight of the LORD, and ¹served the ^bBaals,

11 ¹Or, *worshiped*
^aJudg. 3:7; 12:4:1; 6:1
^bJudg. 6:25; 8:33; 10:6

12 and ^athey forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from *among* the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the LORD to anger.

12 ^aDeut. 31:16

13 So they forsook the LORD and ^aserved Baal and the Astartes.

13 ^aJudg. 10:6

14 ^aAnd the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and ^bHe sold them into the hands of their enemies around *them*, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

14 ^aDeut. 31:17; Ps. 106:40-42
^bDeut. 28:25; 32:30

15 Wherever they went, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had spoken and as the LORD had sworn to them, so that they were severely distressed.

16 ^aThen the LORD raised up judges ¹who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.

16 ¹Lit., *and they*
^aPs. 106:43-45

17 And yet they did not listen to their judges, for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed themselves down to them. They turned aside quickly from the way ^ain which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do as *their fathers*.

17 ^aJudg. 2:7

18 And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them.

20 ^aJudg. 2:14

19 But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways.

21 ^aJosh. 23:4, 5, 13

20 ^aSo the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to My voice,

22 ¹Lit., *kept*

21 ^aI also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,

22 in order to test Israel by them, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk in it as their fathers ¹did, or not.¹⁷

1 ¹Lit., *known*
^aJudg. 1:1

23 So the LORD allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and He did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAPTER 3

^a**N**OW these are the nations which the LORD left, to test Israel by them (*that is*, all who had not ¹experienced any of the wars of Canaan;

2 ¹Lit., *know, to teach them*
²Lit., *only*
³Lit., *known*

2 only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might ¹be taught war, ²those who had not ³experienced it formerly).

³ ¹Or, the entrance of Hamath
^aJosh. 9:3, 7; 11:19

⁴ ¹Lit., testing by them
²Lit., hear ³Lit., by the hand of
^aDeut. 8:2

⁶ ^aEx. 34:15, 16;
Deut. 7:3, 4; Josh. 23:12

⁷ ¹i.e., wooden symbols of female deities
^aJudg. 2:11 ^bDeut. 4:9
^cJudg. 2:13

⁸ ¹Heb., Aram-naharaim

⁹ ^aJudg. 1:13

¹⁰ ¹Heb., Aram ²Lit., his hand was strong
^aNum. 11:25-29; 24:2

¹² ^aJudg. 2:11 ^bJudg. 2:14

¹³ ¹Lit., smote
^aJudg. 1:16; Deut. 34:3

¹⁵ ¹Lit., his hand

3 *These nations are:* the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and ^athe Hivites who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as ¹Lebo-hamath.

4 And they were for ^{1a}testing Israel, to find out if they would ²obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers ³through Moses.

5 And the sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites;

6 and ^athey took their daughters for themselves as wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the sons of Israel did ^awhat was evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^bforgot the LORD their God, and ^cserved the Baals and the ¹Asheroth.

8 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-rishathaim king of ¹Mesopotamia; and the sons of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.

9 And when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, ^aOthniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And ^athe Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of ¹Mesopotamia into his hand, so that ²he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.

11 Then the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 Now the sons of Israel again ^adid evil in the sight of the LORD. So ^bthe LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered to himself the sons of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and ¹defeated Israel, and they possessed ^athe city of the palm trees.

14 And the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by ¹him to Eglon the king of Moab.

16 And Ehud made himself a sword which had two edges, a cubit in length; and he bound it on his right thigh under his cloak.

17 And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And it came about when he had finished presenting the tribute, that he sent away the people who had carried the tribute.

19 But he himself turned back from the idols which were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he said, "Keep silence." And all who attended him left him.

20 And Ehud came to him while he was sitting alone in his

cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat.

21 And Ehud stretched out his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh and thrust it into his belly.

22 The handle also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the refuse came out.

23 Then Ehud went out into the vestibule and shut the doors of the roof chamber behind him, and locked *them*.

24 When he had gone out, his servants came and looked, and behold, the doors of the roof chamber were locked; and they said, "He is only ¹relieving himself in the cool room."

25 And they waited ^auntil they ¹became anxious; but behold, he did not open the doors of the roof chamber. Therefore they took the key and opened them, and behold, their master had fallen to the ²floor dead.

26 Now Ehud escaped while they were delaying, and he passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah.

27 And it came about when he had arrived, that he blew the horn in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he *was* in front of them.

28 And he said to them, "Pursue *them*, for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hands." So they went down after him and seized ^athe fords of the Jordan opposite Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross.

29 And they struck down at that time about ten thousand Moabites, all robust and valiant men; and no one escaped.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land was undisturbed for eighty years.

31 And after him came ^aShamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also saved Israel.

CHAPTER 4

THEN the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of ^aJabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; and the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in ^bHarosheth-hagoyim.

3 And the sons of Israel cried to the LORD; for he had ^anine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.

4 Now Deborah, a ¹prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

5 And she used to ¹sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 Now she sent and summoned ^aBarak the son of Abin-oam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, "¹Behold, the LORD, the God of Israel, has commanded, 'Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from the sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun.

7 'And I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of

24 ¹Lit., covering his feet
^a1 Sam. 24:3

25 ¹Lit., were ashamed
²Lit., earth
^a2 kin. 2:17; 8:11

28 ^aJudg. 7:24; 12:5

31 ^aJudg. 5:6

2 ^aJosh. 11:1, 10
^bJudg. 4:13, 16

3 ^aJudg. 1:19

4 ¹Lit., woman prophetess

5 ¹Or, live

6 ¹Or, "Has not ...
commanded ... ?"
^aHeb. 11:32

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7 ¹Lit., *multitude*
^aPs. 83:9

9 ^aJudg. 4:21

10 ¹Lit., *at his feet*
^aJudg. 5:18 ^bJudg. 4:14; 5:15;
8:5

11 ¹Or, *terebinth*
^aJudg. J:16 ^bJosh. 19:33

13 ^aJudg. 4:3 ^bJudg. 4:2

14 ¹Or, *has not the LORD*
gone....?

15 ¹Lit., *confused*
^aDeut. 7:23; Josh. 10:10

16 ^aEx. 14:28; Ps. 83:9

18 ¹Or, *blanket*

19 ¹Lit., *skin container*
^aJudg. 5:24-27

21 ¹Lit., *placed*

22 ¹Lit., *to*

Jabin's army, with his chariots and his ¹many *troops* to the river Kishon; and ^aI will give him into your hand.'"

8 Then Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go."

9 And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, ^afor the LORD will sell Sisera into the hands of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 And Barak called ^aZebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh, and ten thousand men went up ^{1b}with him; Deborah also went up with him.

11 Now Heber ^athe Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, from the sons of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the ¹oak in ^bZaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

12 Then they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera called together all his chariots, ^anine hundred iron chariots, and all the people who *were* with him, from ^bHarosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon.

14 And Deborah said to Barak, "Arise! For this is the day in which the LORD has given Sisera into your hands; ¹behold, the LORD has gone out before you." So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.

15 ^aThe LORD ¹routed Sisera and all *his* army, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from *his* chariot and fled away on foot.

16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; ^anot even one was left.

17 Now Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my master, turn aside to me! Do not be afraid." And he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a ¹rug.

19 ^aAnd he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a ¹bottle of milk and gave him a drink; then she covered him.

20 And he said to her, "Stand in the doorway of the tent, and it shall be if anyone comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there anyone here?' that you shall say, 'No.'"

21 But Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and ¹seized a hammer in her hand, and went secretly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went through into the ground; for he was sound asleep and exhausted. So he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." And he entered ¹with her, and behold Sisera was lying dead with the tent peg in his temple.

23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel.

24 And the hand of the sons of Israel pressed heavier and

heavier upon Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had
¹destroyed Jabin the king of Canaan.

24 ¹Lit., *cut off*

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEx. 15:1

^aTHEN Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that
 day, saying,

2 ¹Or, *locks hung loose in*
^aJudg. 5:9 ^bPs. 110:3

2 "That ¹the leaders led in Israel,
 That ^bthe people volunteered,
 Bless the LORD!

3 ^aPs. 27:6

3 "Hear, O kings; give ear, O rulers!
^aI—to the LORD, I will sing,
 I will sing praise to the LORD, the God of Israel.

4 ^aDeut. 33:2; Ps. 68:7;
 Hab. 3:3 ^bPs. 68:8, 9

4 "LORD, when Thou didst go out from Seir,
 When Thou didst march from the field of Edom,
^bThe earth quaked, the heavens also dripped,
 Even the clouds dripped water.

5 ¹Lit., *flowed*
^aEx. 19:18 ^bPs. 68:8

5 "The mountains ¹quaked at the presence of the LORD,
^bThis Sinai, at the presence of the LORD, the God of
 Israel.

6 ¹Lit., *had ceased* ²Lit.,
walked ³Lit., *twisted*
^aJudg. 3:31 ^bJudg. 4:17

6 "In the days of ^aShamgar the son of Anath,
 In the days of ^bJael, the highways ¹were deserted,
 And ²travelers went by ³roundabout ways.

8 ^aDeut. 32:17 ^bJudg. 5:11

7 "The peasantry ceased, they ceased in Israel,
 Until I, Deborah, arose,
 Until I arose, a mother in Israel.

9 ^aJudg. 5:2

8 "New gods were chosen;
^bThen war *was* in the gates.
 Not a shield or a spear was seen
 Among forty thousand in Israel.

10 ¹Or, *tawny* ²Or, *declare*
it
^aJudg. 10:4; 12:14

9 "My heart *goes out* to ^athe commanders of Israel,
 The volunteers among the people;
 Bless the LORD!

11 ¹Or, *rural dwellers*
^aGen. 24:11; 29:2, 3
^b1 Sam. 12:7; Mic. 6:5
^cJudg. 5:8

10 "You who ride on ¹white donkeys,
 You who sit on *rich* carpets,
 And you who travel on the road—²sing!

12 ¹Or, *utter*
^aPs. 57:8 ^bPs. 68:18; Eph. 4:8

11 "At the sound of those who divide *flocks* among ^athe
 watering places,
 There they shall recount ^bthe righteous deeds of the
 LORD,
 The righteous deeds for His ¹peasantry in Israel.
 Then the people of the LORD went down ^cto the gates.

13 ^aJudg. 5:23; Ps. 18:9

12 "Awake, awake, Deborah;
 Awake, awake, ¹sing a song!
 Arise, Barak, and ^btake away your captives, O son of
 Abinoam.

14 ¹Lit., *the scribe*
^aJudg. 12:15

13 "Then survivors came down to the nobles;
 The people of ^athe LORD came down to me as warriors.

15 ¹So with ancient
 versions, Heb., *My princes*

14 "From Ephraim those whose root is ^ain Amalek *came*
down,
 Following you, Benjamin, with your peoples;
 From Machir commanders came down,
 And from Zebulun those who wield the staff of ¹office.
 15 "And the ¹princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah;

15 ²Lit., *feet*
^aJudg. 5:10 ^bIs. 15:6-9

16 ¹Or, *saddlebags*
^aNum. 32:1, 2, 24, 36

17 ¹Or, *dwelt*
^aJosh. 22:9

18 ^aJudg. 4:6, 10

19 ^aJudg. 4:13; Josh. 11:1, 2
^bJudg. 1:27 ^cJudg. 5:30

20 ^aJosh. 10:12-14

21 ^aEx. 15:2; Ps. 44:5

22 ¹Lit., *mighty ones*
^aJob 39:19-25

23 ^aJudg. 5:13

24 ^aJudg. 4:19-21

27 ¹Lit., *devastated*

28 ¹Or, *window* ²Lit., *steps*
^aProv. 7:6

30 ^aEx. 15:9

As *was* Issachar, so *was* Barak;
 Into the valley they rushed ^aat his ²heels;
 Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great resolves of heart.

16 "Why did you sit among ^athe ¹sheepfolds,
 To hear the piping for the flocks?
 Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great searchings of heart.

17 "^aGilead ¹remained across the Jordan;
 And why did Dan stay in ships?
 Asher sat at the seashore,
 And ¹remained by its landings.

18 "^aZebulun *was* a people who despised their lives *even* to
 death,
 And Naphtali also, on the high places of the field.

19 "^aThe kings came *and* fought;
 Then fought the kings of Canaan
^bAt Taanach near the waters of Megiddo;
^cThey took no plunder in silver.

20 "^aThe stars fought from heaven,
 From their courses they fought against Sisera.

21 "The torrent of Kishon swept them away,
 The ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon.
^aO my soul, march on with strength.

22 "^aThen the horses' hoofs beat
 From the dashing, the dashing of his ¹valiant steeds.

23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the LORD,
 'Utterly curse its inhabitants;
^aBecause they did not come to the help of the LORD,
 To the help of the LORD against the warriors.'

24 "^aMost blessed of women is Jael,
 The wife of Heber the Kenite;
 Most blessed is she of women in the tent.

25 "He asked for water *and* she gave him milk;
 In a magnificent bowl she brought him curds.

26 "She reached out her hand for the tent peg,
 And her right hand for the workmen's hammer.
 Then she struck Sisera, she smashed his head;
 And she shattered and pierced his temple.

27 "Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay;
 Between her feet he bowed, he fell;
 Where he bowed, there he fell ¹dead.

28 "^aOut of the window she looked and lamented,
 The mother of Sisera through the ¹lattice,
 'Why does his chariot delay in coming?
 Why do the ²hoofbeats of his chariots tarry?'

29 "Her wise princesses would answer her,
 Indeed she repeats her words to herself,

30 "^aAre they not finding, are they not dividing the spoil?
 A maiden, two maidens for every warrior;
 To Sisera a spoil of dyed work,
 A spoil of dyed work embroidered,

Dyed work of double embroidery on the neck of the spoiler?"

31 "Thus let all Thine enemies perish, O LORD;

But let those who love Him be like the rising of the sun in its might."

And the land was undisturbed for forty years.

CHAPTER 6

THEN the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.

2 And the power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.

3 For it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites would come up with the Amalekites and the sons of the east and go against them.

4 So they would camp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel as well as no sheep, ox, or donkey.

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, they would come in like locusts for number, both they and their camels were innumerable; and they came into the land to devastate it.

6 So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.

7 Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD on account of Midian,

8 that the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'It was I who brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out from the house of slavery.'

9 'And I delivered you from the hands of the Egyptians and from the hands of all your oppressors, and dispossessed them before you and gave you their land,

10 and I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed Me.'"

11 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress in order to save it from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

13 Then Gideon said to him, "Oh my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

14 And the LORD looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"

15 And he said to him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver

30 ¹Lit., necks of the spoil

31 ^aPs. 68:2; 92:9 ^bPs. 19:4; 6: 89:36, 37

1 ^aJudg. 2:11 ^bNum. 22:4; 25:15-18; 31:1-3

2 ¹Lit., hand

3 ¹Lit., go up

4 ¹Lit., until your coming
^aLev. 26:16 ^bDeut. 28:31

5 ^aJudg. 7:12; 8:10

6 ^aDeut. 28:43

8 ¹Lit., slaves
^aJudg. 2:1, 2

10 ¹Lit., listened to my voice

11 ¹Or, terebinth
^aJudg. 6:14; Judg. 2:1; 13:3
^bJudg. 6:15; Josh. 17:2
^cHeb. 11:32

13 ^aJudg. 6:1 Ps. 44:9

14 ¹Or, turned toward

15 ¹Lit., with what
^aEx. 3:11

15 ^bJudg. 6:11

Israel? Behold, my family is the least in ^bManasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

16 ^aBut the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall ¹defeat Midian as one man."

16 ¹Lit., *smite*
^aEx. 3:12; Josh. 1:5

17 So ¹Gideon said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Thy sight, then show me ^aa sign that it is Thou who speakest with me.

18 "Please do not depart from here, until I come *back* to Thee, and bring out my offering and lay it before Thee." And He said, "I will remain until you return."

17 ¹Lit., *he*
^aJosh. 6:37 Is. 38:7, 8

19 Then Gideon went in and ^aprepared a kid and unleavened bread from an ¹ephah of flour; he put the meat in a basket ²and the broth in a pot, and brought *them* out to him under the ³oak, and presented *them*.

20 And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

19 ¹I.e., approx. one bushel
²Lit., *and he put* ³Or, *terebinth*
^aGen. 10:6-8

21 Then the angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and ^afire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of the LORD ¹vanished from his sight.

22 ^aWhen Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, ¹he said, "Alas, O Lord ²GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face."

21 ¹Or, *departed*
^aLev. 9:24

23 And the LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die."

24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it ¹The LORD is Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

22 ¹Lit., *Gideon* ²YHWH,
usually rendered LORD
^aJudg. 13:21, 22; Gen. 32:30;
Ex. 33:20

25 Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull ¹and a second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal which belongs to your father, and cut down the ^{2a}Asherah that is beside it;

26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of this stronghold in an orderly manner, and take a second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down."

24 ¹Heb., *Yahweh-shalom*

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and it came about, because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it by day, that he did it by night.

25 ¹Or, *even* ²I.e., wooden
symbol of a female deity.
Also vss. 26, 28, 30
^aEx. 34:13

28 When the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was torn down, and the Asherah which was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar which had been built.

29 And they said to one another, "Who did this thing?" And when they searched about and inquired, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash did this thing."

31 ¹Or, *contend*

30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has torn down the altar of Baal, and indeed, he has cut down the Asherah which was beside it."

31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal, or will you deliver him? Whoever will ¹plead for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him

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contend for himself, because someone has torn down his altar."

32 Therefore on that day he named him ^aJerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he has torn down his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the sons of the east assembled themselves; and they crossed over and camped in ^athe valley of Jezreel.

34 So ^athe Spirit of the LORD ¹came upon Gideon; and he ^bblew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout Manasseh, and they also were called together to follow him; and he sent messengers to Asher, ^aZebulun, and Naphtali, and ^bthey came up to meet them.

36 Then Gideon said to God, "If Thou wilt deliver Israel ¹through me, as Thou hast spoken,

37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that Thou wilt deliver Israel ¹through me, as Thou hast spoken."

38 And it was so. When he arose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece, he drained the dew from the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not let Thine anger burn against me that I may speak once more; please let me make a test once more with the fleece, let it now be dry only on the fleece, and let there be dew on all the ground."

40 And God did so that night; for it was dry only on the fleece, and dew was on all the ground.

CHAPTER 7

THEN ^aJerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him, rose early and camped beside ¹the spring ^bof Harod; and the camp of Midian was on the north side of ²them by the hill of ^cMoreh in the valley.

2 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, ^alest Israel ¹become boastful, saying, 'My own ²power has delivered me.'

3 "Now therefore ¹come, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, '^aWhoever is afraid and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead.'" So 22,000 people returned, but 10,000 remained.

4 ^aThen the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water and I will test them for you there. Therefore it shall be that he of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go with you; but everyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "You shall separate everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, as well as everyone who kneels to drink."

6 Now the number of those who lapped, putting their

32 ^aJudg. 7:1

33 ^aJosh. 17:16

34 ¹Lit., *clothed*
^aJudg. 3:10 ^bJudg. 3:27

35 ^aJudg. 4:6, 10; 5:18
^bJudg. 7:3

36 ¹Lit., *by my hand*
^aJudg. 6:14, 16, 17

37 ¹Lit., *by my hand*

39 ^aGen. 18:32

¹ Or, *En-Harod* ²Lit.,
him
^aJudg. 6:32 ^bJudg. 7:3
^cGen. 12:6; Deut. 11:30

² ¹Lit., *glorify itself*
against me ²Lit., *hand*
^aDeut. 8:17, 18

³ Or, *please*
^aDeut. 20:8

4 ^a1 Sam. 14:6

7 ¹Lit., *place*

hand to their mouth, was 300 men; but all the rest of the people kneeled to drink water.

8 ¹Lit., *they* ²Lit., *he*

7 And the LORD said to Gideon, "I will deliver you with the 300 men who lapped and will give the Midianites into your hands; so let all the *other* people go, each man to his ¹home."

9 ¹Josh. 2:24; 10:8; 11:6

8 So ¹the 300 men took the people's provisions and their trumpets into their hands. And ²Gideon sent all the *other* men of Israel, each to his tent, but retained the 300 men; and the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

11 ¹Lit., *extremity of the battle array*
²Judg. 7:15

9 Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, ³for I have given it into your hands.

10 "But if you are afraid to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp,

11 and you will hear what they say; and ³afterward your hands will be strengthened that you may go down against the camp." So he went with Purah his servant down to the ¹outposts of the army that was in the camp.

12 ²Judg. 6:5; 8:10
¹Josh. 11:4

12 Now the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the sons of the east were lying in the valley ²as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, ³as numerous as the sand on the seashore.

13 ¹Lit., *dreamed* ²Lit., *and behold, a loaf* ³Lit., *upwards*

13 When Gideon came, behold, a man was relating a dream to his friend. And he said, "Behold, I ¹had a dream; ²a loaf of barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian, and it came to the tent and struck it so that it fell, and turned it ³upside down so that the tent lay flat."

14 ¹Josh. 2:9

14 And his friend answered and said, "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given Midian and all the camp ³into his hand."

16 ¹Lit., *heads*

15 And it came about when Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, that he bowed in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the camp of Midian into your hands."

16 And he divided the 300 men into three ¹companies, and he put trumpets and empty pitchers into the hands of all of them, with torches inside the pitchers.

17 ¹Lit., *it shall come about that just as I do, so you shall do.*

17 And he said to them, "Look at me, and do likewise. And behold, when I come to the outskirts of the camp, ¹do as I do.

20 ¹Lit., *heads*

18 "When I and all who are with me blow the trumpet, then you also blow the trumpets all around the camp, and say, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

21 ¹Or, *camp*

19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands.

22 ¹1 Sam. 14:20

20 When the three ¹companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers, they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing, and cried, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"

21 And each stood in his place around the camp; and all the ¹army ran, crying out as they fled.

22 And when they blew 300 trumpets, the ³LORD set the sword of one against another even throughout the whole

¹army; and the ¹army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of ^bAbel-meholah, by Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel were summoned from ^aNaphtali and Asher and all Manasseh, and they pursued Midian.

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down ¹against Midian and ^atake the waters before them, as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were summoned, and they took the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

25 And ^athey captured the two leaders of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, and they killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and they killed Zeeb at the wine press of Zeeb, while they pursued Midian; and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon ^bfrom across the Jordan.

CHAPTER 8

THEN the men of Ephraim said to him, "^aWhat is this thing you have done to us, not calling us when you went to fight against Midian?" And they contended with him vigorously.

2 But he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning *of the grapes* of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?"

3 "God has given the leaders of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb into your hands; and what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their ¹anger toward him subsided when he said ²that.

4 Then Gideon and the 300 men who were with him came ^ato the Jordan and crossed over, weary yet pursuing.

5 And he said to the men of ^aSuccoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who are following me, for they are weary, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."

6 And the leaders of Succoth said, "^{1a}Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hands, that we should give bread to your army?"

7 And Gideon said, "¹All right, ^awhen the LORD has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will ²thrash your ³bodies with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers."

8 And he went up from there to ^aPenuel, and spoke similarly to them; and the men of Penuel answered him just as the men of Succoth had answered.

9 So he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I return safely, ^aI will tear down this tower."

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their ¹armies with them, about 15,000 men, all who were left of the entire ²army of the sons of the east; ^afor the fallen were 120,000 ³swordsmen.

11 And Gideon went up by the way of those who lived in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and ¹attacked the camp, when the camp was ²unsuspecting.

12 When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued them and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the whole ¹army.

13 Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle ¹by the ascent of Heres.

²² ¹Or, camp
^{b1} Kin. 4:12; 19:16

²³ ^aJudg. 6:35

²⁴ ¹Lit., to meet
^aJudg. 3:28

²⁵ ^aPs. 83:11; Is. 10:26
^bJudg. 8:4

¹ ^aJudg. 12:1

³ ¹Lit., spirit ²Lit., this thing

⁴ ^aJudg. 7:25

⁵ ^aGen. 33:17

⁶ ¹Lit., Is the palm
^aJudg. 8:15

⁷ ¹Lit., For thus ²Or, trample ³Lit., flesh
^aJudg. 7:15

⁸ ^aGen. 32:30, 31

⁹ ^aJudg. 8:17

¹⁰ ¹Or, camps ²Or, camp
³Lit., men who drew sword
^aJudg. 6:5; 7:12; Ps. 83:9; Is. 9:4

¹¹ ¹Lit., smote ²Or, secure

¹² ¹Or, camp

¹³ ¹Or, from

Judges 8

14 ¹Lit., of the men of

15 ¹Lit., is the palm
²Judg. 8:6

16 ¹Lit., made the
men . . . to know

17 ²Judg. 8:9

18 ¹Lit., like the form of the
sons

21 ²Judg. 17:5; 18:14-20;
Ex. 28:6-35 ^bJudg. 8:26

24 ¹Lit., request a request
²Or, a nosering

27 ²Judg. 17:5; 18:14-20;
Ex. 28:6-35

29 ²Judg. 7:1

30 ¹Lit., came from his
loins
²Judg. 9:2, 5

31 ¹Lit., appointed his
name

14 And he captured a youth ¹from Succoth and questioned him. Then *the youth* wrote down for him the princes of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.

15 And he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted me, saying, ^{1a}Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are weary?"

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and he ¹disciplined the men of Succoth with them.

17 ^{2a}And he tore down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city.

18 Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men *were* they whom you killed at Tabor?" And they said, "They were like you, each one ¹resembling the son of a king."

19 And he said, "They *were* my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if only you had let them live, I would not kill you."

20 So he said to Jether his first-born, "Rise, kill them." But the youth did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise up yourself, and fall on us; for as the man, so is his strength." ^aSo Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and ^btook the crescent ornaments which were on their camels' necks.

22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, also your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian."

23 But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you."

24 Yet Gideon said to them, "I would ¹request of you, that each of you give me ^{2a}an earring from his spoil." (For they had gold earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)

25 And they said, "We will surely give *them*." So they spread out a garment, and every one of them threw an earring there from his spoil.

26 And the weight of the gold earrings that he requested was 1,700 *shekels* of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple robes which *were* on the kings of Midian, and besides the neck bands that *were* on their camels' necks.

27 And Gideon made it into ^aan ephod, and placed it in his city, Ophrah, and all Israel played the harlot with it there, so that it became a snare to Gideon and his household.

28 So Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads any more. And the land was undisturbed for forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 Then ^aJerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house.

30 Now Gideon had ^aseventy sons who ¹were his direct descendants, for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he ¹named him Abimelech.

32 And Gideon the son of Joash died at a ripe old age and

was buried in the tomb of his father Joash, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 Then it came about, as soon as Gideon was dead, ^athat the sons of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals, and made ^bBaal-berith their god.

34 Thus the sons of Israel ^adid not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side;

35 nor did they show kindness to the household of Jerubbaal (*that is*, Gideon), in accord with all the good that he had done to Israel.

CHAPTER 9

AND ^aAbimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's ¹relatives, and spoke to them and to the whole clan of the household of his mother's father, saying,

2 "Speak, now, in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that ^aseventy men, all the sons of Jerubbaal, rule over you, or that one man rule over you? Also, remember that I am ^byour bone and your flesh.' "

3 And his mother's ¹relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem; and ²they were inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our ³relative."

4 And they gave him seventy *pieces* of silver from the house of ^aBaal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, and they followed him.

5 Then he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, ^aseventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem and all ¹Beth-millo assembled together, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the ²oak of the pillar which was in Shechem.

7 Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on the top of ^aMount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and called out. Thus he said to them, "Listen to me, O men of Shechem, that God may listen to you.

8 "Once the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!'

9 "But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my fatness with ¹which God and men are honored, and go to wave over the trees?'

10 Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come, reign over us!'

11 "But the fig tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my sweetness and my good ¹fruit, and go to wave over the trees?'

12 "Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come, reign over us!'

13 "But the vine said to them, 'Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?'

14 "Finally all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come, reign over us!'

15 "And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in ¹truth you are anointing me as king over you, come and take refuge in my

33 ^aJudg. 2:11, 12
^bJudg. 9:4, 27, 46

34 ^aJudg. 3:7; Deut. 4:9

1 ¹Lit., *brothers*
²Judg. 8:31, 35

2 ^aJudg. 8:30 ^bGen. 29:14

3 ¹Lit., *brothers* ²Lit.,
their hearts inclined after
³Lit., *brother*

4 ^aJudg. 8:33

5 ^aJudg. 9:2

6 ¹Or, *the house of Millo*
²Or, *terebinth*

7 ^aDeut. 11:29, 30

9 ¹Lit., *which by me*

11 ¹Or, *produce*

15 ¹Or, *sincerity*

16 ¹Or, *sincerity* ²Lit., *if you have* ³Lit., *according to the dealing of his hands*
^aJudg. 8:35

17 ¹Lit., *cast his soul in front*

18 ¹Lit., *brother*
^aJudg. 9:5 ^bJudg. 8:31

19 ¹Or, *sincerity*

20 ¹Or, *the house of Millo*

23 ^a1 Sam. 16:14

24 ¹Lit., *of the seventy*
²Lit., *come*
^aJudg. 9:56, 57; ^bDeut. 27:25
^bNum. 35:33

25 ¹Lit., *liers-in-wait for*

26 ¹Lit., *brothers*

27 ¹Lit., *rejoicing*
^aJudg. 9:46; 8:33

28 ¹Lit., *overseer*

29 ¹Lit., *And who will give this people into my hand*

31 ¹Or, *in Tormah* ²Lit., *brothers* ¹Lit., *besieging*

shade; but if not, may fire come out from the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon.'

16 "Now therefore, if you have dealt in ¹truth and integrity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with ^aJerubbaal and his house, and ²have dealt with him ³as he deserved—

17 for my father fought for you and ¹risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian;

18 but you have risen against my father's house today and have killed ^ahis sons, seventy men, on one stone, and have made Abimelech, ^bthe son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your ¹relative—

19 if then you have dealt in ¹truth and integrity with Jerubbaal and his house this day, rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

20 "But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and consume the men of Shechem and ¹Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem and from ¹Beth-millo, and consume Abimelech."

21 Then Jotham escaped and fled, and went to Beer and remained there because of Abimelech his brother.

22 Now Abimelech ruled over Israel three years.

23 ^aThen God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

24 ^ain order that the violence ¹done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and ^btheir blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

25 And the men of Shechem set ¹men in ambush against him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who might pass by them along the road; and it was told to Abimelech.

26 Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with his ¹relatives, and crossed over into Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their trust in him.

27 And they went out into the field and gathered *the grapes* of their vineyards and trod *them*, and held a ¹festival; and they went into the house of ^atheir god, and ate and drank and cursed Abimelech.

28 Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and *is Zebul not his* ¹lieutenant? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; but why should we serve him?"

29 ^{1a}Would, therefore, that this people were under authority! Then I would remove Abimelech." And he said to Abimelech, "Increase your army, and come out."

30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger burned.

31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech ¹deceitfully, saying, "Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his ²relatives have come to Shechem; and behold, they are ³stirring up the city against you.

32 "Now therefore, arise by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field.

33 "And it shall come about in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, that you shall rise early and rush upon the city; and behold, when he and the people who are with him come out against you, you shall ^ado to them ¹whatever you can."

33 ¹Lit., as your hand can find
²1 Sam. 10:7

34 So Abimelech and all the people who *were* with him arose by night and lay in wait against Shechem in four ¹companies.

34 ¹Lit., heads

35 Now Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the city gate; and Abimelech and the people who *were* with him arose from the ambush.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "¹Look, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains." But Zebul said to him, "You are seeing the shadow of the mountains as if *they were* men."

36 ¹Lit., Behold

37 And Gaal spoke again and said, "Behold, people are coming down from ^athe ¹highest part of the land, and one ²company comes by the way of ³the diviners' ⁴oak."

37 ¹Or, center ²Lit., head
³Heb., Elommeonenim ⁴Or, terebinth
²Ezek. 38:12

38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where is your ¹boasting now with which you said, 'Who is Abimelech that we should serve him?' Is this not the people whom you despised? Go out now and fight with them!"

39 So Gaal went out before the leaders of Shechem and fought with Abimelech.

38 ¹Lit., mouth

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him; and many fell wounded up to the entrance of the gate.

41 Then Abimelech remained at Arumah, but Zebul drove out Gaal and his ¹relatives so that they could not remain in Shechem.

41 ¹Lit., brothers

42 Now it came about the next day, that the people went out to the field, and it was told to Abimelech.

43 So he took ¹his people and divided them into three ²companies, and lay in wait in the field; when he looked and ³saw the people coming out from the city, he arose against them and ⁴slew them.

43 ¹Lit., the ²Lit., heads
³Lit., behold ⁴Lit., smote

44 Then Abimelech and the ¹company who was with him dashed forward and stood in the entrance of the city gate; the other two ²companies then dashed against all who *were* in the field and ³slew them.

44 ¹Singular with Ck; Heb. plural, heads ²Lit., heads
³Lit., smote

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he captured the city and killed the people who *were* in it; then he razed the city and sowed it with salt.

46 When all the leaders of the tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the inner chamber of the ¹temple of ^aElberith.

47 And it was told Abimelech that all the leaders of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

46 ¹Lit., house
²Judg. 8:33

48 So Abimelech went up to Mount ^aZalmon, he and all the people who *were* with him; and Abimelech took ¹an axe in his hand and cut down a branch from the trees, and lifted it and laid it on his shoulder. Then he said to the people who *were* with him, "What you have seen me do, hurry *and* do ²likewise."

48 ¹Lit., the axes ²Lit., like me
³Ps. 68:14

49 And all the people also cut down each one his branch and followed Abimelech, and put *them* on the inner chamber and set the inner chamber on fire over those *inside*, so that all the men of the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

53 *2 Sam. 11:21

50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he camped against Thebez and captured it.

51 But there was a strong tower in the center of the city, and all the men and women with all the leaders of the city fled there and shut themselves in; and they went up on the roof of the tower.

54 ¹Lit., his

52 So Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it, and approached the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 But ^aa certain woman threw an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, crushing his skull.

54 Then he called quickly to the young man, his armor bearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest it be said of me, 'A woman slew him.'" So ¹the young man pierced him through, and he died.

55 ¹Lit., place

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, each departed to his ¹home.

56 Thus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father, in killing his seventy brothers.

57 Also God returned all the wickedness of the men of Shechem on their heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came ¹upon them.

57 ¹Lit., to

CHAPTER 10

NOW after Abimelech died, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose to save Israel; and he lived in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.

2 And he judged Israel twenty-three years. Then he died and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him, Jair the Gileadite arose, and judged Israel twenty-two years.

4 And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities ¹in the land of Gilead ^athat are called ²Havveth-jair to this day.

5 And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.

6 Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aserved the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of ¹Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, ^bthe gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus ^cthey forsook the LORD and did not serve Him.

7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the sons of Ammon.

8 And they ¹afflicted and crushed the sons of Israel ²that year; for eighteen years they *afflicted* all the sons of Israel who were beyond the Jordan ³in Gilead in the land of the Amorites.

9 And the sons of Ammon crossed the Jordan to fight also against Judah, Benjamin, and the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was greatly distressed.

10 Then the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against Thee, for indeed, we have forsaken our God and served the Baals."

11 And the LORD said to the sons of Israel, "*Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, the Amorites, the sons of Ammon, and the Philistines?*"

12 "Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maun-

⁴ ¹Lit., which are in ²i.e., the towns of Jair
²Num. 32:41

⁶ ¹Heb., Aram
^aJudg. 2:13 ^bJudg. 11:24
^cDeut. 31:16, 17; 32:15

⁸ ¹Lit., shattered ²Lit., in that ³Lit., which is in

ites oppressed you, you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hands.

14 ^aDeut. 32:37

13 "Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will deliver you no more.

14 "Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress."

16 ¹Lit., *His soul was short with the misery*
^aJosh. 24:23 ^bDeut. 32:36

15 And the sons of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned, do to us whatever seems good to Thee; only please deliver us this day."

16 ^aSo they put away the foreign gods from among them, and served the LORD; and ^{1b}He could bear the misery of Israel no longer.

17 ^aJudg. 11:29

17 Then the sons of Ammon were summoned, and they camped in Gilead. And the sons of Israel gathered together, and camped in ^aMizpah.

18 And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said to one another, "Who is the man who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He shall become head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

1 ¹Or, *mighty man of valor*
²Lit., *begat*
^aHeb. 11:32

CHAPTER 11

NOW ^aJephthah the Gileadite was a ¹valiant warrior, but he was the son of a harlot. And Gilead ²was the father of Jephthah.

3 ¹Lit., *to*
^a2 Sam. 10:6, 8

2 And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, "You shall not have an inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman."

4 ^aJudg. 10:9, 17

3 So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of ^aTob; and worthless fellows gathered themselves ¹about Jephthah, and they went out with him.

8 ^aJudg. 10:18

4 And it came about after a while that ^athe sons of Ammon fought against Israel.

5 And it happened when the sons of Ammon fought against Israel that the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob;

9 ¹Lit., *before*

6 and they said to Jephthah, "Come and be our chief that we may fight against the sons of Ammon."

7 Then Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Did you not hate me and drive me from my father's house? So why have you come to me now when you are in trouble?"

10 ¹Lit., *hearer*
²Lit., *according to your word*
^aGen. 31:50

8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "For this reason we have now returned to you, that you may go with us and fight with the sons of Ammon and ^abecome head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

9 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you take me back to fight against the sons of Ammon and the LORD gives them up ¹to me, will I become your head?"

11 ^aJudg. 11:29

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "^aThe LORD is ¹witness between us; surely we will do ²as you have said."

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD at ^aMizpah.

12 Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons

16 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aNum. 20:1, 4-21

17 ¹Josh. 24:9

18 ^aNum. 21:4; Deut. 2:8
^bDeut. 2:9, 18, 19

19 ^aNum. 21:21-32;
 Deut. 2:26-36

21 ¹Lit., *smote*

22 ^aDeut. 2:37

24 ^aNum. 21:29 | Kin. 11:7

25 ^aNum. 22:2; Josh. 24:9;
 Mic. 6:5

26 ^aNum. 21:25, 26;
 Deut. 2:36

27 ^aGen. 16:5; 18:25; 31:53;
 1 Sam. 24:12, 15

28 ¹Lit., *did not listen to the words*

of Ammon, saying, "What is between you and me, that you have come to me to fight against my land?"

13 And the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel took away my land when they came up from Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok and the Jordan; therefore, return them peaceably now."

14 But Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the sons of Ammon,

15 and he said to him, "Thus says Jephthah, 'Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the sons of Ammon.

16 'For when they came up from Egypt, and Israel went through the wilderness to the ¹Red Sea and ^acame to Kadesh,

17 then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let us pass through your land," but the king of Edom would not listen. ^aAnd they also sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained at Kadesh.

18 'Then they went through the wilderness and ^aaround the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and came to the east side of the land of Moab, and they camped beyond the Arnon; but they ^bdid not enter the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 'And Israel sent ^amessengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass through your land to our place."

20 'But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory; so Sihon gathered all his people and camped in Jahaz, and fought with Israel.

21 'And the LORD, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they ¹defeated them; so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 ^aSo they possessed all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and from the wilderness as far as the Jordan.

23 'Since now the LORD, the God of Israel, drove out the Amorites from before His people Israel, are you then to possess it?

24 'Do you not possess what ^aChemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our God has driven out before us, we will possess it.

25 'And now are you any better than ^aBalak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive with Israel, or did he ever fight against them?

26 ^aWhile Israel lived in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are on the banks of the Arnon, three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time?

27 'I therefore have not sinned against you, but you are doing me wrong by making war against me; ^amay the LORD, the Judge, judge today between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.'

28 But the king of the sons of Ammon ¹disregarded the message which Jephthah sent him.

29 Now ^athe Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, so that he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, then he passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he went on to the sons of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If Thou wilt indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand,

31 then it shall be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, it shall be the LORD's, ¹or I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

32 So Jephthah crossed over to the sons of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD gave them into his hand.

33 And he struck them with a very great slaughter from Aroer to the entrance of ^aMinnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramin. So the sons of Ammon were subdued before the sons of Israel.

34 When Jephthah came to his house at ^aMizpah, behold, his daughter was coming out to meet him ^bwith tambourines and with dancing. Now she was his one *and* only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came about when he saw her, that he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are among those who trouble me; for I have ¹given my word to the LORD, and ^aI cannot take it back."

36 So she said to him, "My father, you have ¹given your word to the LORD; do to me ²as you have said, since the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the sons of Ammon."

37 And she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two months, that I may ¹go to the mountains and weep because of my virginity, I and my companions."

38 Then he said, "Go." So he sent her away for two months; and she left with her companions, and wept on the mountains because of her virginity.

39 And it came about at the end of two months that she returned to her father, who did to her according to the vow which he had made; and she ¹had no relations with a man. Thus it became a custom in Israel,

40 that the daughters of Israel went yearly to ¹commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in the year.

CHAPTER 12

THEN the men of Ephraim were summoned, and they crossed ¹to Zaphon and ^asaid to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the sons of Ammon without calling us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you."

2 And Jephthah said to them, "I and my people were at great strife with the sons of Ammon; when I called you, you did not deliver me from their hand.

3 "And when I saw that you would not deliver *me*, I ^{1a}took my life in my hands and crossed over against the sons of Ammon, and the LORD gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?"

29 ^aJudg. 3:10

31 ¹Or, *and*

33 ^aEzek. 27:15

34 ^aJudg. 11:11; 10:17
^bEx. 15:20; 1 Sam. 18:6;
Jer. 31:4

35 ¹Lit., *opened my mouth*
^aNum. 30:2; Eccles. 5:4, 5

36 ¹Lit., *opened your mouth*
²Lit., *according to what has proceeded from your mouth*

37 ¹Lit., *go and go down on*

39 ¹Lit., *knew no man*

40 ¹Lit., *recount: ancient versions, lament*

¹Or, *northward*
^aJudg. 8:1

³Lit., *put my soul in my palm*
^a1 Sam. 19:5; 28:21
Job 13:14

4¹Lit., smote

4 Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought Ephraim; and the men of Gilead ¹defeated Ephraim, because they said, "You are fugitives of Ephraim, O Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim *and* in the midst of Manasseh."

5⁵Judg. 3:28

5 And the Gileadites ^acaptured the fords of the Jordan opposite Ephraim. And it happened when *any* of the fugitives of Ephraim said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No,"

6¹Lit., speak so

6 then they would say to him, "Say now 'Shibboleth.'" But he said "Sibboleth," for he could not ¹pronounce it correctly. Then they seized him and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. Thus there fell at that time 42,000 of Ephraim.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in *one* of the cities of Gilead.

8 Now Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel after him.

9¹Lit., sent outside

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters *whom* he ¹gave in marriage outside *the family*, and he brought in thirty daughters from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then Ibzan died and was buried in Bethlehem.

11 Now Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel after him; and he judged Israel ten years.

1¹Judg. 2:11

12 Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

13 Now Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel after him.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkeys; and he judged Israel eight years.

2¹Josh. 19:41

15 Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

CHAPTER 13

3¹Judg. 12:6, 8, 10, 11;
6:11, 14; Luke 1:11-13

NOW the sons of Israel ^aagain did evil in the sight of the LORD, so that the LORD gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of ^aZorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no *children*.

5^aLuke 1:15 ^bNum. 6:2

3 ^aThen the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman, and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son.

4 "Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing.

6^aJudg. 13:8, 10, 11; 6:11

5 ^a"For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a ^bNazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, ^a"A man of God came to me and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. And I did not ask him where he *came* from, nor did he tell me his name.

7 "But he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and now you shall not drink wine or strong drink nor eat any unclean thing, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.' "

8 *Judg. 13:3,7

8 Then Manoah entreated the LORD and said, "O Lord, please let ^athe man of God whom Thou hast sent come to us again that he may teach us what to do for the boy who is to be born."

9 *Judg. 13:8

9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah; and ^athe angel of God came again to the woman as she was sitting in the field, but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 ¹Lit., husband, and said to him ²Lit., came to me *Judg. 13:9

10 So the woman ran quickly and told her ¹husband, "Behold, ^athe man who ²came the *other* day has appeared to me."

11 *Judg. 13:8-10

11 Then Manoah arose and followed his wife, and when he came to the man he said to him, "Are you ^athe man who spoke to the woman?" And he said, "I am."

13 ¹Lit., from *Judg. 13:11 ²Judg. 13:4

12 And Manoah said, "Now when your words come to *pass*, what shall be the boy's mode of life and his vocation?"

13 So ^athe angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "^bLet the woman pay attention ¹to all that I said.

14 *Num. 6:4

14 "^cShe should not eat anything that comes from the ^avine nor drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; let her observe all that I commanded."

15 Then Manoah said to ^athe angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you so that we may prepare a kid for you."

15 *Judg. 13:3

16 And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain me, ^aI will not eat your ¹food, but if you prepare a burnt offering, *then* offer it to the LORD." For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.

16 ¹Lit., bread *Judg. 6:20

17 And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "^aWhat is your name, so that when your words come to *pass*, we may honor you?"

17 *Gen. 32:29

18 But the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is ¹wonderful?"

19 So ^aManoah took the kid with the grain offering and offered it on the rock to the LORD, and He performed wonders while Manoah and his wife looked on.

18 ¹I.e., incomprehensible *Is. 9:6

20 For it came about when the flame went up from the altar toward heaven, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. When Manoah and his wife saw *this*, they fell on their faces to the ground.

19 *Judg. 6:20, 21

21 Now the angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah or his wife. ^aThen Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD.

21 *Judg. 13:16

22 So Manoah said to his wife, "^aWe shall surely die, for we have seen God."

23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have showed us all these things, nor would He have let us hear *things* like this at this time."

22 *Judg. 6:22

24 Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the LORD blessed him.

25 ¹I.e., the camp of Dan *Judg. 3:10 ²Judg. 18:11, 12

25 And ^athe Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in ^{1b}Ma-haneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

² ¹Lit., up ²Lit., mother, saying.

³ ¹Lit., brothers ²Lit., my ³Lit., is right in my eyes

⁴ ¹Josh. 11:20

⁶ ¹Lit., rushed upon ²Judg. 3:10 ³1 Sam. 17:34-36

⁷ ¹Lit., was right in Samson's eyes

⁹ ¹Lit., if ²Lit., palms

¹² ¹Ezek. 17:2 ²Gen. 29:27

¹⁵ ¹So with some ancient versions. Heb., seventh

THEN Samson went down to Timnah and saw a woman in Timnah, *one* of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 So he came ¹back and told his father and ²mother, "I saw a woman in Timnah, *one* of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."

3 Then his father and his mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your ¹relatives, or among all ²our people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she ³looks good to me."

4 However, his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD, ²for He was seeking an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.

5 Then Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came as far as the vineyards of Timnah; and behold, a young lion *came* roaring toward him.

6 And ²the spirit of the LORD ¹came upon him mightily, so that ³he tore him as one tears a kid though he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.

7 So he went down and talked to the woman; and she ¹looked good to Samson.

8 When he returned later to take her, he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the body of the lion.

9 So he scraped ¹the honey into his ²hands and went on, eating as he went. When he came to his father and mother, he gave *some* to them and they ate *it*; but he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey out of the body of the lion.

10 Then his father went down to the woman; and Samson made a feast there, for the young men customarily did this.

11 And it came about when they saw him that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me now ²propound a riddle to you; if you will indeed tell it to me within the ³seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen wraps and thirty changes of clothes.

13 "But if you are unable to tell me, then you shall give me thirty linen wraps and thirty changes of clothes." And they said to him, "Propound your riddle, that we may hear it."

14 So he said to them,

"Out of the eater came something to eat,

And out of the strong came something sweet."

But they could not tell the riddle in three days.

15 Then it came about on the ¹fourth day that they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may tell us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us to impoverish us? Is this not so?"

16 And Samson's wife wept before him and said, "You only hate me, and you do not love me; you have propounded a riddle to the sons of my people, and have not told *it* to me." And he said to her, "Behold, I have not told *it* to my father or mother; so should I tell you?"

17 However she wept before him seven days while their feast lasted. And it came about on the seventh day that he told her because she pressed him so hard. She then told the riddle to the sons of her people.

18 So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down,

“What is sweeter than honey?
And what is stronger than a lion?”

And he said to them,

“If you had not plowed with my heifer,
You would not have found out my riddle.”

19 Then ^athe Spirit of the LORD ¹came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of them and took their spoil, and gave the changes of *clothes* to those who told the riddle. And his anger burned, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion who had been his ¹friend.

CHAPTER 15

BUT after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, it came about that Samson visited his wife ^awith a young goat; and said, “I will go in to my wife in *her* room.” But her father did not let him enter.

2 And her father said, “I really thought that you hated her intensely; so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister ¹more beautiful than she? Please let her be yours ²instead.”

3 Samson then said to them, “This time I shall be blameless in regard to the Philistines when I do them harm.”

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned *them* tail to tail, and put one torch in the middle between two tails.

5 When he had set fire to the torches, he released ¹the foxes into the standing grain of the Philistines, thus burning up both the shocks and the standing grain, along with the vineyards *and* groves.

6 Then the Philistines said, “Who did this?” And they said, “Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because ¹he took his wife and gave her to his companion.” So the Philistines came up and ^aburned her and her father with fire.

7 And Samson said to them, “Since you act like this, I will surely take revenge on you, but after that I will quit.”

8 And he struck them ¹ruthlessly with a great slaughter; and he went down and lived in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9 Then the Philistines went up and camped in Judah, and spread out in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” And they said, “We have come up to bind Samson in order to do to him as he did to us.”

11 Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam and said to Samson, “Do you not know ^athat the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so I have done to them.”

19 ¹Lit., *rushed upon*
^aJudg. 3:10

20 ¹Or, *best man*,

¹Gen. 38:17

² ¹Lit., *better* ²Lit.,
instead of her

⁵ ¹Lit., *them*

⁶ ¹L.e., the Timnite
^aJudg. 14:15

⁸ ¹Lit., *leg on thigh*

¹¹ ^aJudg. 13:1; 14:4

12 ¹Lit., *fall upon me yourselves*

13 ¹Lit., *him, saying*

14 ¹Lit., *rushed upon* ²Lit., *were melted*
³Judg. 14:19; 1 Sam. 11:6

15 ¹Lit., *stretched out his hand* ²Lit., *smote*

16 ¹Lit., *Heap, two heaps;*
 Heb. is same root as donkey
²Lit., *spigitten*

17 ¹I.e., The high place of the jawbone

18 ¹Or, *I shall . . . circumcised* ²Or, *or*
³Judg. 16:28

19 ¹I.e., the spring of him who called ²Lit., *spirit*

20 ²Heb. 11:32 ³Judg. 13:1; 16:31

1 ²Josh. 15:47

5 ¹Lit., *by what*
²Josh. 13:3 ³Judg. 14:15

6 ¹Lit., *by what*

12 And they said to him, "We have come down to bind you so that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines." And Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not ¹kill me."

13 So they said to ¹him, "No, but we will bind you fast and give you into their hands; yet surely we will not kill you." Then they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him. And ²the Spirit of the LORD ¹came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds ²dropped from his hands.

15 And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he ¹reached out and took it and ²killed a thousand men with it.

16 Then Samson said,
 "With the jawbone of a donkey,
¹Heaps upon heaps,
 With the jawbone of a donkey
 I have ²killed a thousand men."

17 And it came about when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand; and he named that place ¹Ramath-lehi.

18 Then he became very thirsty, and he ²called to the LORD and said, "Thou hast given this great deliverance by the hand of Thy servant, and now ¹shall I die of thirst ²and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?"

19 But God split the hollow place that is in Lehi so that water came out of it. When he drank, his ¹strength returned and he revived. Therefore, he named it ²En-hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

20 So ²he judged Israel twenty years in ¹the days of the Philistines.

CHAPTER 16

NOW Samson went to ²Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her.

2 *When it was told* to the Gazites, saying, "Samson has come here," they surrounded *the place* and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. And they kept silent all night, saying, "*Let us wait* until the morning light, then we will kill him."

3 Now Samson lay until midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the city gate and the two posts and pulled them up along with the bars; then he put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the mountain which is opposite Hebron.

4 After this it came about that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5 And the ²lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, "²Entice him, and see where his great strength *lies* and ¹how we may overpower him that we may bind him to afflict him. Then we will each give you eleven hundred *pieces* of silver."

6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength is and ¹how you may be bound to afflict you."

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He Finally Relents and Is Subdued.**

7 And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh cords that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any *other* man."

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh cords that had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 Now she had *men* lying in wait in an inner room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the cords as a string of tow snaps when it ¹touches fire. So his strength was not discovered.

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have deceived me and told me lies; now please tell me, ¹how you may be bound."

11 And he said to her, "If they bind me tightly with new ropes ¹which have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any *other* man."

12 So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" For the *men* were lying in wait in the inner room. But he snapped ¹the ropes from his arms like a thread.

13 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Up to now you have deceived me and told me lies; tell me ¹how you may be bound." And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my ²hair with the web ³[and fasten it with a pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."

14 So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his ¹hair and wove them into the web.] And she fastened it with the pin, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep and pulled out the pin of the loom and the web.

15 Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have deceived me these three times and have not told me where your great strength is."

16 And it came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was ¹annoyed to death.

17 So he told her all *that was* in his heart and said to her, "A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a ^aNazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I shall become weak and be like any *other* man."

18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all *that was* in his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all *that is* in his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hands.

19 And she made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his ¹hair. Then she began to afflict him, and his strength left him.

20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

21 Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison.

9 ¹Lit., *smells*

10 ¹Lit., *by what*

11 ¹Lit., *with which work has not been done*

12 ¹Lit., *them*

13 ¹Lit., *by what* ²Lit., *head*
³The passage in brackets is found in Ck. but not in any Heb. mss.

14 ¹Lit., *head*

15 ^aJudg. 14:16

16 ¹Lit., *impatient to the point of*

17 ^aJudg. 13:5; Num. 6:5

19 ¹Lit., *head*

23 ¹Sam. 5:2

22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.

23 Now the lords of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to ²Dagon their god, and to rejoice, for they said,

“Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hands.”

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said,

“Our god has given our enemy into our hands,
Even the destroyer of our country,
Who has slain many of us.”

25 It so happened when ¹they were in high spirits, that they said, “Call for Samson, that he may amuse us.” So they called for Samson from the prison, and he ²entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars.

26 Then Samson said to the boy who was holding his hand, “Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them.”

27 Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there. And about 3,000 men and women were on the roof looking on while Samson was amusing *them*.

28 ²Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord ¹GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.”

29 And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and braced himself against them, the one with his right hand and the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” And he bent with ¹all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life.

31 Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. ²Thus he had judged Israel twenty years.

CHAPTER 17

Now there was a man of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah.

2 And he said to his mother, “The eleven hundred *pieces* of silver which were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse ¹in my hearing, behold, the silver is with me; I took it.” And his mother said, “Blessed be my son by the LORD.”

3 He then returned the eleven hundred *pieces* of silver to his mother, and his mother said, “I wholly dedicate the silver from my hand to the LORD for my son ²to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore, I will return ¹them to you.”

4 So when he returned the silver to his mother, his mother took two hundred *pieces* of silver and gave them to the silversmith who made ¹them into a graven image and a molten idol, and ²they were in the house of Micah.

25 ¹Lit., their heart was pleasant ²Lit., made sport before them

28 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Judg. 15:18

30 ¹Lit., strength

31 ²Judg. 15:20

2 ¹Lit., and also spoke it in my ears

3 ¹Lit., if ²Ex. 20:4, 23; 34:17

4 ¹Lit., it ²Lit., it was

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5 And the man Micah had a ¹shrine and he made an ²ephod and ^{2a}household idols and ³consecrated one of his sons, ^cthat he might become his priest.

6 In those days ^athere was no king in Israel; ^bevery man did what was right in his own eyes.

7 Now there was a young man from ^aBethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he was ¹staying there.

8 Then the man departed from the city, from Bethlehem in Judah, to ¹stay wherever he might find *a place*; and as he made his journey, he came to the ^ahill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah.

9 And Micah said to him, "Where do you come from?" And he said to him, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to ¹stay wherever I may find *a place*."

10 Micah then said to him, "Dwell with me and be ^aa father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten *pieces* of silver a year, a suit of clothes, and your maintenance." So the Levite went *in*.

11 And the Levite agreed to live with the man; and the young man became to him like one of his sons.

12 So Micah ¹consecrated the Levite, and the young man ^abecame his priest and ²lived in the house of Micah.

13 Then Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, seeing I have a Levite as priest."

⁵ ¹Lit., *house of gods*
²Heb., *teraphim* ¹Lit., *filled the hand of*
^aJudg. 18:24 ^bJudg. 8:27; 18:14 ^cGen. 31:19

⁶ ^aJudg. 18:1; 19:1
^bDeut. 12:8

⁷ ¹Or, *sojourning*
^aJudg. 19:1; Ruth 1:1, 2; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:1

⁸ ¹Or, *sojourn*
^aJosh. 24:33

⁹ ¹Or, *sojourn*

¹⁰ ^aJudg. 18:19

CHAPTER 18

^a**I**N those days there was no king of Israel; and ^bin those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for themselves to live in, for until that day ¹an inheritance had not ²been allotted to them as a possession among the tribes of Israel.

2 So the sons of Dan sent from their family five men out of their whole number, ¹valiant men from ^aZorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to search it; and they said to them, "Go, search the land." And they came to ^bthe hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.

3 When they were near the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young man, the Levite; and they turned aside there, and said to him, "Who brought you here? And what are you doing in this *place*? And what do you have here?"

4 And he said to them, "Thus and so has Micah done to me, and he has hired me, and ^aI have become his priest."

5 And they said to him, "Inquire of God, please, that we may know whether our way on which we are going will be prosperous."

6 And the priest said to them, "Go in peace; your way in which you are going ¹has the LORD's approval."

7 Then the five men departed and came to ^aLaish and saw the people who were in it living in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was no ¹ruler humiliating *them* for anything in the land, and they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.

8 When they came back to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, "What *do you report*?"

¹² ¹Lit., *filled the hand of*
²Lit., *was*
^aNum. 16:10; 18:1-7

¹ ¹Lit., *it* ²Lit., *fallen*
^aJudg. 17:6; 19:1
^bJosh. 19:40-48

² ¹Lit., *men, sons of valor*
^aJudg. 13:25 ^bJudg. 17:1

⁴ ^aJudg. 17:12

⁶ ¹Lit., *is before the LORD*

⁷ ¹Lit., *a possessor of restraint*
^aJudg. 18:29; Josh. 19:47

9 ¹Lit., *be*

9 And they said, "Arise, and let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. And will you ¹sit still? Do not delay to go, to enter, to possess the land.

10 "When you enter, you shall come to a secure people with a spacious land; for God has given it into your hand, a place where there is no lack of anything that is on the earth."

12 ¹I.e., the camp of Dan
²Lit., *behind*
³Judg. 13:25

11 Then from the family of the Danites, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, six hundred men armed with weapons of war set out.

12 And they went up and camped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. Therefore they called that place ^{1a}Mahaneh-dan to this day; behold, it is ²west of Kiriath-jearim.

14 ¹Heb., *teraphim*
³Judg. 17:5

13 And they passed from there to the hill country of Ephraim and came to the house of Micah.

14 Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their kinsmen, "Do you know that there are in these houses ^aan ephod and ¹household idols and a graven image and a molten image? Now therefore, consider what you should do."

17 ¹Heb., *teraphim*

15 And they turned aside there and came to the house of the young man, the Levite, to the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare.

16 And the six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the sons of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

18 ¹Heb., *teraphim*

17 Now the five men who went to spy out the land went up *and* entered there, *and* took the graven image and the ephod and ¹household idols and the molten image, while the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war.

19 ²Judg. 17:10

18 And when these went into Micah's house and took the graven image, the ephod and ¹household idols and the molten image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

19 And they said to him, "Be silent, put your hand over your mouth and come with us, and be to us ^aa father and a priest. Is it better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"

20 ¹Heb., *teraphim*

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod and ¹household idols and the graven image, and went among the people.

21 Then they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the livestock and the valuables in front of them.

23 ¹Lit., *their faces*

22 When they had gone some distance from the house of Micah, the men who *were* in the houses near Micah's house assembled and overtook the sons of Dan.

23 And they cried to the sons of Dan, who turned ¹around and said to Micah, "What is *the matter* with you, that you have assembled together?"

25 ¹Lit., *bitter of soul* ²Lit.,
gather

24 And he said, "You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and have gone away, and what do I have besides? So how can you say to me, 'What is *the matter* with you?'"

25 And the sons of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest ¹fierce men fall upon you and you ²lose your life, with the lives of your household."

26 So the sons of Dan went on their way; and when Micah

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saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

27 Then they took what Micah had made and the priest who had belonged to him, and came to ^aLaish, to a people quiet and secure, and struck them with the edge of the sword; and they burned the city with fire.

28 And there was no one to deliver *them*, because it was far from Sidon and they had no dealings with anyone, and it was in the valley which is near ^aBeth-rehob. And they rebuilt the city and lived in it.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father who was born in Israel; however, the name of the city formerly was Laish.

30 And the sons of Dan set up for themselves ^athe graven image; and Jonathan, the son of ^bCershom, the son of ¹Manasseh, ^che and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 So they set up for themselves Micah's graven image which he had made, all the time that the house of God was at Shiloh.

CHAPTER 19

NOW it came about in those days, when ^athere was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite ¹staying in the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, who took a concubine for himself from Bethlehem in Judah.

2 But his concubine played the harlot against him, and she went away from him to her father's house in Bethlehem in Judah, and was there for a period of four months.

3 Then her husband arose and went after her to ^aspeak ¹tenderly to her in order to bring her back, ²taking with him his servant and a pair of donkeys. So she brought him into her father's house, and when the girl's father saw him, he was glad to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the girl's father, detained him; and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there.

5 Now it came about on the fourth day that they got up early in the morning, and he ¹prepared to go; and the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "^aSustain ²yourself with a piece of bread, and afterward you may go."

6 So both of them sat down and ate and drank together; and the girl's father said to the man, "Please be willing to spend the night, and ^alet your heart be merry."

7 Then the man arose to go, but his father-in-law urged him so that he spent the night there again.

8 And on the fifth day he arose to go early in the morning, and the girl's father said, "Please sustain ¹yourself, and wait until ²afternoon"; so both of them ate.

9 When the man arose to go along with his concubine and servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Behold now, the day has drawn to a close; please spend the night. Lo, the day is ²coming to an end; spend the night here that your heart may be merry. Then tomorrow you may arise early for your journey so that you may go ³home."

27 ^aJudg. 18:7; Josh. 19:47

28 ^a2 Sam. 10:6

30 ¹Some ancient versions read, *Moses* ^aJudg. 17:3, 5 ^bEx. 2:22; 18:3 ^cJudg. 17:3, 5

¹ ¹Or, sojourning ^aJudg. 18:1

³ ¹Lit., to her heart ²Lit., and ^aGen. 34:3; 50:21

⁵ ¹Lit., arose ²Lit., your heart ^aJudg. 19:8; Gen. 18:5

⁶ ^aJudg. 19:9, 22; Judg. 16:25; Ruth 3:7; ¹Kin. 21:7; Esth. 1:10

⁸ ¹Lit., your heart ²Lit., the day declines

⁹ ¹Lit., toward evening ²Lit., declining ³Lit., to your tent

10^a 1 Chr. 11:4, 5

10 But the man was not willing to spend the night, so he arose and departed and came to a *place* opposite ^aJebus (that is, Jerusalem). And there were with him a pair of saddled donkeys; his concubine also was with him.

11 ^aJudg. 19:19

11 When they *were* near Jebus, the day was almost gone; and ^athe servant said to his master, "Please come, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it."

15 ¹So with Gk.; M.T., *he*

12 However, his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners who are not of the sons of Israel; but we will go on as far as Gibeah."

13 And he said to his servant, "Come and let us approach one of these places; and we will spend the night in Gibeah or Ramah."

16 ¹Or, *sojourning*
^aJudg. 19:1 ^bJudg. 19:14

14 So they passed along and went their way, and the sun set on them near Gibeah which belongs to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside there in order to enter *and* lodge in Gibeah. When ¹they entered, ¹they sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into *his* house to spend the night.

18 ¹Heb., *the house of the Lord*, cf. vs. 29

16 Then behold, an old man was coming out of the field from his work at evening. Now the man was from ^athe hill country of Ephraim, and he was ¹staying in Gibeah, but the men of the place ^bwere Benjamites.

19 ¹I.e., *my concubine*
^aJudg. 19:11

17 And he lifted up his eyes and saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, "Where are you going, and where do you come from?"

18 And he said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, for I am from there, and I went to Bethlehem in Judah. But I am now going to ¹my house, and no man will take me into his house.

19 "Yet there is both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and also bread and wine for me, ¹your maidservant, and ^athe young man who is with your servants; there is no lack of anything."

20 And the old man said, "Peace to you. Only let me *take care* of all your needs; however, do not spend the night in the open square."

21 ^aSo he took him into his house and gave the donkeys fodder, and they washed their feet and ate and drank.

22 While they were ¹making merry, behold, ^athe men of the city, certain ^{2b}worthless fellows, surrounded the house, pounding the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have ³relations with him."

23 Then the man, the owner of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my fellows, please do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, ^ado not commit this act of folly.

24 "^aHere is my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out that you may ravish them and do to them ¹whatever you wish. But do not commit such an act of folly against this man."

25 But the men would not listen to him, so the man seized his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they raped

22 ¹Lit., *making their hearts merry* ²Lit., *sons of Belial* ³Lit., *intercourse*
^aGen. 19:4, 5; Ezek. 16:46-48
^bDeut. 13:13; 1 Sam. 2:12;
¹Kin. 21:10; 2 Cor. 6:1523 ^aJudg. 20:6; Gen. 34:7;
Deut. 22:21; 2 Sam. 13:1224 ¹Lit., *the good in your eyes*
^aGen. 19:8

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her and abused her all night until morning, then let her go at the approach of dawn.

26 ¹As the day began to dawn, the woman came and fell down at the doorway of the man's house where her master was, until full daylight.

27 When her master arose in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, then behold, his concubine was lying at the doorway of the house, with her hands on the threshold.

28 And he said to her, "Get up and let us go," ^abut there was no answer. Then he placed her on the donkey; and the man arose and went to his ¹home.

29 When he entered his house, he took a knife and laid hold of his concubine and ^acut her in twelve pieces, limb by limb, and sent her throughout the territory of Israel.

30 And it came about that all who saw *it* said, "Nothing like this has *ever* happened or been seen from the day when the sons of Israel came up from the land of Egypt to this day. Consider it, take counsel and speak up!"

CHAPTER 20

THEN all the sons of Israel from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilcad, came out, and the congregation assembled as one man to the LORD at ^aMizpah.

2 And the ¹chiefs of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, took their stand in the assembly of the people of God, 400,000 foot ²soldiers who drew the sword.

3 (Now the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) And the sons of Israel said, "Tell us, how did this wickedness take place?"

4 So the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "I came with my concubine to spend the night at Gibeah which belongs to Benjamin.

5 "But the men of Gibeah rose up against me and surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me; instead, they ravished my concubine so that she died.

6 "And I took hold of my concubine and cut her in pieces and sent her throughout the land of Israel's inheritance; for they have committed a lewd and disgraceful act in Israel.

7 "Behold, all you sons of Israel, give your advice and counsel here."

8 Then all the people arose as one man, saying, "Not one of us will go to his tent, nor will any of us return to his house.

9 "But now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah; *we will go up against it by lot.*

10 "And we will take 10 men out of 100 throughout the tribes of Israel, and 100 out of 1,000, and 1,000 out of 10,000 to ¹supply food for the people, that when they come to ²Gibeah of Benjamin, they may ³punish *them* for all the disgraceful acts that they have committed in Israel."

11 Thus all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united as one man.

12 Then the tribes of Israel sent men through the entire ¹tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What is this wickedness that has taken place among you?"

26 ¹Lit., *At the turning of the morning*

28 ¹Lit., *place*
²Judg. 20:5

29 ¹Sam. 11:12

¹1 Sam. 7:5

2 ¹Lit., *cornerstones* ²Lit., *men*

10 ¹Lit., *take* ²Heb., *Geba*
³Lit., *do*

12 ¹Lit., *tribes*

13 ¹Lit., sons of Belial
²2 Cor. 6:15

15 ¹Or, mustered
²Num. 1:36, 37; 2:23; 26:41

17 ¹Or, mustered

18 ²Judg. 20:23, 27;
 Num. 27:21

21 ¹Lit., destroyed
²Judg. 20:25

23 ²Josh. 7:6, 7 ^bJudg. 20:18

24 ¹Lit., approached

25 ¹Lit., to meet ²Lit.,
 destroyed

26 ²Judg. 20:23; 21:2

27 ²Judg. 20:18

28 ²Judg. 7:9

29 ²Josh. 8:4

31 ¹Lit., to meet ²Lit., slain
 ones
²Josh. 8:16

13 "Now then, deliver up the men, the ^{1a}worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove *this* wickedness from Israel." But the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.

14 And the sons of Benjamin gathered from the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the sons of Israel.

15 And from the cities on that day the sons of Benjamin were ¹numbered, ²26,000 men who draw the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah who were ¹numbered 700 choice men.

16 Out of all these people 700 choice men were left-handed; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

17 Then the men of Israel besides Benjamin were ¹numbered, 400,000 men who draw the sword; all these were men of war.

18 Now the sons of Israel arose, went up to Bethel, and ^ainquired of God, and said, "Who shall go up first for us to battle against the sons of Benjamin?" Then the LORD said, "Judah *shall go up* first."

19 So the sons of Israel arose in the morning and camped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel arrayed for battle against them at Gibeah.

21 Then the sons of Benjamin came out of Gibeah and ^{1a}felled to the ground on that day 22,000 men of Israel.

22 But the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and arrayed for battle again in the place where they had arrayed themselves the first day.

23 ^aAnd the sons of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and ^binquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall we again draw near for battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against him."

24 Then the sons of Israel ¹came against the sons of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went out ^{1a}against them from Gibeah the second day and ^{2a}felled to the ground again 18,000 men of the sons of Israel; all these drew the sword.

26 Then ^aall the sons of Israel and all the people went up and came to Bethel and wept; thus they remained there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the sons of Israel ^ainquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

28 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, Aaron's son, stood before it to *minister* in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the LORD said, "Go up, ^afor tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

29 ^aSo Israel set men in ambush around Gibeah.

30 And the sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day and arrayed themselves against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 ^aAnd the sons of Benjamin went out ^{1a}against the people and were drawn away from the city, and they began to strike ²and kill some of the people, as at other times, on the

highways, one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah, *and* in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the sons of Benjamin said, "They are struck down before us, as at the first." But the sons of Israel said, "Let us flee that we may draw them away from the city to the highways."

33 Then all the men of Israel arose from their place and arrayed themselves at Baal-tamar; ²and the men of Israel in ambush broke out of their place, even out of Maareh-geba.

34 When ten thousand choice men from all Israel came against Gibeah, the battle became ¹fierce; but ²Benjamin did not know that ³disaster was ⁴close to them.

35 And the LORD struck Benjamin before Israel, so that the sons of Israel destroyed 25,100 men of Benjamin that day, all ¹who draw the sword.

36 So the sons of Benjamin saw that they were ¹defeated. When the men of Israel gave ²ground to Benjamin because they relied on the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah,

37 the men in ambush hurried and rushed against Gibeah; the men in ambush also deployed and struck all the city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was ^athat they should make a great cloud of smoke rise from the city.

39 Then the men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to strike ¹and kill about thirty men of Israel, ^afor they said, "Surely they are ²defeated before us, as in the first battle."

40 But when the cloud began to rise from the city in a column of smoke, Benjamin looked behind them; and behold, the whole city was going up *in smoke* to heaven.

41 Then the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were terrified; for they saw that ¹disaster was ²close to them.

42 Therefore, they turned their backs before the men of Israel ^atoward the direction of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them while those who came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst of them.

43 They surrounded Benjamin, pursued them without rest *and* trod them down opposite Gibeah toward the ¹east.

44 Thus 18,000 men of Benjamin fell; all these were valiant warriors.

45 ¹The rest turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of ^aRimmon, but they ²caught 5,000 of them on the highways and overtook them ³at Gidom and ⁴killed 2,000 of them.

46 So all of Benjamin who fell that day were 25,000 men who draw the sword; all these were valiant warriors.

47 But 600 men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they remained at the rock of Rimmon four months.

48 The men of Israel then turned back against the sons of Benjamin and struck them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city with the cattle and all that they found; they also set on fire all the cities which they found.

33 ¹Josh. 8:19

34 ¹Lit., heavy ²Lit., they ³Lit., evil ⁴Lit., touching

35 ¹Lit., these

36 ¹Lit., smitten ²Lit., place

38 ^aJosh. 8:20

39 ¹Lit., slain ones ²Lit., smitten ^aJudg. 20:32

41 ¹Lit., evil ²Lit., touching

42 ^aJosh. 8:15, 24

43 ¹Lit., sunrise

45 ¹So with Gk.; Heb., And they ²Lit., gleaned ³Lit., as far as ⁴Lit., smote ^aJudg. 21:13

¹ Lit., for a wife
² Judg. 21:7, 18

² Lit., with great weeping
³ Judg. 20:26

⁴ Deut. 12:5
2 Sam. 24:25

⁵ Lit., there was a great
oath

⁷ Judg. 21:1

⁹ Or, mustered

¹⁰ Num. 31:17

¹¹ Lit., known lying with

¹² Lit., a male

¹³ Deut. 20:10

¹⁴ Lit., did not find so

¹⁸ Judg. 21:1

NOW the men of Israel ^ahad sworn in Mizpah, saying, "None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin ¹in marriage."

² So the people came to Bethel and sat there before God until evening, and lifted up their voices and wept ¹bitterly.

³ And they said, "Why, O LORD, God of Israel, has this come about in Israel, so that one tribe should be *missing* today in Israel?"

⁴ And it came about the next day that the people arose early and built ^aan altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

⁵ Then the sons of Israel said, "Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?" For ¹they had taken a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the LORD at Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death."

⁶ And the sons of Israel were sorry for their brother Benjamin and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel today.

⁷ "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have ^asworn by the LORD not to give them any of our daughters in marriage?"

⁸ And they said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel who did not come up to the LORD at Mizpah?" And behold, no one had come to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

⁹ For when the people were ¹numbered, behold, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead was there.

¹⁰ And the congregation sent 12,000 of the valiant warriors there, and commanded them, saying, "Go and ^astrike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones.

¹¹ "And this is the thing that you shall do: you shall utterly destroy every man and every woman who has ¹lain with a man."

¹² And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead 400 young virgins who had not known a man by lying with ¹him; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

¹³ Then the whole congregation sent *word* and spoke to the sons of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon, and ^aproclaimed peace to them.

¹⁴ And Benjamin returned at that time, and they gave them the women whom they had kept alive from the women of Jabesh-gilead; yet they ¹were not enough for them.

¹⁵ And the people were sorry for Benjamin because the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

¹⁶ Then the elders of the congregation said, "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?"

¹⁷ And they said, "*There must be* an inheritance ^afor the survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be blotted out from Israel.

¹⁸ "But we cannot give them wives of our daughters." For the sons of Israel ^ahad sworn, saying, "Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin."

19 So they said, "Behold, there is a feast of the LORD from year to year in ^aShiloh, which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south side of Lebonah."

19 ^aJudg. 18:31; Josh. 18:1; 1 Sam. 1:3

20 And they commanded the sons of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in wait in the vineyards,

21 ¹Lit., *dance*
^aJudg. 11:34; Ex. 15:20

21 and watch; and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to ^{1a}take part in the dances, then you shall come out of the vineyards and each of you shall catch his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *because*
^aJudg. 21:1, 18

22 "And it shall come about, when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us, that we shall say to them, 'Give them to us voluntarily, because we did not take for each man of Benjamin ^{1a}a wife in battle, ²nor did you give *them* to them, ^a*else* you would now be guilty.'"

23 ^aJudg. 20:48

23 And the sons of Benjamin did so, and took wives according to their number from those who danced, whom they carried away. And they went and returned to their inheritance, and ^arebuilt the cities and lived in them.

25 ^aJudg. 17:6; 18:1; 19:1

24 And the sons of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family, and each one of them went out from there to his inheritance.

25 ^aIn those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

Naomi Widowed.

NOW it came about in the days ^awhen the judges ¹governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab ²with his wife and his two sons.

¹Or, *judged* ²Lit., *he*,
and
^aJudg. 2:16-18

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there.

⁵Lit., *both of them*

3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.

⁶Ex. 4:31

4 And they took for themselves Moabite women *as* wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.

5 Then ¹both Mahlon and Chilion also died; and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the LORD had ^avisited His people in giving them food.

7 So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go,

13¹Lit., *more bitter*

return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

9 "May the LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

10 And they said to her, "No, but we will surely return with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?"

12 "Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons,

13 would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; for it is ¹harder for me than for you, for the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me."

14 And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.

17 "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if *anything but* death parts you and me."

18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she ¹said no more to her.

19 So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came about when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was stirred because of them, and ¹the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

20 And she said to them, "Do not call me ¹Naomi; call me ²Mara, for ³the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 "I went out full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has witnessed against me and ¹the Almighty has afflicted me?"

22 So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at ^athe beginning of barley harvest.

CHAPTER 2

NOW Naomi had ^{1a} a kinsman of her husband, a ²man of great wealth, of the family of ^aElimelech, whose name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and ^aglean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3 So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after

²⁰ ¹i.e., Pleasant ²i.e., Bitter ³Heb., *Shaddai*
^aEx. 6:3; Job 6:4

21 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*

22 ^aEx. 9:31; Lev. 23:10, 11

¹ ¹Or, *an acquaintance*
²Or, *mighty, valiant man*
^aRuth 1:2

² ^aRuth 2:7; Lev. 19:9, 10, 23:22

Ruth Gleans in the Field of Boaz.

the reapers; and ¹she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

³ ¹Lit., *her chance*
chanced upon

4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "May the LORD be with you." And they said to him, "May the LORD bless you."

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was ¹in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

⁵ ¹Lit., *who was*
appointed over

6 And the servant ¹in charge of the reapers answered and said, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.

7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house or a little while."

⁶ ¹Lit., *who was*
appointed over

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "¹Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.

9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the ¹water jars and drink from what the servants draw."

⁸ ¹Lit., *Have you not*
heard

10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you would take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.

⁹ ¹Lit., *vessels*

12 "May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, ^aunder whose wings you have come to seek refuge."

¹² ^aRuth 1:16

13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

14 And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he ²served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied ^aand had some left.

¹³ ¹Lit., *to the heart of*
your

15 When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *Draw near* ²Lit.,
held out to
^aRuth 2:18

16 "And also you shall purposely pull out for her *some grain* from the bundles and leave *it* that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *her* ²Lit., *her*
satiety
^aRuth 2:14

18 And she took *it* up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took *it* out and ^agave ¹Naomi what she had left after ²she was satisfied.

19 Her mother-in-law then said to her, "Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

20 ¹Lit., *near to us* ²Lit., *redeemers*

21 ¹Lit., *Also that*

23 ²Deut. 16:9

1 ¹Lit., *rest*

¹ ¹Or, *acquaintance*
²Deut. 25:5-10

4 ¹Lit., *know*

8 ¹Lit., *twisted himself*

9 ¹Or, *redeemer*

11 ¹Lit., *say* ²Lit., *gate*
²Prov. 31:10

12 ¹Or, *redeemer*

13 ¹Or, *act as close relative to*

20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is ¹our relative, he is one of our ²closest relatives."

21 Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.'"

22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, lest *others* fall upon you in another field."

23 So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until ²the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

CHAPTER 3

THEN Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek ¹security for you, that it may be well with you?"

2 "And now is not Boaz ²our ¹kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.

3 "Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your *best* clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; *but* do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 "And it shall be when he lies down, that you shall ¹notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."

5 And she said to her, "All that you say I will do."

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.

7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.

8 And it happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and ¹bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet.

9 And he said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a ¹close relative.

10 Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.

11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ¹ask, for all my people in the ²city know that you are ²a woman of excellence.

12 "And now it is true I am a ¹close relative; however, there is a ¹relative closer than I.

13 "Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will ¹redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to ¹redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until morning."

14 So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another; and he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

15 Again he said, "Give me the cloak that is on you and

hold it." So she held it, and he measured six *measures* of barley and laid *it* on her. Then ¹she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her.

17 And she said, "These six *measures* of barley he gave to me, for he said, 'Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"

18 Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter ¹turns out; for the man will not rest until he has ²settled it today."

CHAPTER 4

NOW Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, ^athe ¹close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Turn aside, ²friend, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

3 Then he said to the ¹closest relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land ^awhich belonged to our brother Elimelech.

4 "So I thought to ¹inform you, saying, 'Buy *it* before those who are sitting *here*, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem *it*, redeem *it*; but if ²not, tell me that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem *it*, and I am after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem *it*."

5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance."

6 And ^athe ¹closest relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ²jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem *it* for yourself; you *may have* my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem *it*."

7 Now this was ^athe *custom* in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of *land* to confirm any matter: a man removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the *manner of attestation* in Israel.

8 So the ¹closest relative said to Boaz, "Buy *it* for yourself." And he removed his sandal.

9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.

10 "Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased may not be cut off from his brothers or from the ¹court of his *birth-place*; you are witnesses today."

11 And all the people who were in the ¹court, and the elders, said, "We *are* witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home ^alike Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve ²wealth in Ephrathah and ³become famous in Bethlehem.

15 ¹So with many mss.; M.T., *he*

16 ¹Lit., *Who are you?*

18 ¹Lit., *falls* ²Lit., *finish the matter*

1 ¹Or, *redeemer* ²Lit., *a certain one*
^aRuth 3:12

3 ¹Lit., *redeemer*
^aLev. 25:25

4 ¹Lit., *uncover your ear*
²Lit., *no one will redeem*

6 ¹Lit., *redeemer* ²Lit., *ruin*
^aLev. 25:25

7 ^aDeut. 25:8-10

8 ¹Lit., *redeemer*

10 ¹Lit., *gate*

11 ¹Lit., *gate* ²Or, *power*
³Lit., *call the name in*
^aGen. 29:25-30

12 ¹Lit., seed
^aRuth 4:18; Gen. 38:29;
 46:12

13 ¹Lit., gave her
 conception

14 ¹Or, closest relative
²Lit., be called in

15 ¹Lit., who
^aRuth 1:16, 17; 2:11, 12

16 ¹I.e., as her own

18 ¹Lit., begot and so
 through v. 22
^aMatt. 1:4-6

12 "Moreover, may your house be like the house of ^aPerez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the ¹offspring which the LORD shall give you by this young woman."

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD ¹enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a ¹redeemer today, and may his name ²become famous in Israel.

15 "May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you ^{1a}and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."

16 Then Naomi took the child ¹and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse.

17 And the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 Now these are the generations of Perez: ^ato Perez ¹was born Hezron,

19 and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram Amminadab,

20 and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,

21 and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,

22 and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Elkanah and His Wives.

1 ^a1 Sam. 1:19
^bJosh. 17:17, 18 ^c1 Chr. 6:22-28, 33-38

2 ^aDeut. 21:15, 17
^bLuke 2:36

3 ^a1 Sam. 1:21; Ex. 34:23;
 Luke 2:41 ^bDeut. 12:5-7
^cJosh. 18:1

4 ^aDeut. 12:17, 18

5 ^aGen. 43:34 ^bGen. 16:1;
 30:1

6 ^aJob. 24:21

Now there was a certain man from ^aRamathaim-zophim from the ^bhill country of Ephraim, and his name was ^cElkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

2 And he had ^atwo wives; the name of one was ^bHannah and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but ^cHannah had no children.

3 Now this man would go up from his city ^ayearly ^bto worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in ^cShiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were priests to the LORD there.

4 And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he ^awould give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters;

5 but to Hannah he would give ^aa double portion, for he loved Hannah; ^bbut the LORD had closed her womb.

6 Her rival, however, ^awould provoke her bitterly to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

7 And it happened year after year, as often as she went

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up to the house of the LORD, she would provoke her, so she wept and would not eat.

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? ^aAm I not better to you than ten sons?"

9 Then Hannah rose after eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she, ¹greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.

11 And she ^amade a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed ^blook on the affliction of Thy maidservant and remember me, and not forget Thy maidservant, but wilt give Thy maidservant a ¹son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and ^ca razor shall never come on his head."

12 Now it came about, as she ¹continued praying before the LORD, that Eli was watching her mouth.

13 As for Hannah, ^ashe was speaking in her heart, only her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard. So Eli thought she was drunk.

14 Then Eli said to her, "^aHow long will you make yourself drunk? Put away your wine from you."

15 But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman ¹oppressed in spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I ^ahave poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 "Do not ¹consider your maidservant as a worthless woman; for I have spoken until now ^aout of my great concern and ²provocation."

17 Then Eli answered and said, "^aGo in peace; and may the God of Israel ^bgrant your petition that you have asked of Him."

18 And she said, "^aLet your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and ^bher face was no longer sad.

19 Then they arose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned again to their house in ^aRamah. And Elkanah ¹had relations with Hannah his wife, and ^bthe LORD remembered her.

20 And it came about ¹in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, *saying*, "^aBecause I have asked him of the LORD."

21 Then the man Elkanah ^awent up with all his household to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and ^{pay} his vow.

22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "*I will not go up* until the child is weaned; then I will ^abring him, that he may appear before the LORD and ^bstay there forever."

23 And ^aElkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best ¹to you. Remain until you have weaned him; only ^bmay the LORD confirm His word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him.

24 Now when she had weaned him, ^ashe took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to ^bthe house of the LORD in Shiloh, although the child was young.

8 ^aRuth 4:15

9 ^a1 Sam. 3:3

10 ¹Lit., bitter of soul

11 ¹Lit., seed of men
^aNum. 30:6-11 ^bGen. 29:32
^cNum. 6:5; Judg. 13:5; Luke 1:15

12 ¹Lit., multiplied

13 ^aGen. 24:42-45

14 ^aActs 2:4, 13

15 ¹Lit., severe
^aPs. 62:8

16 ¹Lit., give ²Lit., my provocation
^aLuke 6:45

17 ^a1 Sam. 25:35;
²Kin. 5:19; Mark 5:34
^bPs. 20:3-5

18 ^aRuth 2:13 ^bRom. 15:13

19 ¹Lit., knew
^a1 Sam. 1:1; 2:11 ^bGen. 21:1; 30:22

20 ¹Lit., at the circuit of the days
^aGen. 41:51, 52; Ex. 2:10, 22; Matt. 1:21

21 ^a1 Sam. 1:3; Deut. 12:11

22 ^aLuke 2:22 ^b1 Sam. 1:1, 28

23 ¹Lit., in your eyes
^aNum. 30:10,
11 ^b1 Sam. 1:17

24 ^aNum. 15:9, 10;
Deut. 12:5, 6 ^b1 Sam. 4:3, 4;
Josh. 18:1

25 ^aLev. 1:5 ^bLuke 2:2226 ^{a2} King. 2:2, 4, 627 ^{a1} Sam. 1:11-1328 ¹Lit., *lent*
^{a1} Sam. 1:11, 221 ¹i.e., strength ²Lit., *is enlarged*
^aHab. 3:1; Ps. 72:20;
1 Sam. 2:1-10; Luke 1:46-55
^bDeut. 33:17; Job. 16:15;
Ps. 89:17 ^cIs. 12:2, 32 ^aEx. 15:11 ^{b2} Sam. 22:32
^cDeut. 32:30, 313 ¹Lit., *Talk much*
^aProv. 8:13 ^{b1} Sam. 16:7;
1 Kin. 8:39 ^cProv. 16:2; 24:124 ^aPs. 37:15; 46:9
^bPs. 18:39; Heb. 11:32-345 ^aPs. 113:9; Ruth 4:15
^bJer. 15:96 ¹i.e., the nether world
^aDeut. 32:39; 2 Kin. 5:7;
Rev. 1:18 ^bIs. 26:197 ^aDeut. 8:17, 18
^bJob. 5:11; James 4:108 ^aJob. 42:10-12; Ps. 75:7
^{b2} Sam. 7:8; Dan. 2:48;
James 2:5 ^cJob. 36:7
^dJob. 38:4-6; Ps. 75:39 ^aPs. 91:11, 12; 1 Pet. 1:5
^bMatt. 8:12 ^cPs. 33:16, 1710 ¹i.e., strength
^aEx. 15:6; Ps. 2:9
^{b1} Sam. 7:10; Ps. 18:13, 14
^cPs. 96:13; 98:9; Matt. 25:31,
32 ^dPs. 21:1, 7 ^ePs. 89:2411 ^{a1} Sam. 1:1, 19
^{b1} Sam. 2:18; 1 Sam. 1:2812 ¹Lit., *sons of Belial*
^aJer. 2:8; 9:3, 6; 2 Cor. 6:1513 ^aLev. 7:29-3425 Then ^athey slaughtered the bull, and ^bbrought the boy to Eli.26 And she said, "Oh, my lord! ^aAs your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the LORD.27 ^a"For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him.28 ^a"So I have also ¹dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is ¹dedicated to the LORD." And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAPTER 2

THEN Hannah ^aprayed and said,^a"My heart exults in the LORD:^bMy ¹horn is exalted in the LORD,My mouth ²speaks boldly against my enemies,
Because ^cI rejoice in Thy salvation.2 ^a"There is no one holy like the LORD,
Indeed, ^bthere is no one besides Thee,
^cNor is there any rock like our God.3 ^a"¹Boast no more so very proudly,
^aDo not let arrogance come out of your mouth;
^bFor the LORD is a God of knowledge,
^cAnd with Him actions are weighed.4 ^a"The bows of the mighty are shattered,
^bBut the feeble gird on strength.5 ^a"Those who were full hire themselves out for bread,
But those who were hungry cease *to hunger*.
^aEven the barren gives birth to seven,
But ^bshe who has many children languishes.6 ^a"The LORD kills and makes alive;
^bHe brings down to ¹Sheol and raises up.7 ^a"The LORD makes poor and rich;
^bHe brings low, He also exalts.8 ^a"He raises the poor from the dust,
^bHe lifts the needy from the ash heap.
^cTo make them sit with nobles,And inherit a seat of honor;
^dFor the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
And He set the world on them.9 ^a"He keeps the feet of His godly ones,
^bBut the wicked ones are silenced in darkness;
^cFor not by might shall a man prevail.10 ^a"Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered;
^bAgainst them He will thunder in the heavens,
^cThe LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
^dAnd He will give strength to His king,
^eAnd will exalt the ¹horn of His anointed."11 Then Elkanah went to his home at ^aRamah. ^bBut the boy ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.12 Now the sons of Eli were ^{1a}worthless men; they did not know the LORD13 ^aand the custom of the priests with the people. When any man was offering a sacrifice, the priest's servant would

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come while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand.

14 Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. Thus they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

15 Also, before ^athey burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the priest meat for roasting, as he will not take boiled meat from you, only raw."

16 And if the man said to him, "They must surely ¹burn the fat ²first, and then take as much as ³you desire," then he would say, "No, but you shall give it to me now; and if not, I will take it by force."

17 Thus the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for the men ^adespised the offering of the LORD.

18 Now ^aSamuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy ¹wearing a linen ephod.

19 And his mother would make him a little ^arobe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer ^bthe yearly sacrifice.

20 Then Eli would ^abless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the LORD give you ¹children from this woman in place of ²the one she ^bdedicated to the LORD." And they went to their own ³home.

21 And ^athe LORD visited Hannah; and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And ^bthe boy Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 Now Eli was very old; and ¹he heard ^aall that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with ^bthe women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

23 And he said to them, "Why do you do such things, the evil things that I hear from all these people?"

24 "No, my sons; for the report is not good ^awhich I hear ¹the LORD's people circulating.

25 "If one man sins against another, ^aGod will mediate for him; but ^bif a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the ^cLORD desired to put them to death.

26 Now the boy ^aSamuel ¹was growing in stature and in favor both with the LORD and with men.

27 Then ^aa man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, ^bDid I not indeed reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house?"

28 'And ^adid I not choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before Me; and did I not give to the house of your father all the fire offerings of the sons of Israel?"

29 'Why do you ^akick at My sacrifice and at My offering ^bwhich I have commanded in My ^cdwelling, and ^dhonor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the ¹choicest of every offering of My people Israel?"

30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should

15 ^aLev. 3:3-5, 16

16 ¹Lit., offer up in smoke
²Lit., like the day ³Lit., your soul

17 ^aMal. 2:7-9

18 ¹Lit., girded with
^a1 Sam. 2:11; 3:1
^b1 Sam. 2:28, 22:18

19 ^aEx. 28:31 ^b1 Sam. 1:3, 21

20 ¹Lit., seed ²Lit., the one asked for which was lent
³Lit., place
^aLuke 2:34 ^b1 Sam. 1:11, 27, 28

21 ^aGen. 21:1 ^b1 Sam. 2:26; 3:19-21; Luke 2:40

22 ^a1 Sam. 2:13-17
^bEx. 38:8

24 ¹Or, making the LORD's people transgress
^a1 Kin. 15:26

25 ^aDeut. 1:17
^b1 Sam. 3:14; Num. 15:30; Heb. 10:26, 27 ^cEx. 4:21; Josh. 11:20

26 ¹Lit., was going on both great and good
^a1 Sam. 2:21; Luke 2:52

27 ^aDeut. 33:1; Judg. 13:6
^bEx. 4:14-16; 12:1, 43

28 ^aEx. 28:1-4; 30:7, 8; Lev. 8:7, 8

29 ¹Or, first
^a1 Sam. 2:13-17 ^bDeut. 12:5-9
^cPs. 26:8 ^dMatt. 10:37

30 ^aEx. 29:9; Num. 25:13

30 ^bPs. 50:23 ^cMal. 2:931 ¹Or, *arm*
^a1 Sam. 4:11-18; 22:17-2032 ¹Lit., *he*
^a1 Kin. 2:26, 27 ^bZech. 8:433 ¹Lit., *to waste away
your eyes and to grieve your
soul* ²Lit., *as men*34 ^a1 Sam. 10:7-9;
1 Kin. 13:3 ^b1 Sam. 4:11, 1735 ^a1 Sam. 3:1; 7:9; 9:12, 13
^b1 Sam. 8:3-5; 1 King. 11:38
^c1 Sam. 10:9, 10; 12:3; 16:1336 ¹Or, *payment* ²Lit.,
*attach*1 ¹Lit., *no vision spread
abroad*
^a1 Sam. 2:11, 18 ^bPs. 74:9;
Ezek. 7:26; Amos 8:11, 122 ^a1 Sam. 4:153 ^aEx. 25:31-37; Lev. 24:34 ^aIs. 6:86 ¹Lit., *said*7 ^a1 Cor. 13:11

walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me—for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.

31 'Behold, the days are coming when I will break your strength and the strength of your father's house so that there will not be an old man in your house.

32 'And you will see the distress of My dwelling, in spite of all that I do good for Israel; and an bold man will not be in your house forever.

33 'Yet I will not cut off every man of yours from My altar that your eyes may fail from weeping and your soul grieve, and all the increase of your house will die in the prime of life.

34 'And this will be the sign to you which shall come concerning your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas: on the same day both of them shall die.

35 'But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always.

36 'And it shall come about that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread, and say, "Please assign me to one of the priest's offices so that I may eat a piece of bread." "

CHAPTER 3

NOW the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent.

2 And it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well),

3 and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was,

4 that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am."

5 Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, lie down again." So he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he answered, "I did not call, my son, lie down again."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor had the word of the LORD yet been revealed to him.

8 So the LORD called Samuel again for the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli discerned that the LORD was calling the boy.

9 And Eli said to Samuel, "Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Thy servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Then the LORD came and stood and called as at other

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The Philistines Defeat Israel.**

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times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Thy servant is listening."

11 ² Kin. 21:12; Jer. 19:3

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, ^aI am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

12 ¹ Sam. 2:27-36

12 "In that day ^aI will carry out against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

13 ¹ Sam. 2:29-31
^{b1} Sam. 2:22 ^{c1} Sam. 2:12,
17, 22 ^d Deut. 17:12; 21:18

13 "For ^aI have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for ^bthe iniquity which he knew, because ^chis sons brought a curse on themselves and ^dhe did not rebuke them.

14 "And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that ^athe iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

14 ¹ Lev. 15:31; Is. 22:14

15 So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he ^aopened the doors of the house of the LORD. But Samuel was afraid to tell ^bthe vision to Eli.

15 ¹ Chr. 15:23
^{b1} Sam. 3:10

16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."

17 ² Sam. 3:35

17 And he said, "What is the word that He spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. ^aMay God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you."

18 ^a Ex. 34:5-7; Lev. 10:3;
Job 2:10; Is. 39:8

18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "^aIt is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him."

19 Thus ^aSamuel grew and ^bthe LORD was with him and ^clet none of his words ¹fail.

19 ¹ Lit., *fall to the ground*
^{a1} Sam. 2:21 ^b Gen. 21:22;
28:15 ^{c1} Sam. 9:6

20 And all Israel ^afrom Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD.

20 ^a Judg. 20:1

21 And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, ^abecause the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

21 ¹ Sam. 3:10

CHAPTER 4

THUS the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to meet the Philistines in battle and camped beside ^aEbenezer while the Philistines camped in ^bAphek.

1 ¹ Sam. 7:12
^{b1} Sam. 29:1; Josh. 12:18

2 And the Philistines drew up in battle array to meet Israel. When the battle spread, Israel was ¹defeated before the Philistines who killed about four thousand men on the battlefield.

2 ¹ Lit., *smitten*

3 When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "^aWhy has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? ^bLet us take to ourselves from Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that ¹it may come among us and deliver us from the power of our enemies."

3 ¹ Or, *he*
^a Josh. 7:7, 8 ^b Num. 10:35;
Josh. 6:6

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and from there they carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts ^awho sits above the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

4 ² Sam. 6:2

5 And it happened as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, that ^aall Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth resounded.

5 ^a Josh. 6:5, 20

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7^aEx. 15:14

9^{a1} Cor. 16:13
b¹ Sam. 14:21; Judg. 13:1

10¹ Lit., *smitten*
a¹ Sam. 4:2; Deut. 28:15, 25
b² Sam. 18:17; 2 Kin. 14:12

11^{a1} Sam. 2:34; Ps.
78:56-64

12¹ Lit., *ground*
a² Josh. 7:6; 2 Sam. 1:2;
Neh. 9:1

13¹ Gk. version reads,
beside the gate watching the
road; see v. 18
a¹ Sam. 4:18, 1:9

15^{a1} Kin. 14:4

16^{a2} Sam. 1:4

18¹ Lit., *he* ² Lit., *the man*
a¹ Sam. 4:13

20^a Gen. 35:16-19

21¹ I.e., No glory
a² Ps. 26:8; Jer. 2:11
b¹ Sam. 4:11

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What *does* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews *mean*?" Then they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God has come into the camp." And they said, "aWoe to us! For nothing like this has happened before.

8 "Woe to us! Who shall deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods who smote the Egyptians with all *kinds of* plagues in the wilderness.

9 "aTake courage and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews, b^as they have been slaves to you; therefore, be men and fight."

10 So the Philistines fought and aIsrael was ¹defeated, and b^every man fled to his tent, and the slaughter was very great; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and a^athe two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

12 Now a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day with a^ahis clothes torn and ¹dust on his head.

13 When he came, behold, a^aEli was sitting on *his seat* ¹by the road eagerly watching, because his heart was trembling for the ark of God. So the man came to tell *it* in the city, and all the city cried out.

14 When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, he said, "What *does* the noise of this commotion *mean*?" Then the man came hurriedly and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old, and a^ahis eyes were set so that he could not see.

16 And the man said to Eli, "I am the one who came from the battle line. Indeed, I escaped from the battle line today." And he said, "aHow did things go, my son?"

17 Then the one who brought the news answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines and there has also been a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been taken."

18 And it came about when he mentioned the ark of God that ^{1a}Eli fell off the seat backward beside the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for ²he was old and heavy. Thus he judged Israel forty years.

19 Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant and about to give birth; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she kneeled down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "aDo not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer or pay attention.

21 And she called the boy ¹Ichabod, saying, "aThe glory has departed from Israel," because ^bthe ark of God was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God was taken."

CHAPTER 5

NOW the Philistines took the ark of God and ^abrought it from Ebenezer to ^bAshdod.

2 Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to ^athe house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 When the Ashdodites arose early the next morning, behold, ^aDagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and ^bset him in his place again.

4 But when they arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. And the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off on the threshold; ¹only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor all who enter Dagon's house tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

6 Now ^athe hand of the LORD was heavy on the Ashdodites, and ^bHe ravaged them and smote them with ^chemorrhoids, both Ashdod and its territories.

7 When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is severe on us and on Dagon our god."

8 So they sent and ^agathered all the lords of the Philistines to them and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" And they said, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath." And they brought the ark of the God of Israel *around*.

9 And it came about that after they had brought it around, ^athe hand of the LORD was against the city with very great confusion; and He smote the men of the city, both young and old, so that ^bhemorrhoids broke out on them.

10 So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it happened as the ark of God came to Ekron that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought the ark of the God of Israel around to ¹us, to kill ¹us and ²our people."

11 They ^asent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill ¹us and ²our people." For there was a deadly confusion throughout the city; ^bthe hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men who did not die were smitten with hemorrhoids and ^athe cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAPTER 6

NOW the ark of the LORD had been in the ¹country of the Philistines seven months.

2 And ^athe Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us ¹how we shall send it to its place."

3 And they said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, ^ado not send it empty; but you shall surely ^breturn to Him a guilt offering. Then you shall be healed and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you."

¹ ^a1 Sam. 4:1; 7:12
^bJosh. 13:3

² ^aJudg. 16:23-30;
¹ Chr. 10:8-10

³ ^aIs. 19:1; 46:1, 2 ^bIs. 46:7

⁴ ^aSo with ancient versions; Heb., *only Dagon*.

⁶ ^a1 Sam. 5:7, 11; Ex. 9:3
^b1 Sam. 6:5 ^cDeut. 28:27;
Ps. 78:66

⁸ ^a1 Sam. 5:11; 29:6-11

⁹ ^a1 Sam. 5:11; 7:13
^b1 Sam. 5:6

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *me* ²Lit., *my*

¹¹ ¹Lit., *me* ²Lit., *my*
^a1 Sam. 5:8 ^b1 Sam. 5:6, 9

¹² ^aEx. 12:30

¹ ^aLit., *field*

² ^aOr, *with what*
^aGen. 41:8; Ex. 7:11; Is. 2:6

³ ^aEx. 23:15; Deut. 16:16
^bLev. 5:15, 16

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⁴ ¹Lit., *them*
^a1 Sam. 6:17; 5:6, 9, 12
^b1 Sam. 6:17, 18; Judg. 3:3

⁵ ^aJosh. 7:19; Is. 42:12
^b1 Sam. 5:6, 11 ^c1 Sam. 5:3,
4, 7

⁶ ¹Lit., *them*
^aEx. 8:15, 32; 9:34 ^bEx. 12:31

⁷ ^a2 Sam. 6:3 ^bNum. 19:2;
Deut. 21:3, 4

⁸ ^a1 Sam. 6:4, 5
^b1 Sam. 6:3

⁹ ^aJosh. 15:10; 21:16
^b1 Sam. 6:3

¹² ¹Lit., *way*
^a1 Sam. 6:9 ^bNum. 20:19

¹⁴ ^a2 Sam. 24:22;
² Kin. 19:21

¹⁵ ^aEx. 4:14; Josh. 3:3

¹⁷ ^a1 Sam. 6:4

¹⁸ ¹So some mss. and
versions: Heb., *Abel*
^aDeut. 3:5 ^b1 Sam. 14:15

4 Then they said, "What shall be the guilt offering which we shall return to Him?" And they said, "Five golden ^ahemorrhoids and five golden mice ^baccording to the number of the lords of the Philistines, for one plague was on all of ¹you and on your lords.

5 "So you shall make likenesses of your hemorrhoids and likenesses of your mice that ravage the land, and ^ayou shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps ^bHe will ease His hand from you, ^cyour gods, and your land.

6 "Why then do you harden your hearts ^aas the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had severely dealt with them, ^bdid they not allow ¹the people to go, and they departed?

7 "Now therefore take and ^aprepare a new cart and two milch cows on which there ^bhas never been a yoke; and hitch the cows to the cart and take their calves home, away from them.

8 "And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart; and put ^athe articles of gold which you return to Him as ^ba guilt offering in a box by its side. Then send it away that it may go.

9 "And watch, if it goes up by the way of its own territory to ^aBethshemesh, then He has done us this great evil. But if not, then ^bwe shall know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance."

10 Then the men did so, and took two milch cows and hitched them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home.

11 And they put the ark of the LORD on the cart, and the box with the golden mice and the likenesses of their hemorrhoids.

12 And the cows took the straight way in the ¹direction of ^aBethshemesh; they went along ^bthe highway, lowing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines followed them to the border of Bethshemesh.

13 Now *the people of* Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they raised their eyes and saw the ark and were glad to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Bethshemite and stood there where there *was* a large stone; and they split the wood of the cart and ^aoffered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.

15 And ^athe Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the large stone; and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned to Ekron that day.

17 And ^athese are the golden hemorrhoids which the Philistines returned for a guilt offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron;

18 and the golden mice, *according* to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, ^aboth of fortified cities and of country villages. ^bThe large ¹stone on

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which they set the ark of the LORD *is a witness* to this day in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite.

19 And ^ahe struck down some of the men of Bethshemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck down of all the people, 50,070 men, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, "^aWho is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?"

21 So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of ^aKiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down and take it up to you."

CHAPTER 7

AND the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the LORD and ^abrought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came about from the day that the ark remained at Kiriath-jearim that the time was long, for it was twenty years; and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "^aIf you return to the LORD with all your heart, ^bremove the foreign gods and the ^cAshtaroth from among you and ^ddirect your hearts to the LORD and ^eserve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."

4 So the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth and served the LORD alone.

5 Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to ^aMizpah, and ^bI will pray to the LORD for you."

6 And they gathered to Mizpah, and drew water and ^apoured it out before the LORD, and ^bfasted on that day, and said there, "^cWe have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the sons of Israel at Mizpah.

7 Now when the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the sons of Israel heard it, ^athey were afraid of the Philistines.

8 Then the sons of Israel said to Samuel, "^aDo not cease to cry to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines."

9 And Samuel took ^aa suckling lamb and offered it for a whole burnt offering to the LORD; and Samuel cried to the LORD for Israel and ^bthe LORD answered him.

10 Now Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, and the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But ^athe LORD thundered with a great ¹thunder on that day against the Philistines and ^bconfused them, so that they were ²routed before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and struck them down as far as below Bethcar.

12 Then Samuel ^atook a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it ¹Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

13 ^aSo the Philistines were subdued and ^bthey did not

19 ^aNum. 4:5, 15, 20;
2 Sam. 6:7

20 ^aLev. 11:44, 45;
2 Sam. 6:9

21 ^aJosh. 9:17; 15:9, 60

1 ^a2 Sam. 6:3, 4

3 ^aJoel 2:12-14
^bJosh. 24:14, 23; Judg. 10:16
^c1 Sam. 31:10; Judg. 2:13
^dDeut. 13:4; 2 Chr. 19:3
^eDeut. 6:13; Matt. 4:10

5 ^aJudg. 20:1 ^b1 Sam. 8:6;
12:17-19

6 ^a1 Sam. 1:15; Ps. 62:8;
Lam. 2:19 ^bLev. 16:29;
Neh. 9:1 ^cJudg. 10:10

7 ^a1 Sam. 13:6; 17:11

8 ^a1 Sam. 12:19-24;
Is. 37:4

9 ^aLev. 22:27 ^bPs. 99:6;
Jer. 15:1

10 ¹Lit., voice ²Lit., smitten
^a1 Sam. 2:10; Ps. 29:3, 4;
2 Sam. 22:14, 15
^bJosh. 10:10; Ps. 18:14

12 ¹i.e., The stone of help
^aGen. 35:14; Josh. 4:9; 24:26

13 ^aJudg. 13:1-15
^b1 Sam. 13:5

14*Num. 13:29; Josh. 10:5-10

15*1 Sam. 7:6; 12:11

16*Gen. 28:19; 35:6
bJosh. 5:9, 10*1 Sam. 7:5

17*1 Sam. 1:1, 19; 2:11

1*Deut. 16:18, 19

2*Gen. 22:19; 1 Kin. 19:3;
Amos 5:5

3*Ex. 23:6, 8; Deut. 16:19

4*1 Sam. 7:17

5*Deut. 17:14, 15

6¹Or. *evil*
*1 Sam. 12:17 b¹ 1 Sam. 15:11

7*1 Sam. 10:19; Ex. 16:8

9¹Lit., *testify to* ²Lit.,
custom
*Ezek. 3:18 b¹ 1 Sam. 8:11-18;
10:25

10*1 Sam. 8:4

11¹Lit., *custom*
*1 Sam. 10:25; Deut. 17:14-
20 b¹ 1 Sam. 14:52
*2 Sam. 15:1

12¹Lit., *plow his plowing*
*1 Sam. 22:7; Num. 31:14

14*1 Kin. 21:7; Ezek. 46:18

come any more within the border of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. So there was peace between Israel and ^athe Amorites.

15 Now Samuel ^ajudged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he used to go annually on circuit to ^aBethel and ^bGilgal and ^cMizpah, and he judged Israel in all these places.

17 Then his return *was* to ^aRamah, for his house *was* there, and there he judged Israel; and he built there an altar to the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about when Samuel was old that ^ahe appointed his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his first-born was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; *they* were judging in ^aBeersheba.

3 His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and ^atook bribes and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at ^aRamah;

5 and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now ^aappoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing was ¹displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And ^bSamuel prayed to the LORD.

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for ^athey have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

8 "Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.

9 "Now then, listen to their voice; ^ahowever, you shall solemnly ¹warn them and tell them of ^bthe ²procedure of the king who will reign over them."

10 So Samuel spoke all the words of the LORD to ^athe people who had asked of him a king.

11 And he said, "^aThis will be the ¹procedure of the king who will reign over you: ^bhe will take your sons and place *them* for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and ^cthey will run before his chariots.

12 "And ^ahe will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and *some* to ¹do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

13 "He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers.

14 "And ^ahe will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants.

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15 "And he will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give to his officers and to his servants.

16 "He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys, and ¹use them for his work.

17 "He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants.

18 "Then ^ayou will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but ^bthe LORD will not answer you in that day."

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, "No, but there shall be a king over us,

20 ^athat we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

21 Now after Samuel had heard all the words of the people, ^ahe repeated them in the LORD's hearing.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, "^aListen to their voice, and ¹appoint them a king." So Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

16 ¹Lit., *make*

18 ¹Is. 8:21 ^bProv. 1:25-28; Mic. 3:4

20 ¹Sam. 8:5

21 ¹Judg. 11:11

22 ¹Lit., *cause a king to reign for them*
¹Sam. 8:7

¹Or, *wealth, or, influence*
¹Sam. 14:51; 1 Chr. 9:36-39

CHAPTER 9

NOW there was a man of Benjamin whose name was ^aKish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of ¹valor.

2 And he had a son whose name was Saul, a ^achoice and handsome *man*, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; ^bfrom his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.

3 Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to his son Saul, "Take now with you one of the servants, and arise, go search for the donkeys."

4 And he passed through ^athe hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of ^bShalishah, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of ^cShaalim, but they were not there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.

5 When they came to the land of ^aZuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, ^blest my father cease to be concerned about the donkeys and become anxious for us."

6 And he said to him, "Behold now, there is ^aa man of God in this city, and the man is held in honor; ^ball that he says surely comes true. Now let us go there, ^cperhaps he can tell us about our journey on which we have set out."

7 Then Saul said to his servant, "But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread is gone from our sack and there is ^ano present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

8 And the servant answered Saul again and said, "Behold, I have in my hand a fourth of a shekel of silver; I will give it to the man of God and he will ^atell us our way."

9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he used to say, "Come, and let us go to the seer"; for *he who is called a prophet now was formerly called a seer.*)

2 ¹Sam. 10:24
^b1 Sam. 10:23

4 ^aJosh. 24:33 ^b2 Kin. 4:42
^cJosh. 19:42

5 ¹Sam. 1:1 ^b1 Sam. 10:2

6 ^aDeut. 33:1; 2 Kin. 5:8
^b2 Sam. 3:19 ^cGen. 24:42

7 ¹Kin. 14:3; 2 Kin. 5:15;
8:8, 9; Ezek. 13:19

8 ¹Sam. 9:6

9 ²Sam. 24:11;
1 Chr. 9:22; 26:28; Is. 30:10

11 ^aGen. 24:15; 29:9
Ex. 2:16

12 ¹Or, *behold*
^aNum. 28:11-15
^b1 Sam. 7:17; 10:5

13 ^aLuke 9:16; John 6:11

15 ¹Lit., *uncovered the ear*
^a1 Sam. 15:1; Acts 13:21

16 ^a1 Sam. 10:1 ^bEx. 3:7, 9

17 ¹Lit., *answered*
^a1 Sam. 16:12

20 ^a1 Sam. 9:3 ^b1 Sam. 8:5;
12:13

21 ¹So some ancient
versions; Heb., *tribes*
^a1 Sam. 15:17 ^bJudg.
20:46-48

23 ¹Lit., *Give* ²Lit., *with*
you

24 ¹Lit., *saying*
^aEx. 29:22, 27; Lev. 7:32, 33;
Num. 18:18

25 ¹Ck. adds, *and they*
spread a bed for Saul on the
roof and he slept.
^aDeut. 22:8; Acts 10:9

10 Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

11 As they went up the slope to the city, ^athey found young women going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?"

12 And they answered them and said, "He is; ¹see, *he is* ahead of you. Hurry now, for he has come into the city today, for ^athe people have a sacrifice on ^bthe high place today.

13 "As soon as you enter the city you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat, for the people will not eat until he comes, because ^ahe must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now therefore go up for you will find him at once."

14 So they went up to the city. As they came into the city, behold, Samuel was coming out toward them to go up to the high place.

15 Now a day before Saul's coming, ^athe LORD had ¹revealed *this* to Samuel saying,

16 "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and ^ayou shall anoint him to be prince over My people Israel; and he shall deliver My people from the hand of the Philistines. For ^bI have regarded My people, because their cry has come to Me."

17 When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD ¹said to him, "^aBehold, the man of whom I spoke to you! This one shall rule over My people."

18 Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is."

19 And Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and in the morning I will let you go, and will tell you all that is on your mind.

20 "And ^aas for your donkeys which were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And ^bfor whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's household?"

21 And Saul answered and said, "^aAm I not a Benjamite, of ^bthe smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the ¹tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me in this way?"

22 Then Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and gave them a place at the head of those who were invited, who were about thirty men.

23 And Samuel said to the cook, "¹Bring the portion that I gave you, concerning which I said to you, 'Set it ²aside.'"

24 Then the cook ^atook up the leg with what was on it and set it before Saul. And *Samuel* said, "Here is what has been reserved! Set it before you *and* eat, because it has been kept for you until the appointed time, ¹since I said, I have invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25 When they came down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* spoke with Saul ^aon the roof.¹

26 And they arose early; and it came about at daybreak that Samuel called to Saul on the roof, saying, "Get up, that I may send you away." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

27 As they were going down to the edge of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Say to the servant that he might go ahead of us and pass on, but you remain standing now, that I may proclaim the word of God to you."

CHAPTER 10

THEN ^aSamuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head, ^bkissed him and said, "Has not ^cthe LORD anointed you a ruler over ^dHis inheritance?"

2 "When you go from me today, then you will find two men close to ^aRachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, ^bThe donkeys which you went to look for have been found. Now behold, your father has ¹ceased to be concerned about the donkeys and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"

3 "Then you will go on further from there, and you will come as far as the ^{1a}oak of Tabor, and there three men going up ^bto God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jug of wine;

4 and they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from their hand.

5 "Afterward you will come to ^{1a}the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is; and it shall be as soon as you have come there to the city, that you will meet ^{ba}a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and a lyre before them, and ^cthey will be prophesying.

6 "Then ^athe Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and ^byou shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man.

7 "And it shall be when these signs come to you, ^ado for yourself what ¹the occasion requires; for ^bGod is with you.

8 "And ^ayou shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and ^bsacrifice peace offerings. ^cYou shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you should do."

9 Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God ^achanged ¹his heart; and all those signs came about on that day.

10 ^aWhen they came to ¹the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them.

11 And it came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied now with the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What has happened to the son of Kish? ^aIs Saul also among the prophets?"

12 And a man there answered and said, "Now, who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

13 When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 Now ^aSaul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, ^b"To look for the donkeys. When we saw that they could not be found, we went to Samuel."

¹ 1 Sam. 16:13; Ex. 30:23-33; 2 Kin. 9:3, 6 ^b Ps. 2:12
^c 1 Sam. 10:9, 10; 16:13; 26:9; 2 Sam. 1:14 ^d Deut. 32:9; Ps. 78:71

² Lit., *abandoned the matter of*
^a Gen. 35:16-20; 48:7
^b 1 Sam. 9:3-5

³ Or, *terebinth*
^a Gen. 35:8 ^b Gen. 28:16, 22; 35:1, 3, 7

⁵ Or, *Gibeath-haelohim*
^a 1 Sam. 13:2, 3
^b 1 Sam. 19:20; 2 Kin. 2:3, 5, 15 ^c 2 Kin. 3:15; 1 Chr. 25:1-6

⁶ Num. 11:25, 29; Judg. 14:6 ^b 1 Sam. 10:10; 19:23, 24

⁷ Lit., *your hand finds*
^a Eccles. 9:10 ^b Josh. 1:5

⁸ 1 Sam. 13:8
^b 1 Sam. 11:15 ^c 1 Sam. 13:8

⁹ For him another heart
^a 1 Sam. 10:6

¹⁰ Or, *Gibeath*
^a 1 Sam. 10:5, 6

¹¹ 1 Sam. 19:24; Amos 7:14, 15; Matt. 13:54-57

¹⁴ 1 Sam. 14:50
^b 1 Sam. 9:4-6

16^a 1 Sam. 9:2017^a 1 Sam. 7:518 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aJudg. 6:8, 919 ¹So with several mss. and
versions M.T. to *Him*
^a1 Sam. 8:6, 7 ^bJosh. 7:14-17;
24:1; Prov. 16:3322^a 1 Sam. 23:2, 4, 9-11; Ex.
28:30; Num. 27:2123^a 1 Sam. 9:224 ¹Lit., *May the king live*
^aDeut. 17:15; 2 Sam. 21:6
^b1 Kin. 1:25, 34, 3925^a 1 Sam. 8:11-18;
Deut. 17:14-20 ^bDeut. 31:2626^a 1 Sam. 11:4; 15:3427 ¹Lit., *sons of Belial*, cf.
2 Cor. 6:15
^a1 Kin. 10:25; 2 Chr. 17:5¹ ¹Lit., *camped against*
^a1 Sam. 12:12 ^bJudg. 21:8;
1 Sam. 31:11 ^c1 Kin. 20:34;
Ezek. 17:132^a Num. 16:14
^b1 Sam. 17:26; Ps. 44:133^a 1 Sam. 8:44^a 1 Sam. 10:26; 15:34

15 And Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you."

16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." But he did not tell him about the matter of the kingdom which Samuel had mentioned.

17 Thereafter Samuel called the people together to the LORD ^aat Mizpah;

18 and he said to the sons of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought Israel up from Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.'

19 "But you ^atoday rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but set a king over us!' Now therefore ^bpresent yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans."

20 Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot.

21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the Matrithite family was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore ^athey inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage."

23 So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, ^ahe was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him ^awhom the LORD has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people." So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"

25 Then Samuel told the people ^athe ordinances of the kingdom, and wrote *them* in the book and ^bplaced *it* before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his house.

26 And Saul also went ^ato his house at Gibeah; and the valiant *men* whose hearts God had touched went with him.

27 But certain ¹worthless men said, "How can this one deliver us?" And they despised him and ^adid not bring him any present. But he kept silent.

CHAPTER 11

NOW ^aNahash the Ammonite came up and ^bbesieged ^bJabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make ^aa covenant with us and we will serve you."

2 But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, I will make *it* with you on this condition, ^athat I will gouge out the right eye of every one of you, thus I will make *it* ^ba reproach on all Israel."

3 And ^athe elders of Jabesh said to him, "Let us alone for seven days, that we may send messengers throughout the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to deliver us, we will come out to you."

4 Then the messengers came ^ato Gibeah of Saul and

spoke these words in the hearing of the people, and all the people ^blifted up their voices and wept.

5 Now behold, Saul was coming from the field ^abehind the oxen; and ^hhe said, "What is *the matter* with the people that they weep?" So they related to him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 Then ^athe Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and ^hhe became very angry.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen and ^acut them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "^bWhoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." Then the dread of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out ^cas one man.

8 And he ^lnumbered them in ^aBezek; and the sons of Israel were ^b300,000, and the men of Judah 30,000.

9 And they said to the messengers who had come, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance.'" So the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10 Then the men of Jabesh said, "^aTomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good ^lto you."

11 And it happened the next morning that Saul put the people ^ain three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp at the morning watch, and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it came about that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

12 Then the people said to Samuel, "^aWho is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' ^lBring the men, that we may put them to death."

13 But Saul said, "^aNot a man shall be put to death this day, for today ^bthe LORD has accomplished deliverance in Israel."

14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come and let us go to ^aGilgal and ^brenew the kingdom there."

15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king ^abefore the LORD in Gilgal. There they also ^boffered sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAPTER 12

THEN Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, ^aI have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and I ^bhave ^lappointed a king over you.

2 "And now, ^ahere is the king walking before you, but ^bI am old and gray, and behold ^cmy sons are with you. And ^dI have walked before you from my youth even to this day.

3 "Here I am; bear witness against me before the LORD and ^aHis anointed. ^bWhose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or ^cfrom whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? I will restore *it* to you."

⁴ ^b1 Sam. 30:4 Gen. 27:38; Judg. 2:4

⁵ ^lLit., *Saul*
^a1 Kin. 19:19

⁶ ^lLit., *his anger burned exceedingly*
^a1 Sam. 10:10; 16:13; Judg. 3:10; 6:34; 13:25; 14:6

⁷ ^aJudg. 19:29 ^bJudg. 21:5, 8, 10 ^cJudg. 20:1

⁸ ^lLit., *mustered*
^aJudg. 1:5 ^bJudg. 20:2

¹⁰ ^lLit., *in your sight*
^a1 Sam. 11:3

¹¹ ^aJudg. 7:16

¹² ^lLit., *Give*
^a1 Sam. 10:27 ^bLuke 19:27

¹³ ^a1 Sam. 10:27; 2 Sam. 19:22 ^b1 Sam. 19:5; Ex. 14:13

¹⁴ ^a1 Sam. 7:16; 10:8
^b1 Sam. 10:25

¹⁵ ^a1 Sam. 10:17
^b1 Sam. 10:8

¹ ^lLit., *made*
^a1 Sam. 8:7, 9, 22
^b1 Sam. 10:24; 11:14, 15

² ^a1 Sam. 8:20
^b1 Sam. 8:1, 5 ^c1 Sam. 8:3, 5
^d1 Sam. 3:10, 19, 20

³ ^a1 Sam. 10:1; 24:6; 2 Sam. 1:14 ^bEx. 20:17; Num. 16:15; Acts 20:33
^cEx. 23:8; Deut. 16:19

5 ^aActs 23:9; 24:20
^bEx. 6:24

6 ¹Lit., *made*
^aEx. 6:26

7 ^aEzek. 20:35; Mic. 6:1-5

8 ¹Lit., *and they brought*
^aEx. 2:23-25 ^bEx. 3:10; 4:14-16
^c1 Sam. 10:18

9 ^aDeut. 32:18; Judg. 3:7
^bJudg. 4:2 ^cJudg. 3:31; 10:7;
13:1 ^dJudg. 3:12-30

10 ^aJudg. 10:10 ^bJudg. 2:13;
3:7 ^cJudg. 10:15, 16

11 ¹Ck. and Syr. read *Barak*
^aJudg. 6:31, 32 ^bJudg. 4:6;
11:1

12 ^a1 Sam. 11:1, 2
^b1 Sam. 8:6, 19 ^c1 Sam. 8:7;
Judg. 8:23

13 ^a1 Sam. 10:24
^b1 Sam. 12:17, 19; 8:5;
Hos. 13:11

14 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aJosh. 24:14

15 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aJosh. 24:20; Is. 1:20
^b1 Sam. 5:9 ^c1 Sam. 12:9

16 ^aEx. 14:13, 31

17 ¹Lit., *sounds*
^aProv. 26:1 ^b1 Sam. 7:9, 10
^c1 Sam. 8:7

18 ¹Lit., *sounds*
^aEx. 14:31

19 ^a1 Sam. 12:23; Ex. 9:28;
Jer. 15:1 ^b1 Sam. 12:17, 20

20 ^aDeut. 11:16

4 And they said, "You have not defrauded us, or oppressed us, or taken anything from any man's hand."

5 And he said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day that ^ayou have found nothing ^bin my hand." And they said, "He is witness."

6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who ^{1a}appointed Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt.

7 "So now, take your stand, ^athat I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did for you and your fathers.

8 "When Jacob went into Egypt and ^ayour fathers cried out to the LORD, then ^bthe LORD sent Moses and Aaron ^{1c}who brought your fathers out of Egypt and settled them in this place.

9 "But ^athey forgot the LORD their God, so ^bHe sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and ^cinto the hand of the Philistines and ^dinto the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 "And ^athey cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD and have served ^bthe Baals and the Ashtaroth; but ^cnow deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve Thee.'

11 "Then the LORD sent ^aJerubbaal and ^{1b}Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel, and delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around, so that you lived in security.

12 "When you saw ^athat Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, you said to me, ^b'No, but a king shall reign over us,' ^calthough the LORD your God *was* your king.

13 "Now therefore, ^ahere is the king whom you have chosen, ^bwhom you have asked for, and behold, the LORD has set a king over you.

14 "^aIf you will fear the LORD and serve Him, and listen to His voice and not rebel against the ¹command of the LORD, then both you and also the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God.

15 "And ^aif you will not listen to the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the ¹command of the LORD, then ^bthe hand of the LORD will be against you, ^cas it was against your fathers.

16 "Even now, ^atake your stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 "^aIs it not the wheat harvest today? ^bI will call to the LORD, that He may send ¹thunder and rain. Then you will know and see that ^cyour wickedness is great which you have done in the sight of the LORD by asking for yourselves a king."

18 So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent ¹thunder and rain that day; and ^aall the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 Then all the people said to Samuel, "^aPray for your servants to the LORD your God, so that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins ^bthis evil by asking for ourselves a king."

20 And Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet ^ado not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.

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21 "And you must not turn aside, for *then you would go* after ^afutile things which can not profit or deliver, because they are futile.

22 "For ^athe LORD will not abandon His people ^bon account of His great name, because the LORD ^chas been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

23 "Moreover, as for me, ^afar be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; but ^bI will instruct you in the good and right way.

24 "^aOnly ¹fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider ^bwhat great things He has done for you.

25 "^aBut if you still do wickedly, ^bboth you and your king ^cshall be swept away."

CHAPTER 13

SAUL was forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned *thirty-two* years over Israel.

2 Now Saul chose for himself 3,000 men of Israel, of which 2,000 were with Saul in ^aMichmash and in the hill country of Bethel, while 1,000 were with Jonathan at ^bGibeah of Benjamin. But he sent away the rest of the people, each to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote ^athe garrison of the Philistines that was in ^bGeba, and the Philistines heard of it. Then Saul ^cblew the trumpet throughout the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear."

4 And all Israel heard ¹the news that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel ^ahad become odious to the Philistines. The people were then summoned ²to Saul at Gilgal.

5 Now the Philistines assembled to fight with Israel, 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen, and ^apeople like the sand which is on the seashore in abundance; and they came up and camped in Michmash, east of ^bBeth-aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were hard pressed), then ^athe people hid themselves in caves, in thickets, in cliffs, in cellars, and in pits.

7 Also *some* of the Hebrews crossed the Jordan into the land of ^aGad and Gilead. But as for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 Now ^ahe waited seven days, according to the appointed time ¹set by Samuel, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattering from him.

9 So Saul said, "Bring to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings." And ^ahe offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came about as soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, that behold, Samuel came; and ^aSaul went out to meet him *and* to ¹greet him.

11 But Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that ^athe Philistines were assembling at Michmash,

12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down

1 Samuel 12, 13

21 ^aIs. 41:29; Hab. 2:18

22 ^aDeut. 31:6; 1 Kin. 6:13
^bEx. 32:12; Num. 14:13
^cDeut. 7:6-11; 1 Pet. 2:9

23 ^aRom. 1:9; Col. 1:9;
1 Thess. 3:10; 2 Tim. 1:3
^b1 Kin. 8:36; Prov. 4:11

24 ¹Or, reverence
^aEccles. 12:13 ^bDeut. 10:21

25 ^aIs. 1:20; 3:11 ^bJosh.
24:20 ^c1 Sam. 31:1-5; Hos.
10:3

2 ^a1 Sam. 13:5; 14:31
^b1 Sam. 10:26

3 ^a1 Sam. 10:5
^b1 Sam. 13:16; 14:5
^cJudg. 3:27; 6:34

4 ¹Lit., saying ²Lit., after
^aGen. 34:30; Ex. 5:21;
2 Sam. 10:6

5 ^aJosh. 11:4
^b1 Sam. 14:23

6 ^aJudg. 6:2

7 ^aNum. 32:33

8 ¹Lit., which
^a1 Sam. 10:8

9 ^a2 Sam. 24:25; 1 Kin. 3:4

10 ¹Lit., bless
^a1 Sam. 15:13

11 ^a1 Sam. 2:5, 16, 23

1 Samuel 13, 14

¹³ ¹Lit., to
²Chr. 16:9 ¹Sam. 15:22,
²⁸ ¹Sam. 1:22

¹⁴ ¹Sam. 15:28
^bActs 13:22

¹⁵ ¹Lit., mustered
¹Sam. 13:2 ¹Sam. 13:2, 6,
 7; 14:2

¹⁶ ¹Sam. 13:2, 3

¹⁷ ¹Lit., destroyers ²Lit.,
 heads ¹Lit., head ⁴Lit.,
 toward the direction of
¹Sam. 14:15 ^bJosh. 18:23

¹⁸ ¹Lit., head ²Lit., the
 direction of
¹Josh. 18:13, 14 ^bNeh. 11:34

¹⁹ ¹Lit., sword or spear
¹Judg. 5:8; 2 Kin. 24:14

²¹ ¹Lit., and there was a
 bluntness of edge

²² ¹Judg. 5:8

²³ ¹Sam. 14:1;
 2 Sam. 23:14 ¹Sam. 14:4, 5;
 1s. 10:28

² ¹Sam. 13:15, 16
¹Is. 10:28 ¹Sam. 13:15

³ ¹Lit., carrying
¹Sam. 22:9-12, 20
¹Sam. 4:21 ¹Sam. 1:3
⁴ ¹Sam. 2:28

⁴ ¹Sam. 13:23

against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering."

13 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

14 "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

15 Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.

16 Now Saul and his son Jonathan and the people who were present with them were staying in Geba of Benjamin while the Philistines camped at Michmash.

17 And the raiders came from the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned toward Ophrah, to the land of Shual,

18 and another company turned toward Beth-horon, and another company turned toward the border which overlooks the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now no blacksmith could be found in all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears."

20 So all Israel went down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe, and his goad,

21 whenever they had to sharpen the edge of the goads, of the mattocks, of the forks, and of the axes, and to fix the goad points.

22 So it came about on the day of battle that neither sword nor spear was found in the hands of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan, but they were found with Saul and his son Jonathan.

23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

CHAPTER 14

NOW the day came that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the Philistines' garrison that is on yonder side." But he did not tell his father.

2 And Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron. And the people who were with him were about six hundred men,

3 and Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of the LORD at Shiloh, was wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4 And between the passes by which Jonathan sought to cross over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp crag on the one side, and a sharp crag on the other side, and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The one crag rose on the north opposite Michmash, and the other on the south opposite Geba.

6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of ^athese uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for ^bthe LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few."

6¹ Sam. 17:26, 36;
Jer. 9:25, 26^{b1} Sam. 17:46,
47; Judg. 7:4, 7; Heb. 11:34

7 And his armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, *and* here I am with you according to your ¹desire."

7¹ Lit., *heart*

8 Then Jonathan said, "^aBehold, we will cross over to the men and reveal ourselves to them.

8^a Judg. 7:9-14

9 "If they ¹say to us, 'Wait until we come to you'; then we will stand in our place and not go up to them.

10 "But if they ¹say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hands; and ^athis shall be the sign to us."

9¹ Lit., *say thus*

11 And when both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines, the Philistines said, "Behold, ^aHebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves."

10¹ Lit., *say thus*
^aGen. 24:14; Judg. 6:36

12 So the men of the garrison ¹hailed Jonathan and his armor bearer and said, "Come up to us and ^awe will tell you something." And Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me, for ^bthe LORD has given them into the hands of Israel."

11^{a1} Sam. 14:22; 13:6

13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his armor bearer behind him; and they fell before Jonathan, and his armor bearer put some to death after him.

12¹ Lit., *answered*
^{a1} Sam. 17:43, 44; Judg. 8:16
^{b2} Sam. 5:24

14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer made was about twenty men within about half a furrow in an acre of land.

15¹ Lit., *trembling of God*
^{a1} Sam. 13:17, 18
^{b1} Sam. 7:10^{c2} Kin. 7:6

15 And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and ^athe raiders trembled, and ^bthe earth quaked so ^cthat it became a ¹great trembling.

17¹ Lit., *mustered*

16 Now Saul's watchmen in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude melted away; and they went here and *there*.

18¹ Lit., *and*
^{a1} Sam. 23:9; 30:7

17 And Saul said to the people who *were* with him, "Number now and see who has gone from us." And when they had ¹numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not *there*.

18 Then Saul said to Ahijah, "^aBring the ark of God here." For the ark of God was at that time ¹with the sons of Israel.

19^a Num. 27:21

19 And it happened ^awhile Saul talked to the priest, that the commotion in the camp of the Philistines continued and increased; so Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

20^a Judg. 7:22; 2 Chr. 20:23

20 Then Saul and all the people who *were* with him rallied and came to the battle; and behold, ^aevery man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* very great confusion.

21^{a1} Sam. 29:4

21 Now the Hebrews *who were* with the Philistines previously, who went up with them all around in the camp, even ^athey also *turned* to be with the Israelites who *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22^{a1} Sam. 13:6

22 When all the ^amen of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines had fled, even they also pursued them closely in the battle.

23 ¹passed over
^aEx. 14:30; 2 Chr. 32:22
^b1 Sam. 13:5

24 ¹Lit., until
^aJosh. 6:26

26 ^aMatt. 3:4

27 ¹ Sam. 14:43
^b1 Sam. 30:12

29 ^aJosh. 7:25; 1 Kin. 18:18

31 ¹ Sam. 14:5
^bJosh. 10:12

32 ¹Lit., did with regard to
the spoil
^a1 Sam. 15:19 ^bGen. 9:4;
Lev. 17:10-14; Acts 15:20

34 ¹Lit., in his hand

35 ¹ Sam. 7:12, 17

36 ¹Lit., in your eyes
^a1 Sam. 14:3, 18, 19

37 ¹ Sam. 10:22
^b1 Sam. 28:6

38 ¹Lit., corners
^a1 Sam. 10:19, 20; Josh.
7:11, 12

39 ¹ Sam. 14:24, 44

23 So ^athe LORD delivered Israel that day, and the battle spread beyond ^bBeth-aven.

24 Now the men of Israel were hard pressed on that day, for Saul had ^aput the people under oath, saying, "Cursed be the man who eats food ¹before evening, and until I have avenged myself on my enemies." So none of the people tasted food.

25 And all *the people of* the land entered the forest, and there was honey on the ground.

26 When the people entered the forest, behold, ^athere was a flow of honey; but no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan had not heard when his father put the people under oath; therefore, ^ahe put out the end of the staff that *was* in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth, and ^bhis eyes brightened.

28 Then one of the people answered and said, "Your father strictly put the people under oath, saying, 'Cursed be the man who eats food today.'" And the people were weary.

29 Then Jonathan said, "^aMy father has troubled the land. See now, how my eyes have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 "How much more, if only the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now the slaughter among the Philistines has not been great."

31 And they struck among the Philistines that day from ^aMichmash to ^bAijalon. And the people were very weary.

32 And ^athe people ¹rushed greedily upon the spoil, and took sheep and oxen and calves, and slew *them* on the ground; and the people ate *them* ^bwith the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood." And he said, "You have acted treacherously; roll a great stone to me today."

34 And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, 'Each one of you bring me his ox or his sheep, and slaughter *it* here and eat; and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.'" So all the people that night brought each one his ox ¹with him, and slaughtered *it* there.

35 And ^aSaul built an altar to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

36 Then Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night and take spoil among them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatever seems good ¹to you." So ^athe priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."

37 And ^aSaul inquired of God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Wilt Thou give them into the hand of Israel?" But ^bHe did not answer him on that day.

38 And Saul said, "^aDraw near here, all you ¹chiefs of the people, and investigate and see how this sin has happened today.

39 "For ^aas the LORD lives, who delivers Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But not one of all the people answered him.

40 Then he said to all Israel, "You shall be on one side

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Saul's Wars and Family.**

1 Samuel 14, 15

and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side." And the people said to Saul, "Do what seems good ¹to you."

41 Therefore, Saul said to the LORD, the God of Israel, "Give a perfect lot." And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." So Jonathan told him and said, "I indeed tasted a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am, I must die!"

44 And Saul said, "May God do ¹this to me and more also, for ^byou shall surely die, Jonathan."

45 But the people said to Saul, "Must Jonathan die, who has ¹brought about this great deliverance in Israel? Far from it! As the LORD lives, ^athere shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day." So the people ²rescued Jonathan and he did not die.

46 Then Saul went up from ¹pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, ^athe sons of Ammon, Edom, ^bthe kings of Zobah, and ^cthe Philistines; and wherever he turned, he ¹inflicted punishment.

48 And he acted valiantly and ^{1a}defeated the Amalekites, and delivered Israel from the hands of ²those who plundered them.

49 Now ^athe sons of Saul were Jonathan and Ishvi and Malchishua; and the names of his two daughters were *these*: the name of the first-born ^bMerab and the name of the younger ^cMichal.

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And ^athe name of the captain of his army was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 ^aAnd Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 Now the war against the Philistines was severe all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man or any valiant man, he ^{1a}attached him to ²his staff.

CHAPTER 15

THEN Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore listen to the ¹words of the LORD.

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will ¹punish Amalek ^afor what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt.

3 'Now go and strike Amalek and ^autterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but ^bput to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' "

4 Then Saul summoned the people and ¹numbered them in ^aTelaim, 200,000 foot soldiers and 10,000 men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and set an ambush in the valley.

6 And Saul said to ^athe Kenites, "Go, depart, go down

40 ¹Lit., in your eyes

41 ^aActs 1:24

43 ^aJosh. 7:19
^{b1} Sam. 14:27

44 ¹Lit., thus
^{a1} Sam. 25:22 ^{b1} Sam. 14:39

45 ¹Lit., worked ²Lit.,
ransomed
^{a2} Sam. 14:11; 1 Kin. 1:52;
Acts 27:34

46 ¹Lit., after

47 ¹Or, condemned
^{a1} Sam. 11:1-13 ^{b2} Sam. 8:3-
10 ^{c1} Sam. 14:52

48 ¹Lit., smote ²Lit., its
plunderers
^{a1} Sam. 15:3, 7

49 ^{a1} Sam. 31:2; 1 Chr. 10:2
^{b1} Sam. 18:17-19
^{c1} Sam. 18:20, 27; 19:12;
2 Sam. 6:20-23

50 ^{a2} Sam. 2:8

51 ^{a1} Sam. 9:1, 21

52 ¹Lit., gathered ²Lit.,
himself
^{a1} Sam. 8:11

1 ¹Lit., sound of the words
^{a1} Sam. 9:16

2 ¹Or, visit
^aEx. 17:8-16; Num. 24:20;
Deut. 25:17-19

3 ^aNum. 24:20;
Deut. 20:16-18; Josh. 6:17-21
^{b1} Sam. 22:19

4 ¹Lit., mustered
^aJosh. 15:24

6 ^aJudg. 1:16; 4:11

⁶Ex. 18:9, 10, 19;
Num. 10:29-32

⁷ ¹Lit., *smote* ²Lit., *before*
^a1 Sam. 14:48 ^bGen. 16:7;
25:17, 18 ^c1 Sam. 27:8;
Ex. 15:22

⁸ ^aNum. 24:7; Esth. 3:1
^b1 Sam. 27:8; 30:1;
2 Sam. 8:12

⁹ ^a1 Sam. 15:3, 15, 19

¹¹ ¹Lit., *after*
^aGen. 6:6, 7; Ex. 32:14;
²Sam. 24:16 ^b1 Kin. 9:6, 7
^cEx. 32:11-13; Luke 6:12

¹² ¹Lit., *and went down*
^a1 Sam. 25:2; Josh. 15:55
^b1 Sam. 13:13, 14

¹³ ^aGen. 14:19; 2 Sam. 2:5

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *sound*
^aEx. 32:21-24

¹⁵ ^a1 Sam. 15:9, 21;
Gen. 3:12, 13; Ex. 32:22, 23

¹⁷ ^a1 Sam. 9:21; 10:22

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *way*
^a1 Sam. 15:3

¹⁹ ^a1 Sam. 14:32

²⁰ ¹Lit., *way*
^a1 Sam. 15:13

²¹ ^a1 Sam. 15:15;
Ex. 32:22, 23

²² ^aPs. 40:6-8; 51:16, 17;
Is. 1:11-15; Mic. 6:6-8
^bJer. 7:22, 23; Hos. 6:6;
Mark 12:33

from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 So ^aSaul ¹defeated the Amalekites, from ^bHavilah as you go to ^cShur, which is ²east of Egypt.

8 And he captured ^aAgag the king of the Amalekites alive, and ^butterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people ^aspared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to destroy them utterly; but everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,

11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for ^bhe has turned back from ¹following Me, and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and ^ccried out to the LORD all night.

12 And Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to ^aCarmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on ¹down to ^bGilgal."

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have carried out the command of the LORD."

14 But Samuel said, "What then is this ¹bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the ¹lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for ^athe people spared the best of the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed."

16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Wait, and let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak!"

17 And Samuel said, "Is it not true, ^athough you were little in your own eyes, you were *made* the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel.

18 and the LORD sent you on a ¹mission, and said, ^aGo and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are exterminated."

19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, ^abut rushed upon the spoil and did what was evil in the sight of the LORD?"

20 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the ¹mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 "But ^athe people took *some* of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

22 And Samuel said,

"^aHas the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices

As in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, ^bto obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed than the fat of rams.

23 "For rebellion is as the sin of ^adivination, And insubordination is as ^biniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, ^cHe has also rejected you from *being king*."

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "^aI have sinned; ^bI have indeed transgressed the ¹command of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

25 "Now therefore, ^aplease pardon my sin and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for ^ayou have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

27 And as Samuel turned to go, ^aSaul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore.

28 So Samuel said to him, "^aThe LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to your neighbor who is better than you.

29 "And also the ^{1a}Glory of Israel ^bwill not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

30 Then he said, "I have sinned; ^abut please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and go back with me, ^bthat I may worship the LORD your God."

31 So Samuel went back following Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then Samuel said, "Bring me Agag, the king of the Amalekites." And Agag came to him ¹cheerfully. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

33 But Samuel said, "^aAs your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hewed Agag to pieces before the LORD at Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to ^aRamah, but Saul went up to his house at ^bGibeah of Saul.

35 And ^aSamuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death; for Samuel ^bgrieved over Saul. And the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

CHAPTER 16

NOW the LORD said to Samuel, "^aHow long will you grieve over Saul, since ^bI have rejected him from being king over Israel? ^cFill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to ^dJesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons."

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "^aTake a heifer with you, and say, ¹I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."

3 "And you shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and ^aI will show you what you shall do; and ^byou shall anoint for Me the one whom I ¹designate you."

4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to ^aBethlehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and said, "^bDo you come in peace?"

5 And he said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. ^aConsecrate yourselves and come with me to the

23 ^aDeut. 18:10
^bGen. 31:19, 34
^c1 Sam. 13:14

24 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aNum. 22:34; 2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 51:4
^bProv. 29:25; Is. 51:12, 13

25 ^aEx. 10:17

26 ^a1 Sam. 13:14; 16:1

27 ^a1 Kin. 11:30, 31

28 ^a1 Sam. 28:17, 18

29 ¹Or, *Eminence*
^a1 Chr. 29:11; Ps. 18:1, 2
^bNum. 23:19; Ezek. 24:14

30 ^aJohn 12:43 ^bIs. 29:13

32 ¹Or, *in bonds*

33 ^aGen. 9:6; Judg. 1:7; Matt. 7:2

34 ^a1 Sam. 7:17
^b1 Sam. 11:4

35 ^a1 Sam. 19:24
^b1 Sam. 16:1

1 ^a1 Sam. 15:35
^b1 Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:23
^c1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1; 2 Kin. 9:1
^dRuth 4:18-22

2 ^a1 Sam. 20:29

3 ¹Lit., *say to you*
^aEx. 4:15; Acts 9:6
^b1 Sam. 9:16; Deut. 17:14, 15

4 ^aGen. 48:7; Luke 2:4
^b1 Kin. 2:13; 2 Kin. 9:22; 1 Chr. 12:17, 18

5 ^aGen. 35:2; Ex. 19:10

6^a 1 Sam. 17:137¹ So with Gk., Heb., *He sees not what man sees*
^a1 Sam. 2:3; 1 Kin. 8:39;
1 Chr. 28:9; Luke 16:158^a 1 Sam. 17:139^a 1 Sam. 17:1311¹ Lit., *take*
^a1 Sam. 17:12; 2 Sam. 13:312^a Gen. 39:6; Ex. 2:2;
Acts 7:20^b 1 Sam. 9:1713^a 1 Sam. 10:1
^b1 Sam. 10:6, 9, 1014^a 1 Sam. 11:6; 18:12;
28:15^b 1 Sam. 16:15, 16;
18:10; 19:9; 1 Kin. 22:19-2216^a 1 Sam. 18:10; 19:9;
2 Kin. 3:1518^a 1 Sam. 17:32-36
^b1 Sam. 3:1920^a 1 Sam. 10:4, 27;
Prov. 18:1621¹ Lit., *stood before him*
²Lit., *he*
^aGen. 41:46; Prov. 22:2923^a 1 Sam. 16:14-16

sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 Then it came about when they entered, that he looked at ^aEliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him."

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for ¹God *sees* not as man sees, for man looks at the *outward* appearance, ^abut the LORD looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called ^aAbinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

9 Next Jesse made ^aShammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "^aThere remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and ¹bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with ^abeautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "^bArise, anoint him; for this is he."

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and ^aanointed him in the midst of his brothers; and ^bthe Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

14 ^aNow the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and ^ban evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.

15 Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you.

16 "Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that ^ahe shall play *the harp* with his hand, and you will be well."

17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me."

18 Then one of the young men answered and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, ^aa mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and ^bthe LORD is with him."

19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the flock."

20 And Jesse ^atook a donkey *loaded with* bread and a jug of wine and a young goat, and sent *them* to Saul by David his son.

21 Then David came to Saul and ^{1a}attended him, and ²Saul loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight."

23 So it came about whenever ^athe *evil* spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play *it* with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

CHAPTER 17

NOW ^athe Philistines gathered their armies for battle; and they were gathered at Socoh which belongs to Judah, and they camped between ^bSocoh and ^cAzekah, in ^dEphes-dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and camped in ^athe valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array to encounter the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on the mountain on one side while Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with the valley between them.

4 Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named ^aGoliath, from ^bGath, whose height was six ¹cubits and a span.

5 And *he had* a bronze helmet on his head, and he was clothed with scale armor ¹which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze.

6 *He also had* bronze ¹greaves on his legs and a ^abronze javelin *slung* between his shoulders.

7 And ^athe shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the head of his spear *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron; ^bhis shield-carrier also walked before him.

8 And he stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, and said to them, "Why do you come out to draw up in battle array? Am I not the Philistine and you ^aservants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.

9 "If he is able to fight with me and ¹kill me, then we will become your servants; but if I prevail against him and ¹kill him, then you shall become our servants and serve us."

10 Again the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was ^athe son of ¹the ^bEphrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse, and ^che had eight sons. And ²Jesse was old in the days of Saul, advanced *in years* among men.

13 And the three older sons of Jesse had ¹gone after Saul to the battle. And ^athe names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the first-born, and the second to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And ^aDavid was the youngest. Now the three oldest followed Saul,

15 ^abut David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine came ¹forward morning and evening for forty days, and took his stand.

17 Then Jesse said to David his son, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to your brothers.

18 "Bring also these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of *their* thousand, ^band look into the welfare of your brothers, and bring back ¹news of them.

19 "For Saul and they and all the men of Israel are in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines."

20 So David arose early in the morning and left the flock

¹ ^a1 Sam. 13:5
^b2 Chr. 28:18 ^cJosh. 10:10
^d1 Chr. 11:13

2 ^a1 Sam. 21:9

⁴ ^aOne cubit equals approx. 18 inches
²2 Sam. 21:19 ^bJosh. 11:21, 22

⁵ ^aLit., and the weight of the armor was

⁶ ^aOr, *shin guards*
¹1 Sam. 17:45

⁷ ^a2 Sam. 21:19;
1 Chr. 11:23 ^b1 Sam. 17:41

8 ^a1 Sam. 8:17

⁹ ^aLit., *smite*
²2 Sam. 2:12-16

10 ^a1 Sam. 17:26, 36, 45

¹² ^aLit., *this* ²Lit., *The man*
¹1 Sam. 16:18; Ruth 4:22
^bGen. 35:19 ^c1 Sam. 16:10,
11; 1 Chr. 2:13-15

¹³ ^aLit., *gone; they went*
¹1 Sam. 16:6, 8, 9

14 ^a1 Sam. 16:11

15 ^a1 Sam. 16:21-23

16 ^aLit., *near*

17 ^a1 Sam. 25:18

¹⁸ ^aLit., *their pledge*
¹1 Sam. 16:20 ^bGen. 37:13, 14

20 *1 Sam. 26:5, 7

22 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aJudg. 18:21; Is. 10:28

23 *1 Sam. 17:8-10

25 ¹i.e., free from taxes and
 public service
^aJosh. 15:16 ^b1 Sam. 8:11

26 *1 Sam. 11:2
^b1 Sam. 17:36; 14:6;
 Jer. 9:25, 26 *1 Sam. 17:10
^dDeut. 5:26; 2 Kin. 19:4

27 ¹Lit., *said to*
^a1 Sam. 17:25

28 *Gen. 37:4, 8-36

29 ¹Lit., *word*
^a1 Sam. 17:17

30 ¹Lit., *from beside him*
²Lit., *the former word*
^a1 Sam. 17:26, 27

31 ¹Lit., *before*

32 *Deut. 20:1-4
^b1 Sam. 16:18

35 ¹Lit., *smote*
^aAmos 3:12

36 ¹Lit., *smitten*

with a keeper and took *the supplies* and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the ^acircle of the camp while the army was going out in battle array shouting the war cry.

21 And Israel and the Philistines drew up in battle array, army against army.

22 Then David left his ^abaggage in the ¹care of the baggage keeper, and ran to the battle line and entered in order to greet his brothers.

23 As he was talking with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine from Gath named Goliath, was coming up from the army of the Philistines, and he spoke ^athese same words; and David heard *them*.

24 When all the men of Israel saw the man, they fled from him and were greatly afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and ^awill give him his daughter ^band make his father's house ¹free in Israel."

26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away ^athe reproach from Israel? For who is this ^buncircumcised Philistine, that he should ^ctaunt the armies of ^dthe living God?"

27 And the people ¹answered him in accord with this word, saying, "^aThus it will be done for the man who kills him."

28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and ^aEliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle."

29 But David said, "What have I done now? ^aWas it not just a ¹question?"

30 Then he turned ¹away from him to another and ^asaid the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as ²before.

31 When the words which David spoke were heard, they told *them* ¹to Saul, and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, "^aLet no man's heart fail on account of him; ^byour servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

33 Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are *but* a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

35 I went out after him and ¹attacked him, and ^arescued *it* from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized *him* by his beard and ¹struck him and killed him.

36 "Your servant has ¹killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

**David Kills Goliath.
The Philistines Fall.**

37 And David said, "aThe LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "bGo, and may the LORD be with you."

37^a 2 Tim. 4:17
b1 Sam. 20:13

38 Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor.

39¹ Lit., *off from himself*

39 And David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested *them*. So David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested *them*." And David took them¹ off.

40^a Judg. 20:16

40 And he took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in *his* pouch, and ^ahis sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

42^a Prov. 16:18
b1 Sam. 16:12

41 Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him.

42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, ^ahe disdained him; for he was *but* a youth, and ^bruddy, with a handsome appearance.

43^a 1 Sam. 24:14;
2 Sam. 3:8^b 1 Kin. 20:10

43 And the Philistine said to David, "aAm I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And ^bthe Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44^a 1 Sam. 17:46

44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh ^ato the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field.

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, ^abut I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

45^a 2 Chr. 32:8; Ps. 124:8;
Heb. 11:34

46 "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, ^athat all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

46^a 1 Kin. 18:36;
2 Kin. 19:19; Is. 37:20

47 and that all this assembly may know that ^athe LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD's and He will give you into our hands."

47^a 1 Sam. 14:6;
2 Chr. 14:11; 20:15; Ps. 44:6

48 Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that ^aDavid ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

48^a Ps. 27:3

49 And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung *it*, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.

50 Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand.

51^a 1 Sam. 21:9;
2 Sam. 23:21^b Heb. 11:34

51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and ^atook his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. ^bWhen the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

52¹ Lit., *your coming* ²Lit., *fell*
^aJosh. 15:11 ^bJosh. 15:36

52 And the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as ¹the entrance to the valley, and to the gates of ^aEkron. And the slain Philistines ²lay along the way to ^bShaaraim, even to Gath and Ekron.

55 ^{a1} Sam. 16:12, 21, 2257 ^{a1} Sam. 17:5458 ^{a1} Sam. 17:12

1 ^aGen. 44:30
 b¹ Sam. 20:17; Deut. 13:6;
 2 Sam. 1:26

2 ^{a1} Sam. 17:15

3 ¹Lit., and
^{a1} Sam. 20:8-17

4 ^{a1} Sam. 17:38;
 Gen. 41:42; Esth. 6:8

5 ¹Or, acted wisely

6 ¹i.e., triangles, or, three-
 stringed instruments
^aEx. 15:20, 21; Judg. 11:34;
 Ps. 68:25; 149:3

7 ¹Or, danced
^{a1} Sam. 21:11; 29:5;
 Ex. 15:21 ^{b1} Sam. 21:11
^{c2} Sam. 18:3

8 ¹Lit., was evil in his eyes
^{a1} Sam. 15:28

10 ¹Lit., day by day ²Lit.,
 the
^{a1} Sam. 16:14 ^{b1} Sam. 19:23,
 24 ^{c1} Sam. 16:23
^{d1} Sam. 19:9

11 ¹Lit., strike David and
 the wall ²Lit., turned about
^{a1} Sam. 19:10; 20:33

12 ^{a1} Sam. 18:15, 29
^{b1} Sam. 16:13, 18
^{c1} Sam. 16:14; 28:15

David Brought to Saul. Jonathan Loves David, but Saul Becomes His Enemy.

53 And the sons of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines and plundered their camps.

54 Then David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his weapons in his tent.

55 Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is ^athis young man?" And Abner said, "By your life, O king, I do not know."

56 And the king said, "You inquire whose son the youth is."

57 So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and ^abrought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "^aI am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

CHAPTER 18

Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that ^athe soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and ^bJonathan loved him as himself.

2 And Saul took him that day and ^adid not let him return to his father's house.

3 Then ^aJonathan made a covenant ¹with David because he loved him as himself.

4 And ^aJonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and ¹prospered; and Saul set him over the men of war. And it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that ^athe women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with ¹musical instruments.

7 And the women ^asang as they ¹played, and said,

"^bSaul has slain his thousands,
^cAnd David his ten thousands."

8 Then Saul became very angry, for this saying ¹displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now ^awhat more can he have but the kingdom?"

9 And Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

10 Now it came about on the next day that ^aan evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and ^bhe raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing the harp with his hand, ¹as usual; and ²as a spear was in Saul's hand.

11 And ^aSaul hurled the spear for he thought, "I will ¹pin David to the wall." But David ^aescaped from his presence twice.

12 Now ^aSaul was afraid of David, ^bfor the LORD was with him but ^chad departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from ¹his presence, and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and ^ahe went out and came in before the people.

14 And David was ¹prospering in all his ways for ^athe LORD was with him.

15 When Saul saw that he was ¹prospering greatly, he dreaded him.

16 But ^aall Israel and Judah loved David, and he went out and came in before them.

17 Then Saul said to David, "^aHere is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife, only be a valiant man for me and fight ^bthe LORD's battles." For Saul thought, "My hand shall not be against him, but ^clet the hand of the Philistines be against him."

18 But David said to Saul, "^aWho am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be the king's son-in-law?"

19 So it came about at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to ^aAdriel ^bthe Meholathite for a wife.

20 Now ^aMichal, Saul's daughter, loved David. When they told Saul, the thing was agreeable ¹to him.

21 And Saul thought, "I will give her to him that she may become a snare to him, and ^athat the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David, "^bFor a second time you may be my son-in-law today."

22 Then Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David secretly, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you; now therefore, become the king's son-in-law.'"

23 So Saul's servants spoke these words ¹to David. But David said, "Is it trivial in your sight to become the king's son-in-law, ^asince I am a poor man and lightly esteemed?"

24 And the servants of Saul reported to him ¹according to these words *which* David spoke.

25 Saul then said, "Thus you shall say to David, 'The king does not desire any ^adowry except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, ^bto take vengeance on the king's enemies.'" Now ^cSaul planned to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 When his servants told David these words, ¹it pleased David to become the king's son-in-law. ^{2a}Before the days had expired

27 David rose up and went, ^ahe and his men, and struck down two hundred men among the Philistines. Then ^bDavid brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. So Saul gave him Michal his daughter for a wife.

28 When Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and *that* Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him,

29 then Saul was even more afraid of David. Thus Saul was David's enemy continually.

30 Then the commanders of the Philistines went out to *battle*, and it happened as often as they went out, that David ^abehaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. So his name was highly esteemed.

¹³ ¹Lit., *with him*
^{a1} Sam. 18:16; 2 Sam. 5:2

¹⁴ ¹Or, *acting wisely*
^{a1} Sam. 16:18

¹⁵ ¹Or, *acting very wisely*

¹⁶ ^{a1} Sam. 18:5

¹⁷ ^{a1} Sam. 17:25
^{b1} Sam. 17:36, 47; 25:28;
Num. 21:14 ^{c1} Sam.
18:21, 25

¹⁸ ^{a1} Sam. 18:23; 9:21;
² Sam. 7:18

¹⁹ ^{a2} Sam. 21:8 ^bJudg. 7:22;
¹ Kin. 19:16

²⁰ ¹Lit., *in his sight*
^{a1} Sam. 18:28

²¹ ^{a1} Sam. 18:17
^{b1} Sam. 18:26

²³ ¹Lit., *in the ears of*
^aGen. 34:12; 29:20

²⁴ ¹Lit., *by saying according*

²⁵ ^aEx. 22:17 ^{b1} Sam. 14:24
^{c1} Sam. 18:17

²⁶ ¹Lit., *it was agreeable in the sight of* ²Lit., *And the days had not expired*
^{a1} Sam. 18:21

²⁷ ^{a1} Sam. 18:17
^{b2} Sam. 3:14

³⁰ ^{a1} Sam. 18:5

¹ ¹1 Sam. 18:8, 9
¹1 Sam. 18:13

³ ¹Lit. *see*
¹1 Sam. 20:9, 13

⁴ ¹Lit. *good*
¹1 Sam. 20:32 ^bGen. 42:22

⁵ ¹1 Sam. 17:49, 50
¹1 Sam. 11:13 ^cDeut. 19:10-13; Ps. 94:21

⁷ ¹1 Sam. 16:21;
18:2, 10, 13

⁸ ¹Lit. *smote*

⁹ ¹1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10, 11
¹1 Sam. 18:10 ^c1 Sam. 16:16

¹⁰ ¹Lit. *strike David and the wall*
¹1 Sam. 18:11; 20:33

¹¹ ²Ps. 59:title; Judg. 16:2

¹² ¹Josh. 2:15; 2 Cor. 11:33

¹³ ¹Heb., *teraphim*
¹Gen. 31:19; Judg. 18:14, 17

¹⁴ ¹Josh. 2:5

¹⁵ ¹Lit. *the*

¹⁶ ¹Heb., *teraphim*

¹⁸ ¹1 Sam. 7:17
²2 Kin. 6:1, 2

NOW Saul told Jonathan his son and all his servants ^ato put David to death. But ^bJonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David.

2 So Jonathan told David, saying "Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. Now therefore, please be on guard in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself.

3 "And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you; ^aif I ¹find out anything, then I shall tell you."

4 Then Jonathan ^aspoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "^bDo not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds *have been* very ¹beneficial to you.

5 "For ^ahe took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and ^bthe LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw *it* and rejoiced. ^cWhy then will you sin against innocent blood, by putting David to death without a cause?"

6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death."

7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as ^aformerly.

8 When there was war again, David went out and fought with the Philistines, and ¹defeated them with great slaughter, so that they fled before him.

9 Now there was ^aan evil spirit from the LORD on Saul as he was sitting in his house ^bwith his spear in his hand, ^cand David was playing *the harp* with *his* hand.

10 ^aAnd Saul tried to ¹pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

11 Then ^aSaul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, in order to put him to death in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death."

12 ^aSo Michal let David down through a window, and he went out and fled and escaped.

13 And Michal took ^athe ¹household idol and laid *it* on the bed, and put a quilt of goats' *hair* at its head, and covered *it* with clothes.

14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "^aHe is sick."

15 Then Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me on ¹his bed, that I may put him to death."

16 When the messengers entered, behold, the ¹household idol *was* on the bed with the quilt of goats' *hair* at its head.

17 So Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal said to Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I put you to death?'"

18 Now David fled and escaped and came ^ato Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in ^bNaioth.

**"Is Saul Among the Prophets?"
Jonathan Befriends David.**

1 Samuel 19, 20

19 And it was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."

20¹ Sam. 19:11, 14
b¹ Sam. 10:5, 6, 10
c¹ Num. 11:25

20 Then ^aSaul sent messengers to take David, but when they saw ^bthe company of the prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing *and* presiding over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul; and ^cthey also prophesied.

23¹ Lit., went
d¹ Sam. 10:10

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.

24¹ Lit., fell² i.e., without outward garments
e¹ s. 20:2 b¹ Sam. 10:10-12

22 Then he himself went to Ramah, and came as far as the large well that is in Secu; and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And *someone* said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah."

23 And he ¹proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and ^athe Spirit of God came upon him also, so that he went along prophesying continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

1¹ Lit., before
f¹ Sam. 24:9

24 And he also stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and ¹lay down ²naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "^bIs Saul also among the prophets?"

2¹ Lit., and he does not uncover my ear

CHAPTER 20

THEN David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and ^asaid ¹to Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before your father, that he is seeking my life?"

3¹ Lit., and said² Lit., about
g¹ Deut. 6:13 b¹ Sam. 25:26;
h² Kin. 2:6

2 And he said to him, "Far from it, you shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small ¹without disclosing it to me. So why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so!"

4¹ Lit., your soul says

3 Yet David ^avowed again, ¹saying, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your sight, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly ^bas the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is ²hardly a step between me and death."

5^a Num. 10:10; 28:11-15;
Amos 8:5 b¹ Sam. 20:24, 27
c¹ Sam. 19:2

4 Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever ¹you say, I will do for you."

5 So David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is ^athe new moon, and I ought ^bto sit down to eat with the king. But let me go, ^cthat I may hide myself in the field until the third evening.

6^a 1 Sam. 17:58
d¹ Deut. 12:5

6 "If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked *leave* of me to run to ^aBethlehem his city, because it is ^bthe yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.'

7¹ Lit., says thus

7 "If he ¹says, 'It is good,' your servant *shall be safe*; but if he is very angry, know that he has decided on evil.

8 "Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for ^ayou have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But ^bif there is iniquity in me, put me to death yourself; for why then should you bring me to your father?"

8^a 1 Sam. 18:3; 23:18
b² Sam. 14:32

9 And Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I should indeed learn that evil has been decided by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you about it?"

10¹ Lit., or what

10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me ¹if your father answers you harshly?"

12 ¹Lit., *uncover your ear*

11 And Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." So both of them went out to the field.

13 ¹Lit., *uncover your ear*
^a1 Sam. 3:17; Ruth 1:17
^b1 Sam. 18:12

12 Then Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, *be witness!* When I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there is good *feeling* toward David, shall I not then send to you and ¹make it known to you?

15 ^a2 Sam. 9:1

13 "If it please my father to do you harm, ^amay the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not ¹make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And ^bmay the LORD be with you as He has been with my father.

16 ^aDeut. 23:21

14 "And if I am still alive, will you not show me the loving-kindness of the LORD, that I may not die?"

17 ^a1 Sam. 18:1

15 "And ^ayou shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

18 ^a1 Sam. 20:5, 25

16 So Jonathan made a *covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, "^aMay the LORD require *it* at the hands of David's enemies."

21 ¹Lit., *there is nothing*

17 And Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because ^ahe loved him as he loved his own life.

22 ¹Lit., *say thus*
^a1 Sam. 20:37

18 Then Jonathan said to him, "^aTomorrow is the new moon, and you will be missed because your seat will be empty.

19 "When you have stayed for three days, you shall go down quickly and come to the place where you hid yourself on that eventful day, and you shall remain by the stone Ezel.

20 "And I will shoot three arrows to the side, as though I shot at a target.

23 ¹Lit., *word*
^a1 Sam. 20:14, 15
^bGen. 31:49, 53

21 "And behold, I will send the lad, *saying*, 'Go, find the arrows.' If I specifically say to the lad, 'Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, get them!' Then come; for there is safety for you and ¹no harm, as the LORD lives.

22 "But if I ¹say to the youth, '^aBehold, the arrows are beyond you,' go, for the LORD has sent you away.

23 "^aAs for the ¹agreement of which you and I have spoken, behold, ^bthe LORD is between you and me forever."

25 ^a1 Sam. 20:18

24 So David hid in the field; and when the new moon came, the king sat down to eat food.

25 And the king sat on his seat as usual, the seat by the wall; then Jonathan rose up and Abner sat down by Saul's side, but ^aDavid's place was empty.

26 ^a1 Sam. 16:5; Lev. 7:20, 21

26 Nevertheless Saul did not speak anything that day, for he thought, "It is an accident, ^ahe is not clean, surely *he* is not clean."

28 ^a1 Sam. 20:6

27 And it came about the next day, the second *day* of the new moon, that David's place was empty; so Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal, either yesterday or today?"

28 Jonathan then answered Saul, "^aDavid earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem,

29 ¹Lit., *send me away*

29 for he said, 'Please ¹let me go, since our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to attend. And now, if I have found favor in your sight, please let me get away that I may see my brothers.' For this reason he has not come to the king's table."

30 Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said

to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

31 "For ¹as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for ²he ²must surely die."

32 But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

33 Then ¹Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; ²so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death.

34 Then Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved over David because his father had dishonored him.

35 Now it came about in the morning that Jonathan went out into the field for the appointment with David, and a little lad *was* with him.

36 And he said to his lad, "Run, find now the arrows which I am about to shoot." As the lad was running, he shot ¹an arrow past him.

37 When the lad reached the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan called after the lad, and said, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"

38 And Jonathan called after the lad, "Hurry, be quick, do not stay!" And Jonathan's lad picked up the arrow and came to his master.

39 But the lad was not aware of anything; only Jonathan and David knew about the matter.

40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and said to him, "Go, bring *them* to the city."

41 When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, and ¹bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but ²David more.

42 And Jonathan said to David, "Go in safety! Inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD will be between me and you, and between my ¹descendants and your ¹descendants forever,'" ²Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city.

CHAPTER 21

THEN David came to ¹Nob to ²Ahimelech the priest; and ³Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, "Why are you alone and no one with you?"

2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commissioned me with a matter, and has said to me, 'Let no one know anything about the matter on which I am sending you and with which I have commissioned you; and I have ¹directed the young men to a certain place.'

3 "Now therefore, what ¹do you have on hand? Give ²me five loaves of bread, or whatever can be found."

4 And the priest answered David and said, "There is no ordinary bread ¹on hand, but there is ²consecrated bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women."

31 ¹Lit., *all the days which*
²Lit., *is a son of death*
⁴²Sam. 12:5

32 ¹Sam. 19:5

33 ¹Sam. 18:11; 19:10
²Sam. 20:7

36 ¹Lit., *the*
⁴¹Sam. 20:20, 21

37 ¹Sam. 20:22

41 ⁴Gen. 42:6 ²Sam. 18:3

42 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Chap. 21:1 in Heb.
⁴¹Sam. 20:22 ²Sam. 20:15, 16, 23

1 ¹Sam. 22:19
²Sam. 14:3; Mark 2:26
⁴¹Sam. 16:4

2 ²Lit., *caused to know*

3 ¹Lit., *is under your hand* ²Lit., *in my hand*

4 ¹Lit., *under my hand*
⁴Lev. 24:5-9; Matt. 12:4

5 ¹Lit., *it be holy in the vessel*
*Ex. 19:14, 15

6 *Matt. 12:3, 4;
Mark 2:25

7 *1 Sam. 14:47; 22:9;
Ps. 52: title ^b1 Chr. 27:29, 31

8 ¹Lit., *under your hand*
²Lit., *in my hand*

9 ¹Lit., *smote*
*1 Sam. 17:54 ^b1 Sam. 17:2

10 *Ps. 34: title

11 *Ps. 56: title
^b1 Sam. 18:7; 29:5

12 ¹Lit., *in his*
*Luke 2:19

13 *Ps. 34: title

1 *Ps. 57: title; 142: title
^bJosh. 12:15; 15:35;
2 Sam. 23:13

2 ¹Lit., *had a creditor*
²Lit., *bitter of soul*
*1 Sam. 23:13; 25:13

5 *2 Sam. 24:11;
1 Chr. 29:29; 2 Chr. 29:25

5 And David answered the priest and said to him, "Surely women have been kept from us as previously when I set out and the vessels of the young men were holy, though it was an ordinary journey; how much more then today will ¹their vessels *be holy*?"

6 So ^athe priest gave him consecrated *bread*; for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence which was removed from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread *in its place* when it was taken away.

7 Now one of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was ^aDoeg the Edomite, the ^bchief of Saul's shepherds.

8 And David said to Ahimelech, "Now is there not a spear or a sword ^bon hand? For I brought neither my sword nor my weapons ²with me, because the king's matter was urgent."

9 Then the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you ¹killed ^bin the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you would take it for yourself, take it. For there is no other except it here." And David said, "There is none like it; give it to me."

10 Then David arose and fled that day from Saul, and went to ^aAchish king of Gath.

11 But the ^aservants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? ^bDid they not sing of this one as they danced, saying,

'Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?'"

12 And David ^atook these words ¹to heart, and greatly feared Achish king of Gath.

13 So he ^adisguised his sanity before them, and acted insanely in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down into his beard.

14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man behaving as a madman. Why do you bring him to me?"

15 "Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this one to get the madman in my presence? Shall this one come into my house?"

CHAPTER 22

SO David departed from there and ^aescaped to ^bthe cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard *of it*, they went down there to him.

2 And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who ¹was in debt, and everyone who was ²discontented, gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were ^aabout four hundred men with him.

3 And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother come *and stay* with you until I know what God will do for me."

4 Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

5 And ^athe prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

6 Then Saul heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered. Now ^aSaul was sitting in Gibcah, under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him.

7 And Saul said to his servants who stood around him, "Hear now, O Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse also give to all of you fields and vineyards? ^aWill he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?"

8 For all of you have conspired against me so that there is no one who ¹discloses to me ^awhen my son makes *a covenant* with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you ^bwho is sorry for me or ¹discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in ambush, as it is this day."

9 Then ^aDoeg the Edomite, who was ¹standing by the servants of Saul, answered and said, "^bI saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to ^cAhimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 "And ^ahe inquired of the LORD for him, ^bgave him provisions, and ^cgave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

11 Then the king sent someone to summon Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's household, the priests who were in Nob; and all of them came to the king.

12 And Saul said, "Listen now, son of Ahitub." And he ¹answered, "Here I am, my lord."

13 Saul then said to him, "Why have you and the son of Jesse conspired against me, in that you have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise up against me ^aby lying in ambush as it is this day?"

14 ^aThen Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants is as faithful as David, even the king's son-in-law, who ¹is captain over your guard, and is honored in your house?"

15 "Did I *just* begin ^ato inquire of God for him today? Far be it from me! Do not let the king impute anything to his servant or to any of the household of my father, for your servant knows nothing ¹at all of this whole affair."

16 But the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's household!"

17 And ^athe king said to the ¹guards who were attending him, "Turn around and put the priests of the LORD to death, because their hand also is with David and because they knew that he was fleeing and did not ²reveal it to me." But the servants of the king were not willing to put forth their hands to ³attack the priests of the LORD.

18 Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn around and ¹attack the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned around and ²attacked the priests, and ^ahe killed that day eighty-five men ^bwho wore the linen ephod.

19 And ^ahe struck Nob the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and infants; also oxen, donkeys, and sheep, *he struck* with the edge of the sword.

20 But ^aone son of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub named Abiathar, ^bescaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD.

22 Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day,

6 ¹ Sam. 14:2; Judg. 4:5

7 ¹ Sam. 8:14;
1 Chr. 12:16-18

8 ¹ Lit., *uncovers my ear*
^a1 Sam. 18:3; 20:16
^b1 Sam. 23:21

9 ¹ Or, *set over*
^aPs. 52: title ^b1 Sam. 21:1
^c1 Sam. 14:3; 21:1

10 ¹ Sam. 10:22
^b1 Sam. 21:6, 9 ^c1 Sam. 21:9

12 ¹ Lit., *said*

13 ¹ Sam. 22:8

14 ¹ So with Gk., Heb.,
turns aside to
^a1 Sam. 19:4; 5; 20:32

15 ¹ Lit., *small or great*
^a2 Sam. 5:19, 23

17 ¹ Lit., *runners* ² Lit.,
uncovers my ear ³ Lit., *fall upon*
^a2 Kin. 10:25; 2 Chr. 12:10

18 ¹ Lit., *smite* ² Lit., *smote*
^a1 Sam. 2:31 ^b1 Sam. 2:18

19 ¹ Sam. 15:3

20 ¹ Sam. 23:9; 30:7;
² Sam. 2:1; 1 Kin. 2:26, 27
^b1 Sam. 2:33

22 ^a1 Sam. 21:7

when ^aDoeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have brought about *the death* of every person in your father's household.

23 ¹Lit., *a charge*
^a1 Kin. 2:26

23 "Stay with me, do not be afraid, for ^ahe who seeks my life seeks your life; for you are ¹safe with me."

CHAPTER 23

1 ^aJosh. 15:44; Neh.
3:17, 18

THEN they told David, saying, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against ^aKeilah, and are plundering the threshing floors."

2 ¹Lit., *smite*
^a1 Sam. 23:4, 6, 9-12;
2 Sam. 5:19, 23

2 So David ^ainquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and ¹attack these Philistines?" And the LORD said to David, "Go and ¹attack the Philistines, and deliver Keilah."

3 But David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the ranks of the Philistines?"

4 ^aJosh. 8:7; Judg. 7:7

4 Then David inquired of the LORD once more. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for ^aI will give the Philistines into your hand."

6 ^a1 Sam. 22:20

5 So David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines; and he led away their livestock and struck them with a great slaughter. Thus David delivered the inhabitants of Keilah.

7 ¹Lit., *alienated*

6 Now it came about, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech ^afled to David at Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

7 When it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah, Saul said, "God has ¹delivered him into my hand, for he shut himself in by entering a city with double gates and bars."

9 ^a1 Sam. 22:20
^b1 Sam. 23:6; 30:7

8 So Saul summoned all the people for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

9 Now David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him; so he said to ^aAbiathar the priest, "^bBring the ephod here."

12 ^a1 Sam. 23:20;
Judg. 15:10-13

10 Then David said, "O LORD God of Israel, Thy servant has heard for certain that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah to destroy the city on my account.

11 "Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down just as Thy servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I pray, tell Thy servant." And the LORD said, "He will come down."

13 ¹Lit., *ceased going out*
^a1 Sam. 22:2; 25:13
^b2 Sam. 15:20

12 Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, "^aThey will surrender you."

14 ^aJosh. 15:55; 2 Chr. 11:8
^bPs. 32:7

13 Then David and his men, ^aabout six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went ^bwherever they could go. When it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah, he ¹gave up the pursuit.

15 ¹Lit., *saw*

14 And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of ^aZiph. And Saul sought him every day, but ^bGod did not deliver him into his hand.

15 Now David ¹became aware that Saul had come out to seek his life while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh.

16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and ^{1a}encouraged him in God.

17 Thus he said to him, "Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and ^aSaul my father knows that also."

18 So ^athe two of them made a covenant before the LORD; and David stayed at Horesh while Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then ^aZiphites came up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with us in the strongholds at Horesh, on ^bthe hill of Hachilah, which is on the ¹south of ²Jeshimon.

20 "Now then, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to ¹do so; and ^aour part *shall be* to surrender him into the king's hand."

21 And Saul said, "May you be blessed of the LORD; ^afor you have had compassion on me.

22 "Go now, make more sure, and investigate and see his place where his ¹haunt is, *and* who has seen him there; for I am told that he is very cunning.

23 "So look, and learn about all the hiding places where he hides himself, and return to me with certainty, and I will go with you; and it shall come about if he is in the land that I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah."

24 Then they arose and went to Ziph before Saul. Now David and his men were in the wilderness of ^aMaon, in the Arabah to the ¹south of ²Jeshimon.

25 When Saul and his men went to seek *him*, they told David, and he came down to the rock and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *it*, he pursued David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain; and David was hurrying to get away from Saul, for Saul and his men ^awere surrounding David and his men to seize them.

27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land."

28 So Saul returned from pursuing David, and went to meet the Philistines; therefore they called that place ¹the Rock of Escape.

29 ^{1a}And David went up from there and stayed in the strongholds of ^aEngedi.

CHAPTER 24

NOW it came about ^awhen Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, ^bhe was told, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi."

2 Then ^aSaul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

3 And he came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there was a cave; and Saul ^awent in to ¹relieve himself. Now ^bDavid and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave.

4 And the men of David said to him, "Behold, ^athis is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems

16 ¹Lit. *strengthened his hand*
^a1 Sam. 30:6; Neh. 2:18

17 ^{1a} 1 Sam. 20:31; 24:20

18 ^a1 Sam. 18:3; 20:12-17;
2 Sam. 9:1

19 ¹Lit. *right side* ²Or, *the desert*
^a1 Sam. 26:1; Ps. 51: title
^b1 Sam. 26:3

20 ¹Lit. *come down*
^a1 Sam. 23:12

21 ^a1 Sam. 22:8

22 ¹Lit. *foot*

24 ¹Lit. *right side* ²Or, *the desert*
^a1 Sam. 25:2; Josh. 15:55

26 ^aPs. 17:9

28 ¹Heb. *Selah-hammahlekoth*

29 ¹Chap. 24:1 in Heb.
^aJosh. 15:62; 2 Chr. 20:2

1 ^a1 Sam. 23:28, 29
^b1 Sam. 23:19

2 ^a1 Sam. 26:2

3 ¹Lit. *cover his feet*
^aJudg. 3:24 ^bPs. 57: title;
142: title

4 ^a1 Sam. 23:17; 25:28-30

4 ¹Lit., *in your sight*

5 ¹Lit., *heart struck*
 *2 Sam. 24:10

6 *1 Sam. 26:11

7 ¹Lit., *tore apart* ²Lit.,
from

8 *1 Sam. 25:23, 24;
 1 Kin. 1:31

9 ¹Lit., *your hurt*

10 *Ps. 7:3, 4 ^{b1} Sam. 24:4

11 ¹Lit., *transgression*
 *2 Kin. 5:13 ^{b1} Sam. 23:14,
 23; 26:20

12 ¹Lit., *me and you*
 *1 Sam. 26:10, 23;
 Gen. 31:53; Judg. 11:27

13 *Matt. 7:16-20

14 *1 Sam. 26:20

15 ¹Lit., *me and you* ²Lit.,
vindicate
 *1 Sam. 24:12 ^{bPs.} 35:1

16 *1 Sam. 26:17

17 *1 Sam. 26:21
^bMatt. 5:44

18 *1 Sam. 26:23

19 ¹Lit., *on a good road*
 *1 Sam. 23:17

20 *1 Sam. 23:17
^{b1} Sam. 13:14

21 ¹Lit., *seed*
 *1 Sam. 20:14-17;
 Gen. 21:23; 2 Sam. 21:6-8

good ¹to you.'” Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly.

5 And it came about afterward that ^aDavid's ¹conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's robe.

6 So he said to his men, “^aFar be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD's anointed.”

7 And David ¹persuaded his men with *these* words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, ²left the cave, and went on *his* way.

8 Now afterward David arose and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, ^aDavid bowed with his face to the ground and prostrated himself.

9 And David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of men, saying, ‘Behold, David seeks ¹to harm you’?”

10 “Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD had given you today into my hand in the cave, and ^bsome said to kill you, but *my eye* had pity on you; and I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.’”

11 “Now, ^amy father, see! Indeed, see the edge of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the edge of your robe and did not kill you, know and perceive that there is no evil or ¹rebellion in my hands, and I have not sinned against you, though you ^bare lying in wait for my life to take it.

12 “May the LORD judge between ¹you and me, and may the LORD avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you.

13 “As the proverb of the ancients says, ^a‘Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness’; but my hand shall not be against you.

14 “After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom are you pursuing? After a dead dog, ^aafter a single flea?”

15 “The LORD therefore be judge and decide between ¹you and me; and may He see and ^bplead my cause, and ²deliver me from your hand.”

16 Now it came about when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, “^aIs this your voice, my son David?” Then Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 ^aAnd he said to David, “You are more righteous than I; for ^byou have dealt well with me, while I have dealt wickedly with you.

18 “And you have declared today that you have done good to me, that ^athe LORD delivered me into your hand and yet you did not kill me.

19 “For if a man ^afinds his enemy, will he let him go away ¹safely? May the LORD therefore reward you with good in return for what you have done to me this day.

20 “And now, behold, ^aI know that you shall surely be king, and that ^bthe kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 “So now ^aswear to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my ¹descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's household.”

22 And David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his home, but David and his men went up to ^athe stronghold.

22*1 Sam. 23:29

CHAPTER 25

^a THEN Samuel died; and all Israel gathered together and ^bmourned for him, and ^cburied him at his house in Ramah. And David arose and went down to the ^dwilderness of Paran.

1*1 Sam. 28:3 ^bDeut. 34:8
^c2 Kin. 21:18; 2 Chr. 33:20
^dGen. 21:21; Num. 10:12;
 13:3

2 Now *there was* a man in ^aMaon whose business was in ^bCarmel; and the man was ^cvery ¹rich, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And it came about while ^dhe was shearing his sheep in Carmel

2 ¹Lit., *great*
^a1 Sam. 23:24 ^bJosh. 15:55
^c2 Sam. 19:32 ^d2 Sam. 13:23

3 (now the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the woman was ¹intelligent and beautiful in appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in *his* dealings, and he was ^aa Calebite),

3 ¹Lit., *of good understanding*
^a1 Sam. 30:14; Josh. 15:13

4 that David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.

5 ¹Lit., *go into*

5 So David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, ¹visit Nabal and greet him in my name;

6 ¹Lit., *to life*
^a1 Chr. 12:18

6 and thus you shall say, 'Have a long life, ^apeace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.

7*2 Sam. 13:23, 24
 b1 Sam. 15:21

7 'And now I have heard ^athat you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us and we have not insulted them, ^bnor have they missed anything all the days they were in Carmel.

8 ¹Lit., *good*
^aNeh. 8:10-12

8 'Ask your young men and they will tell you. Therefore let *my* young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come on ^aa ¹festive day. Please give whatever you find at hand to your servants and to your son David.'

10*Judg. 9:28

9 When David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in David's name; then they waited.

11 ¹Lit., *from where they are*

10 But Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "'Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are each breaking away from his master.

13*1 Sam. 23:13
 b1 Chr. 30:24

11 "Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men ¹whose origin I do not know?"

14 ¹Lit., *bles*
^a1 Sam. 13:10; 15:13

12 So David's young men retraced their way and went back; and they came and told him according to all these words.

13 And David said to his men, "Each of you gird on his sword." So each man girded on his sword. And David also girded on his sword, and about ^afour hundred men went up behind David while two hundred ^bstayed with the baggage.

15 ¹Lit., *all the days*
^a1 Sam. 25:7, 21

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to ¹greet our master, and he scorned them.

16*Ex. 14:22

15 "Yet the men were very good to us, and we were not ^ainsulted, nor did we miss anything ¹as long as we went about with them, while we were in the fields.

17 ¹Lit., *see*

16 "'They were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the time we were with them tending the sheep.

17 "Now therefore know and ¹consider what you should do, for evil is plotted against our master and against all his

17 ²Lit., son of Belial

18 ²Sam. 16:1;
1 Chr. 12:40

19 ²Gen. 32:16, 20

22 ¹Lit., who urinates
against the wall
²Sam. 3:17; 20:13
³1 Kin. 14:10

23 ¹Sam. 20:41

24 ¹Lit., even me ²Lit., in
your ears

25 ¹Lit., set his heart to
²Lit., man of Belial ³1. c.,
Fool

26 ¹Lit., coming in with
blood ²Lit., saving
³Heb. 10:30 ⁴2 Sam. 18:32

27 ¹Lit., blessing ²Lit., walk
at the feet of
³1 Sam. 30:26; Gen. 33:11

28 ¹Sam. 25:24
²1 Sam. 22:14; 2 Sam. 7:16
³1 Sam. 18:17 ⁴1 Sam. 24:11;
Ps. 7:3

29 ¹Lit., soul ²Lit., in the
midst
³Jer. 10:18

30 ¹Sam. 13:14

31 ¹Lit., become staggering
to you or a stumbling of the
heart ²Lit., saved
³1 Sam. 25:30; Gen. 40:14

32 ²Ex. 18:10

household; and he is such a ²worthless man that no one can speak to him."

18 Then Abigail hurried and ²took two hundred *loaves* of bread and two jugs of wine and five sheep already prepared and five measures of roasted grain and a hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys.

19 And she said to her young men, "²Go on before me; behold, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20 And it came about as she was riding on her donkey and coming down by the hidden part of the mountain, that behold, David and his men were coming down toward her; so she met them.

21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have guarded all that this *man* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; and he has returned me evil for good.

22 "²May God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, ³if by morning I leave *as much as* one ¹male of any who belong to him."

23 When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from her donkey, and fell on her face before David, ²and bowed herself to the ground.

24 And she fell at his feet and said, "On me ¹alone, my lord, be the blame. And please let your maidservant speak ²to you, and listen to the words of your maidservant.

25 "Please do not let my lord ¹pay attention to this ²worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. ³Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but ¹I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

26 "Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as you soul lives, since the LORD has restrained you from ¹shedding blood, and ²from ²avenging yourself by your own hand, now then ³let your enemies, and those who seek evil against my lord, be as Nabal.

27 "And now let ²this ¹gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who ²accompany my lord.

28 "Please forgive ²the transgression of your maidservant. for ³the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord is ³fighting the battles of the LORD, and ⁴evil shall not be found in you all your days.

29 "And should anyone rise up to pursue you and to seek your ¹life, then the ¹life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; but the ¹lives of your enemies ²He will sling out ²as from the hollow of a sling.

30 "And it shall come about when the LORD shall do for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and ²shall appoint you ruler over Israel,

31 that this will not ¹cause grief or a troubled heart to my lord, both by having shed blood without cause and by my lord having ²avenged himself. ²When the LORD shall deal well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

32 Then David said to Abigail, "²Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me,

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33 and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, ^awho have kept me this day from ¹bloodshed, and from ²avenging myself by my own hand.

33 ¹Lit., coming in with blood ²Lit., saying
¹Sam. 25:26

34 "Nevertheless, as the LORD God of Israel lives, ^awho has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light *as much as one* ¹male."

34 ¹Lit., who urinates against the wall
¹Sam. 25:26

35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and he said to her, "^aGo up to your house in peace. See, I have listened to ¹you and ²granted your request."

35 ¹Lit., your voice ²Lit., lifted up your face
¹Sam. 20:42; 2 Kin. 5:19
^bGen. 19:21

36 Then Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding ^aa feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so ^bshe did not tell him anything ¹at all until the morning light.

36 ¹Lit., small or large
²Sam. 13:23 ^{b1}Sam. 25:19

37 But it came about in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him so that he became *as* a stone.

38 ¹Sam. 26:10

38 And about ten days later, it happened that ^athe LORD struck Nabal, and he died.

39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has ^apleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and ^bhas kept back His servant from evil. ^cThe LORD has also returned the evil doing of Nabal on his own head." Then David sent ¹*a* proposal to Abigail, to take her as his wife.

39 ¹Lit., and spoke
^{a1}Sam. 24:15 ^{b1}Sam. 26:34
^{c2}Sam. 3:28, 29 ^dSong of Sol. 8:8

40 When the servants of David came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you, to take you as his wife."

41 ¹Sam. 25:23 ^bMark 1:7

41 And she arose ^aand bowed with her face to the ground and said, "Behold, your maidservant is a maid ^bto wash the feet of my lord's servants."

42 ¹Lit., walked at her feet
^aGen. 24:61-67

42 Then ^aAbigail quickly arose, and rode on a donkey, with her five maidens who ¹attended her; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 ^aJosh. 15:56

43 David had also taken Ahinoam of ^aJezeel, and they both became his wives.

44 ¹Sam. 18:27;
²Sam. 3:14 ^bIs. 10:31

44 Now Saul had given ^aMichal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from ^bGallim.

CHAPTER 26

THEN the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "^aIs not David hiding on the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before ¹Jeshimon?"

¹Or, the desert
^{a1}Sam. 23:19; Ps. 54:title

2 So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having with him ^athree thousand chosen men of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

2 ¹Sam. 13:2; 24:2

3 And Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before ¹Jeshimon, ^abeside the road, and David was staying in the wilderness. When ^bhe saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness,

3 ¹Or, the desert
^{a1}Sam. 24:3 ^{b1}Sam. 23:15

4 David sent out spies, and he knew that Saul was definitely coming.

5 ¹Sam. 14:50, 51; 17:55

5 David then arose and came to the place where Saul had camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and ^aAbner the son of Ner, the commander of his army; and Saul was lying

6 *Gen. 23:3; 26:34;
 Josh. 3:10; 1 Kin. 10:29;
 2 Km. 7:6 b) Chr. 2:15, 16
 c) Judg. 7:10, 11

8 ¹Lit., even into ²Lit.,
 repeat with respect to him

9 *1 Sam. 24:6, 7;
 2 Sam. 1:14, 16

10 *1 Sam. 25:26, 38
^bDeut. 31:14 c) 1 Sam. 31:6

11 *1 Sam. 24:6, 12

12 *Gen. 2:21; 15:12

16 ¹Lit., are surely sons of
 death
^a1 Sam. 20:31

17 *1 Sam. 24:16

18 *1 Sam. 24:9, 11-14

19 ¹Lit., smell ²Lit., sons of
 men
^a2 Sam. 16:11; ^bGen. 8:21
^c1 Sam. 24:9 ^dJosh. 22:25-27

20 *1 Sam. 24:14

in the circle of the camp, and the people were camped around him.

6 Then David answered and said to Ahimelech ^athe Hittite and to ^bAbishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who ^cwill go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people were lying around him.

8 Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand; now therefore, please let me strike him with the spear ¹to the ground with one stroke, and I will not ²strike him the second time."

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for ^awho can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be without guilt?"

10 David also said, "As the LORD lives, ^asurely the LORD will strike him, or ^bthis day will come that he dies, or ^che will go down into battle and perish.

11 ^a"The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water, and let us go."

12 So David took the spear and the jug of water from *beside* Saul's head, and they went away, but no one saw or knew *it*, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because ^aa sound sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

13 Then David crossed over to the other side, and stood on top of the mountain at a distance *with* a large area between them.

14 And David called to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered and said, "Who are you who calls to the king?"

15 So David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came to destroy the king your lord.

16 "This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, *all* of you ^{1a}must surely die, because you did not guard your lord, the LORD's anointed. And now, see where the king's spear is, and the jug of water that was at his head."

17 Then Saul recognized David's voice and said, ^a"Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord the king."

18 He also said, ^a"Why then is my lord pursuing his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand?"

19 "Now therefore, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant. If ^athe LORD has stirred you up against me, ^blet Him ¹accept an offering; but ^cif it is ²men, cursed are they before the LORD, for ^dthey have driven me out today that I should have no attachment with the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

20 "Now then, do not let my blood fall to the ground away from the presence of the LORD; for the king of Israel has come out to search for ^aa single flea, just as one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will not harm you again because my life was precious in your sight this day. Behold, I have played the fool and have committed a serious error."

22 And David answered and said, "Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men come over and take it.

23 "And ^athe LORD will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into my hand today, but ^bI refused to stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 "Now behold, as your life was ^ahighly valued in my sight this day, so may my life be highly valued in the sight of the LORD, and may He ^bdeliver me from all distress."

25 Then Saul said to David, "^aBlessed are you, my son David; you will both accomplish much and surely prevail." So ^bDavid went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAPTER 27

THEN David said ¹to himself, "Now I will perish one day by the hand of Saul. ^aThere is nothing better for me than ²to escape into the land of the Philistines. Saul then will despair of searching for me any more in all the territory of Israel, and I will escape from his hand."

2 So David arose and crossed over, he and ^athe six hundred men who were with him, to ^bAchish the son of Maach, king of Gath.

3 And David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, ^aeach with his household, *even* David with ^bhis two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's ¹widow.

4 Now it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, so he no longer searched for him.

5 Then David said to Achish, "If now I have found favor in your sight, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may live there; for why should your servant live in the royal city with you?"

6 So Achish gave him Ziklag that day; therefore ^aZiklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day.

7 And the number of days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was ^aa year and four months.

8 Now David and his men went up and raided ^athe Geshurites and the Girzites and ^bthe Amalekites; for they were the inhabitants of the land from ancient times, as you come to ^cShur even as far as the land of Egypt.

9 And David ¹attacked the land and did not leave a man or a woman alive, and he ^atook away the sheep, the cattle, the donkeys, the camels, and the clothing. Then he returned and came to Achish.

10 Now Achish said, "Where have you ^amade a raid today?" And David said, "Against the ¹Negev of Judah and against the ¹Negev of ^bthe Jerahmeelites and against the ¹Negev of ^cthe Kenites."

11 And David did not leave a man or a woman alive, to bring to Gath, saying, "Lest they should tell about us, saying,

21 ^a1 Sam. 15:24, 30; 24:17

23 ^a1 Sam. 24:19
^b1 Sam. 24:12

24 ^a1 Sam. 18:30 ^bPs. 54:7

25 ^a1 Sam. 24:19
^b1 Sam. 24:22

¹ ¹Lit., in his heart ²Lit., that I should surely escape
^a1 Sam. 26:19

2 ^a1 Sam. 25:13
^b1 Sam. 21:10; 1 Kin. 2:39

³ ¹Lit., wife
^a1 Sam. 30:3; 2 Sam. 2:3
^b1 Sam. 25:42, 43

6 ^aJosh. 15:31; 19:5;
Neh. 11:28

7 ^a1 Sam. 29:3

8 ^aJosh. 13:2, 13
^b1 Sam. 15:7, 8; Ex. 17:8
^cEx. 15:22

9 ¹Lit., smote
^a1 Sam. 15:3; Job 1:3

10 ¹e., south
^a1 Sam. 23:27 ^b1 Sam. 30:29;
1 Chr. 2:9, 25 ^cJudg. 1:16;
4:11

1^a 1 Sam. 29:1

'So has David done and so *has been* his practice all the time he has lived in the country of the Philistines.' "

12 So Achish believed David, saying, "He has surely made himself odious among his people Israel; therefore he will become my servant forever."

2¹ Lit., *keeper of my head*
^a1 Sam. 1:22, 28

CHAPTER 28

NOW it came about in those days that ^athe Philistines gathered their armed camps for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you will go out with me in the camp, you and your men."

3¹ 1 Sam. 25:1
^b1 Sam. 7:17 ^c1 Sam. 15:23;
 Lev. 19:31; Deut. 18:10

2 And David said to Achish, "Very well, you shall know what your servant can do." So Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you ¹my bodyguard ^afor life."

4¹ 1 Kin. 1:3; 2 Kin. 4:8
^b1 Sam. 31:1

3 Now ^aSamuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him and buried him ^bin Ramah his own city. And Saul had removed from the land those who ^cwere mediums and spiritists.

4 So the Philistines gathered together and came and camped ^ain Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together and they camped in ^bGilboa.

6¹ Chr. 10:13, 14
^bProv. 1:24-31 ^cNum. 12:6;
 Joel 2:28 ^dEx. 28:30;
 2 Sam. 8:17

5 When Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was afraid and his heart trembled greatly.

6 ^aWhen Saul inquired of the LORD, ^bthe LORD did not answer him, either by ^cdreams or by ^dUrim or by prophets.

7^a Acts 16:16 ^bJosh. 17:1;
 Ps. 83:10

7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, ^athere is a woman who is a medium at ^bEn-dor."

8 Then Saul ^adisguised himself by putting on other clothes, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, "^bConjure up for me, please, and ^cbring up for me whom I shall ¹name to you."

8¹ Lit., *say*
^a2 Chr. 18:29; 35:22 ^bIs. 8:19
^cDeut. 18:10, 11

9 But the woman said to him, "Behold, you know ^awhat Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and spiritists from the land. Why are you then laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?"

10 And Saul vowed to her by the LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, there shall no punishment come upon you for this thing."

11 Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me."

12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul."

9^a 1 Sam. 28:3

13 And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid; but what do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a ¹divine being coming up out of the earth."

13¹ Or, *god*

14 And he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and ^ahe is wrapped with a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and ^bhe bowed with his face to the ground and did homage.

14^a 1 Sam. 15:27
^b1 Sam. 24:8

15 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and

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The Philistines Mistrust David.**

1 Samuel 28, 29

^aGod has departed from me and ^banswers me no more, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do."

¹⁵ ¹ Sam. 16:13, 14; 18:12
¹⁶ ¹ Sam. 28:6

16 And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has departed from you and has become your adversary?"

¹⁷ ¹ Lit., *for himself*
¹⁷ ¹ Sam. 15:28

17 "And the LORD has done ¹ accordingly ² as He spoke through me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David.

¹⁸ ¹ Lit., *listen to the voice of*
¹⁸ ¹ Sam. 15:9, 20, 26

18 "As ² you did not ¹ obey the LORD and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the LORD has done this thing to you this day.

19 "Moreover the LORD will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, therefore tomorrow ² you and your sons will be with me. Indeed the LORD will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines!"

¹⁹ ¹ Sam. 31:2; Job 3:17-19

20 Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and was very afraid because of the words of Samuel; also there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no ¹ food all day and all night.

²⁰ ¹ Lit., *bread*

21 And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was terrified, and said to him, "Behold, your maidservant has ¹ obeyed you, and ² I have ² taken my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me.

²¹ ¹ Lit., *listened to your voice* ² Lit., *but*
²¹ ¹ Sam. 19:5

22 "So now also, please listen to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you that *you may* eat and have strength when you go on *your way*."

23 But he refused and said, "I will not eat." ² However, his servants together with the woman urged him, and he listened to ¹ them. So he arose from the ground and sat on ¹ the bed.

²³ ¹ Lit., *their voices*
²² ² Kin. 5:13 ² Esth. 1:6; Ezek. 23:41

24 And the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and ² she quickly slaughtered it; and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it.

²⁴ ² Gen. 18:6, 7

25 And she brought *it* before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they arose and went away that night.

CHAPTER 29

NOW ² the Philistines gathered together all their armies to ¹ Aphek, while the Israelites were camping by the spring which is in ¹ Jezreel.

¹ ¹ Sam. 28:1, 2 ¹ Sam. 4:1; Josh. 12:18 ¹ Kin. 18:19; 21:1; 2 Kin. 9:30

2 And the lords of the Philistines were proceeding on by hundreds and by thousands, and ² David and his men were proceeding on in the rear with Achish.

² ¹ Sam. 28:1, 2

3 Then the commanders of the Philistines said, "What *are* these Hebrews *doing here*?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, ² who has been with me these days, or *rather* these years, and ¹ I have found no fault in him from the day he ¹ deserted to *me* to this day?"

³ ¹ Lit., *fell*
³ ¹ Sam. 27:7 ¹ Sam. 27:1-6; 1 Chr. 12:19, 20

4 But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him, and the commanders of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man go back, that he may return ² to his place where you have assigned him, and do not let him go down to battle with us, ¹ lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For with what ¹ could this *man* make himself acceptable to his lord? *Would it not be* with the heads of ¹ these men?"

⁴ ¹ Lit., *those*
⁴ ¹ Sam. 27:6 ¹ Sam. 14:21

5 *1 Sam. 18:7; 21:11

5 "Is this not David, ^aof whom they sing in the dances, saying,

'Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?'"

6 *1 Sam. 29:3; 27:8-12

6 Then Achish called David and said to him, "As the LORD lives, you *have been* upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army are pleasing in my sight; ^afor I have not found evil in you from the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, you are not pleasing in the sight of the lords.

8 *1 Sam. 27:10-12

7 "Now therefore return, and go in peace, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines."

9 *2 Sam. 14:17, 20; 19:27
b1 Sam. 29:4

8 And David said to Achish, "^aBut what have I done? And what have you found in your servant from the day when I came before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

10 *1 Chr. 12:19, 22

9 But Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you are pleasing in my sight, ^alike an angel of God; nevertheless ^bthe commanders of the Philistines have said, 'He must not go up with us to the battle.'

10 "Now then arise early in the morning ^awith the servants of your lord who have come with you, and as soon as you have arisen early in the morning and have light, depart."

1 ¹ i.e., South country
2 Lit., *smote*
*1 Sam. 29:4, 11
b1 Sam. 15:7; 27:8-10
c1 Sam. 27:6, 8

11 So David arose early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezereel.

CHAPTER 30

2 ¹ Lit., *they did not kill*
*1 Sam. 27:11

THEN it happened when David and his men came to ^aZiklag on the third day, that ^bthe Amalekites had made a raid on the ¹Negev and on ^cZiklag, and had ²overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire;

5 ¹ Lit., *wife*
*1 Sam. 25:42, 43

2 and they took captive the women *and all* who were in it, both small and great, ^{1a}without killing anyone, and carried *them* off and went their way.

3 And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

6 ¹ Lit., *bitter in soul*
*Ex. 17:4 b1 Sam. 23:16;
Ps. 18:2; 27:14

4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep.

7 *1 Sam. 23:9

5 Now ^aDavid's two wives had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the ¹widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 Moreover David was greatly distressed because ^athe people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were ¹embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But ^bDavid strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

8 *1 Sam. 23:2, 4 *Ex. 15:9
c1 Sam. 30:18

7 Then ^aDavid said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

8 And ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, saying, "^bShall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?" And He said to him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them, ^cand you shall surely rescue *all*."

9 So David went, ^ahe and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, *where* those left behind remained.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men, for ^atwo hundred who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor, remained *behind*.

11 Now they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David, and gave him bread and he ate, and they provided him water to drink.

12 And they gave him a piece of fig cake and two clusters of raisins, and he ate; ^athen his spirit ¹revived. For he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights.

13 And David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man of Egypt, a servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind when I fell sick three days ago.

14 "We made a raid on ^athe ¹Negev of the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on ^bthe ¹Negev of Caleb, and ^cwe burned Ziklag with fire."

15 Then David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this band?" And he said, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this band."

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were ¹spread over all the land, eating and drinking and ²dancing because of ^aall the great spoil that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

17 And David ¹slaughtered them ^afrom the twilight ²until the evening of ³the next day; and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on ^bcamels and fled.

18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and ¹rescued his two wives.

19 But nothing of theirs was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that they had taken for themselves; ^aDavid brought *it* all back.

20 So David had ¹captured all the sheep and the cattle *which the people* drove ahead of ²the *other* livestock, and they said, "^aThis is David's spoil."

21 When ^aDavid came to the two hundred men who were too exhausted to follow David, who had also been left at the brook Besor, and they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him, then David approached the people and greeted them.

22 Then all the wicked and worthless men among those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with ¹us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away and depart."

23 Then David said, "You must not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us, who has kept us and delivered into our hand the band that came against us.

24 "And who will listen to you in this matter? For ^aas his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage; they shall share alike."

25 And so it has been from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

9 ^a1 Sam. 27:210 ^a1 Sam. 30:9, 2112 ¹Lit., *returned to him*
²Judg. 15:1914 ¹E., South country
^a1 Sam. 1:16; 2 Sam. 8:18;
Ezek. 25:16 ^bJosh. 14:13;
21:11, 12 ^c1 Sam. 30:116 ¹Lit., *left* ²Lit., *keeping a pilgrim-feast*
^a1 Sam. 30:1417 ¹Lit., *smote* ²Lit., *even until* ³Lit., *their*
^a1 Sam. 11:11 ^b1 Sam. 15:3;
Judg. 7:1218 ¹Lit., *David rescued*19 ^a1 Sam. 30:820 ¹Lit., *taken* ²Lit., *those livestock*
^a1 Sam. 30:26-3121 ^a1 Sam. 30:1022 ¹Lit., *me*24 ^aNum. 31:27; Josh. 22:8

26 ¹Lit., *blessing*
^a1 Sam. 25:27 ^b1 Sam. 18:17;
 25:28

27 ^aJosh. 15:30; 19:4
^bJosh. 19:8 ^cJosh. 15:48;
 21:14

28 ^a1 Chr. 11:44
^b1 Chr. 27:27 ^cJosh. 15:50

29 ^a1 Sam. 27:10
^b1 Sam. 15:6

30 ^aJosh. 12:14; 15:30; 19:4
^bJosh. 15:42; 19:7

31 ^aJosh. 14:13-15; 21:11-
 13; Num. 13:22
^b1 Sam. 23:22

1 ^a1 Chr. 10:1-12
^b1 Sam. 28:4

2 ¹Lit., *smote*

3 ¹Lit., *found*
^a2 Sam. 1:6

4 ^aJudg. 9:54 ^bJudg. 14:3
^c2 Sam. 1:6, 10

8 ¹Lit., *morrow*

9 ¹Lit., *to . . . around*
^a2 Sam. 1:20 ^bJudg. 16:23, 24

10 ¹Lit., *house*
^a1 Sam. 7:3; Judg. 2:13
^b1 Sam. 31:12; 2 Sam. 21:14
^cJosh. 17:11

11 ¹Lit., *about him what*
^a1 Sam. 11:1-13

12 ^a2 Sam. 2:4-7
^b2 Chr. 16:14

13 ^a2 Sam. 21:12-14
^b1 Sam. 22:6 ^c2 Sam. 1:12

26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent *some* of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Behold, ^aa gift for you from the spoil of ^bthe enemies of the LORD:

27 to those who were in ^aBethel, and to those who were in ^bRamoth of the South, and to those who were in ^cJattir,

28 and to those who were in ^aAroer, and to those who were in ^bSiphmoth, and to those who were in ^cEshtemoa,

29 and to those who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of ^athe Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of ^bthe Kenites,

30 and to those who were in ^aHormah, and to those who were in ^bBor-ashan, and to those who were in Athach,

31 and to those who were in ^aHebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to ^bgo."

CHAPTER 31

^a**N**OW the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell slain ^bon Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines ¹killed Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchishua the sons of Saul.

3 And ^athe battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers ¹hit him; and he was badly wounded by the archers.

4 ^aThen Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, lest ^bthese uncircumcised come and pierce me through and make sport of me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. ^cSo Saul took his sword and fell on it.

5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died with him.

6 Thus Saul died with his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men on that day together.

7 And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, with those who were beyond the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities and fled; then the Philistines came and lived in them.

8 And it came about on the ¹next day when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his weapons, and sent *them* ¹throughout the land of the Philistines, ^ato carry the good news ^bto the house of their idols and to the people.

10 And they put his weapons in the ¹temple of ^aAsh-taroath, and ^bthey fastened his body to the wall of ^cBeth-shan.

11 Now when ^athe inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard ¹what the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 ^aall the valiant men rose and walked all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and they came to Jabesh, and ^bburned them there.

13 And they took their bones and ^aburied them under ^bthe tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and ^cfasted seven days.

THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

David Learns of the Battle of Gilboa.

NOW it came about after ^athe death of Saul, when David had returned from ^bthe slaughter of the Amalekites, that David remained two days in Ziklag.

2 And it happened on the third day, that behold, ^aa man came out of the camp from Saul, ^bwith his clothes torn and ^ldust on his head. And it came about when he came to David that ^che fell to the ground and prostrated himself.

3 Then David said to him, "From where do you come?" And he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel."

4 And David said to him, "^aHow did things go? Please tell me." And he said, "The people have fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

5 So David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"

6 And the young man who told him said, "By chance I happened to be on ^aMount Gilboa, and behold, ^bSaul was leaning on his spear. And behold, the chariots and the horsemen pursued him closely.

7 "And when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I said, 'Here I am.'

8 "And he said to me, 'Who are you?' And I ^lanswered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'

9 "Then he said to me, 'Please stand beside me and kill me; for agony has seized me because my ^llife still lingers in me.'

10 "So I stood beside him ^aand killed him, because I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. And ^bI took the crown which *was* on his head and the bracelet which *was* on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord."

11 Then ^aDavid took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so also *did* all the men who *were* with him.

12 And they mourned and wept and ^afasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan and for the people of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

13 And David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he ^lanswered, "^aI am the son of an alien, an Amalekite."

14 Then David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid ^ato stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"

15 And David called one of the young men and said, "Go, ^lcut him down." ^aSo he struck him and he died.

16 And David said to him, "^aYour blood is on your head, for ^byour mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD's anointed.'"

17 Then ^aDavid chanted with this lament over Saul and Jonathan his son

18 and he told *them* to teach the sons of Judah *the song of the bow*; behold, it is written in ^athe book of Jashar.

¹ ^a1 Sam. 31:6
^b1 Sam. 30:1, 17, 26

² ^l1 Lit., *ground*
^a2 Sam. 4:10 ^b1 Sam. 4:12
^c1 Sam. 25:23

⁴ ^a1 Sam. 4:16

⁶ ^a1 Sam. 28:4; 31:6
^b1 Sam. 31:2-4

⁸ ^l1 Lit., *said to*
^a1 Sam. 15:3; 30:1, 13, 17

⁹ ^l1 Lit., *whole life is still in me*

¹⁰ ^aJudg. 9:54 ^b2 Kin. 11:12

¹¹ ^aGen. 37:29, 34

¹² ^a2 Sam. 3:35

¹³ ^l1 Lit., *said*
^a2 Sam. 1:8

¹⁴ ^a1 Sam. 24:6; 26:9, 11, 16

¹⁵ ^l1 Lit., *fall upon him*
^a2 Sam. 4:10, 12

¹⁶ ^a2 Sam. 3:28, 29
^b2 Sam. 1:10; Luke 19:22

¹⁷ ^a2 Chr. 35:25

¹⁸ ^aJosh. 10:13

19 ¹Lit., *The*
²Sam. 1:25, 27

20 ¹Sam. 31:8-13;
Mic. 1:10 ^bEx. 15:20, 21;
1 Sam. 18:6 ^c1 Sam. 14:6

21 ¹Sam. 31:1
^bEzek. 31:15 ^cIs. 21:5

22 ¹Deut. 32:42; Is. 34:6
^b1 Sam. 18:4

23 ²Jer. 4:13 ^bJudg. 14:18

25 ²Sam. 1:19, 27

26 ¹Sam. 18:1-4

27 ²Sam. 1:19, 25 ^bIs. 13:5

1 ¹Sam. 23:2, 4, 9-12
^bJosh. 14:13; 1 Sam. 30:31

2 ¹Lit., *wife*
¹Sam. 25:42, 43

3 ¹Sam. 30:9; 1 Chr. 12:1

4 ²Sam. 5:3, 5;
1 Sam. 16:13 ^b1 Sam.
31:11-13

5 ¹Lit., *done*
¹Sam. 23:21

6 ¹Lit., *do*
¹Ex. 34:6

7 ¹Lit., *sons of valor*

8 ¹Sam. 14:50

- 19 ¹Your beauty, O Israel, is slain on your high places!
^aHow have the mighty fallen!
- 20 ^aTell it not in Gath,
Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
Lest ^bthe daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of ^cthe uncircumcised exult.
- 21 ^aO mountains of Gilboa,
^bLet not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings;
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
The shield of Saul, not ^canointed with oil.
- 22 ^aFrom the blood of the slain, from the fat of the
mighty,
^bThe bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
And the sword of Saul did not return empty.
- 23 "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life,
And in their death they were not parted;
^aThey were swifter than eagles,
^bThey were stronger than lions.
- 24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,
Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- 25 ^aHow have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!
Jonathan is slain on your high places.
- 26 "I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
You have been very pleasant to me.
^aYour love to me was more wonderful
Than the love of women.
- 27 ^aHow have the mighty fallen,
And ^bthe weapons of war perished!"

CHAPTER 2

THEN it came about afterwards that ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up." So David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said, "^bTo Hebron."

2 So David went up there, and ^ahis two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the ¹widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

3 And ^aDavid brought up his men who *were* with him, each with his household; and they lived in the cities of Hebron.

4 Then the men of Judah came and there ^aanointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, "It was ^bthe men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul."

5 And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, "^aMay you be blessed of the LORD because you have ¹shown this kindness to Saul your lord, and have buried him.

6 "And now ^amay the LORD ¹show lovingkindness and truth to you; and I also will ¹show this goodness to you, because you have done this thing.

7 "Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be ¹valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

8 But ^aAbner the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army,

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had taken ¹Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to ^bMahanaim.

9 And he made him king over ^aGilead, over the ^bAshurites, over ^cJezreel, over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, even over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he became king over Israel, and he was king for two years. The house of Judah, however, followed David.

11 And ^athe ¹time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 Now Abner the son of Ner, went out from Mahanaim to ^aGibeon with the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul.

13 And ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah and the servants of David went out and met ¹them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, ²one on the one side of the pool and ²the other on the other side of the pool.

14 Then Abner said to Joab, "Now let the young men arise and ^{1a}hold a contest before us." And Joab said, "Let them arise."

15 So they arose and went over by count, twelve for Benjamin and Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And each one of them seized his ¹opponent by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his ²opponent's side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called ³Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

17 And that day the battle was very severe, and ^aAbner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

18 Now ^athe three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab and Abishai and Asahel; and Asahel was ^{bas} ¹swift-footed as one of the gazelles which is in the field.

19 And Asahel pursued Abner and did not ¹turn to the right or to the left from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, "Is that you, Asahel?" And he answered, "It is I."

21 So Abner said to him, "¹Turn to your right or to your left, and take hold of one of the young men for yourself, and take for yourself his spoil." But Asahel was not willing to turn aside from following him.

22 And Abner repeated again to Asahel, "Turn ¹aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? ^aHow then could I lift up my face to your brother Joab?"

23 However, he refused to turn aside; therefore Abner struck him in the belly ^awith the butt end of the spear, so that the spear came out at his back. And he fell there and died on the spot. And it came about that all who came to the place where ^bAsahel had fallen and died, stood still.

24 But Joab and Abishai pursued Abner, and when the sun was going down, they came to the hill of Ammah, which is in front of Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 And the sons of Benjamin gathered together behind Abner and became one band, and they stood on the top of a certain hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab and said, "Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the

⁸ 1.e., Man of Shame; cf. 1 Chr. 8:33, *Eshbaal*
^{b2} Sam. 17:24; Gen. 32:2, 10

⁹ ^aJosh. 22:9 ^bJudg. 1:32
^{c1} Sam. 29:1

¹¹ ¹Lit., number of days
^{a2} Sam. 5:5

¹² ^aJosh. 10:12; 18:25

¹³ ¹Lit., them together
²Lit., these
^{a2} Sam. 8:16; 1 Chr. 2:16;
11:6

¹⁴ ¹Lit., make sport
^{a2} Sam. 2:16, 17

¹⁶ ¹Lit., fellow ²Lit., fellow's ³1.e., the Field of Sword-edges

¹⁷ ^{a2} Sam. 3:1

¹⁸ ¹Lit., light in his feet
^{a1} Chr. 2:16 ^{b1} Chr. 12:8;
Hab. 3:19

¹⁹ ¹Lit., turn to go to

²¹ ¹Lit., turn for yourself

²² ¹Lit., aside for yourself
^{a2} Sam. 3:27

²³ ^{a1} Sam. 26:7
^{b2} Sam. 20:12

26 ¹Lit., *not tell the people*

end? How long will you ¹refrain from telling the people to turn back from following their brothers?"

27 ²Sam. 2:14

27 And Joab said, "As God lives, ^aif you had not spoken, surely then the people would have gone away in the morning, each from following his brother."

28 ²Sam. 3:1

28 So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the people halted and pursued Israel no longer, ^anor did they continue to fight any more.

29 ²Sam. 2:8

29 Abner and his men then went through the Arabah all that night; so they crossed the Jordan, walked all morning, and came to ^aMahanaim.

30 ¹Lit., *nineteen men*

30 Then Joab returned from following Abner; when he had gathered all the people together, ¹nineteen of David's servants besides Asahel were missing.

32 ¹Lit., *lighted on them*

31 But the servants of David had struck down many of Benjamin and Abner's men, so *that* three hundred and sixty men died.

32 And they took up Asahel and buried him in his father's tomb which was in Bethlehem. Then Joab and his men went all night until the day ¹dawned at Hebron.

1 ¹Kin. 14:30

CHAPTER 3

NOW ^athere was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; and David grew steadily stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker continually.

2 ¹Chr. 3:1-3
^{b1}Sam. 25:42, 43

2 ^aSons were born to David at Hebron: his first-born was Amnon, by ^bAhinoam the Jezreelitess;

3 ¹Lit., *wife*
^{a1}Sam. 27:8 ^{b2}Sam. 14:32;
15:8

3 and his second, Chileab, by Abigail the ¹widow of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of ^aMaacah, the daughter of Talmi, ^bking of Geshur;

4 ¹Kin. 1:5

4 and the fourth, ^aAdonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

5 and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David at Hebron.

7 ¹So some ancient mss
and versions M.T., *he*
^{a2}Sam. 21:8-11

6 And it came about while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David that Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul.

7 Now Saul had a concubine whose name was ^aRizpah, the daughter of Aiah; and ¹Ish-bosheth said to Abner, "Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?"

8 ²Sam. 9:8;
1 Sam. 24:14

8 Then Abner was very angry over the words of ¹Ish-bosheth and said, "^aAm I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show kindness to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hands of David; and yet today you charge me with a guilt concerning the woman.

9 ¹Kin. 19:2
^{b1}Sam. 15:28; 25:28-31

9 "^aMay God do so to Abner, and more also, if ^bas the LORD has sworn to David, I do not accomplish this for him,

10 to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to establish the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, ^afrom Dan even to Beersheba."

10 ¹Sam. 3:20

11 And he could no longer answer Abner a word, because he was afraid of him.

12 Then Abner sent messengers to David in his place, saying, "Whose is the land? Make your covenant with me, and

behold, my hand shall be with you to bring all Israel over to you."

13 And he said, "Good! I will make a covenant with you, but I demand one thing of you, ¹namely, ^ayou shall not see my face unless you ^bfirst bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see ²me."

14 So David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, to whom I was betrothed ^afor a hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

15 And Ish-bosheth sent and took her from *her* husband, from ¹Paltiel the son of Laish.

16 But her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her as far as ^aBahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go, return." So he returned.

17 Now Abner had ¹consultation with ^athe elders of Israel, saying, "In times past you were seeking for David to be king over you.

18 "Now then, do it! For the Lorn has spoken of David, saying, ^aBy the hand of My servant David ¹I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all their enemies.' "

19 And Abner also spoke in the hearing of Benjamin; and in addition Abner went to speak in the hearing of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and to ^athe whole house of Benjamin.

20 Then Abner and twenty men with him came to David at Hebron. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him.

21 And Abner said to David, "Let me arise and go, and ^agather all Israel to my lord the king that they may make a covenant with you, and that ^byou may be king over all that your soul desires." So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

22 And behold, ^athe servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much spoil with them; but Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the army that was with him arrived, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace."

24 Then Joab came to the king and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you; why then have you sent him away and he is already gone?"

25 "You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you and to learn of ^ayour going out and coming in, and to find out all that you are doing."

26 When Joab came out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah; but David did not know it.

27 So when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the middle of the gate to speak with him privately, and there ^ahe struck him in the belly so that he died on account of the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, "I and my kingdom are innocent before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner.

13 ¹Lit. saying ²Lit., my face
^aGen. 43:3 ^b1 Sam. 18:20; 19:11

14 ¹1 Sam. 18:25, 27

15 ¹1.e., Palti; 1 Sam. 25:44

16 ²2 Sam. 16:5

17 ¹Lit., a word
¹1 Sam. 8:4

18 ¹So many ancient mss and versions M.T., he
¹1 Sam. 9:16; 15:28

19 ¹1 Sam. 10:20, 21

21 ²2 Sam. 3:10, 12
^b1 Kin. 11:37

22 ¹1 Sam. 27:8

25 ^aDeut. 28:6; 1 Sam. 29:6

27 ²2 Sam. 2:23; 20:9, 10;
¹1 Kin. 2:5

29 ¹Lit., *whirl*
^aDeut. 21:6-9; 1 Kin. 2:31-33
^bLev. 13:46

30 ^{a2}Sam. 2:23

31 ^aGen. 37:34; Judg. 11:35

33 ^{a2}Sam. 1:17;
2 Chr. 35:25

34 ¹Lit., *sons of wickedness*

35 ¹Lit., *cause*
^{a2}Sam. 12:17 ^{b1}Sam. 3:17
^{c2}Sam. 1:12

36 ¹Lit., *was good in their eyes*
²Lit., *was good in the eyes of all*

39 ^{a1}Chr. 29:1; 2 Chr. 13:7
^{b2}Sam. 19:5-7 ^{c1}Kin. 2:32-34

1 ¹So some ancient mss.;
M.T., *he* ²Lit., *his hands*
dropped
^{a2}Sam. 3:27 ^bEzra 4:4

2 ^aJosh. 9:17 ^bJosh. 18:25

3 ^aNeh. 11:33

4 ¹I.e., Merib-baal,
1 Chr. 8:34; 9:40
^{a2}Sam. 9:3, 6 ^{b1}Sam. 31:1-4

5 ^{a2}Sam. 2:8

6 ¹Lit., *And here* ²Lit.,
takers of wheat
^{a2}Sam. 2:23

29 ^a“May it ¹fall on the head of Joab and on all his father’s house; and may there not fail from the house of Joab ^bone who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who takes hold of a distaff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread.”

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner ^abecause he had put their brother Asahel to death in the battle at Gibeon.

31 Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, ^a“Tear your clothes and gird on sackcloth and lament before Abner.” And King David walked behind the bier.

32 Thus they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.

33 And ^athe king chanted a *lament* for Abner and said, “Should Abner die as a fool dies?”

34 “Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put in fetters;

As one falls before the ¹wicked, you have fallen.” And all the people wept again over him.

35 Then all the people came ^ato ¹persuade David to eat bread while it was still day; but David vowed, saying, ^b“May God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else ^cbefore the sun goes down.”

36 Now all the people took note of it, and it ¹pleased them, just as everything the king did ²pleased all the people.

37 So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been *the will* of the king to put Abner the son of Ner to death.

38 Then the king said to his servants, “Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?”

39 “And I am ^aweak today, though anointed king; and these men ^bthe sons of Zeruiah are too difficult for me. ^cMay the LORD repay the evildoer according to his evil.”

CHAPTER 4

NOW when ¹Ish-bosheth, Saul’s son, heard that ^aAbner had died in Hebron, ^{2b}he lost courage, and all Israel was disturbed.

2 And Saul’s son *had* two men who were commanders of bands: the name of the one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for ^aBeeroth is also considered ^bpart of Benjamin,

3 and the Beerothites fled to ^aGittaim, and have been aliens there until this day).

4 Now ^aJonathan, Saul’s son, had a son crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the ^breport of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame. And his name was ¹Mephibosheth.

5 So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, departed and came ^ato the house of Ish-bosheth in the heat of the day while he was taking his midday rest.

6 ¹And they came to the middle of the house as ²if to get wheat, and ^athey struck him in the belly; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

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7 Now when they came into the house, as he was lying on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and killed him and beheaded him. And they took his head and ^{1a}traveled by way of Arabah all night.

8 Then they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron, and said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth, ^athe son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; thus the LORD has given my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his ¹descendants."

9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "As the LORD lives, ^awho has redeemed my life from all distress,

10 ^awhen one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and ¹thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for *his* news.

11 "How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now ^arequire his blood from your hand, and ¹destroy you from the earth?"

12 Then ^aDavid commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet, and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth ^band buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

CHAPTER 5

^a**T**HEN all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and ¹said, "Behold, we are ^byour bone and your flesh.

2 "Previously, when Saul was king over us, ^ayou were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, ^bYou will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be ^aa ruler over Israel."

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David ^amade a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then ^bthey anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was ^athirty years old when he became king, and ^bhe reigned forty years.

5 At Hebron ^ahe reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ^aNow the king and his men went to ^bJerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, and they said to ¹David, "You shall not come in here, but the blind and lame shall turn you away"; ²thinking, "David cannot enter here."

7 Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is ^athe city of David.

8 And David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him reach the lame and the blind who are hated by David's soul through the water tunnel." Therefore they say, "The blind or the lame shall not come into the house."

9 So David lived in the stronghold, and called it ^athe city of David. And David built all around from ^{1b}Millo and inward.

10 And ^aDavid became greater and greater, for the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 ^aThen Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David

⁷ ¹Lit., went
² Sam. 2:29

⁸ ¹Lit., seed
¹ Sam. 24:4; 25:29

⁹ ¹ Kin. 1:29

¹⁰ ¹Lit., he was as a bearer of good news in his own eyes
² Sam. 1:2, 4, 15

¹¹ ¹Lit., burn
^a Gen. 9:5; Ps. 9:12

¹² ² Sam. 1:15
^b Sam. 3:32

¹ ¹Lit., said, saying
^a1 Chr. 11:1-3 ^b2 Sam. 19:13

² ¹ Sam. 18:5, 13, 16
^b2 Sam. 7:7; Gen. 49:24
^c1 Sam. 25:30

³ ² Sam. 3:21
^b2 Sam. 2:4; 1 Sam. 16:13

⁴ ^a Gen. 41:46; Num. 4:3; Luke 3:23 ^b1 Kin. 2:11; 1 Chr. 26:31

⁵ ² Sam. 2:11

⁶ ¹Lit., David, saying
²Lit., saying
^a1 Chr. 11:4-9 ^bJosh. 15:63; 18:28; Judg. 1:21

⁷ ² Sam. 6:12, 16;
¹ Kin. 2:10; 9:24

⁹ ¹e., citadel
² Sam. 5:7 ^b1 Kin. 9:15, 24

¹⁰ ² Sam. 3:1

¹¹ ¹ Chr. 14:1; 1 Kin. 5:2, 10, 18

11 ^bPs. 30: title13 ^aDeut. 17:17; 1 Chr. 3:914 ^a1 Chr. 3:5-817 ^a1 Sam. 29:1
18 ^b2 Sam. 23:14; 1 Chr. 11:1618 ^aGen. 14:5; Josh. 15:8;
17:15; 18:1619 ^a1 Sam. 23:2 ^b1 Sam. 2:120 ¹Lit., *David smote* ²*i.e., the master of break-through*
^aIs. 28:2121 ^a1 Chr. 14:1222 ^a2 Sam. 5:1823 ¹Or, *baka-shrubs*
^a2 Sam. 5:1924 ¹Or, *baka-shrubs*
^a2 Kin. 7:6 ^bJudg. 4:1425 ^aIs. 28:21 ^bJosh. 12:12;
21:211 ^a1 Chr. 13:5-142 ¹Lit., *sitting*
^aJosh. 15:9, 10; 1 Sam. 7:1
^bLev. 24:16 ^cEx. 25:223 ¹Lit., *caused to ride*
^a1 Sam. 6:74 ^a1 Sam. 7:1

with cedar trees and carpenters and stonemasons; and ^bthey built a house for David.

12 And David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

13 Meanwhile ^aDavid took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David.

14 Now ^athese are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,

16 Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

17 When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, ^aall the Philistines went up to seek out David; and when David heard of it, he went down to the ^bstronghold.

18 Now the Philistines came and spread themselves out in ^athe valley of Rephaim.

19 Then ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Wilt Thou give them into my hand?" And ^bthe LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand."

20 So David came to ^aBaal-perazim, and ¹defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like the break-through of waters." Therefore he named that place ²Baal-perazim.

21 And they abandoned their idols there, so ^aDavid and his men carried them away.

22 Now ^athe Philistines came up once again and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, He said, "You shall not go *directly* up; circle around behind them and come at them in *front* of the ¹balsam trees.

24 "And it shall be, when ^ayou hear the sound of marching in the tops of the ¹balsam trees, then you shall act promptly, for then ^bthe LORD will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

25 Then David did so, just as the LORD had commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from ^aGeba until you come to ^bGezer.

CHAPTER 6

^a NOW David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to ^aBaale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the ^bName, the very name of the LORD of hosts who ^cis ¹enthroned *above* the cherubim.

3 And they ¹placed the ark of God on ^aa new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.

4 So ^athey brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark.

5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel ^awere celebrating before the LORD ^bwith all kinds of *instruments made of* ¹fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.

6 But when they came to the threshing floor of ^aNacon, Uzzah ^breached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it.

7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and ^aGod struck him down there for ¹his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.

8 And David became angry because ¹of the LORD's outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called ²Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 So David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

10 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of ^aObed-edom the Gittite.

11 Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God." ^aAnd David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into ^bthe city of David with gladness.

13 And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

14 And ^aDavid was dancing before the LORD with all his might, and David was ^bwearing a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

16 Then it happened *as* the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that ^aMichal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it ^ain its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and ^bDavid offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And when David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, ^ahe blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed each to his house.

20 But when David returned to bless his household, Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! ^{1a}He uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!"

21 So David said to Michal, "^a*It was* before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to

⁵ ¹Or, cypress
^{a1} Sam. 18:6, 7
^{b1} Chr. 13:7, 8

⁶ ¹ Chr. 13:9
^b Num. 4:15, 19, 20

⁷ ¹ Lit., *the*
^{a1} Sam. 6:19

⁸ ¹ Lit., *the LORD broke through a break-through*
² i.e., the break-through of Uzzah

¹⁰ ¹ Chr. 26:4-8

¹² ¹ Chr. 15:25-16:3
^{b1} Kin. 8:1

¹⁴ ¹ Lit., *girded with*
^a Ex. 15:20, 21; Judg. 11:34
^b Ex. 19:6; 1 Sam. 2:18, 28

¹⁶ ² Sam. 3:14

¹⁷ ¹ Chr. 15:1; 2 Chr. 1:4
^{b1} Kin. 8:62-65

¹⁸ ¹ Kin. 8:14, 15

²⁰ ¹ Lit., *who*
^{a2} Sam. 6:14, 16

²¹ ¹ Sam. 13:14; 15:28

2 Samuel 6, 7

1^a 1 Chr. 17:1-27

2^a 2 Sam. 6:17; 12:1;
1 Kin. 1:22; 1 Chr. 29:29;
2 Chr. 9:29^b 2 Sam. 5:11
^cEx. 26:1

3^a 1 Kin. 8:17, 18

5^a 1 Kin. 5:3, 4; 8:19

6^a 1 Lit., *dwelling place*
^aJosh. 18:1; 1 Kin. 8:16
^bEx. 40:18, 34

7^a Lev. 26:11, 12
^b2 Sam. 5:2

8^a 1 Sam. 16:11, 12;
Ps. 78:70, 71^b 1 Sam. 6:21

9^a 1 Sam. 5:10
^bPs. 18:37-42

10^a 1 Lit., *sons of wickedness*
^aEx. 15:17; Is. 5:2, 7
^bPs. 89:22, 23; Is. 60:18

11^a Judg. 2:14-16;
1 Sam. 12:9-11^b 2 Sam. 7:1
^c1 Sam. 7:27; 1 Sam. 25:28

12^a 1 Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *your bowels*
^a1 Kin. 2:1

13^a 1 Kin. 6:12; 8:19
^bIs. 9:7; 49:8

14^a Heb. 1:5; Ps. 89:26, 27
^b1 Kin. 11:34; Ps. 89:30-33

15^a 1 Sam. 15:23; 16:14

16^a So with Gk. and some ancient mss.; M. T. *you*
^a2 Sam. 7:13; Ps. 89:36, 37

appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD.

22 "And I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished."

23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,

2 that the king said to ^aNathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in ^ba house of cedar, but the ark of God ^cdwells within tent curtains."

3 And Nathan said to the king, "^aGo, do all that is in your mind, for the LORD is with you."

4 But it came about in the same night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,

5 "Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "^aAre you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?'

6 "For ^aI have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about ^bin a tent, even in a ¹tabernacle.

7 "^aWherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, ^bwhich I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" "

8 "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "^aI took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, ^bthat you should be ruler over My people Israel.

9 "And ^aI have been with you wherever you have gone and ^bhave cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.

10 "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and ^awill plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, ^bnor will the ¹wicked afflict them any more as formerly,

11 even ^afrom the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and ^bI will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that ^cthe LORD will make a house for you.

12 "^aWhen your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your ¹descendant after you, who will come forth from ²you, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 "^aHe shall build a house for My name, and ^bI will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 "^aI will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; ^bwhen he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, ^aas I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 "And ^ayour house and your kingdom shall endure before ¹Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." "

17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

18 Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me this far?"

19 "And yet this was insignificant in Thine eyes, O LORD God, for Thou hast spoken also of the house of Thy servant concerning the distant future. And this is the custom of man, O LORD God.

20 "And again what more can David say to Thee? For Thou knowest Thy servant, O LORD God!

21 "For the sake of Thy word, and according to Thine own heart, Thou hast done all this greatness to let Thy servant know.

22 "For this reason Thou art great, O LORD God; for there is none like Thee, and there is no God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 "And what one nation on the earth is like Thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for Thee and awesome things for Thy land, before Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed for Thyself from Egypt, from nations and their gods?"

24 "For Thou hast established for Thyself Thy people Israel as Thine own people forever, and Thou, O LORD, hast become their God.

25 "Now therefore, O LORD God, the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and his house, confirm it forever, and do as Thou hast spoken,

26 that Thy name may be magnified forever, by saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel'; and may the house of Thy servant David be established before Thee.

27 "For Thou, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, hast made a revelation to Thy servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore Thy servant has found courage to pray this prayer to Thee.

28 "And now, O LORD God, Thou art God, and Thy words are truth, and Thou hast promised this good thing to Thy servant.

29 "Now therefore may it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may continue forever before Thee. For Thou, O LORD God, hast spoken; and with Thy blessing may the house of Thy servant be blessed forever."

CHAPTER 8

^a NOW after this it came about that David defeated the Philistines and subdued them; and David took control of the chief city from the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he defeated Moab, and measured them with the line, making them lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

3 Then David defeated Hadadzezer the son of Rehob king of Zobah, as he went to restore his rule at the River.

4 And David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and

18 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD and so throughout the chap. ^aEx. 3:11; 1 Sam. 18:18

19 ¹Or, law ^a2 Sam. 7:11-16; 1 Chr. 17:17 ^bIs. 55:8, 9

20 ^a1 Sam. 16:7; John 21:17

21 ^a1 Chr. 17:19

22 ^aDeut. 3:24; Ps. 48:1; 86:10 ^bEx. 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2 ^cEx. 10:2; Ps. 44:1

23 ^aDeut. 4:32-38 ^bDeut. 10:21 ^cDeut. 15:15 ^dDeut. 9:26

24 ^aDeut. 32:6 ^bGen. 17:7, 8; Ex. 6:7

26 ^aPs. 72:18, 19

27 ¹Lit., uncovered the ear of ²Lit., his heart ^a2 Sam. 7:13

28 ¹Or, spoken ^aEx. 34:6; John 17:17

29 ^aNum. 6:24-26

¹ Lit., smote ² Lit., the bride of the mother city ^a 1 Chr. 18

² Lit., smote ^a Num. 24:17 ^b 1 Sam. 22:3, 4 ^c 2 Sam. 8:6; 1 Kin. 4:21; 2 Kin. 3:4 ^d 2 Kin. 17:3

³ Lit., smote ² Lit., hand ¹ i.e., Euphrates ^a 2 Kin. 10:16, 19; 1 Sam. 14:47 ^b 2 Kin. 10:15-19

4 ^aJosh. 11:6, 9

5 ¹Heb., *Aram* ²Lit., *smote*
^{a1} Kin. 11:23-25; 15:18

6 ¹Heb., *Aram*
^{a2} Sam. 8:2 ^{b2} Sam. 3:18

7 ¹Lit., *on*

8 ¹Or, *Tibhath*,
¹ Chr. 18:8
^aEzek. 47:16

9 ¹Lit., *smitten*
^{a1} Kin. 8:65; 2 Chr. 8:4

10 ¹Or, *Hadoram*,
¹ Chr. 18:10 ²Lit., *ask him of his welfare* ¹Lit., *smitten*
⁴Lit., *was a man of wars*
⁵Lit., *there were in his hand*

11 ^{a1} Kin. 7:51

12 ¹Heb., *Aram*; some mss. read, *Edom*
^{a2} Sam. 8:2 ^{b2} Sam. 10:14
^{c2} Sam. 5:17-25
^{d1} Sam. 27:8; 30:17-20

13 ¹Lit., *smiting* ²Heb., *Aram*; some mss. read, *Edom*
^{a2} Sam. 7:9 ^{b2} Kin. 14:7

14 ^aGen. 27:37-40;
Num. 24:17, 18 ^{b2} Sam. 8:6

15 ¹Lit., *was doing*

16 ^{a1} Kin. 4:3
^{b2} Kin. 18:18, 37

17 ^{a1} Chr. 6:4-8
^{b1} Chr. 16:39, 40
^{c2} Kin. 18:18

18 ¹Lit., *and the Cherethites* ²Lit., *priests*
^{a1} Kin. 4:4 ^{b2} Sam. 15:18;
20:7, 23; ¹ Sam. 30:14;
¹ Kin. 1:38, 44 ¹ Chr. 18:17

1 ¹Lit., *he who is*
^{a1} Sam. 20:14-17, 42

2 ^{a2} Sam. 16:1-4; 19:17, 29

3 ^{a1} Sam. 20:14
^{b2} Sam. 4:4

4 ^{a1} Sam. 17:27-29

20,000 foot soldiers; and David ^ahamstrung the chariot horses, but reserved *enough* of them for 100 chariots.

5 And when ^{1a}the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David ²killed 22,000 men of ¹the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in ¹Syria of Damascus, and ^{1a}the Syrians became servants to David, bringing tribute. And ^bthe LORD helped David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold which were ¹carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from ¹Betah and from ^aBerothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a very large amount of bronze.

9 Now when Toi king of ^aHamath heard that David had ¹defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10 Toi sent ¹Joram his son to King David to ²greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and ³defeated him; for Hadadezer ^ahad been at war with Toi. And ⁵Joram brought with him articles of silver, of gold and of bronze.

11 King David also dedicated ^athese to the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued:

12 from ¹Syria and ^aMoab and ^bthe sons of Ammon and ^cthe Philistines and ^dAmalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 So ^aDavid made a name for himself when he returned from ¹killing 18,000 ²Syrians in ^bthe Valley of Salt.

14 And he put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and ^aall the Edomites became servants to David. And ^bthe LORD helped David wherever he went.

15 So David reigned over all Israel; and David ¹administered justice and righteousness for all his people.

16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and ^aJehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was ^brecorder.

17 And ^aZadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were ^bpriests, and Seraiah was ^csecretary.

18 And ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada ¹was over the ^bCherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were ²chief ministers.

CHAPTER 9

THEN David said, "Is there yet ¹anyone left of the house of Saul, ^athat I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you ^aZiba?" And he said, "I am your servant."

3 And the king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the ^akindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "^bThere is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet."

4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is ^ain the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar."

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His Servants Abused by Hanun.**

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5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 And ^aMephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and ^bfell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!"

7 And David said to him, "Do not fear, for ^aI will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and ^bwill restore to you all the ¹land of your ²grandfather Saul; and ^cyou shall ³eat at my table regularly."

8 Again he prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should regard ^aa dead dog like me?"

9 Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba, and said to him, "^aAll that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's ¹grandson.

10 "And you and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in *the produce* so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless ^aMephibosheth your master's grandson ^bshall ¹eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant so your servant will do." So Mephibosheth ate at ¹David's table as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was ^aMica. And all who lived in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for ^ahe ate at the king's table regularly. Now ^bhe was lame in both feet.

CHAPTER 10

^a NOW it happened afterwards that ^bthe king of the Ammonites died, and Hanun his son became king in his place.

2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of ^aNahash, just as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent ¹some of his servants to console him concerning his father. But when David's servants came to the land of the Ammonites,

3 the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, "¹Do you think that David is honoring your father because he has sent consolers to you? ^aHas David not sent his servants to you in order to search the city, to spy it out and overthrow it?"

4 So Hanun took David's servants and ^ashaved off half of their beards, and ^bcut off their garments in the middle as far as their hips, and sent them away.

5 When they told *it* to David, he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, "¹Stay at Jericho until your beards grow, and then return."

6 Now when the sons of Ammon saw that ^athey had become odious to David, the sons of Ammon sent and ^bhired ¹the Syrians of ^cBeth-rehob and ¹the ^dSyrians of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers, and the king of ^cMaacah with 1,000 men, and the men of Tob with 12,000 men.

7 When David heard of *it*, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men.

⁶ ²Sam. 16:4; 19:24-30
^b1 Sam. 25:23

⁷ ¹Lit., *field* ²Lit., *father*
³Lit., *eat bread*
^a2 Sam. 9:1, 3 ^b2 Sam. 12:8
^c2 Sam. 19:28; 1 Kin. 2:7;
² Kin. 25:29

⁸ ² Sam. 16:9

⁹ ¹Lit., *son*
^a2 Sam. 16:4; 19:29

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *eat bread*
^a2 Sam. 9:7, 11, 13
^b2 Sam. 19:28; 1 Kin. 2:7

¹¹ ¹Lit., *my*

¹² ¹ Chr. 8:34

¹³ ^a2 Sam. 9:7, 11
^b2 Sam. 9:3

¹ ¹ Chr. 19:1-19
^b1 Sam. 11:1

² ¹Lit., *by the hand of*
^a1 Sam. 11:1

³ ¹Lit., "*In your eyes is David honoring*"
^aGen. 42:9, 16

⁴ ^aIs. 15:2; Jer. 41:5
^bIs. 20:4

⁵ ¹Lit., *Return to*

⁶ ¹Heb., *Aram* (vss. 6-19)
^aGen. 34:30; 1 Sam. 27:12
^b2 Sam. 8:3, 5; 2 Kin. 7:6
^cGen. 36:37; Judg. 18:28
^d2 Sam. 8:3; Deut. 3:14

⁸ ¹Lit., gate
^{a1} Chr. 19:9 ^bJudg. 11:3, 5
^cJosh. 13:9, 16

⁹ ¹Lit., the faces of the
battle were against

¹² ^aDeut. 31:6; Josh. 1:6
^{b1} Cor. 16:13 ^{c1} Sam. 3:18

¹³ ^{a1} Kin. 20:13-21

¹⁴ ^{a2} Sam. 11:1

¹⁵ ¹Lit., smitten before

¹⁶ ¹i.e., Euphrates ²Lit.,
before
^{a2} Sam. 8:3-8 ^{b1} Chr. 19:16

¹⁸ ^{a1} Chr. 19:18

¹⁹ ¹Lit., smitten before
^{a2} Sam. 8:6

¹ ¹Lit., at the return of the
year
^{a1} Chr. 20:1 ^{b2} Sam. 10:14;
¹ Kin. 20:22, 26
^{c2} Sam. 12:26-28; Jer. 49:2,
3; Amos 1:14

² ^{a2} Sam. 4:5, 7
^bDeut. 22:8; ¹ Sam. 9:25;
Matt. 24:17; Acts 10:9

³ ^{a1} Chr. 3:5 ^{b1} Chr. 23:39

⁴ ^aPs. 51:title; James 1:14,
¹⁵ ^bLev. 12:2-5; 15:19-28;
18:19

8 And the sons of Ammon came out and drew up in battle array ^aat the entrance of the ¹city, while the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob and the men of ^bTob and Maacah were by themselves ^cin the field.

9 Now when Joab saw that ¹the battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he selected from all the choice men of Israel, and arrayed *them* against the Syrians.

10 But the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of Abishai his brother, and he arrayed *them* against the sons of Ammon.

11 And he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me, but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come to help you.

12 "Be strong, and ^blet us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and ^cmay the LORD do what is good in His sight."

13 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Syrians, and ^athey fled before him.

14 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, they *also* fled before Abishai and entered the city. ^aThen Joab returned from *fighting* against the sons of Ammon and came to Jerusalem.

15 When the Syrians saw that they had been ¹defeated by Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 ^aAnd Hadadezer sent and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the ¹River, and they came to Helam; and ^bShobach the commander of the army of Hadadezer ²led them.

17 Now when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together and crossed the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians arrayed themselves to meet David and fought against him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel, and David killed ^a700 charioteers of the Syrians and 40,000 horsemen and struck down Shobach the commander of their army, and he died there.

19 When all the kings, servants of Hadadezer, saw that they were ¹defeated by Israel, ^athey made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the sons of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 11

^a**T**HEN it happened ^{1b}in the spring, at the time when kings go out to *battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and ^cbesieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.

2 Now when evening came ^aDavid arose from his bed and walked around on ^bthe roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not ^aBathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of ^bUriah the Hittite?"

4 And David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, ^ahe lay with her; ^band when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house.

5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant."

6 Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah came to him, ^aDavid asked concerning the welfare of Joab and ¹the people and the state of the war.

8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and ^awash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and ^{ba} present from the king ¹was sent out after him.

9 But Uriah slept ^{at} the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10 Now when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11 And Uriah said to David, "^aThe ark and Israel and Judah are staying in ¹temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and ^bthe servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? ^cBy your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing."

12 Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the ¹next.

13 Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed ^awith his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house.

14 Now it came about in the morning that David ^awrote a letter to Joab, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he had written in the letter, saying, "¹Place Uriah in the front line of the ²fiercest battle and withdraw from him, ^aso that he may be struck down and die."

16 So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there *were* valiant men.

17 And the men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and ^aUriah the Hittite also died.

18 Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war.

19 And he charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king,

20 and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Do you not know that they would shoot from the wall?'

21 'Who ^astruck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?'—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

22 So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had sent him *to tell*.

23 And the messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field, but we ¹pressed them as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 "Moreover, the archers shot at your servants from the

5 ^aLev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22

7 ¹Lit., *welfare of*
^aGen. 37:14; 1 Sam. 17:22

8 ¹Lit., *went out*
^aGen. 43:24; Luke 7:44
^bGen. 43:34

9 ^{a1} Kin. 14:27, 28

11 ¹Or, *booths*
^{a2} Sam. 7:2, 6 ^{b2} Sam. 20:6
^{c2} Sam. 4:9; 14:19

12 ¹Lit., *morrow*

13 ^{a2} Sam. 11:9

14 ^{a1} Kin. 21:8-10

15 ¹Lit., *Give* ²Lit., *strong*
^{a2} Sam. 12:9

17 ^{a2} Sam. 11:21

21 ^{a1}Judg. 9:50-54

23 ¹Lit., *were upon*

25 ¹Lit., *be evil in your sight*

26 ^aGen. 50:10; Deut. 34:8;
¹Sam. 31:13

27 ¹Lit., *gathered*
^aGen. 12:9 ^bPs. 51:4, 5

¹ ¹Lit., *said to him*
^{a2} Sam. 7:2, 4, 17
^bPs. 51: ¹title ^{c2} Sam. 14:4-7;
¹ Kin. 20:35-41

³ ¹Lit., *morsel*
^{a2} Sam. 11:3

⁴ ¹Lit., *spared*

⁵ ¹Lit., *is a son of death*
^{a1} Kin. 20:39, 40
^{b1} Sam. 26:16

⁶ ^aEx. 22:1

⁷ ^{a1} Kin. 20:42
^{b1} Sam. 16:13

⁸ ¹Lit., *bosom*
^{a2} Sam. 9:7

⁹ ^{a1} Sam. 15:23, 26
^{b2} Sam. 11:14-17, 27
^{c2} Sam. 11:27

¹⁰ ^{a2} Sam. 13:28; 18:14;
¹ Kin. 2:25

¹¹ ¹Lit., *the sight of this sun*
^{a2} Sam. 16:21, 22

wall; so some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead."

25 Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this thing ¹displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it,' and so encourage him."

26 Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, ^ashe mourned for her husband.

27 When the *time* of mourning was over, David sent and ¹brought her to his house and ^ashe became his wife; then she bore him a son. But ^bthe thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

CHAPTER 12

THEN the LORD sent ^aNathan to David. And ^bhe came to him, and ¹said,

"There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor.

2 "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds.

3 "But the poor man had nothing except ^aone little ewe lamb

Which he bought and nourished;

And it grew up together with him and his children.

It would eat of his ¹bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom,

And was like a daughter to him.

4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man,

And he ¹was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd,

To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him;

Rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

5 ^aThen David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this ¹deserves to die.

6 "And he must make restitution for the lamb ^afourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

7 Nathan then said to David, "^aYou are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ^bIt is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul.

8 'I also gave you ^ayour master's house and your master's wives into your ¹care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!

9 'Why ^ahave you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? ^bYou have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, ^chave taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

10 'Now therefore, ^athe sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

11 "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; ^aI will even take your wives before your eyes, and give *them* to your companion, and he shall lie with your wives in ¹broad daylight.

**Death of David's Child.
Solomon Born.**

12 'Indeed ^ayou did it secretly, but ^bI will do this thing before all Israel, and ¹under the sun.'

13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has ^{1b}taken away your sin; you shall not die.

14 "However, because by this deed you have ^agiven occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die."

15 So Nathan went to his house.

Then ^athe LORD struck the child that Uriah's ¹widow bore to David, so that he was *very* sick.

16 David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and ^alay all night on the ground.

17 And ^athe elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.

18 Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was *still* alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do *himself* harm!"

19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

20 So David arose from the ground, ^awashed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? ¹While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

22 And he said, "While the child was *still* alive, ^aI fasted and wept; for I said, ^bWho knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'

23 "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? ^aI shall go to him, but ^bhe will not return to me."

24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and ^{1a}he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him

25 and sent word through Nathan the prophet, and he named him ¹Jedidiah for the LORD's sake.

26 ^aNow Joab fought against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and captured the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, I have even captured the city of waters.

28 "Now therefore gather the rest of the people together and camp against the city and capture it, lest I capture the city myself and it be named after me."

29 So David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, fought against it, and captured it.

30 Then he took the crown of ¹their king from his head; and its weight was a talent of gold, and *in it* ²was a precious

12 ¹Lit. *before*
²2 Sam. 11:4-15
^b2 Sam. 16:22

13 ¹Lit. *caused your sin to pass away*
²2 Sam. 24:10; 1 Sam. 15:24, 30; Luke 18:13 ^bProv. 28:13; Lev. 20:10; 24:17; Mic. 7:18

14 ^aIs. 52:5; Rom. 2:24

15 ¹Lit. *wife*
^a1 Sam. 25:38

16 ²2 Sam. 13:31; Neh. 1:4

17 ^aGen. 24:2

20 ^aMatt. 6:17

21 ¹Lit. *On account of*

22 ^aIs. 38:1-3 ^bJonah 3:9

23 ^aGen. 37:35 ^bJob 7:8-10

24 ¹Some mss. read, *she*
^a1 Chr. 22:9

25 ¹i.e., Beloved of the LORD

26 ^a1 Chr. 20:1-3

30 ¹Or, *Malcam*; Zeph. 1:5
²Or, *were precious stones*

31 ¹Cf. 1 Chr. 20:3
^aHeb. 11:37

1 ^{a2} Sam. 3:2, 3; 1 Chr. 3:2
^{b1} Chr. 3:9 ^{c2} Sam. 3:2

2 ¹Lit., *hard in Amnon's eyes*

3 ^{a1} Sam. 16:9

5 ^{a2} Kin. 8:29

6 ^aGen. 18:6

9 ¹Lit., *poured*
^aGen. 45:1

10 ¹Or., *inner room*

12 ^aLev. 20:17 ^bJudg. 19:23;
 20:6

13 ¹Lit., *cause to go* ²Or.,
disgraceful ones
^aGen. 20:12

14 ¹Lit., *her voice*

stone; and it was *placed* on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city in great amounts.

31 He also brought out the people who were in it, and ^{1a}set *them* under saws, sharp iron instruments, and iron axes, and made them pass through the brickkiln. And thus he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 13

NOW it was after this that ^aAbsalom the son of David had a beautiful sister whose name was ^bTamar, and ^cAmnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so frustrated because of his sister Tamar that he made himself ill, for she was a virgin, and it seemed ¹hard to Amnon to do anything to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab, the son of ^aShimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a very shrewd man.

4 And he said to him, "O son of the king, why are you so depressed morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Then Amnon said to him, "I am in love with Tamar, the sister of my brother Absalom."

5 Jonadab then said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill; when your father comes ^ato see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me *some* food to eat, and let her prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat from her hand.'"

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and ^amake me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

7 Then David sent to the house for Tamar, saying, "Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him."

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was lying down. And she took dough, kneaded *it*, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9 And she took the pan and ¹dished *them* out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "^aHave everyone go out from me." So everyone went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the ¹bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." So Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought them into the bedroom to her brother Amnon.

11 When she brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

12 But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for ^asuch a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this ^bdisgraceful thing!

13 "As for me, where could I ¹get rid of my reproach? And as for you, you will be like one of the ²fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for ^ahe will not withhold me from you."

14 However, he would not listen to ¹her; since he was stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

**Amnon Turns Against Tamar.
Amnon Is Murdered.**

2 Samuel 13

15 Then Amnon hated her with a very great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up, go away!"

16 But she said to him, "No, because this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done to me!" Yet he would not listen to her.

17 Then he called his young man who attended him and said, "Now throw this woman out of my *presence*, and lock the door behind her."

18 Now she had on ^aa long-sleeved garment; for in this manner the virgin daughters of the king dressed themselves in robes. Then his attendant took her out and locked the door behind her.

19 And ^aTamar put ^lashes on her head, and ^btore her long-sleeved garment which was on her; and ^cshe put her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

20 Then Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now keep silent, my sister, he is your brother; do not take this matter to heart." So Tamar remained and was desolate ^ain her brother Absalom's house.

21 Now when King David heard of all these matters, he was very angry.

22 But Absalom did not speak to Amnon ^aeither good or bad; for Absalom hated Amnon because he had violated his sister Tamar.

23 Now it came about after two full years that Absalom ^ahad sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king and said, "Behold now, your servant has sheep-shearers; please let the king and his servants go with your servant."

25 But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, we should not all go, lest we be burdensome to you." Although he ^lurged him, he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then ^aAbsalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"

27 But when Absalom ^lurged him, he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "See now, ^awhen Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then put him to death. Do not fear; have not I myself commanded you? Be courageous and be ^lvaliant."

29 And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose and each mounted ^ahis mule and fled.

30 Now it was while they were on the way that the report came to David, saying, "Absalom has struck down all the king's sons, and not one of them is left."

31 Then the king arose, ^atore his clothes and ^blay on the ground; and all his servants were standing by with clothes torn.

32 And ^aJonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, ^lresponded, "Do not let my lord ²suppose they have put to death all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon alone is

18 ¹Lit., *a varicolored tunic*
^aGen. 37:3, 23; Judg. 5:30

19 ¹Or, *dust* ²Lit.,
varicolored tunic
^a1 Sam. 4:12; Esth. 4:1;
Jer. 2:37 ^b2 Sam. 1:11;
Gen. 37:29 ^cJer. 2:37

20 ^a2 Sam. 14:24

22 ^aGen. 31:24

23 ^a1 Sam. 25:7

25 ¹Lit., *broke through*

26 ^a2 Sam. 3:27; 11:13-15

27 ¹Lit., *broke through*

28 ¹Lit., *sons of valor*
^aJudg. 19:6, 9, 22;
1 Sam. 25:36-38

29 ^a2 Sam. 18:9;
1 Kin. 1:33, 38

31 ^a2 Sam. 1:11
^b2 Sam. 12:16

32 ¹Lit., *answered and said*
²Lit., *say*
^a2 Sam. 13:3-5

2 Samuel 13, 14

32 ¹Lit., *mouth*

33 ¹Lit., *his heart*
² Sam. 19:19

34 ² Sam. 13:37, 38
² Sam. 18:24

36 ¹Lit., *with a very great weeping*

37 ² Sam. 13:34
² Sam. 3:3 ² Sam. 14:23, 32

38 ² Sam. 13:34

39 ² Sam. 12:19-23

1 ² Sam. 13:39

2 ¹Lit., *took*
² Sam. 23:26; 2 Chr. 11:6;
 Amos 1:1 ¹ Kin. 20:35-43
² Sam. 12:20

3 ² Sam. 14:19

4 ¹Many mss. and ancient versions read, *came*
¹ Sam. 25:23 ² Kin. 6:26-28

5 ¹Lit., *said*
² Sam. 14:5, 21;
 2 Sam. 12:1-7

6 ¹Lit., *deliverer between*

7 ¹Lit., *set*
² Num. 35:19; Deut. 19:12,
 13 ² Matt. 21:38

9 ² Gen. 43:9; 1 Sam. 25:24
¹ Kin. 2:33

dead; because by the ³intent of Absalom this has been determined since the day that he violated his sister Tamar.

33 "Now therefore, do not let my lord the king ^atake the report to ¹heart, namely, 'all the king's sons are dead', for only Amnon is dead."

34 Now ^aAbsalom had fled. And ^bthe young man who was the watchman raised his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were coming from the road behind him by the side of the mountain.

35 And Jonadab said to the king, "Behold, the king's sons have come; according to your servant's word, so it happened."

36 And it came about as soon as he had finished speaking, that behold, the king's sons came and lifted their voices and wept; and also the king and all his servants wept ¹very bitterly.

37 Now ^aAbsalom fled and went to ^bTalmai the son of Ammihud, the king of ^cGeshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38 ^aSo Absalom had fled and gone to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And *the heart of King David* longed to go out to Absalom; for ^ahe was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.

CHAPTER 14

NOW Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that ^athe king's heart was inclined toward Absalom.

2 So Joab sent to ^aTekoa and ¹brought a wise woman from there and said to her, "Please ^bpretend to be a mourner, and put on mourning garments now, and ^cdo not anoint yourself with oil, but like a woman who has been mourning for the dead many days;

3 then go to the king and speak to him in this manner." So Joab put ^athe words in her mouth.

4 Now when the woman of Tekoa ¹spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and ^aprostrated herself and said, "^bHelp, O king."

5 And the king said to her, "What is your trouble?" And she ¹answered, "^aTruly I am a widow, for my husband is dead.

6 "And your maidservant had two sons, but the two of them struggled together in the field, and there was no ¹one to separate them, so one struck the other and killed him.

7 "Now behold, ^athe whole family has risen against your maidservant, and they say, 'Hand over the one who struck his brother, that we may put him to death for the life of his brother whom he killed, ^band destroy the heir also.' Thus they will extinguish my coal which is left, so as to ¹leave my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth."

8 Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you."

9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "O my lord, the king, ^athe iniquity is on me and my father's house, but ^bthe king and his throne are guiltless."

10 So the king said, "Whoever speaks to you, bring him to me, and he will not touch you any more."

11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember the LORD

Absalom Is Recalled.

your God, ^aso that the avenger of blood may not continue to destroy, lest they destroy my son." And he said, "^bAs the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

12 Then the woman said, "Please let your maidservant speak a word to my lord the king." And he said, "Speak."

13 And the woman said, "^aWhy then have you planned such a thing against the people of God? For in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring back ^bhis banished one.

14 "For ^awe shall surely die and are ^blike water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away life, but plans ¹ways so that ^cthe banished one may not be cast out from him.

15 "Now ¹the reason I have come to speak this word to my lord the king is because the people have made me afraid; so your maidservant said, 'Let me now speak to the king, perhaps the king will perform the ²request of his maidservant.

16 'For the king will hear ¹and deliver his maidservant from the ²hand of the man who would destroy ³both me and my son from ^athe inheritance of God.'

17 "Then your maidservant said, 'Please let the word of my lord the king be ¹comforting, for as ^athe angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you.'"

18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, "Please do not hide anything from me that I am about to ask you." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king please speak."

19 So the king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" And the woman answered and said, "As your soul lives, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken. Indeed, it was your servant Joab who commanded me, and it was he who put all these words in the mouth of your maidservant;

20 in order to change the appearance of things your servant Joab has done this thing. But my lord is wise, ^alike the wisdom of the angel of God, to know all that is in the earth."

21 Then the king said to Joab, "Behold now, ^aI will surely do this thing; go therefore, bring back the young man Absalom."

22 And Joab fell on his face to the ground, prostrated himself and blessed the king; then Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, O my lord, the king, in that the king has performed the ¹request of his servant."

23 So Joab arose and went to ^aGeshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 However the king said, "Let him turn to ^ahis own house, and let him not see my face." So Absalom turned to his own house and did not see the king's face.

25 Now in all Israel was no one as handsome as Absalom, so highly praised; ^afrom the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no defect in him.

26 And when he ^acut the hair of his head (and it was at the end of every year that he cut it, for it was heavy on him so he

11 ^aNum. 35:19, 21;
Deut. 19:4-10 ^b1 Sam. 14:45;
1 Kin. 1:52; Matt. 10:30

13 ^a2 Sam. 12:7;
1 Kin. 20:40-42
^b2 Sam. 13:37, 38

¹⁴ ¹Lit., devices
²Job 30:23; 34:15; Heb.
9:27 ^bPs. 58:7 ^cNum.
35:15, 25, 28

15 ¹Lit., that ²Lit., word

16 ¹Lit., to ²Lit., palm ³Lit.,
together
^aDeut. 32:9; 1 Sam. 26:19

17 ¹Lit., for rest
^a2 Sam. 14:20; 19:27;
1 Sam. 29:9

19 ^a2 Sam. 14:3

20 ^a2 Sam. 14:17; 19:27

21 ^a2 Sam. 14:11

22 ¹Lit., word

23 ^a2 Sam. 13:37, 38

24 ^a2 Sam. 13:20

25 ^aDeut. 28:35; Job. 2:7;
Is. 1:6

26 ^aEzek. 44:20

27 ^a2 Sam. 18:18
^b2 Sam. 13:1

cut it); he weighed the hair of his head at 200 shekels by the king's weight.

27 And ^ato Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was ^bTamar; she was a woman of beautiful appearance.

28 ^a2 Sam. 14:24

28 Now Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, ^aand did not see the king's face.

30 ¹Lit., *portion*
^aJudg. 15:3-5

29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. So he sent again a second time, but he would not come.

30 Therefore he said to his servants, "See, ^aJoab's ¹field is next to mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the ¹field on fire.

31 ¹Lit., *portion*

31 Then Joab arose, came to Absalom at his house and said to him, "Why have your servants set my ¹field on fire?"

32 ¹Lit., *said to*
^a1 Sam. 20:8

32 And Absalom ¹answered Joab, "Behold, I sent for you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me still to be there."' Now therefore let me see the king's face; ^aand if there is iniquity in me, let him put me to death."

33 ^aGen. 33:4; Luke 15:20

33 So when Joab came to the king and told him, he called for Absalom. Thus he came to the king and prostrated himself on his face to the ground before the king, and ^athe king kissed Absalom.

1 ^a1 Kin. 1:5

CHAPTER 15

NOW it came about after this that ^aAbsalom provided for himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men as runners before him.

2 ^aSam. 19:8; Ruth 4:1

2 And Absalom used to rise early and ^astand beside the way to the gate; and it happened that when any man had a suit to come to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And he would say, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel."

3 ¹Lit., *words*

3 Then Absalom would say to him, "See, your ¹claims are good and right, but no man listens to you on the part of the king."

4 ^aJudg. 9:1-5, 29

4 Moreover, Absalom ^awould say, "Oh that one would appoint me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me, and I would give him justice."

5 ^a2 Sam. 14:33; 20:9

5 And it happened that when a man came near to prostrate himself before him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and ^akiss him.

7 ¹Some ancient versions
 render *four*
^a2 Sam. 3:2, 3

6 And in this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 Now it came about at the end of ¹forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the LORD, in ^aHebron.

8 ¹Heb., *Aram*
^a2 Sam. 13:37, 38
^bGen. 28:20, 21

8 "For your servant ^avowed a vow while I was living at Geshur in ¹Syria, saying, "If the LORD shall indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.'"

9 And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of

Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron.'"

11 Then two hundred men went with Absalom from Jerusalem, ^awho were invited and ^bwent ¹innocently, and they did not know anything.

12 And Absalom sent for ^aAhithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city ^bGiloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for ^cthe people increased continually with Absalom.

13 Then a messenger came to David, saying, "^aThe hearts of the men of Israel are ¹with Absalom."

14 And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "^aArise and let us flee, for *otherwise* none of us shall escape from Absalom. Go in haste, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

15 Then the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants *are ready to do* whatever my lord the king chooses."

16 So the king went out and all his household ¹with him. But ^athe king left ten concubines to keep the house.

17 And the king went out and all the people ¹with him, and they stopped at the last house.

18 Now all his servants passed on beside him, ^aall the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, ^bsix hundred men who had come ¹with him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then the king said to ^aIttai the Gittite, "Why will you also go with us? Return and remain with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile; *return* to your own place.

20 "You came *only* yesterday, and shall I today make you wander with us, while ^aI go where I will? Return and take back your brothers; ^bmercy and ¹truth be with you."

21 But Ittai answered the king and said, "^aAs the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely wherever my lord the king may be, whether for death or for life, there also your servant will be."

22 Therefore David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." So Ittai the Gittite passed over with all his men and all the little ones who *were* with him.

23 While all the country was weeping with a loud voice, all the people passed over. The king also passed over ^athe brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward ^bthe way of the wilderness.

24 Now behold, ^aZadok also *came*, and all the Levites with him ^bcarrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God, and ^cAbiathar came up until all the people had finished passing from the city.

25 And the king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then ^aHe will bring me back again, and show me both it and ^bHis habitation.

26 "But if he should say thus, '^aI have no delight in you,' behold, here I am, ^blet Him do to me as seems good ¹to Him."

27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Are you *not* ^aa seer? Return to the city in peace and your ^btwo sons with you, your son Ahimaaz and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

10 ^a1 Kin. 1:34; 2 Kin. 9:13

11 ¹Lit., *in their integrity*
^a1 Sam. 9:13 ^b1 Sam. 22:15

12 ^a2 Sam. 15:31
^bJosh. 15:51 ^cPs. 3:1

13 ¹Lit., *after*
^a2 Sam. 15:6; Judg. 9:3

14 ^a2 Sam. 12:11; Ps. 3:1title

16 ¹Lit., *at his feet*
^a2 Sam. 16:21, 22

17 ¹Lit., *at his feet*

18 ¹Lit., *at his feet*
^a2 Sam. 8:18 ^b1 Sam. 23:13;
25:13; 30:1, 9

19 ^a2 Sam. 18:2

20 ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^a1 Sam. 23:13 ^b2 Sam. 2:6

21 ^aRuth 1:16, 17

23 ^a1 Kin. 15:13;
² Chr. 29:16 ^b2 Sam. 15:28;
16:2

24 ^a2 Sam. 8:17; 20:25
^bNum. 4:15; 1 Sam. 4:4, 5
^c1 Sam. 22:20

25 ^aPs. 43:3 ^bEx. 15:13;
Jer. 25:30

26 ¹Lit., *in His sight*
^a2 Sam. 11:27; 1 Chr. 21:7
^b1 Sam. 3:18

27 ^a1 Sam. 9:6-9
^b2 Sam. 17:17

28 *2 Sam. 17:16; Josh. 5:10

30 *Esth. 6:12; Ezek. 24:17,
23 *Is. 20:2-4

31 *2 Sam. 15:12
*2 Sam. 16:23; 17:14, 23

32 ¹Or., *tunic* ²Lit., *ground*
*Josh. 16:2

33 *2 Sam. 19:35

34 *2 Sam. 16:19

35 *2 Sam. 17:15, 16

36 *2 Sam. 15:27
*2 Sam. 17:17

37 *2 Sam. 16:16;
1 Chr. 27:33 *2 Sam. 16:15

1 *2 Sam. 15:32
*2 Sam. 9:2-13 *1 Sam. 25:18

2 *Judg. 10:4
*2 Sam. 17:29

3 *2 Sam. 9:9, 10
*2 Sam. 19:26, 27

5 *2 Sam. 3:16; 17:18
*2 Sam. 19:16-23; 1 Kin. 2:8,
9, 44 *Ex. 22:28;
1 Sam. 17:43

7 *2 Sam. 12:9

28 "See, I am going to wait ^aat the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."

29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar returned the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there.

30 And David went up the ascent of the *Mount of Olives*, and wept as he went, and ^ahis head was covered and he walked ^bbarefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went.

31 Now someone told David, saying, "^aAhithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, ^bmake the counsel of Ahithophel foolishness."

32 It happened as David was coming to the summit, where God was worshiped, that behold, Hushai the ^aArchite met him with his ¹coat torn, and ²dust on his head.

33 And David said to him, "If you pass over with me, then you will be ^aa burden to me.

34 "But if you return to the city, and ^asay to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in time past, so I will now be your servant.' Then you can thwart the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

35 "And are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So it shall be that ^awhatever you hear from the king's house, you shall report to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 "Behold ^atheir two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and ^bby them you shall send me everything that you hear."

37 So Hushai, ^aDavid's friend, came into the city, and ^bAbsalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 16

NOW when David had passed ^aa little beyond the summit, behold, ^bZiba the servant of Mephibosheth met him ^cwith a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them *were* two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred clusters of raisins, a hundred summer fruits, and a jug of wine.

2 And the king said to Ziba, "Why do you have these?" And Ziba said, "^aThe donkeys are for the king's household to ride, and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine, ^bfor whoever is faint in the wilderness to drink."

3 Then the king said, "And where is ^ayour master's son?" And ^bZiba said to the king, "Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.' "

4 So the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I prostrate myself; let me find favor in your sight, O my lord, the king!"

5 When King David came to ^aBahurim, behold, there came out from there a man of the family of the house of Saul ^bwhose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out ^ccursing continually as he came.

6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right hand and at his left.

7 And thus Shimei said when he cursed, "Get out, get out, ^ayou man of bloodshed, and worthless fellow!

8 ^aThe LORD has returned upon you all the bloodshed of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And behold, you are *taken* in your own evil, for you are a man of bloodshed!"

9 Then ^aAbishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should ^bthis dead dog ^ccurse my lord the king? Let me go over now, and ¹cut off his head."

10 But the king said, "^aWhat have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah? ^bIf he curses, and if the LORD has told him, 'Curse David,' ^cthen who shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"

11 Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, ^amy son who came out from ¹me seeks my life; how much more now this Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, ^bfor the LORD has told him.

12 "Perhaps the LORD will look on my affliction and ^{1a}return good to me instead of his cursing this day."

13 So David and his men went on the way; and Shimei went along on the hillside parallel with him and as he went he cursed, and cast stones and threw dust at him.

14 And the king and all the people who were with him arrived weary and he refreshed himself there.

15 ^aThen Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, entered Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 Now it came about when ^aHushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that ^bHushai said to Absalom, "^cLong live the king! Long live the king!"

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your ¹loyalty to your friend? ^aWhy did you not go with your friend?"

18 Then Hushai said to Absalom, "No! For whom the LORD, this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him I will remain.

19 "And besides, ^awhom should I serve? *Should I not serve* in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence."

20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give your advice. What shall we do?"

21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "^aGo in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself odious to your father. The hands of all who are with you will also be strengthened."

22 So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, ^aand Absalom went in to his father's concubines ^bin the sight of all Israel.

23 And ^athe advice of Ahithophel, which he ¹gave in those days, *was* as if one inquired of the word of God; ^bso was all the advice of Ahithophel *regarded* by both David and Absalom.

CHAPTER 17

FURTHERMORE, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Please let me choose 12,000 men that I may arise and pursue David tonight.

2 "And ^aI will come upon him while he is weary and

8 *2 Sam. 21:1-9

9 ¹Lit., *take off*
²2 Sam. 19:21; 1 Sam. 26:8;
 Luke 9:54 ²2 Sam. 9:8
^cEx. 22:28

10 *2 Sam. 3:39; 19:22
^bJohn 18:11 ^cRom. 9:20

11 ¹Lit., *my body*
²2 Sam. 12:11 ^bGen. 45:5;
 1 Sam. 26:19

12 ¹Lit., *the LORD will return*
²Deut. 23:5; Rom. 8:28

15 *2 Sam. 15:12, 37

16 *2 Sam. 15:37
^b2 Sam. 15:34 ^c1 Sam. 10:24;
 2 Kin. 11:12

17 ¹Or, *kindness*
²2 Sam. 19:25

19 *2 Sam. 15:34

21 *2 Sam. 15:16

22 *2 Sam. 15:16; 20:3
^b2 Sam. 12:11, 12

23 ¹Lit., *advised*
²2 Sam. 17:14, 23
^b2 Sam. 15:12

2 *2 Sam. 16:14

2 ¹Lit., *slack of hands*
^{b1} Kin. 22:31

3 ¹Lit., *Like the return of the whole is the man whom you seek*

4 ¹Lit., *word was pleasing in the sight of*

5 ¹Lit., *... is in his mouth—even he*
^{a2} Sam. 15:32-34
^{b2} Sam. 15:32-34

6 ¹Lit., *him, saying* ²Lit., *according to this word* ³Lit., *do his word*

7 ¹Lit., *advised*
^{a2} Sam. 16:21

8 ¹Lit., *bitter of soul* ²Lit., *man of war*
^aHos. 13:8

9 ¹Lit., *pits* ²Lit., *according to a falling among them*

10 ¹Lit., *melt*
^aJosh. 2:9-11

11 ¹Lit., *your face go*
^{a1} Sam. 3:20 ^bGen. 22:17;
¹ Sam. 13:5

12 ¹Lit., *settle down*
^aPs. 110:3; ^bMic. 5:7

13 ¹Or, *wadi*
^aMic. 1:6

14 ^{a2} Sam. 15:31, 34

15 ¹Lit., *Thus and thus*
^{a2} Sam. 15:35, 36

16 ¹Lit., *swallowed up*
^{a2} Sam. 15:28

17 ^{a2} Sam. 15:27, 36
^bJosh. 15:7; 18:16

18 ^{a2} Sam. 3:16 16:5

¹exhausted and will terrify him so that all the people who are with him will flee. Then ^{b1} will strike down the king alone,

3 and I will bring back all the people to you. ¹The return of everyone depends on the man you seek; *then* all the people shall be at peace."

4 So the ¹plan pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then Absalom said, "Now call ^bHushai the Archite also, and let us hear what ¹he has to say."

6 When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom said to ¹him, "Ahithophel has spoken ²thus. Shall we ³carry out his plan? If not, you speak."

7 So Hushai said to Absalom, "This time the advice that Ahithophel has ¹given is not good."

8 Moreover, Hushai said, "You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men and they are ¹fierce, ^alike a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is an ²expert in warfare, and will not spend the night with the people.

9 "Behold, he has now hidden himself in one of the ¹caves or in another place; and it will be ²when he falls on them at the first attack, that whoever hears it will say, 'There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.'

10 "And even the one who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, ^awill completely ¹lose heart; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man and those who are with him are valiant men.

11 "But I counsel that all Israel be surely gathered to you, ^afrom Dan even to Beersheba, ^bas the sand that is by the sea in abundance, and that ¹you personally go into battle.

12 "So we shall come to him in one of the places where he can be found, and we will ¹fall on him ^aas the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him, not even one will be left.

13 "And if he withdraws into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will ^adrag it into the ¹valley until not even a small stone is found there."

14 Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For ^athe LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel, in order that the LORD might bring calamity on Absalom.

15 Then ^aHushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "This is what Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel, and ¹this is what I have counseled.

16 "Now therefore send quickly and tell David, saying, 'Do not spend the night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be ¹destroyed.'

17 ^aNow Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at ^bEnrogel, and a maidservant would go and tell them, and they would go and tell King David, for they could not be seen entering the city.

18 But a lad did see them, and told Absalom; so the two of them departed quickly and came to the house of a man ^ain

**David Is Advised.
Ahitophel Commits Suicide.**

2 Samuel 17, 18

Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard, and they went down ¹into it.

18 ¹Lit., *there*

19 And ^athe woman ¹took the covering and spread it over the well's mouth and scattered grain on it, so that nothing was known.

19 ¹Lit., *took and spread the covering*
^aJosh. 2:4-6

20 Then Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house and said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" And ^athe woman said to them, "They have crossed the brook of water." And when they searched and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem.

20 ^aLev. 19:11; Josh. 2:3-5;
1 Sam. 19:12-17

21 And it came about after they had departed that they came up out of the well and went and told King David; and they said to David, "^aArise and cross over the water quickly for thus Ahitophel has counseled against you."

21 ^a2 Sam. 17:15, 16

22 Then David and all the people who *were* with him arose and crossed the Jordan; and by ¹dawn not even one remained who had not crossed the Jordan.

22 ¹Lit., *the light of the morning*

23 Now when Ahitophel saw that his counsel was not ¹followed, he ²saddled *his* donkey and arose and went to his home, to ^ahis city, and ³set his house in order, and ^cstrangled himself; thus he died and was buried in the grave of his father.

23 ¹Lit., *done* ²Lit., *bound*
¹Lit., *gave charge to*
^a2 Sam. 15:12 ^b2 Kin. 20:1
^cMatt. 27:5

24 Then David came to ^aMahanaim. And Absalom crossed the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

24 ^a2 Sam. 2:8; Gen. 32:2, 10

25 And Absalom set ^aAmasa over the army in place of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man whose name was ¹Jithra the Israelite, who went in to Abigail the daughter of ^bNahash, sister of Zeruihah, Joab's mother.

25 ¹E., *Jether the Ishmaelite*, cf. 1 Chr. 2:17
^a2 Sam. 19:13; 20:9-12;
1 Kin. 2:5, 32 ^b1 Chr. 2:13, 16

26 And Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.

27 Now when David had come to Mahanaim, ^aShobi the son of Nahash from ^bRabbah of the sons of Ammon, ^cMachir the son of Ammiel from Lo-debar, and ^dBarzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

27 ^a2 Sam. 10:1, 2;
1 Sam. 11:1; ^b2 Sam. 12:26,
29 ^c2 Sam. 9:4
^d2 Sam. 19:31-40; 1 Kin. 2:7

28 brought beds, basins, pottery, wheat, barley, flour, parched *grain*, beans, lentils, parched *seeds*,

29 honey, curds, sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David and for the people who *were* with him, to eat; for they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty ^ain the wilderness."

29 ^a2 Sam. 16:2, 14

CHAPTER 18

THEN David ¹numbered the people who were with him and ^aset over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds.

1 ¹Lit., *mustered*
^aEx. 18:25; Num. 31:14;
1 Sam. 22:7

2 And David sent the people out, ^aone third under the ¹command of Joab, one third under the ¹command of Abishai the son of Zeruihah, Joab's brother, and one third under the ¹command of ^bIttai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, "I myself will surely go out with you also."

2 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aJudg. 7:16; 1 Sam. 11:11
^b2 Sam. 15:19-22

3 But the people said, "^aYou should not go out; for if we indeed flee, they will not care about us, even if half of us die, they will not care about us. But ¹you are worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that you *be ready* to help us from the city."

3 ¹So with some ancient versions; M.T., *for now there are ten thousand like us*
^a2 Sam. 21:17

4 Then the king said to them, "Whatever seems best to

4 ² Sam. 18:24

5 ² Sam. 18:12

6 ² Sam. 17:26;
Josh. 17:15, 18

7 ¹ Lit., smitten

9 ¹ Lit., placed
² Sam. 14:26

12 ¹ So with some mss. and
the ancient versions; M.T.,
Take care whoever you are
of
² Sam. 18:5

13 ² Sam. 14:19, 20

14 ¹ Lit., tarry thus ² Lit.,
heart
² Sam. 14:30

16 ² Sam. 2:28; 20:22

17 ¹ Lit., the great
² Deut. 21:20, 21; Josh. 7:26;
8:29 ² Sam. 19:8; 20:1, 22

18 ¹ Lit., for the sake of
remembering
² 1 Sam. 15:12 ² Gen. 14:17
² Sam. 14:27

19 ¹ Lit., vindicated
² Sam. 15:36 ² Sam. 18:31

you I will do." So ^athe king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and thousands.

5 And the king charged Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "*Deal* gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And ^aall the people heard when the king charged all the commanders concerning Absalom.

6 Then the people went out into the field against Israel, and the battle took place in ^athe forest of Ephraim.

7 And the people of Israel were ¹defeated there before the servants of David, and the slaughter there that day was great, 20,000 men.

8 For the battle there was spread over the whole countryside, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 Now Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. For Absalom was riding on *his* mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. And ^ahis head caught fast in the oak, so he was ¹left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him kept going.

10 When a certain man saw *it*, he told Joab and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak."

11 Then Joab said to the man who had told him, "Now behold, you saw *him!* Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? And I would have given you ten *pieces* of silver and a belt."

12 And the man said to Joab, "Even if I should receive a thousand *pieces* of silver in my hand, I would not put out my hand against the king's son; for ^ain our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, ¹Protect for me the young man Absalom!"

13 "Otherwise, if I had dealt treacherously against his life (and ^athere is nothing hidden from the king), then you yourself would have stood aloof."

14 Then Joab said, "I will not ¹waste time here with you." ^aSo he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he was yet alive in the ²midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men who carried Joab's armor gathered around and struck Absalom and killed him.

16 Then ^aJoab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained the people.

17 And they took Absalom and cast him into ^aa deep pit in the forest and ^aerected over him a very great heap of stones. And ^ball Israel fled, each to his tent.

18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and ^aset up for himself a pillar which is in ^bthe King's Valley, for he said, "^cI have no son ¹to preserve my name." So he named the pillar after his own name, and it is called Absalom's monument to this day.

19 Then ^aAhimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Please let me run and bring the king news ^bthat the LORD has ¹freed him from the hand of his enemies."

20 But Joab said to him, "You are not the man to carry news this day, but you shall carry news another day; however, you shall carry no news today because the king's son is dead."

21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed to Joab and ran.

22 *2 Sam. 18:29

22 Now Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said once more to Joab, "But whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite." And Joab said, "Why would you run, my son, since you will have no reward for going?"

24 *2 Sam. 19:8
b2 Sam. 13:34; 2 Kin. 9:17

23 "But whatever happens," he said, "I will run." So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain and passed up the Cushite.

27 ¹Lit., see
*2 Kin. 9:20 *1 Kin. 1:42

24 Now ^aDavid was sitting between the two gates; and ^bthe watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man running by himself.

25 And the watchman called and told the king. And the king said, "If he is by himself there is good news in his mouth." And he came nearer and nearer.

28 ¹Heb., "Peace."
*2 Sam. 14:4; 1 Sam. 25:23
b1 Sam. 17:46

26 Then the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called to the gate-keeper and said, "Behold, *another* man running by himself." And the king said, "This one also is bringing good news."

29 *2 Sam. 20:9; 2 Kin. 4:26
b2 Sam. 18:22

27 And the watchman said, "I ¹think the running of the first one ^ais like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "^bThis is a good man and comes with good news."

28 And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, "¹All is well." And ^ahe prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. And he said, "^bBlessed is the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted their hands against my lord the king."

31 ¹Lit., *vindicated*
*2 Sam. 18:19; Judg. 5:31

29 And the king said, "As it well with the young man Absalom?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, and your servant, I saw a great tumult, but ^bI did not know what *it was*."

32 *2 Sam. 18:29
b1 Sam. 25:26

30 Then the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

31 And behold, the Cushite arrived, and the Cushite said, "Let my lord the king receive good news, for ^athe LORD has ¹freed you this day from the hand of all those who rose up against you."

33 ¹Ch. 19:1 in Heb.
*2 Sam. 19:4 *Ex. 32:32;
Rom. 9:3

32 Then the king said to the Cushite, "As it well with the young man Absalom?" And the Cushite answered, "^bLet the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you for evil, be as that young man!"

33 ¹And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! ^bWould I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

1 *2 Sam. 18:5, 14

CHAPTER 19

2 ¹Lit., *salvation*

THEN it was told Joab, "Behold, ^athe king is weeping and mourns for Absalom."

2 And the ¹victory that day was turned to mourning for all the people, for the people heard *it* said that day, "The king is grieved for his son."

2 Samuel 19

¹ Lit., *the king cried*
² Sam. 15:30 ^{b2} Sam. 18:33

⁶ Or, *commanders* ² Lit.,
it would be right in your eyes

⁷ Lit., *to the heart*

⁸ ² Sam. 15:2; 18:24
^{b2} Sam. 18:17

⁹ Lit., *palm*
^{a2} Sam. 8:1-14 ^{b2} Sam. 5:20;
8:1 ^{c2} Sam. 15:14

¹¹ ² Sam. 15:29

¹² ² Sam. 5:1

¹³ ² Sam. 17:25
^{b1} Kin. 19:2 ^{c2} Sam. 8:16
^{a2} Sam. 19:5-7; 3:27-39

¹⁴ ^a Judg. 20:1

¹⁵ ^a Josh. 5:9; 1 Sam.
11:14, 15

¹⁶ ² Sam. 16:5-13;
1 Kin. 2:8

¹⁷ ² Sam. 19:26, 27; 16:1-4

3 So the people went by stealth into the city that day, as people who are humiliated steal away when they flee in battle.

4 And the king ^acovered his face and ¹cried out with a loud voice, "bO my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

5 Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, "Today you have covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who today have saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines;

6 by loving those who hate you, and by hating those who love you. For you have shown today that ¹princes and servants are nothing to you; for I know this day that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then ²you would be pleased.

7 "Now therefore arise, go out and speak ¹kindly to your servants, for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, surely not a man will pass the night with you, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now."

8 So the king arose and sat in the gate. When they told all the people, saying, "Behold, the king is ^asitting in the gate," then all the people came before the king.

Now ^bIsrael had fled, each to his tent.

9 And all the people were quarreling throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "aThe king delivered us from the ¹hand of our enemies and ^bsaved us from the ¹hand of the Philistines, but now ^che has fled out of the land from Absalom.

10 "However, Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. Now then, why are you silent bringing the king back?"

11 Then ^aKing David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the word of all Israel has come to the king, *even* to his house?'

12 'You are my brothers; ^ayou are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?'

13 "And ^asay to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? ^bMay God do so to me, and more also, if you will not be ^ccommander of the army before me continually ^din place of Joab.'

14 Thus he turned the hearts of all the men of Judah ^aas one man, so that they sent *word* to the king, *saying*, "Return, you and all your servants."

15 The king then returned and came as far as the Jordan. And Judah came to ^aGilgal in order to go to meet the king, to bring the king across the Jordan.

16 Then ^aShimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite who was from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, with ^aZiba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they rushed to the Jordan before the king.

18 Then they kept crossing the ford to bring over the king's household, and to do what was good in his sight. And

**Shimei's Confession.
David Sees Mephibosheth and Barzillai.**

2 Samuel 19

Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was about to cross the Jordan.

19 So he said to the king, "Let not my lord consider me guilty, nor remember what your servant did wrong on the day when my lord the king came out from Jerusalem, so that the king should take it to heart.

20 "For your servant knows that I have sinned; therefore behold, I have come today, the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, "Should not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?"

22 David then said, "What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be an adversary to me? Should any man be put to death in Israel today? For do I not know that I am king over Israel today?"

23 And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." Thus the king swore to him.

24 Then Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace.

25 And it was when he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?"

26 So he answered, "O my lord, the king, my servant deceived me; for your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself that I may ride on it and go with the king,' because your servant is lame.

27 "Moreover, he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is like the angel of God, therefore do what is good in your sight.

28 "For all my father's household was nothing but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right do I have yet that I should complain any more to the king?"

29 So the king said to him, "Why do you still speak of your affairs? I have decided, 'You and Ziba shall divide the land.'"

30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him even take it all, since my lord the king has come safely to his own house."

31 Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim; and he went on to the Jordan with the king to escort him over the Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was very old, being eighty years old; and he had sustained the king while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very great man.

33 And the king said to Barzillai, "You cross over with me and I will sustain you in Jerusalem with me."

34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I yet to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

35 "I am now eighty years old. Can I distinguish between good and bad? Or can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Or can I hear any more the voice of singing men and

19 ¹Lit., set
²2 Sam. 16:6-8; 1 Sam. 22:15

20 ²2 Sam. 16:5

21 ²2 Sam. 16:7, 8
^bEx. 22:28

22 ²2 Sam. 3:39; 16:9, 10
^{b1}1 Sam. 11:13

23 ¹1 Kin. 2:8

24 ¹i.e., grandson ²Lit., done
²2 Sam. 9:6-10 ^{b2}2 Sam. 12:20
^cEx. 19:10

25 ²2 Sam. 16:17

26 ²2 Sam. 9:3

27 ²2 Sam. 16:3, 4
^bSam. 14:17, 20

28 ¹Lit., cry out
²2 Sam. 21:6-9 ^{b2}2 Sam. 9:7, 10, 13

29 ¹Lit., said

31 ¹Lit., send
²2 Sam. 17:27-29; 1 Kin. 2:7

32 ¹Or, provided food

33 ¹Or, provide food

34 ¹Lit., are the days of the years of my life
²Cen. 47:8

35 ¹Lit., today
^aPs. 90:10 ^bEcc. 2:8; Is. 5:11, 12

35 ²Sam. 15:3337 ²Sam. 19:40;
1 Kin. 2:7; Jer. 41:1738 ¹Lit., choose39 ²Sam. 14:33;
Gen. 31:55; Ruth 1:1440 ¹Lit., crossed over with
²Sam. 19:9, 1041 ²Judg. 8:1; 12:1
²Sam. 19:11, 1242 ¹Lit., me ²Lit., is it hot to
you ³Or, a gift
²Sam. 19:1243 ¹Singular in Heb.
²Sam. 5:1; 1 Kin. 11:30, 311 ²Sam. 16:7
^bGen. 46:21 ²Sam. 19:43;
1 Kin. 12:16 ^{d1}Sam. 22:7-9
²Sam. 18:17; 1 Sam. 13:2;
2 Chr. 10:162 ¹Lit., went up ²Lit.,
clung to3 ²Sam. 15:16; 16:21, 224 ²Sam. 17:25; 19:135 ¹Sam. 13:86 ²Sam. 21:17
^{b2}Sam. 11:11; 1 Kin. 1:33

women? ^aWhy then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?

36 "Your servant would merely cross over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king compensate me *with* this reward?"

37 "Please let your servant return, that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father and my mother. However, here is your servant ^aChimham, let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what is good in your sight."

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him what is good in your sight; and whatever you ¹require of me, I will do for you."

39 All the people crossed over the Jordan and the king crossed too. The king then ^akissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his place.

40 Now the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him; and all the people of Judah and also ^ahalf the people of Israel ¹accompanied the king.

41 And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, "^aWhy had our brothers ^bthe men of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king and his household and all David's men with him over the Jordan?"

42 Then all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because ^athe king is near relative to ¹us. Why then ²are you angry about this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's *expense*, or has ³anything been taken for us?"

43 But the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said, "^{1a}We have ten parts in the king, therefore ¹we also have more *claim* on David than you. Why then did you treat us with contempt? Was it not ¹our advice first to bring back ¹our king?" Yet the words of the men of Judah were harsher than the words of the men of Israel.

CHAPTER 20

NOW a worthless fellow happened to be ^athere whose name was Sheba, the son of ^bBichri, a Benjamite; and he blew the trumpet and said,

"^cWe have no portion in David,
Nor do we have inheritance in ^dthe son of Jesse;
^eEvery man to his tents, O Israel!"

2 So all the men of Israel ¹withdrew from following David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah ²remained steadfast to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 Then David came to his house at Jerusalem, and ^athe king took the ten women, the concubines whom he had left to keep the house, and placed them under guard and provided them with sustenance, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up until the day of their death, living as widows.

4 Then the king said to ^aAmasa, "Call out the men of Judah for me within three days, and be present here yourself."

5 So Amasa went to call out *the men* of Judah, but he ^adelayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to ^aAbishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom; ^btake your lord's

servants and pursue him, lest he find for himself fortified cities and escape from our sight."

7^a 2 Sam. 8:18; 1 Kin. 1:38
b2 Sam. 15:18

7 So Joab's men went out after him, ^aalong with the Cherethites and the Pelethites and ^ball the mighty men; and they went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

8¹ Lit., before ² Lit., girded with military garment as clothing
^a 2 Sam. 2:13; 3:30

8 When they were at the large stone which is in ^aGibeon, Amasa came ¹to meet them. Now Joab was ²dressed in his military attire, and over it was a belt with a sword in its sheath fastened at his waist; and as he went forward, it fell out.

9^a Matt. 26:49

9 And Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" And ^aJoab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa was not on guard against the sword which was in Joab's hand so ^ahe struck him in the belly with it and poured out his inward parts on the ground, and did not *strike* him again; and he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

10^a 2 Sam. 2:23; 3:27;
1 Kin. 2:5

11 Now there stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, "Whoever favors Joab and whoever is for David, ^alet him follow Joab."

11^a 2 Sam. 20:13

12 But Amasa lay wallowing in *his* blood in the middle of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he ¹removed Amasa from the highway into the field and threw a garment over him when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still.

12¹ Lit., caused to turn

13 As soon as he was removed from the highway, all the men passed on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

14^a Num. 21:16

14 Now he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel even to Beth-maacah and all the ^aBerites; and they were gathered together and also went after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in ^aAbel Beth-maacah, and ^bthey ¹cast up a mound against the city, and it stood by the rampart; and all the people who were with Joab were wreaking destruction in order to topple the wall.

15¹ Lit., poured out
^a 1 Kin. 15:20; 2 Kin. 15:29
^b 2 Kin. 19:32; Ezek. 4:2

16 Then ^aa wise woman called from the city, "Hear, hear! Please tell Joab, 'Come here that I may speak with you.'"

16^a 2 Sam. 14:2

17 So he approached her, and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" And he answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Listen to the words of your maidservant." And he answered, "I am listening."

19^a Deut. 20:10
^b 2 Sam. 14:16; 21:3;
1 Sam. 26:19

18 Then she spoke, saying, "Formerly they used to say, 'They will surely ask *advice* at Abel,' and thus they ended *the dispute*."

19 "I am of those who are peaceable *and* faithful in Israel. ^aYou are seeking to destroy a city even a mother in Israel. Why would you swallow up ^bthe inheritance of the LORD?"

21^a Josh. 24:33
^b 2 Sam. 20:2

20 And Joab answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy!"

21 "Such is not the case. But a man from ^athe hill country of Ephraim, ^bSheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against King David. Only hand him over, and I will depart from the city." And the woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head will be thrown to you over the wall."

22^a 2 Sam. 21:16;
Eccles. 9:13-16

22 Then the woman ^awisely came to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it to

22 ^b2 Sam. 20:123 ^{a2} Sam. 8:16-18; 1 Kin. 4:3-626 ^{a2} Sam. 23:381 ^aGen. 12:10; 26:1; 42:5
^bNum. 27:212 ¹Lit., *had sworn to* ²Lit., *smite*
^aJosh. 9:3, 15-20 ^bEx. 34:11-16; Deut. 7:2; 1 Sam. 28:33 ^{a2} Sam. 20:19;
1 Sam. 26:194 ^aNum. 35:31, 325 ¹Lit., *against us that we should be exterminated*
^{a2} Sam. 21:16 ¹Lit., *expose them*
^aNum. 25:4 ^{b1} Sam. 10:247 ^{a2} Sam. 4:4; 9:10
^{b1} Sam. 18:3; 20:12-17; 23:188 ¹So Gk. and Heb. mss.
^{a2} Sam. 3:7 ^{b1} Kin. 19:169 ¹Lit., *exposed them*
^aEx. 9:31, 3210 ¹Lit., *water was poured*
²Lit., *gave*
^aDeut. 21:23 ^{b1} Sam. 17:44, 4612 ^{a1} Sam. 31:11-13

Joab. So ^bhe blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, each to his tent. Joab also returned to the king at Jerusalem.

23 ^aNow Joab was over the whole army of Israel, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites;

24 and Adoram was over the forced labor, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

25 and Sheva was scribe, and Zadok and Abiathar were priests;

26 and ^aIra the Jairite was also a priest to David.

CHAPTER 21

NOW there was ^aa famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and ^bDavid sought the presence of the LORD. And the LORD said, "It is for Saul and his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death."

2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the sons of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites, and ^athe sons of Israel ¹made a covenant with them, but Saul had sought to ²kill them ^bin his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah).

3 Thus David said to the Gibeonites, "What should I do for you? And how can I make atonement ^athat you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?"

4 Then the Gibeonites said to him, "^aWe have no concern of silver or gold with Saul or his house, nor is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said, "I will do for you whatever you say."

5 So they said to the king, "^aThe man who consumed us, and who planned ¹to exterminate us from remaining within any border of Israel,

6 let seven men from his sons be given to us, and we will ¹hang them ^abefore the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, ^bthe chosen of the LORD." And the king said, "I will give them."

7 But the king spared ^aMephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, ^bbecause of the oath of the LORD which was between them, between David and Saul's son Jonathan.

8 So the king took the two sons of ^aRizpah the daughter of Aiah, Armoni and Mephibosheth whom she had born to Saul, and the five sons of ¹Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she had born to Adriel the son of Barzillai the ^bMeholathite.

9 Then he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they ¹hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, so that the seven of them fell together; and they were put to death in the first days of harvest at ^athe beginning of barley harvest.

10 ^aAnd Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until ¹it rained on them from the sky; and ^bshe ²allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 When it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done,

12 then David went and took ^athe bones of Saul and the

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David's Psalm of Praise.**

bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the open square of ^bBethshan, ^cwhere the Philistines had hanged them on the day ^dthe Philistines struck down Saul in Gilboa.

13 And he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there, and they gathered the bones of those who had been ¹hanged.

14 And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in ^aZela, in the grave of Kish his father; thus they did all that the king commanded, and after that ^bGod was moved by entreaty for the land.

15 Now when ^athe Philistines were at war again with Israel, David went down and his servants with him; and as they fought against the Philistines, David became weary.

16 Then Ishbi-benob, who was ^aamong the descendants of the ¹giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of bronze in weight, ²was girded with a new sword, and he ³intended to kill David.

17 But ^aAbishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall not go out again with us to battle, that you may not extinguish ^cthe lamp of Israel."

18 ^aNow it came about after this that there was war again with the Philistines at Gob; then ^bSibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was among the descendants of the ¹giant.

19 And there was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite ¹killed Goliath the Gittite, ^athe shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was war at Gath again, and where there was a man of *great* stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also had been born ^ato the ¹giant.

21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down.

22 ^aThese four were born to the ¹giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 22

^aAND David spoke ^bthe words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the ¹hand of all his enemies and from the ¹hand of Saul.

2 And he said,
"The LORD is my ¹rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

3 ^{1a}My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
My ^bshield and ^cthe horn of my salvation, my stronghold and ^dmy refuge:
My savior, Thou dost save me from violence.

4 "I call upon the LORD, ^awho is worthy to be praised;
And I am saved from my enemies.

5 "For ^athe waves of death encompassed me;
^bThe torrents of ¹destruction ²overwhelmed me;

2 Samuel 21, 22

12 ^bJosh. 17:11
^c1 Sam. 31:10 ^d1 Sam. 31:4

13 ¹Lit., *exposed*

14 ^aJosh. 18:28
^b2 Sam. 24:25; Josh. 7:26

15 ^a2 Sam. 5:17-25

16 ¹Heb., *Raphah* ²Lit., *and he was* ³Lit., *said*
^a2 Sam. 21:18-22;
Num. 13:22, 28; Josh. 15:14

17 ^a2 Sam. 20:6-10
^b2 Sam. 18:3 ^c2 Sam. 22:29;
1 Kin. 11:36

18 ¹Heb., *Raphah*
^a1 Chr. 20:4-8 ^b1 Chr. 11:29;
27:11

19 ¹Lit., *smote*
^a1 Sam. 17:7

20 ¹Heb., *Raphah*
^a2 Sam. 21:16, 18

22 ¹Heb., *Raphah*
^a1 Chr. 20:8

¹ Lit., *palm*
^aPs. 18:2-50 ^bEx. 15:1;
Deut. 31:30

² Lit., *crag*
^a1 Sam. 23:25; 24:2; Ps. 31:3;
71:3

³ Lit., *God of my rock*
^aDeut. 32:4, 37; 1 Sam. 2:2
^bGen. 15:1; Deut. 33:29
^cDeut. 33:17; Luke 1:69
^dPs. 9:9

⁴ Ps. 48:1; 96:4

⁵ Heb., *Belial* ²Or,
terrified
^aPs. 93:4; Jon. 2:3 ^bPs.
69:14, 15

⁶ ¹*l.e., the nether world*
^aPs. 116:3

⁷ ¹*Or, called*
^aPs. 116:4; 120:1

⁸ ^aJudg. 5:4; Ps. 97:4
^bJob 26:11

⁹ ¹*Or, in His wrath*
^aPs. 97:4; Heb. 12:29
^{b2} Sam. 22:13

¹⁰ ^aEx. 19:16; 1 Kin. 8:12;
 Ps. 97:2; Nah. 1:3

¹¹ ¹*Many mss. read, sped*
^{a2} Sam. 6:2 ^bPs. 104:3

¹² ¹*Or, pavilions*
^aJob 36:29

¹³ ^{a2} Sam. 22:9

¹⁴ ^aJob 37:2-5; Ps. 29:3

¹⁵ ¹*Lit., confused*
^aDeut. 32:23; Josh. 10:10;
 1 Sam. 7:10

¹⁶ ¹*Or, uncovered*
^aEx. 15:8; Nah. 1:4

¹⁷ ^aPs. 144:7 ^bEx. 2:10

¹⁹ ^aPs. 23:4

²⁰ ^aPs. 31:8; 118:5
^{b2} Sam. 15:26

²¹ ^{a1} Sam. 26:23;
 1 Kin. 8:32 ^bPs. 24:4

²² ^aGen. 18:19; Ps. 128:1;
 Prov. 8:32

²³ ¹*Lit., it*
^aDeut. 6:6-9; Ps. 119:30, 102

²⁴ ¹*Lit., complete or
 having integrity*
^aGen. 6:9; 7:1; Eph. 1:4;
 Col. 1:21, 22

²⁵ ^{a2} Sam. 22:21

²⁶ ¹*Or, loyal* ²*Lit.,
 complete or having
 integrity*
^aMatt. 5:7

²⁷ ¹*Lit., twisted*
^aMatt. 5:8; 1 John 3:3
^bLcv. 26:23, 24; Rom. 1:28

6 ^aThe cords of ¹Sheol surrounded me;
 The snares of death confronted me.

7 ^aIn my distress I called upon the LORD,
 Yes, I ¹cried to my God;
 And from His temple He heard my voice,
 And my cry for help *came* into His ears.

8 ^aThen ^athe earth shook and quaked,
^bThe foundations of heaven were trembling
 And were shaken, because He was angry.

9 ^aSmoke went up ¹out of His nostrils,
 And fire from His mouth devoured;
^bCoals were kindled by it.

10 ^aHe bowed the heavens also, and came down
 With ^athick darkness under His feet.

11 ^aAnd He rode on a cherub and flew;
 And He ¹appeared on ^bthe wings of the wind.

12 ^aAnd He made darkness ¹canopies around Him,
 A mass of waters, thick clouds of the sky.

13 ^aFrom the brightness before Him
^aCoals of fire were kindled.

14 ^aThe LORD thundered from heaven,
 And the Most High uttered His voice.

15 ^aAnd He sent out arrows, and scattered them,
 Lightning, and ¹routed them.

16 ^aThen the channels of the sea appeared,
 The foundations of the world were ¹laid bare,
 By the rebuke of the LORD,
^aAt the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

17 ^aHe sent from on high, He took me;
^bHe drew me out of many waters.

18 ^aHe delivered me from my strong enemy,
 From those who hated me, for they were too strong for
 me.

19 ^aThey confronted me in the day of my calamity,
^aBut the LORD was my support.

20 ^aHe also brought me forth into a broad place;
 He rescued me, ^bbecause He delighted in me.

21 ^aThe LORD has rewarded me according to my
 righteousness;
^bAccording to the cleanness of my hands He has recom-
 pensed me.

22 ^aFor I have kept the ways of the LORD,
 And have not acted wickedly against my God.

23 ^aFor all His ordinances *were* before me;
 And *as for* His statutes, I did not depart from ¹them.

24 ^aI was also ¹blameless toward Him,
 And I kept myself from my iniquity.

25 ^aTherefore the LORD has recompensed me according to
 my righteousness,
 According to my cleanness before His eyes.

26 ^aWith the ¹kind Thou dost show Thyself ¹kind,
 With the ²blameless Thou dost show Thyself
²blameless;

27 ^aWith the pure Thou dost show Thyself pure,
^bAnd with the perverted Thou dost show Thyself
¹astute.

- 28 ^aAnd Thou dost save an afflicted people;
^bBut Thine eyes are on the haughty *whom* Thou dost abase.
- 29 ^aFor Thou art my lamp, O LORD;
 And the LORD illumines my darkness.
- 30 ^aFor by Thee I can ¹run upon a troop;
 By my God I can leap over a wall.
- 31 ^aAs for God, His way is ¹blameless;
^bThe word of the LORD is tested;
^cHe is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- 32 ^aFor who is God, besides the LORD?
^bAnd who is a rock, besides our God?
- 33 ^aGod is my strong fortress;
 And He ¹sets the ²blameless in ³his way.
- 34 ^aHe makes ¹my feet like hinds' *feet*,
^bAnd sets me on my high places.
- 35 ^aHe trains my hands for battle,
^bSo that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 36 "Thou hast also given me ^athe shield of Thy salvation,
 And Thy ¹help makes me great.
- 37 ^aThou dost enlarge my steps under me,
 And my ¹feet have not slipped.
- 38 "I pursued my enemies and ^adestroyed them,
 And I did not turn back until they were consumed.
- 39 "And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise;
 And ^athey fell under my feet.
- 40 "For Thou hast girded me with strength for battle;
 Thou hast ¹subdued under me ^athose who rose up against me.
- 41 "Thou hast also ^amade my enemies turn *their* backs to me,
 And I ¹destroyed those who hated me.
- 42 ^aThey looked, but there was none to save;
^b*Even* to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
- 43 ^aThen I pulverized them as the dust of the earth,
^b¹Crushed *and* stamped them as the mire of the streets.
- 44 ^aThou hast also delivered me from the contentions of my people;
^bThou hast kept me as head of the nations;
^cA people whom I have not known serve me.
- 45 ^aForeigners pretend obedience to me;
 As soon as they hear, they obey me.
- 46 "Foreigners ¹lose heart,
^aAnd ²come trembling out of their ³fortresses.
- 47 "The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock;
 And exalted be ^{1a}God, the rock of my salvation,
- 48 ^aThe God who executes vengeance for me,
^bAnd brings down peoples under me,
- 49 Who also brings me out from my enemies;
 Thou dost even lift me above ^athose who rise up against me;
^bThou dost rescue me from the violent man.
- 50 ^aTherefore I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD, among the nations,
 And I will sing praises to Thy name.

²⁸ *Ex. 3:7, 8; Ps. 72:12, 13
^bIs. 2:11, 12, 17; 5:15

²⁹ *2 Sam. 21:17; Ps. 27:1;
 1 Kin. 11:36

³⁰ ¹Or, *crush a troop*
^a2 Sam. 5:6-8

³¹ ¹Lit., *complete or having integrity*
^aDeut. 32:4; Matt. 5:48
^bPs. 12:6; 119:140; Prov. 30:5
^c2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 84:9

³² ¹ Sam. 2:2 ^b2 Sam. 22:2

³³ ¹Or, *sets free* ²Lit., *complete or having integrity* ³Another reading is, *my*
^a2 Sam. 22:2; Ps. 31:3, 4

³⁴ ¹Another reading is, *His*
^a2 Sam. 2:18; Heb. 3:19
^bDeut. 32:13

³⁵ *Ps. 144:1 ^bJob 20:24

³⁶ ¹Lit., *answering*
^aEph. 6:16, 17

³⁷ ¹Lit., *ankles*
^a2 Sam. 22:20; Prov. 4:12

³⁸ *Ex. 15:9

³⁹ *Mal. 4:3

⁴⁰ ¹Lit., *caused to bow down*
^aPs. 44:5

⁴¹ ¹Or, *silence*
^aEx. 23:27; Josh. 10:24

⁴² *Is. 17:7, 8 ^b1 Sam. 28:6;
 Is. 1:15

⁴³ *2 Kin. 13:7 ^bIs. 10:6;
 Mic. 7:10

⁴⁴ *2 Sam. 3:1; 19:9, 14
^b2 Sam. 8:1-14 ^cIs. 55:5

⁴⁵ *Ps. 66:3; 81:15

⁴⁶ ¹Lit., *languish* ²Lit., *gird themselves* ³Lit., *fastnesses*
^a1 Sam. 14:11; Mic. 7:17

⁴⁷ ¹Lit., *the God of the rock*
^a2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 89:26

⁴⁸ *2 Sam. 4:8;
 1 Sam. 24:12; 25:39; Ps. 94:1
^bPs. 144:2

⁴⁹ *Ps. 44:5 ^bPs. 140:1, 4, 11

⁵⁰ *Rom. 15:9

51 ¹i.e., victories; lit.,
salvation ²Lit., seed
^aPs. 144:10 ^bPs. 89:24
^c2 Sam. 7:12-16

1 ^a2 Sam. 7:8, 9; Ps. 78:70,
71 ^b1 Sam. 16:12, 13;
Ps. 89:20

2 ^aMatt. 22:43; 2 Pet. 1:21

3 ^a2 Chr. 22:2, 3, 32
^bPs. 72:1-3; Is. 11:1-5
^c2 Chr. 19:7, 9

4 ^aJudg. 5:31; Ps. 72:6

5 ^a2 Sam. 7:12; Ps. 89:29;
Is. 55:3

6 ^aMatt. 13:41

7 ¹Lit., filled ²Lit., sitting
^aMatt. 3:10; 13:30; Heb. 6:8

8 ¹Or, three
^a1 Chr. 11:11-17

9 ¹Lit., reproached ²Lit.,
gone up
^a1 Chr. 27:4 ^b1 Chr. 8:4

10 ¹Lit., his hand clung
²Lit., salvation
^a1 Chr. 11:13 ^b1 Sam. 11:13;
19:5

11 ¹Possibly, at Lehi
^a2 Sam. 23:33

12 ¹Lit., salvation
^a2 Sam. 23:10

13 ^a1 Sam. 22:1

51 ^a"He is a tower of ¹deliverance to His king,
And ^bshows lovingkindness to His anointed,
^c"To David and his ²descendants forever."

CHAPTER 23

Now these are the last words of David.

David the son of Jesse declares,
^aAnd the man who was raised on high declares,
^bThe anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel,

2 ^a"The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,
And His word was on my tongue.

3 ^a"The God of Israel said,
^aThe Rock of Israel spoke to me,
^bHe who rules over men righteously,
^cWho rules in the fear of God,

4 ^aIs as the light of the morning *when* the sun rises,
A morning without clouds,
When the tender grass *springs* out of the earth,
Through sunshine after rain.

5 ^a"Truly is not my house so with God?
For ^aHe has made an everlasting covenant with me,
Ordered in all things, and secured;
For all my salvation and all *my* desire,
Will He not indeed make *it* grow?

6 ^a"But the worthless, every one of them will be thrust
away like thorns,

Because they cannot be taken in hand;

7 But the man who touches them
Must be ¹armed with iron and the shaft of a spear,
And ^athey will be completely burned with fire
in *their* ²place."

8 ^aThese are the names of the mighty men whom David
had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the ¹cap-
tains, he was called Adino the Eznite, because of eight
hundred slain *by him* at one time;

9 and after him was Eleazar the son of ^aDodoi the ^bAho-
rite, one of the three mighty men with David when they
¹defied the Philistines who were gathered there to battle and
the men of Israel had ²withdrawn.

10 ^aHe arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was
weary and ¹clung to the sword, and ^bthe LORD brought about a
great ²victory that day; and the people returned after him only
to strip *the slain*.

11 Now after him was Shammah the son of Agec a ^aHara-
rite. And the Philistines were gathered ¹into a troop, where
there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled
from the Philistines.

12 But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended
it and struck the Philistines; and ^athe LORD brought about a
great ¹victory.

13 Then three of the thirty chief men went down and
came to David in the harvest time to the ^acave of Adullam,

while the troop of the Philistines was camping in ^bthe valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then ^ain the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 And David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!"

16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but ^apoured it out to the LORD;

17 and he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. ^aShall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

18 And ^aAbishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was ^bchief of the ¹thirty. And he swung his spear against three hundred ²and killed them, and had a name as well as the three.

19 He was most honored of the thirty, therefore he became their commander; however, he did not attain to the three.

20 Then ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of ^bKabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, ¹killed the ²two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.

21 And he ¹killed an Egyptian, ²an impressive man. Now the Egyptian *had* a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

22 These things ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

23 He was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David appointed him over his guard.

24 ^aAsahel the brother of Joab was among the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

25 ^aShammah the ^bHarodite, Elikah the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the ^aTekoite,

27 Abiezer the ^aAnathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahoite, Maharai the ^aNetophathite,

29 ^aHeleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of ^bGibeah of the sons of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah a ^aPirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of ^bGaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the ^aBarhumite,

32 Eliahba the ^aShaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

33 ^aShammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of ^athe Maacathite, ^bEliam the son of ^aAhithophel the Gilonite,

35 ^aHezro the ^bCarmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of ^aZobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the ^aBeerothite, armor bearers of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 ^aIra the ^bIthrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

39 ^aUriah the Hittite; thirty-seven in all.

13 ^{b2} Sam. 5:18

14 ^{a1} Sam. 22:4, 5

16 ^aGen. 35:14

17 ^aLev. 17:10

18 ¹So two Heb. mss. and Syriac; M.T. *three* ²Lit., slain ones
^{a2} Sam. 10:10, 14; 18:2
^{b1} Chr. 11:20, 21

20 ¹Lit., smote ²Or, two lion-like heroes
^{a2} Sam. 8:18, 20, 23
^bJosh. 15:21

21 ¹Lit., smote ²Lit., a man of appearance

22 ^{a2} Sam. 23:20

24 ^{a2} Sam. 2:18; 1 Chr. 27:7

25 ^{a1} Chr. 11:27; ^bJudg. 7:1

26 ^{a2} Sam. 14:2

27 ^aJosh. 21:18

28 ^{a2} Kin. 25:23

29 ^{a1} Chr. 11:30
^bJosh. 18:28

30 ^aJudg. 12:13, 15
^bJosh. 24:30

31 ^{a2} Sam. 3:16

32 ^aJosh. 19:42

33 ^{a2} Sam. 23:11

34 ^{a2} Sam. 10:6, 8; 20:14
^{b2} Sam. 11:3 ^{a2} Sam. 15:12

35 ^{a1} Chr. 11:37
^bJosh. 15:55

36 ^{a2} Sam. 8:3

37 ^{a2} Sam. 4:2

38 ^{a2} Sam. 20:26
^{b1} Chr. 2:53

39 ^{a2} Sam. 11:3, 6

CHAPTER 24

¹ ^{a1} Chr. 21:1
^{b2} Sam. 21:1, 2
^{c1} Chr. 27:23, 24

² ¹ Lit., *muster*
^{a2} Sam. 3:10; Judg. 20:1

³ ^a Deut. 1:11

⁴ ¹ Lit., *muster*

⁵ ^a Deut. 2:36; Josh. 13:9,
¹⁶ ^b Num. 21:32; 32:35

⁶ ¹ Or, *Kadesh in the land
of the Hittite*
^a Josh. 19:28; Judg. 1:31

⁷ ^a Josh. 19:29 ^b Josh. 11:3;
¹ Judg. 3:3 ^c Gen. 21:22-33

⁹ ¹ Lit., *muster*
^a Num. 1:44-46 ^{b1} Chr. 21:5

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., *smote* ² Lit., *cause
to pass away*
^{a1} Sam. 24:5 ^{b2} Sam. 12:13
^{c1} Sam. 13:13; 2 Chr. 16:9

¹¹ ^{a1} Sam. 22:5;
¹ Chr. 29:29 ^{b1} Sam. 9:9

¹³ ^{a1} Chr. 21:12;
¹ Ezek. 14:21

¹⁴ ^a Ps. 51:1; 130:4, 7

¹⁵ ¹ Lit., *gave*
^{a1} Chr. 21:14; 27:24
^{b2} Sam. 24:2

^a NOW ^b again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and it incited David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

² And the king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, "Go about now through all the tribes of Israel, ^a from Dan to Beersheba, and ¹ register the people, that I may know the number of the people."

³ But Joab said to the king, "^a Now may the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king *still* see; but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?"

⁴ Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab and against the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king, to ¹ register the people of Israel.

⁵ And they crossed the Jordan and camped in ^a Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad, and toward ^b Jazer.

⁶ Then they came to Gilead and to ¹ the land of Tahtimhodshi, and they came to Dan-jaan and around to ^a Sidon,

⁷ and came to the ^a fortress of Tyre and to all the cities of the ^b Hivites and of the Canaanites, and they went out to the south of Judah, to ^c Beersheba.

⁸ So when they had gone about through the whole land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

⁹ And Joab gave ^a the number of the ¹ registration of the people to the king; and there were in Israel ^b eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

¹⁰ Now ^a David's heart ¹ troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "^{b1} I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please ² take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for ^{c1} I have acted very foolishly."

¹¹ When David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to ^a the prophet Gad, David's ^b seer, saying,

¹² "Go and speak to David, 'Thus the LORD says, "I am offering you three things; choose for yourself one of them, which I may do to you."'"

¹³ So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall ^a seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider and see what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."

¹⁴ Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us now fall into the hand of the LORD ^a for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

¹⁵ So ^a the LORD ¹ sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning until the appointed time; and seventy thousand men of the people ^b from Dan to Beersheba died.

16 ^aWhen the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, ^bthe LORD relented from the calamity, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough! Now relax your hand!" And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

16 ^aEx. 12:23; 2 Kin. 19:35; Acts 12:23 ^bEx. 32:14; 1 Sam. 15:11

17 Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, "Behold, ^ait is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but ^bthese sheep, what have they done? Please let Thy hand be against me and against my father's house."

17 ^a2 Sam. 24:10
^b2 Sam. 7:8; Ps. 74:1

18 So Gad came to David that day and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of ^aAraunah the Jebusite."

19 And David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the LORD had commanded.

18 ^a2 Chr. 3:1

20 And Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king.

21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, ^athat the plague may be held back from the people."

21 ^aNum. 16:44-50

22 And Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, ^athe oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood.

23 ^a"Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God ^baccept you."

22 ^a1 Sam. 6:14; 1 Kin. 19:21

24 However, the king said to Araunah. "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for ^aI will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God ¹which cost me nothing." So ^bDavid bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. ^aThus the LORD was moved by entreaty for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.

23 ^aGen. 23:8-16
^bEzek. 20:40, 41

24 ¹Lit., *gratuitously*
^aMal. 1:13, 14 ^b1 Chr. 21:24, 25

25 ^a2 Sam. 21:14

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

David the Aged.

2 ¹Lit., stand before

3 ¹Josh. 19:18; 1 Sam. 28:4

4 ¹Lit., know her

5 ²Sam. 3:4 ^{b2}Sam. 15:1

6 ¹Lit., pained him ²Lit., she gave him birth
²Sam. 3:3, 4

7 ¹Lit., his words were
¹Chr. 11:6 ^{b1}Sam. 22:20,
23

8 ²Sam. 20:25; 1 Chr. 16:39 ^{b2}Sam. 8:18 ^{c2}Sam. 12:1 ^{d2}Sam. 23:8-39

9 ¹Or, Gliding or Serpent Stone
¹Josh. 15:7; 18:16; 2 Sam. 17:17

10 ²Sam. 12:24

13 ¹Lit., and enter
¹Kin. 1:30; 1 Chr. 22:9-13

15 ¹Kin. 1:1

16 ¹Lit., to ²Lit., to you

NOW King David was old, advanced in age; and they covered him with clothes, but he could not keep warm.

2 So his servants said to him, "Let them seek a young virgin for my lord the king, and let her ¹attend the king and become his nurse; and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may keep warm."

3 So they searched for a beautiful girl throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag the ^aShunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the girl was very beautiful; and she became the king's nurse and served him, but the king did not ¹cohabit with her.

5 Now ^aAdonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." So ^bhe prepared for himself chariots and horsemen with fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had never ¹crossed him at any time by asking, "Why have you done so?" And he was also a very handsome man; and ^{2a}he was born after Absalom.

7 And ¹he had conferred with ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah and with ^bAbiathar the priest; and following Adonijah they helped him.

8 But ^aZadok the priest, ^bBenaiah the son of Jehoiada, ^cNathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and ^dthe mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings by the ¹stone of Zohemoth, which is beside ^aEn-rogel; and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants.

10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, and ^aSolomon his brother.

11 Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it?"

12 "So now come, please let me give you counsel and save your life and the life of your son Solomon.

13 "Go ¹at once to King David and say to him, 'Have you not, my lord, O king, sworn to your maidservant, saying, "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?'

14 "Behold, while you are still there speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words."

15 So Bathsheba went in to the king in the bedroom. Now ^athe king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to the king.

16 Then Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself ¹before the king. And the king said, "What ²do you wish?"

17 And she said to him, "My lord, you swore to your

maidservant by the LORD your God, saying, ^a“Surely your son Solomon shall be king after me and he shall sit on my throne.”

18 “And now, behold, Adonijah is king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know it.

19 “And ^ahe has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army; but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

20 “And as for you now, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 “Otherwise it will come about, ^aas soon as my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered ¹offenders.”

22 And behold, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, “Here is Nathan the prophet.” And when he came in before the king, he prostrated himself ¹before the king with his face to the ground.

24 Then Nathan said, “My lord the king, have you said, ‘Adonijah shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne’?”

25 “^aFor he has gone down today and has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king’s sons and the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest, and behold, they are eating and drinking before him; and they say, ^b“Long live King Adonijah!”

26 “^aBut me, *even* me your servant, and Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and your servant Solomon, he has not invited.

27 “Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not shown to your ¹servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?”

28 Then King David answered and said, “Call Bathsheba to me.” And she came into the king’s presence and stood before the king.

29 And the king vowed and said, “^aAs the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress,

30 surely as ^aI vowed to you by the LORD the God of Israel, saying, ‘Your son Solomon shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place’; I will indeed do so this day.”

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and prostrated herself ¹before the king and said, “^aMay my lord King David live forever.”

32 Then King David said, “Call to me ^aZadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.” And they came into the king’s presence.

33 And the king said to them, “Take with you ^athe servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to ^bGihon.

34 “And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet ^aanoint him there as king over Israel, and ^bblow the trumpet and say, ^c“Long live King Solomon!”

35 “Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come

17¹ Kin. 1:1319¹ Kin. 1:921 ¹Lit., sinners
¹ Kin. 2:10; Deut. 31:16;
2 Sam. 7:1223 ¹Lit., to25¹ Kin. 1:9^{b1} Sam. 10:2426¹ Kin. 1:8, 1027 ¹Some mss. read servant29² Sam. 4:930¹ Kin. 1:13, 1731 ¹Lit., to
^aDan. 2:4; 3:932¹ Kin. 1:833² Sam. 20:6, 7^{b2} Chr.
32:30; 33:1434¹ Sam. 10:1; 16:3, 12
^{b2} Sam. 15:10^{c1} Kin. 1:25

37 ^aJosh. 1:5, 17; 1 Sam. 20:13 ^{b1} Kin. 1:47

38 ^{a1} Kin. 1:8 ^{b2} Sam. 8:18
^{c1} Kin. 1:33

39 ^aEx. 30:23-32; 1 Chr. 16:39; Ps. 89:20 ^{b1} Chr. 29:22
^{c1} Kin. 1:34

40 ¹Lit., fluting ²Lit., was split

41 ¹Lit., is the sound of the city an uproar

42 ^{a2} Sam. 15:27, 36; 17:17
^{b2} Sam. 18:27

45 ^{a1} Kin. 1:40

46 ^{a1} Chr. 29:23

47 ^{a1} Kin. 1:37 ^bGen. 47:31

48 ^{a1} Kin. 3:6; 2 Sam. 7:12

50 ^{a1} Kin. 2:28; Ex. 27:2; 30:10

52 ^{a1} Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam. 14:11

and sit on my throne and be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Amen! Thus may the LORD, the God of my lord the king, say.

37 ^a"As the LORD has been with my lord the king, so may He be with Solomon, and ^bmake his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David!"

38 So ^aZadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, ^bthe Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and brought him to ^cGihon.

39 Zadok the priest then ^atook the horn of oil from the tent and ^banointed Solomon. Then they ^cblew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

40 And all the people went up after him, and the people ¹were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth ²shook at their noise.

41 Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it, as they finished eating. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Why ¹is the city making such an uproar?"

42 While he was still speaking, behold, ^aJonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. Then Adonijah said, "Come in, for ^byou are a valiant man and bring good news."

43 But Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 "The king has also sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king's mule.

45 "And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon, and they have come up from there rejoicing, ^aso that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise which you have heard.

46 "Besides, ^aSolomon has even taken his seat on the throne of the kingdom.

47 "And moreover, the king's servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May ^ayour God make the name of Solomon better than your name and his throne greater than your throne!' And ^bthe king bowed himself on the bed.

48 "The king has also said thus, 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who ^ahas granted one to sit on my throne today while my own eyes see it.'"

49 Then all the guests of Adonijah were terrified; and they arose and each went on his way.

50 And Adonijah was afraid of Solomon, and he arose, went and ^atook hold of the horns of the altar.

51 Now it was told Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon, for behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

52 And Solomon said, "If he will be a worthy man, ^anot one of his hairs will fall to the ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he will die."

53 So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and prostrated himself ¹before King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

CHAPTER 2

AS David's ^{1a}time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 ^a"I am going the way of all the earth. ^bBe strong, therefore, and ¹show yourself a man.

3 "And keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, ^aaccording to what is written in the law of Moses, that ^byou may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn,

4 so that ^athe LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, ^bIf your sons are careful of their way, ^cto walk before Me in ¹truth with all their heart and with all their soul, ^{2d}you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

5 "Now you also know what Joab the ^ason of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to ^bAbner the son of Ner, and to ^cAmasa the son of Jether, whom he killed; he also ¹shed the blood of war in peace. And he put the blood of war on his belt ²about his waist, and on his sandals ³on his feet.

6 ^a"So act according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to ¹Sheol in peace.

7 ^a"But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and ^blet them be among those who eat at your table; ^cfor they ¹assisted me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

8 "And behold, ^athere is with you Shimei the son of Gera the Benjamite, of Bahurim; now it was he who cursed me with a ¹violent curse on the day I went to Mahanaim. But when ^bhe came down to me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'

9 "Now therefore, do not let him go unpunished, ^afor you are a wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to him, and you will bring his gray hair down to ¹Sheol with blood."

10 Then ^aDavid slept with his fathers and was buried in ^bthe city of David.

11 And ^athe days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: ^bseven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

12 And ^aSolomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

13 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, "Do you ^acome peacefully?" And he said, "Peacefully."

14 Then he said, "I have something to say to you." And she said, "Speak."

15 So he said, "You know that ^athe kingdom was mine and ^bthat all Israel ¹expected me to be king; ^chowever, the kingdom has turned about and become my brother's, ^dfor it was his from the LORD.

53 ¹Lit., to

¹ ¹Lit., days
^aGen. 47:29; Deut. 31:14

² ¹Lit., become a man
^aJosh. 23:14 ^bDeut. 31:7, 23; Josh. 1:6, 7

³ ^aDeut. 17:18-20 ^b1 Chr. 22:12, 13

⁴ ¹Or, faithfulness ²Lit., saying, there shall not be cast off to you a man from before Me
^a2 Sam. 7:25 ^bPs. 132:12
^c2 Kin. 20:3 ^d1 Kin. 8:25; 9:5; 2 Sam. 7:12, 13

⁵ ¹Lit., made ²Lit., that was about ³Lit., that were on
^a2 Sam. 2:13, 18 ^b1 Kin. 2:32; 2 Sam. 3:27 ^c2 Sam. 20:10

⁶ ¹i.e., the nether world
^a1 Kin. 2:9

⁷ ¹Lit., came near to
^a2 Sam. 19:31-38 ^b2 Sam. 9:7, 10 ^c2 Sam. 17:27-29

⁸ ¹Or, grievous
^a2 Sam. 16:5-8 ^b2 Sam. 19:18-23

⁹ ¹i.e., the nether world
^a1 Kin. 2:6

¹⁰ ^aActs 2:29; 13:36 ^b1 Kin. 3:1; 2 Sam. 5:7

¹¹ ^a2 Sam. 5:4, 5; 1 Chr. 29:26, 27 ^b2 Sam. 5:5

¹² ^a1 Chr. 29:23; 2 Chr. 1:1

¹³ ^a1 Sam. 16:4

¹⁵ ¹Lit., set their faces on me
^a1 Kin. 2:22; 2 Sam. 3:3, 4
^b1 Kin. 1:5-25 ^c1 Kin. 1:38-50
^d1 Chr. 22:9, 10; 28:5-7

16 ¹Lit., *turn away my face*

16 "And now I am making one request of you; do not ¹refuse me." And she said to him, "Speak."

17 ¹Lit., *turn away your face*
¹ Kin. 1:3, 4; 2 Sam. 12:8

17 Then he said, "Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not ¹refuse you, that ²he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as a wife."

19 ¹ Kin. 15:13 ^bPs. 45:9

18 And Bathsheba said, "Very well; I will speak to the king for you."

19 So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, bowed before her, and sat on his throne; then he ²had a throne set for the king's mother, and ^bshe sat on his right.

20 ¹Lit., *turn away my face*
²Lit., *turn away your face*
¹ Kin. 2:16

20 Then she said, "I am making one small request of you; ^ado not ¹refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask, my mother, for I will not ²refuse you."

21 ¹ Kin. 1:3, 4

21 So she said, "^aLet Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as a wife."

22 ² Sam. 12:8 ^b1 Kin. 2:15; 1:6; 1 Chr. 3:2, 5 ^c1 Kin. 1:7

22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ^aAsk for him also the kingdom—^bfor he is my older brother—even for him, for ^cAbiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah!"

23 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aRuth 1:17

23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah has ^anot spoken this word against his own ¹life.

24 ² Sam. 7:11, 13; 1 Chr. 22:10

24 "Now therefore as the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father, and ^awho has made me a house as He promised, surely Adonijah will be put to death today."

25 ¹Lit., *by the hand of*
² Sam. 8:18

25 So King Solomon ^asent ¹by Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him so that he died.

26 ¹Lit., *are a man of death*
²YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aJosh. 21:18; Jer. 1:1 ^b1 Sam. 26:16 ^c1 Sam. 23:6; 2 Sam. 15:24-29 ^d1 Sam. 22:20-23; 23:8, 9

26 Then to Abiathar the priest the king said, "^aGo to Anathoth to your own field, ^bfor you ¹deserve to die; but I will not put you to death at this time, because ^cyou carried the ark of the Lord ²God before my father David, and because ^dyou were afflicted in everything with which my father was afflicted."

27 ¹ Sam. 2:27-36

27 So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, in order to fulfill ^athe word of the LORD, which He had spoken concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¹ Kin. 1:7 ^b2 Sam. 17:25; 18:2 ^c1 Kin. 1:50

28 Now the news came to Joab, ^afor Joab had followed Adonijah, ^balthough he had not followed Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of the LORD and ^ctook hold of the horns of the altar.

29 ¹ Kin. 2:25

29 And it was told King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of the LORD, and behold, he is beside the altar. Then Solomon ^asent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, fall upon him."

31 ^aEx. 21:14 ^bNum. 35:33; Deut. 19:13

30 So Benaiah came to the tent of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus the king has said, 'Come out.'" But he said, "No, for I will die here." And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, "Thus spoke Joab, and thus he answered me."

32 ^aGen. 9:6; Judg. 9:24, 57

31 And the king said to him, "^aDo as he has spoken and fall upon him and bury him, ^bthat you may remove from me and from my father's house the blood which Joab shed without cause.

**Joab Killed. Shimei under House Arrest.
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^bbecause he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he and killed them with the sword, while my father David did not know it: ^cAbner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and ^dAmasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of Judah.

32^b Chr. 21:13, 14 ^c2 Sam. 3:27 ^d2 Sam. 20:9, 10

33 ^a“So shall their blood return on the head of Joab and on the head of his ¹descendants forever; but to David and his ¹descendants and his house and his throne, may there be peace from the LORD forever.”

33 ¹Lit., *seed*
^a2 Sam. 3:29

34 Then ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell upon him and put him to death, and he was buried at his own house in the wilderness.

34 ^a1 Kin. 2:25

35 And ^athe king appointed Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the army in his place, and the king appointed ^bZadok the priest ^cin the place of Abiathar.

35 ^a1 Kin. 4:4 ^b1 Chr. 29:22
^c1 Kin. 2:27

36 Now the king sent and called for ^aShimei and said to him, “Build for yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, and do not go out from there to any place.

36 ^a1 Kin. 2:8

37 “For it will happen on the day you go out and ^across over the ¹brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you shall surely die; ^byour blood shall be on your own head.”

37 ¹Or, *wadi*
^a2 Sam. 15:23 ^b2 Sam. 1:16

38 Shimei then said to the king, “The word is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do.” So Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

39 But it came about at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away ^ato Achish son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, “Behold, your servants are in Gath.”

39 ^a1 Sam. 27:2

40 Then Shimei arose and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish to look for his servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.

43 ¹Lit., *commanded*

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned.

42 So the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, “Did I not make you swear by the LORD and solemnly warn you, saying, ‘You will know for certain that on the day you depart and go anywhere, you shall surely die’? And you said to me, ‘The word which I have heard is good.’

44 ¹Lit., *your heart acknowledges*
^a2 Sam. 16:5-13 ^b1 Sam. 25:39, 2 Kin. 11:1, 12-16

43 “Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD, and the command which I ¹have laid on you?”

45 ^a2 Sam. 7:13

44 The king also said to Shimei, ^a“You know all the evil which ¹you acknowledge in your heart, which you did to my father David; therefore ^bthe LORD shall return your evil on your own head.

46 ^a1 Kin. 2:25, 34 ^b1 Kin. 2:12, 2 Chr. 1:1

45 “But King Solomon shall be blessed, and ^athe throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever.”

46 ^aSo the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell upon him so that he died. ^bThus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.

1 ¹Lit., *made himself a son-in-law of Pharaoh*
^a1 Kin. 7:8; 9:16, 24; 2 Chr. 8:11 ^b1 Kin. 9:24 ^c1 Kin. 7:1; 9:10

CHAPTER 3

THEN ^aSolomon ¹formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter ^band brought her to the city of David, ^cuntil he had finished building his own

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1^d 1 Kin. 9:15

2^a Lev. 17:3-5; Deut. 12:13, 14

3^a Deut. 6:5; Ps. 31:23
b¹ 1 Kin. 2:3; 9:4; 11:4, 6, 38

4^a 2 Chr. 1:3 b¹ Josh. 18:21-25^c 1 Chr. 16:39; 21:29

5^a 1 Kin. 9:2; 11:9^b Num. 12:6; Matt. 1:20

6¹ Or, *faithfulness* ²Lit., *kept*
² Sam. 7:8-17^b 1 Kin. 9:4
^c 1 Kin. 1:48

7^a 1 Chr. 22:9-13^b 1 Chr. 29:1; Jer. 1:6, 7^c Num. 27:17

8^a Ex. 19:6; Deut. 7:6
b¹ Gen. 15:5; 22:17

9¹ Lit., *hearing* ²Lit., *heavy*
^a Prov. 2:3-9; Ps. 72:1, 2;
James 1:5^b 2 Sam. 14:17

10¹ Lit., *the thing*

11¹ Lit., *many days* ²Lit., *hearing*

12^a 1 John 5:14, 15^b 1 Kin. 4:29-31; 5:12

13^a 1 Kin. 4:21-24; 10:23, 27

14^a 1 Kin. 3:6

15^a Gen. 41:7^b 1 King 8:65

16^a Num. 27:2

17¹ Lit., *I and this woman*

house and the house of the LORD and ^dthe wall around Jerusalem.

2 ^aThe people were still sacrificing on the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.

3 Now ^aSolomon loved the LORD, ^bwalking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 ^aAnd the king went to ^bGibeon to sacrifice there, ^cfor that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 ^aIn Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon ^bin a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what you *wish* me to give you."

6 Then Solomon said, "^aThou hast shown great loving-kindness to Thy servant David my father, ^baccording as he walked before Thee in ¹truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward Thee; and ^cThou hast ²reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that Thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 "And now, O LORD my God, ^aThou hast made Thy servant king in place of my father David; yet ^bI am but a little child: ^cI do not know how to go out or come in."

8 "And ^aThy servant is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, ^ba great people who cannot be numbered or counted for multitude.

9 "So ^agive Thy servant an ¹understanding heart to judge Thy people ^bto discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this ²great people of Thine?"

10 And ¹it was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself ¹long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself ²discernment to understand justice,

12 behold, ^aI have done according to your words. Behold, ^bI have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

13 "^aAnd I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.

14 "And ^aif you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days."

15 Then ^aSolomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and ^bmade a feast for all his servants.

16 Then two women who were harlots came to the king and ^astood before him.

17 And the one woman said, "Oh, my lord, ¹this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth to a child while she was in the house.

18 "And it happened on the third day after I gave birth, that this woman also gave birth to a child, and we were togeth-

er. There was no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

19 "And this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on it.

20 "So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom.

21 "And when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, behold, he was dead; but when I looked at him carefully in the morning, behold, he was not my son, whom I had borne."

22 Then the other woman said, "No! For the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." But ¹the first woman said, "No! For the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king.

23 Then the king said, "¹The one says, 'This is my son who is living, and your son is the dead one'; and ¹the other says, 'No! For your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'"

24 And the king said, "Get me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other."

26 Then the woman whose child was the living one spoke to the king, for ¹she was deeply stirred over her son and said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him." But the other said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him!"

27 Then the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him. She is his mother."

28 When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had ¹handed down, they feared the king; for ^athey saw that the wisdom of God was in him to ²administer justice.

CHAPTER 4

NOW king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were his officials: Azariah the son of Zadok was ^athe priest;

3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha were secretaries; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

4 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests;

5 and Azariah the son of Nathan was over ^athe deputies; and Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest, was the king's friend;

6 and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to forced labor.

7 And Solomon had twelve deputies over all Israel, who ¹provided for the king and his household; each man had to ²provide for a month in the year.

8 And these are their names: Ben-hur, in the ^ahill country of Ephraim;

9 Ben-deker in Makaz and ^aShaalbim and ^bBeth-shemesh and Elonbeth-hanan;

10 Ben-hesed, in Arrubboth (^aSocoh was his and all the land of ^bHepher);

22 ¹Lit., *this one was saying*

23 ¹Lit., *this one*

26 ¹Lit., *her compassion grew warm*
^aGen. 43:30; Jer. 31:20

28 ¹Lit., *judged* ²Lit., *do*
^a1 Kin. 3:9, 11, 12

2 ^a1 Chr. 6:10

5 ^a1 Kin. 4:7

7 ¹Lit., *nourished* ²Lit., *nourish*

8 ^aJosh. 24:33

9 ^aJudg. 1:35 ^bJosh. 21:16

10 ^aJosh. 15:35 ^bJosh. 12:17

11 ¹Or, *Naphoth-dor*
¹Josh. 11:1, 2

12 ¹Judg. 5:19 ^bJosh. 17:11
^cJosh. 3:16 ^d1 Kin. 19:16
^e1 Chr. 6:68

13 ¹1 Kin. 22:3-15 ^bNum. 32:41 ^cDeut. 3:4

14 ¹Josh. 13:26

15 ²Sam. 15:27

16 ¹Or, *in Aloth*
²Sam. 15:32

18 ¹1 Kin. 1:8

19 ¹Deut. 3:8-10

20 ¹Lit., *sea*
¹1 Kin. 3:8; Gen. 32:12

21 ¹Ch. 5, v. 1 in Heb. ²I.e.,
 Euphrates
²Chr. 9:26 ^bGen. 15:18
^c2 Sam. 8:2, 6

22 ¹Lit., *bread* ²I.e., 1 kor
 equals approx. 10 bu.

23 ¹Lit., *oxen of the
 pasture*

24 ¹Lit., *beyond* ²I.e.,
 Euphrates
¹Judg. 1:18 ^bPs. 72:11 ^c1 Chr. 22:9

25 ¹Jer. 23:6; Mic. 4:4;
 Zech. 3:10 ^b1 Sam. 3:20

26 ¹One ms. reads 4000, cf.
²Chr. 9:25
¹1 Kin. 10:26

27 ¹Or, *nourished*

28 ¹Esth. 8:10, 14; Mic. 1:13

29 ¹Lit., *heart*
¹1 Kin. 3:12 ^b1 Kin. 4:20

30 ¹Gen. 29:1; Judg. 6:33
^bIs. 19:11; Acts 7:22

31 ¹Lit., *name*
¹1 Kin. 3:12 ^b1 Chr. 15:19;
 Ps. 89: title ^c1 Chr. 2:6

32 ¹Prov. 1:1; Eccles. 12:9;
 Song of Sol. 1:1

11 Ben-abinadab, *in* all ¹the ^aheight of Dor (Taphath the daughter of Solomon was his wife);

12 Baana the son of Ahilud, *in* ^aTaanach and Megiddo, and all ^bBeth-shean which is beside ^cZarethan below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to ^dAbel-meholah as far as the other side of ^eJokmeam;

13 Ben-geber, *in* ^aRamoth-gilead (^bthe towns of Jair, the son of Manasseh, which are *in* Gilead were his: ^cthe region of Argob, which is *in* Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars *were* his);

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, *in* ^aMahanaim;

15 ^aAhimaaz, *in* Naphtali (he also married Basemath the daughter of Solomon);

16 Baana the son of ^aHushai, *in* Asher and ¹Bealoth;

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, *in* Issachar;

18 ^aShimei the son of Ela, *in* Benjamin;

19 Geber the son of Uri, *in* the land of Gilead, ^athe country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the only deputy who *was* *in* the land.

20 ^aJudah and Israel *were* as numerous as the sand that is on the ¹seashore *in* abundance; *they were* eating and drinking and rejoicing.

21 ^{1a}Now Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms ^bfrom the ²River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; ^c*they* brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's ¹provision for one day was thirty ²kors of fine flour and sixty ²kors of meal,

23 ten fat oxen, twenty ¹pasture-fed oxen, a hundred sheep besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.

24 For he had dominion over everything ¹west of the ²River, from Tiphseh even to ^aGaza, ^bover all the kings ¹west of the ²River; and ^che had peace on all sides around about him.

25 ^aSo Judah and Israel lived *in* safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree, ^bfrom Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 ^aAnd Solomon had ¹40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen.

27 And those deputies ¹provided for King Solomon and all who came to King Solomon's table, each *in* his month; they left nothing lacking.

28 They also brought barley and straw for the horses and ^aswift steeds to the place where it should be, each according to his charge.

29 Now ^aGod gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of ¹mind, ^blike the sand that is on the seashore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all ^athe sons of the east and ^ball the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For ^ahe was wiser than all men, than ^bEthan the Ezrahite, Heman, ^cCalcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his ¹fame was *known* *in* all the surrounding nations.

32 ^aHe also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.

33 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar that is *in*

Lebanon even to the hyssop that grows on the wall; he spoke also of animals and birds and creeping things and fish.

34 And ¹men ^acame from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

³⁴ ¹Lit., *they*
^{a1} Kin. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:23

CHAPTER 5

^{1a}
NOW Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for ^bHiram had ²always been a friend of David.

2 Then Solomon sent *word* to Hiram, saying,

3 "You know that ^aDavid my father was unable to build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 "But now ^athe LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor ¹misfortune.

5 "And behold, ^aI ¹intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.'

6 "Now therefore, command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say, for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."

7 And it came about when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, "Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people."

8 So Hiram sent *word* to Solomon, saying, "I have heard *the message* which you have sent me; I will do ¹what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.

9 "My servants will bring *them* down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will make them into rafts *to go* by sea ^ato the place where you ¹direct me, and I will have them broken up there, and you shall carry *them* away. Then ^byou shall accomplish my desire by giving food to my household."

10 So ¹Hiram ²gave Solomon ³as much as he desired of the cedar and cypress timber.

11 Solomon then gave Hiram 20,000 kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty ¹kors of beaten oil; thus Solomon would give Hiram year by year.

12 And ^athe LORD gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He ¹promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

13 Now ^aKing Solomon ¹levied forced laborers from all Israel; and the forced laborers ²numbered 30,000 men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month in relays; they were in Lebanon a month *and* two months at home. And ^aAdoniram was over the forced laborers.

15 Now ^aSolomon had 70,000 ¹transporters, and 80,000 hewers of stone in the mountains,

16 ^abesides Solomon's 3,300 chief deputies who *were* over

¹ Ch. 5:15 in Heb. ² Lit., *all the day*
^{a2} Chr. 2:3 ^{b2} Sam. 5:11; 1 Chr. 14:1

³ ^{a1} Chr. 28:2, 3

⁴ ¹ Lit., *evil occurrence*
^{a1} Kin. 4:24; 1 Chr. 22:9

⁵ ¹ Lit., *say*
^{a2} Sam. 7:12, 13; 1 Chr. 17:12; 22:10; 28:6

⁸ ¹ Lit., *all your pleasure*

⁹ ¹ Lit., *send*
^{a2} Chr. 2:16 ^b Ezra 3:7; Ezek. 27:17

¹⁰ ¹ Heb., *Hiram* ² Lit., *was giving* ³ Lit., *all his desire*

¹¹ ¹ I.e., 1 kor equals approx. 10 bu.

¹² ¹ Lit., *spoke to*
^{a1} Kin. 3:12

¹³ ¹ Lit., *raised up* ² Lit., *was*
^{a1} Kin. 4:6; 9:15

¹⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 4:6

¹⁵ ¹ Or, *burden bearers*
^{a1} Kin. 9:20-22; 2 Chr. 2:17, 18

¹⁶ ^{a1} Kin. 9:23

16 ¹Lit., *work*

17 ¹Kin. 6:7; 1 Chr. 22:2

18 ¹Heb., *Hiram's* ²Or, *chiseled*
³Josh. 13:5; Ezek. 27:9

1 ¹Lit., *built*
²Chr. 3:1, 2

2 ¹E., 18 inches

3 ¹Lit., *in its length* ²Lit.,
on the face of ³Lit., *width*

4 ²Ezek. 40:16; 41:16

5 ²Ezek. 41:6 ¹Kin. 6:16,
19, 20 ³Ezek. 41:5, 6

6 ¹Lit., *gave* ²Lit., *take*
hold

7 ¹Lit., *finished*
²Ex. 20:25; Deut. 27:5, 6

8 ¹So with Gk. & versions;
M.T., *middle*

9 ¹Lit., *rows*
²1 Kin. 6:14, 38

10 ¹Lit., *one cubit equals*
approx. 18 inches ²Lit., *took*
hold

12 ¹Kin. 9:4; 2 Sam. 7:5-16

13 ²Ex. 25:8 ¹Deut. 31:6;
Josh. 1:5

14 ¹Kin. 6:9, 38

the ¹project *and* who ruled over the people who were doing the work.

17 Then ²the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with cut stones.

18 So Solomon's builders and ¹Hiram's builders and ²the Gebalites ³cut them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

CHAPTER 6

^a NOW it came about in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv which is the second month, that he ¹began to build the house of the LORD.

2 As for the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length *was* sixty ¹cubits and its width twenty *cubits* and its height thirty cubits.

3 And the porch in front of the nave of the house *was* twenty cubits ¹in length, ²corresponding to the width of the house, *and* its ³depth along the front of the house *was* ten cubits.

4 Also for the house ²he made windows with *artistic* frames.

5 And ²against the wall of the house he built stories encompassing the walls of the house around both the nave and the ^binner sanctuary; thus he made ^cside chambers all around.

6 The lowest story *was* five cubits wide, and the middle *was* six cubits wide, and the third *was* seven cubits wide; for on the outside he ¹made offsets *in the wall* of the house all around in order that *the beams* should not ²be inserted in the walls of the house.

7 And ²the house, while it was being built, was built of stone ¹prepared at the quarry, and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool heard in the house while it was being built.

8 The doorway for the ¹lowest side chamber *was* on the right side of the house; and they would go up by winding stairs to the middle story, and from the middle to the third.

9 So ²he built the house and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and ¹planks of cedar.

10 He also built the stories against the whole house, each five ¹cubits high; and they ²were fastened to the house with timbers of cedar.

11 Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon saying,

12 "Concerning this house which you are building, ²if you will walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will carry out My word with you which I spoke to David your father.

13 "And ²I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and ^bwill not forsake My people Israel."

14 ²So Solomon built the house and finished it.

15 Then he built the walls of the house on the inside with

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boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to the ¹ceiling he overlaid *the walls* on the inside with wood, and ²he overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress.

16 ^aAnd he built twenty cubits on the rear part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the ¹ceiling; he built *them* for it on the inside as an inner sanctuary, *even* as ^bthe most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the nave in front of *the inner sanctuary*, was forty ¹cubits long.

18 And there was cedar on the house within, carved *in the shape* of ^agourds and open flowers; all was cedar, there was no stone seen.

19 Then he prepared an inner sanctuary within the house in order to place there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And ¹the inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the altar with cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold. And he drew chains of gold across the front of the inner sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also ^athe whole altar which was by the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

23 ^aAlso in the inner sanctuary ^bhe made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub and five cubits the other wing of the cherub; from the end of one wing to the end of the other wing *were* ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub *was* ten cubits; both the cherubim were of the same measure and the same form.

26 The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was* the other cherub.

27 And he placed the cherubim in the midst of the inner house, and ^athe wings of the cherubim were spread out, so that the wing of the one was touching the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall. So their wings were touching each other in the center of the house.

28 He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 Then he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, inner and outer *sanctuaries*.

30 And he overlaid the floor of the house with gold, inner and outer *sanctuaries*.

31 And for the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood, the lintel *and* five-sided doorposts.

32 So *he made* two doors of olive wood, and he carved on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

33 So also he made for the entrance of the nave four-sided doorposts of olive wood

34 ^aand ^atwo doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of the one door turned on pivots, and the two ¹leaves of the other door turned on pivots.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *walls of ceiling*
²¹ Kin. 7:7

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *walls*
²² Chr. 3:8 ^{b1} Kin. 8:6; Ex. 26:33, 34

¹⁷ ¹One cubit equals approx. 18 in.

¹⁸ ^{a1} Kin. 7:24

²⁰ ¹Lit., *before*

²² ^aEx. 30:1, 3, 6

²³ ^{a2} Chr. 3:10-12 ^bEx. 37:7-9

²⁷ ^{a1} Kin. 8:7; Ex. 25:20; 37:9

³⁴ ¹So with Gk.; M. T. *curtains*
^aEzek. 41:23-25

36^{a1} Kin. 7:12; Jer. 36:10

35 And he carved *on it* cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; and he overlaid *them* with gold evenly applied on the engraved work.

37^{a1} Kin. 6:1

36 And ^ahe built the inner court with three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams.

37 ^aIn the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv.

1^{a1} Kin. 3:1; 9:10; 2 Chr. 8:1

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts and according to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

2¹ l.c., Approx. 18 inches
41 Kin. 10:17, 21; 2 Chr. 9:16

CHAPTER 7

Now ^aSolomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 And ^ahe built the house of the Forest of Lebanon; its length was 100 ¹cubits and its width 50 cubits and its height 30 cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars with cedar beams on the pillars.

6^{a1} Kin. 7:12 ^bEzek. 41:25, 26

3 And it was paneled with cedar above the side-chambers which were on the 45 pillars, 15 in each row.

4 And *there were artistic window frames* in three rows, and window was opposite window in three ranks.

7^{a1} Kin. 6:15, 16

5 And all the doorways and doorposts had squared *artistic frames*, and window was opposite window in three ranks.

6 Then he made ^athe hall of pillars; its length was 50 cubits and its width 30 cubits, and a porch *was* in front of them and pillars and a ^bthreshold in front of them.

8^{a1} Kin. 9:24; 2 Chr. 8:11
b1 Kin. 3:1

7 And he made the hall of the throne where he was to judge, the hall of judgment, and ^ait was paneled with cedar from floor to floor.

8 And his house where he was to live, the other court inward from the hall, was of the same workmanship. ^aHe also made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, ^bwhom Solomon had married.

12^{a1} Kin. 6:36 b1 Kin. 7:6

9 All these were of costly stones, of stone cut according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside; even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, *even* large stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

13^{a2} Chr. 2:13, 14

11 And above were costly stones, stone cut according to measure, and cedar.

12 So ^athe great court all around had three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams even as the inner court of the house of the LORD, and ^bthe porch of the house.

14^{a2} Chr. 2:14 ^bEx. 31:3-5;
35:31 ^{c2} Chr. 4:11-16

13 Now ^aKing Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

14 ^aHe was a widow's son from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze; and ^bhe was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill, for doing any work in bronze. So he came to King Solomon and ^cperformed all his work.

15 And he fashioned ^athe two pillars of bronze, ^beighteen cubits was the height of one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits ¹measured the circumference of both.

16 He also made two capitals of molten bronze to set on the tops of the pillars; the height of the one capital was five ¹cubits and the height of the other capital was five cubits.

17 *There were* nets of network and twisted threads of chainwork for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital and seven for the other capital.

18 So he made the pillars, and two rows around on the one network to cover the capitals which were on the top of the pomegranates; and so he did for the other capital.

19 And the capitals which *were* on the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily design, four cubits.

20 And *there were* capitals also on the two pillars, close to the ¹rounded projection which was beside the network; and ^athe pomegranates *numbered* two hundred in rows around ²both capitals.

21 ^aThus he set up the pillars at the porch of the nave; and he set up the right pillar and named it ¹Jachin, and he set up the left pillar and named it ²Boaz.

22 And on the top of the pillars was lily design. So the work of the pillars was finished.

23 ^aNow he made the sea of ^bcast metal ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its height was five cubits, and ¹thirty cubits in circumference.

24 And under its brim ^agourds went around encircling it ten to a cubit, completely surrounding the sea; the gourds were in two rows, cast ¹with the rest.

25 ^aIt stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea *was set* on top of them, and all their rear parts *turned* inward.

26 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, *as a lily blossom*; it could hold two thousand baths.

27 Then ^ahe made the ten stands of bronze; the length of each stand was four cubits and its width four cubits and its height three cubits.

28 And this was the design of the stands: they had borders, even borders between the ¹frames,

29 and on the borders which were between the ¹frames *were* lions, oxen and cherubim; and on the ¹frames *there was* a pedestal above, and beneath the lions and oxen *were* wreaths of hanging work.

30 Now each stand had four bronze wheels with bronze axles, and its four feet had supports; beneath the basin *were* cast supports with wreaths at each side.

31 And its opening inside the crown at the top *was* a cubit, and its opening *was* round like the design of a pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also on its opening *there were* engravings, and their borders were square not round.

32 And the four wheels *were* underneath the borders, and the axles of the wheels *were* on the stand. And the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and a half.

33 And the workmanship of the wheels *was* like the

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *went around the other pillar*
^{a2} Kin. 25:17 ^{b1} Kin. 7:41

¹⁶ ¹i.e., Approx. 18 inches

²⁰ ¹Lit., *belly* ²Lit., *on the other capital*
^{a1} Kin. 7:42; 2 Chr. 3:16

²¹ ¹i.e., *He shall establish*
²i.e., *In it is strength*
^{a2} Chr. 3:17

²³ ¹Lit., *a line of 30 cubits went around it*
^{a2} Chr. 4:2 ^{b2} Kin. 16:17; 25:13

²⁴ ¹Lit., *in its casting*
^{a1} Kin. 6:18

²⁵ ¹Jer. 52:20

²⁷ ^{a1} Kin. 7:38; 2 Kin. 25:13; 2 Chr. 4:14

²⁸ ¹Or, *crossbars*

²⁹ ¹Or, *crossbars*

³⁵ ¹L.e., Approx. 18 inches
²Lit., hands

37² Chr. 4:14

38² Chr. 4:6

41¹ Kin. 7:17, 18

42¹ Kin. 7:20

44¹ Kin. 7:23, 25

46² Chr. 4:17 ^bJosh. 13:27
^cJosh. 3:16

47¹ Chr. 22:3, 14

48² Ex. 37:10-29; 2 Chr. 4:8

49² Ex. 25:31-38

50² Ex. 27:3; 2 Kin. 25:15

51² Chr. 5:1 ^{b2} Sam. 8:11;
2 Chr. 5:1

workmanship of a chariot wheel. Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs *were* all cast.

34 Now *there were* four supports at the four corners of each stand; its supports *were* part of the stand itself.

35 And on the top of the stand *there was* a circular form half a ¹cubit high, and on the top of the stand its ²stays and its borders *were* part of it.

36 And he engraved on the plates of its stays and on its borders, cherubim, lions and palm trees, according to the clear space on each, with wreaths *all* around.

37 ^aHe made the ten stands like this; all of them had one casting, one measure and one form.

38 ^aAnd he made ten basins of bronze, one basin held forty baths; each basin *was* four cubits, *and* on each of the ten stands *was* one basin.

39 Then he set the stands, five on the right side of the house and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea of cast metal on the right side of the house eastward toward the south.

40 Now Hiram made the basins and the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing all the work which he performed for King Solomon *in* the house of the LORD:

41 the two pillars and the two bowls of the capitals which *were* on the top of the ^atwo pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals which *were* on the top of the pillars;

42 and the ^afour hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowls of the capitals which *were* on the tops of the pillars;

43 and the ten stands with the ten basins on the stands;

44 and ^athe one sea and the twelve oxen under the sea;

45 and the pails and the shovels and the bowls; even all these utensils which Hiram made for King Solomon *in* the house of the LORD, *were* of polished bronze.

46 ^aIn the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between ^bSuccoth and ^cZarethan.

47 And Solomon left all the utensils *unweighed*, because *they were* too many; ^athe weight of the bronze could not be ascertained.

48 And Solomon made all the furniture which *was in* the house of the LORD: ^athe golden altar and the golden table on which *was* the Bread of the Presence;

49 and the lampstands, five on the right side and five on the left, in front of the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and ^athe flowers and the lamps and the tongs, of gold;

50 and the cups and the snuffers and the bowls and the spoons and the ^afirepans, of pure gold; and the hinges both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, *and* for the doors of the house, *that is*, of the nave, of gold.

51 ^aThus all the work that King Solomon performed *in* the house of the LORD was finished. And ^bSolomon brought in the things dedicated by his father David, the silver and the gold and the utensils, *and* he *put* them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

**The Ark Brought into the Temple.
Solomon Addresses the People.**

1 Kings 8

CHAPTER 8

^a THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all ^bthe heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' *households* of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, ^cto bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from ^dthe city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon at ^athe feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 Then all the elders of Israel came, and ^athe priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD and ^athe tent of meeting and all the holy utensils, which were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up.

5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, ^awere with him before the ark, sacrificing ¹so many sheep and oxen they could not be counted or numbered.

6 Then ^athe priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD ^bto its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house to the most holy place, ^cunder the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles from above.

8 But ^athe poles were so long that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; they are there to this day.

9 ^aThere was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where ^bthe LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that ^athe cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

12 ^aThen Solomon said, "The LORD has said that ^bHe would dwell in the thick cloud.

13 "I have surely built Thee a lofty house,
^bA place for Thy dwelling forever."

14 Then the king ¹turned about and ^ablessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

15 And he said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, ^bwho spoke with His mouth to My father David and has fulfilled *it* with His hand, saying,

16 "Since the day that I brought My people Israel from Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel *in which* to build a house that ^bMy name might be there, but ^cI chose David to be over My people Israel."

17 "Now it was ¹in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

18 "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was ¹in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was ¹in your heart.

19 "Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your

¹ 2 Chr. 5:2-10 ^b Num. 1:4; 7:2 ^c 2 Sam. 6:17 ^d 2 Sam. 5:7

² ^a 1 Kin. 8:65; Lev. 23:34; 2 Chr. 7:8-10

³ ^a Num. 7:9

⁴ ^a 1 Kin. 3:4; 2 Chr. 1:3

⁵ ¹ Lit., *sheep, numbered for multitude*
² 2 Sam. 6:13; 2 Chr. 1:6

⁶ ^a 1 Kin. 8:3 ^b 1 Kin. 6:19
^c 1 Kin. 6:27

⁸ ^a Ex. 25:13-15; 37:4, 5

⁹ ^a Ex. 25:16, 21; Deut. 10:2-5; Heb. 9:4 ^b Ex. 24:7, 8; Deut. 4:13

¹⁰ ^a Ex. 40:34, 35; 2 Chr. 7:1, 2

¹² ^a 2 Chr. 6:1 ^b Ps. 97:2

¹³ ^a 2 Sam. 7:13 ^b Ex. 15:17

¹⁴ ¹ Lit., *turned his face about*
^a 1 Kin. 8:55; 2 Sam. 6:18

¹⁵ ^a 1 Chr. 29:10, 20; Neh. 9:5 ^b 2 Sam. 7:12, 13; 1 Chr. 22:10

¹⁶ ^a 2 Sam. 7:4, 5 ^b Deut. 12:5, 11 ^c 1 Sam. 16:1; 2 Sam. 7:8

¹⁷ ¹ Lit., *with*
^a 2 Sam. 7:2, 3; 1 Chr. 17:1, 2

¹⁸ ¹ Lit., *with*

¹⁹ ^a 1 Kin. 5:3, 5; 2 Sam. 7:5, 12, 13; 1 Chr. 22:8-10

19 ¹Lit., *is to come forth from your loins*

20 ¹Lit., *spoke*
¹Chr. 28:5, 6

21 ¹Kin. 8:9

22 ¹Kin. 8:54 ^bEx. 9:33;
¹Ezra 9:5

23 ¹Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 7:22
^bDeut. 7:9; Neh. 1:5; 9:32

24 ¹Lit., *spoken to*

25 ¹Lit., *spoken to* ²Lit.,
there shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me.
¹Kin. 2:4

26 ²Sam. 7:25

27 ¹Lit., *heaven of heavens*
^aPs. 139:7-16; Is. 66:1; Jer.
23:24; Acts 7:49

29 ²Chr. 7:15; Neh. 1:6

30 ^aDan. 6:10

31 ^aEx. 22:8-11

32 ^aDeut. 25:1

33 ¹Lit., *smitten*
^aLev. 26:17, 25; Deut. 28:25,
48 ^bLev. 26:40-42

35 ^aLev. 26:19; Deut. 11:16,
17; 2 Sam. 24:10-13

son who ¹shall be born to you, he shall build the house for My name.'

20 "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for ^aI have risen in place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD ¹promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

21 "And there I have set a place for the ark, ^ain which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with our fathers when He brought them from the land of Egypt."

22 Then ^aSolomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and ^bspread out his hands toward heaven.

23 And he said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, ^athere is no God like Thee in heaven above or on earth beneath, ^bwho art keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart,

24 who hast kept with Thy servant, my father David, that which Thou hast ¹promised him; indeed, Thou hast spoken with Thy mouth and hast fulfilled it with Thy hand as it is this day.

25 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that which Thou hast ¹promised him, saying, ^{2a}You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way to walk before Me as you have walked.'

26 "Now therefore, O God of Israel, let Thy word, I pray Thee, be confirmed ^awhich Thou hast spoken to Thy servant, my father David.

27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, ^aheaven and the ¹highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!

28 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee today;

29 ^athat Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which Thou hast said, 'My name shall be there,' to listen to the prayer which Thy servant shall pray toward this place.

30 "And listen to the supplication of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, ^awhen they pray toward this place; hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place; hear and forgive.

31 ^a"If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath, and he comes *and* takes an oath before Thine altar in this house,

32 then hear Thou in heaven and act and judge Thy servants, ^acondemning the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

33 ^a"When Thy people Israel are ¹defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against Thee, ^bif they turn to Thee again and confess Thy name and pray and make supplication to Thee in this house,

34 then hear Thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy people Israel, and bring them back to the land which Thou didst give to their fathers.

35 ^a"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain,

because they have sinned against Thee, and they pray toward this place and confess Thy name and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them,

36 then hear Thou in heaven and forgive the sin of Thy servants and of Thy people Israel, ^aindeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And ^bsend rain on Thy land, which Thou hast given Thy people for an inheritance.

37 ^aIf there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or grasshopper, if their enemy besieges them in the land of their ^ccities, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is,

38 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Thy people Israel, ¹each knowing the ²affliction of his own heart, and spreading his ³hands toward this house;

39 then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive and act and render to each according to all his ways, ^awhose heart Thou knowest, for ^bThou alone dost know the hearts of all the sons of men,

40 that they may ¹fear Thee all the days that they live ²in the land which Thou hast given to our fathers.

41 "Also concerning the foreigner who is not of Thy people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Thy name's sake

42 (for they will hear of Thy great name ^aand Thy mighty hand, and of Thine outstretched arm); when he comes and prays toward this house,

43 hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to Thee, in order ^athat all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, to ¹fear Thee, as *do* Thy people Israel, and that they may know that ²this house which I have built is called by Thy name.

44 "When Thy people go out to battle against ¹their enemy, by whatever way Thou shalt send them, and ^athey pray to the LORD ²toward the city which Thou hast chosen and the house which I have built for Thy name,

45 then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ¹cause.

46 "When they sin against Thee (for ^athere is no man who does not sin) and Thou art angry with them and dost deliver them to an enemy, so that ¹they take them away captive ^bto the land of the enemy, far off or near,

47 ^aif they ¹take thought in the land where they have been taken captive, and repent and make supplication to Thee in the land of those who have taken them captive, saying, ^b"We have sinned and have committed iniquity, we have acted wickedly,"

48 ^aif they return to Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and ^bpray to Thee toward their land which Thou hast given to their fathers, the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name,

49 then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy dwelling place, and maintain their ¹cause,

50 and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against Thee, and ^amake them *objects of* compassion before

36 ^a1 Sam. 12:23; Ps. 27:11
^b1 Kin. 18:1, 41-45; Jer. 14:22

37 ¹Lit., *gates*
^aLev. 26:16, 25, 26; Deut. 28:21-23, 38-42

38 ¹Lit., *who shall know each* ²Lit., *plague* ³Lit., *palms*

39 ^a1 Sam. 2:3; 16:7 ^b1 Chr. 28:9; Jer. 17:10; John 2:24, 25

40 ¹Or, *revere* ²Lit., *on the face of the land*

42 ^aEx. 13:3; Deut. 3:24

43 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Lit., *Thy name is called upon this house which I have built* ^aJosh. 4:23; 1 Sam. 17:46

44 ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *in the way of* ²Chr. 14:11, 12

45 ¹Lit., *right or justice*

46 ¹Lit., *their captors take them captive*
^aPs. 130:3, 4; Prov. 20:9;
¹John 1:8-10 ^bLev. 26:34-39;
²Kin. 17:6, 18; 25:21

47 ¹Lit., *return to their heart*
^aLev. 26:40-42; Neh. 9:2
^bExra 9:6, 7; Neh. 1:6

48 ^aDeut. 4:29; 1 Sam. 7:3, 4; Neh. 1:9 ^bDan. 6:10; Jon. 2:4

49 ¹Lit., *judgment*

50 ^a2 Chr. 30:9; Acts 7:10

51 ^aEx. 32:11, 12; Deut. 9:26-29 ^bDeut. 4:20; Jer. 11:4

52 ^a1 Kin. 8:29

53 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aEx. 19:5, 6; Deut. 9:26-29

54 ¹Lit., *palms*
^a2 Chr. 7:1 ^b2 Chr. 6:13

55 ^a1 Kin. 8:14; Num. 6:23-26

56 ¹Lit., *spoke* ²Lit., *fallen*
¹Lit., *word*
^aJosh. 21:45; 23:14, 15

57 ^aJosh. 1:5; 1 Sam. 12:22; Rom. 8:31; Heb. 13:5

58 ^aPs. 119:36; Jer. 31:33

59 ¹Lit., *judgment* ²Lit., *the thing of a day in its day*

60 ^a1 Kin. 8:43 ^b1 Kin. 18:39; Jer. 10:10-12

61 ¹Lit., *complete with*
^aDeut. 18:13; 2 Kin. 20:3

62 ^a2 Chr. 7:4-10 ^b2 Sam. 6:17-19; Ezra 6:16, 17

63 ^aEzra 6:15-18; Neh. 12:27

64 ¹Lit., *made*
^a2 Chr. 4:1

65 ^a1 Kin. 8:2; Lev. 23:34-42
^bNum. 34:8; Josh. 13:5 ^cGen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Josh. 13:3

66 ¹Lit., *done*

those who have taken them captive, that they may have compassion on them

51 ^afor they are Thy people and Thine inheritance which Thou hast brought forth from Egypt, ^bfrom the midst of the iron furnace),

52 ^athat Thine eyes may be open to the supplication of Thy servant and to the supplication of Thy people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to Thee.

53 "For Thou hast separated them from all the peoples of the earth as Thine inheritance, ^aas Thou didst speak through Moses Thy servant, when Thou didst bring our fathers forth from Egypt, O Lord ¹God."

54 ^aAnd it came about that when Solomon had finished praying this entire prayer and supplication to the LORD, ^bhe arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his ¹hands spread toward heaven.

55 And he stood and ^ablessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He ¹promised; ^anot one word has ²failed of all His good ³promise, which He ¹promised through Moses His servant.

57 "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; ^amay He not leave us or forsake us,

58 that ^aHe may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers.

59 "And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the ¹cause of His servant and the ¹cause of His people Israel, ²as each day requires,

60 so ^athat all the peoples of the earth may know that ^bthe LORD is God; there is no one else.

61 "Let your heart therefore be ¹wholly devoted to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day."

62 ^aNow the king and all Israel with him ^boffered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. ^aSo the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD, because there he ¹offered the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings; for ^athe bronze altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too small to hold the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 So ^aSolomon observed the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly ^bfrom the entrance of Hamath ^cto the brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, for seven days and seven *more* days, *even* fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away and they blessed the king. Then they went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had ¹shown to David His servant and to Israel His people.

CHAPTER 9

^a NOW it came about when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD, and ^bthe king's house, and ^call ¹that Solomon desired to do,

2 that ^athe LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built ^aby putting My name there forever, and ^bMy eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

4 "And as for you, ^aif you will walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you *and* will keep My statutes and My ordinances,

5 then ^aI will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I ¹promised to your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

6 "But if you or your sons shall indeed turn away from following Me, and shall not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you and shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

7 ^athen I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and ^bthe house which I have consecrated for My name, I will ¹cast out of My sight. So ^cIsrael will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

8 "And this house will become ^{1a} a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

9 "And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the LORD has brought all this adversity on them.' "

10 ^aAnd it came about ^bat the end of twenty years in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house,

11 (Hiram king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress timber and gold according to all his desire), then King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 So Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they ¹did not please him.

13 And he said, "What are these cities which you have given me, my brother?" So ¹they were called the land of ^{2a} Cabul to this day.

14 ^aAnd Hiram sent to the king 120 talents of gold.

15 Now this is the account of the forced labor which King Solomon levied to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the ^{1a} Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, ^b Hazor, ^c Meggido, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and captured Gezer, and burned it with fire, and killed the ^a Canaanites who lived in the city, and had ^b given it *as* a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 So Solomon rebuilt Gezer and the lower ^a Beth-horon

¹ Lit., Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do
² Chr. 7:11 ^b 1 Kin. 7:1, 2
^c 2 Chr. 8:6

2 ¹ Kin. 3:5; 11:9

3 ¹ Kin. 8:29 ^b Deut. 11:12; 2 Chr. 6:40

4 ¹ Kin. 3:14; 11:4, 6, 8

5 ¹ Lit., spoke ² Lit., There shall not be cut off to you a man

¹ Kin. 2:4; 6:12; 2 Sam. 7:12, 16

6 ² Sam. 7:14-16; 1 Chr. 28:9

7 ¹ Lit., send
^a Lev. 18:24-29; Deut. 4:26; 2 Kin. 17:23 ^b Jer. 7:4-14
^c Deut. 28:37; Jer. 24:9

8 ¹ Heb., high
^a Deut. 29:24-26; Jer. 22:8, 9, 28

9 ^a Deut. 29:25-28; Jer. 2:10-13

10 ² Chr. 8:1 ^b 1 Kin. 9:1; 6:37, 38; 7:1

12 ¹ Lit., were not right in his sight

13 ¹ Lit., he called them
² i.e., As good as nothing
^a Josh. 19:27

14 ¹ Kin. 9:11

15 ¹ i.e., citadel
^a 1 Kin. 9:24; 2 Sam. 5:9
^b Josh. 11:1 ^c Josh. 17:11

16 ^a Josh. 16:10 ^b 1 Kin. 3:1; 7:8

17 ^a Josh. 10:10

¹⁹ ¹Lit., ²Lit., ³the desire of Solomon which he desired to build in Jerusalem ¹Lit., of
¹ Kin. 10:26; ² Chr. 1:14
¹ Kin. 4:26 ¹ Kin. 9:1

²¹ ²Judg. 1:21-29; ³1 ¹Josh. 15:63; 17:12; 13 ¹Judg. 1:28; ³⁵ ¹Gen. 9:25; 26; Ezra 2:55; 58

²² ²Lev. 25:39

²³ ¹Or., officers of the deputies
² Chr. 8:10 ¹ Kin. 5:16

²⁴ ¹ Kin. 3:1; 7:8 ¹ Kin. 9:15; 11:27; ² Chr. 32:5

²⁵ ²Ex. 23:14-17; Deut. 16:16

²⁶ ¹Or., Sea of Reeds
¹ Kin. 22:48 ¹Num. 33:35; Deut. 2:8

²⁷ ¹ Kin. 5:6; 9; 10:11

²⁸ ¹ Chr. 29:4

¹ ² Chr. 9:1 ¹ Matt. 12:42
¹ Gen. 10:7; 28; Ps. 72:10; 15
¹ Judg. 14:12-14; Ps. 49:4

² ¹ Kin. 10:10

³ ¹Lit., told her all her words ²Lit., tell her

⁵ ¹Or., his burnt offering which he offered
¹ Chr. 26:16

⁷ ¹Lit., words

¹⁸ and Baalath and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land of Judah,

¹⁹ and all the storage cities which Solomon had, even ^athe cities for ¹his chariots and the cities for ^{1b}his horsemen, and ^{2c}all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land ³under his rule.

²⁰ As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, who were not of the sons of Israel,

²¹ ^atheir descendants who were left after them in the land ^bwhom the sons of Israel were unable to destroy utterly, ^cfrom them Solomon levied ^dforced laborers, even to this day.

²² But Solomon did not make slaves ^aof the sons of Israel; for they were men of war, his servants, his princes, his captains, his chariot commanders, and his horsemen.

²³ These were the ¹chief officers who were over Solomon's work, ^afive-hundred and fifty, ^bwho ruled over the people doing the work.

²⁴ As soon as ^aPharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which Solomon had built for her, ^bthen he built the Millo.

²⁵ Now ^athree times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the LORD, burning incense with them on the altar which was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

²⁶ ^aKing Solomon also built a fleet of ships in ^bEzion-geber, which is near Eloth on the shore of the ¹Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

²⁷ ^aAnd Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, sailors who knew the sea, along with the servants of Solomon.

²⁸ And they went to ^aOphir, and took four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

CHAPTER 10

^a NOW when the ^bqueen of ^cSheba heard about the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came ^dto test him with difficult questions.

² So she came to Jerusalem with a very large retinue, with camels ^acarrying spices and very much gold and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

³ And Solomon ¹answered all her questions; nothing was hidden from the king which he did not ²explain to her.

⁴ When the queen of Sheba perceived all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

⁵ the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cup-bearers, and ^{1a}his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

⁶ Then she said to the king, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

⁷ "Nevertheless I did not believe the ¹reports, until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me.

**Gifts Exchanged with the Queen of Sheba.
Wealth, Splendor, and Wisdom.**

You exceed *in* wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard.

8 "How blessed are your men, how blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually *and* hear your wisdom.

9 "Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; ^bbecause the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, ^cto do justice and righteousness."

10 And ^ashe gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great *amount* of spices and precious stones. Never again did such abundance of spices come in as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.

11 ^aAnd also the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a very great *number* of almug trees and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the almug trees supports for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also lyres and harps for the singers; such almug trees have not come in *again*, nor have they been seen to this day.

13 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she requested, besides what he gave her according to ¹his royal bounty. Then she turned and went to her own land ²together with her servants.

14 ^aNow the weight of gold which came in to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,

15 besides *that* from the traders and the ¹wares of the merchants and all the kings of the ²Arabs and the governors of the country.

16 And ^aKing Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, ¹using 600 *shekels* of gold on each large shield.

17 And *he made* 300 shields of beaten gold, ¹using three minas of gold on each shield, and ^athe king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ^aivory and overlaid it with refined gold.

19 There *were* six steps to the throne and a round top to the throne at its rear, and ¹arms ²on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the ¹arms.

20 And twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like *it* was made for any other kingdom.

21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold. None was of silver; it was not considered ¹valuable in the days of Solomon.

22 For ^athe king had at sea the ships of Tarshish with the ships of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.

23 ^aSo King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.

24 And all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, ^ato hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

9 ¹ Kin. 5:7-^b1 Chr. 17:22; 2 Chr. 2:11 ^c2 Sam. 8:15; 23:3

10 ¹ Kin. 10:2

11 ¹ Kin. 9:27, 28

13 ¹ Lit., *the hand of King Solomon* ² Lit., *she and*

14 ² Chr. 9:13-28

15 ¹ Or, *traffic* ² Cf. 2 Chr. 9:14

16 ¹ Lit., *he brought up* ¹ Kin. 14:26-28; 2 Chr. 12:9, 10

17 ¹ Lit., *he brought up* ¹ Kin. 7:2

18 ¹ Kin. 10:22; Ps. 45:8

19 ¹ Lit., *hands* ² Lit., *on this side and on this at the place of the seat*

21 ¹ Lit., *anything*

22 ¹ Kin. 9:26-28; 22:48

23 ¹ Kin. 3:12, 13; 4:30

24 ¹ Kin. 3:9, 12, 28

26 ¹So with ancient versions, cf. 2 Chr. 9:25; Heb., *led*
²1 Kin. 4:26; 2 Chr. 1:14-17; 9:25 ³1 Kin. 9:19

27 ¹Or, *Shephelah*
²2 Chr. 1:15

28 ²2 Chr. 1:16; 9:28

29 ¹Lit., *came up and went out from* ²Lit., *in like manner by their hand*
³Heb., *Aram*
⁴2 Kin. 7:6, 7

1 ²Deut. 17:17; Neh. 13:23-27

2 ¹Lit., *go among*
²Ex. 23:31-33; 34:12-16

3 ²2 Sam. 3:2-5; 5:13-16

4 ¹Lit., *complete with*
²1 Kin. 9:4

5 ²Judg. 2:13; 10:6; 1 Sam. 7:3, 4 ¹1 Kin. 10:7

7 ¹Lit., *before*
²Num. 21:29; Judg. 11:24;
³2 Kin. 23:13 ⁴Lev. 20:2-5;
⁵2 Kin. 23:10; Acts 7:3

9 ¹1 Kin. 11:2, 4 ²1 Kin. 3:5; 9:2

10 ¹1 Kin. 6:12; 9:6, 7

11 ¹Lit., *this is with you*
²1 Kin. 11:29-31; 12:15, 16,
³20; 1 Sam. 2:30

13 ²2 Sam. 7:15; 1 Chr. 17:13 ¹1 Kin. 11:32, 36; 12:20

Silver as Common as Stones. Solomon's Foreign Women Turn His Heart Away.

26 ²Now Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he ¹stationed them in the ^bchariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

27 ²And the king made silver *as common* as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the ¹lowland.

28 ²Also Solomon's import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, and the king's merchants procured *them* from Kue for a price.

29 And a chariot ¹was imported from Egypt for 600 *shekels* of silver, and a horse for 150; and ²by the same means they exported them ^ato all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of ³Syria.

CHAPTER 11

NOW ^aKing Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not ¹associate with them, neither shall they ¹associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love.

3 ²And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

4 For it came about when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and ^ahis heart was not ¹wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.

5 For Solomon went after ^aAshtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after ^bMilcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father *had done*.

7 Then Solomon built a high place for ^aChemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is ¹east of Jerusalem, and for ^bMolech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

9 Now the LORD was angry with Solomon ^abecause his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, ^bwho had appeared to him twice,

10 and ^ahad commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded.

11 So the LORD said to Solomon, "Because ¹you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, ^aI will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, *but* I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13 "However, ^aI will not tear away all the kingdom, but ^bI

will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and ^cfor the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

14 Then the LORD raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the ¹royal line in Edom.

15 For it came about, ^awhen David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck down every male in Edom

16 (for Joab and all Israel stayed there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom)

17 that Hadad fled ¹to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, while Hadad was a young boy.

18 And they arose from Midian and came to ^aParan; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house and assigned him food and gave him land.

19 Now Hadad found great favor ¹before Pharaoh, so that he gave him in marriage the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore his son Genubath, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 But ^awhen Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my own country."

22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that behold, you are seeking to go to your own country?" And he answered, "Nothing; nevertheless you must surely ¹let me go."

23 ^aGod also raised up *another* adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord ^bHadadezer king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band, ^aafter David slew them of *Zoba*; and they went to Damascus and stayed ¹there, and reigned in Damascus.

25 So he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, along with the evil that Hadad *did*; and he abhorred Israel and reigned over ¹Syria.

26 Then ^aJeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, ^balso ¹rebelled against the king.

27 Now this was the reason why he ¹rebelled against the king: ^aSolomon built the ²Millo, *and* closed up the breach of the city of his father David.

28 Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant warrior, and when ^aSolomon saw that the young man was ¹industrious, he appointed him over all the ²forced labor of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that ^athe prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now ¹Ahijah had clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field.

30 Then ^aAhijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten

13 ^c1 Kin. 8:29

14 ¹Lit., *king's seed*

15 ^a2 Sam. 8:14; 1 Chr. 18:12, 13

17 ¹Lit., *to go into*

18 ^aNum. 10:12; Deut. 1:1

19 ¹Lit., *in the sight of*

21 ^a1 Kin. 2:10

22 ¹Lit., *send me away*

23 ^a1 Kin. 11:14 ^b2 Sam. 8:3; 10:16

24 ¹Lit., *in it*
^a2 Sam. 10:8, 18

25 ¹Heb., *Aram*

26 ¹Lit., *lifted up a hand*
^a1 Kin. 11:11, 28; 12:2, 20;
2 Chr. 13:6 ^b2 Sam. 20:21

27 ¹Lit., *lifted up a hand*
²Lit., *citadel*
^a1 Kin. 9:15, 24

28 ¹Lit., *a doer of work*
²Lit., *burden*
^aProv. 22:29

29 ¹Lit., *he*
^a1 Kin. 12:15; 14:2; 2 Chr. 9:29

30 ^a1 Sam. 15:27, 28

31 ^a1 Kin. 11:11, 1232 ^a1 Kin. 11:13; 12:21
^b1 Kin. 11:13; 14:2133 ^a1 Kin. 11:5-834 ¹Or, *prince*35 ^a1 Kin. 11:12; 12:16, 1736 ^a1 Kin. 11:13 ^b1 Kin. 15:4; 2 Kin. 8:19 ^c1 Kin. 11:1337 ¹Lit., *your soul desires*38 ^aDcut. 31:8; Josh. 1:5
^b2 Sam. 7:11, 2739 ¹Lit., *seed*40 ^a1 Kin. 14:25; 2 Chr. 12:2-941 ^a2 Chr. 9:2943 ^a1 Kin. 2:10 ^b1 Kin. 14:211 ^a2 Chr. 10:1 ^bJudg. 9:62 ¹Lit., *Jeroboam*
^a1 Kin. 11:26, 404 ^a1 Kin. 4:7, 22-25; 9:15;
1 Sam. 8:11-185 ¹Lit., *yet three*
^a1 Kin. 12:12

pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, ^aI will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes

32 (^abut he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, ^bthe city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel),

33 because they have forsaken Me, and ^ahave worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and *observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did.*

34 'Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ^rruler all the days of his life, for the sake of My servant David whom I chose, who observed My commandments and My statutes;

35 but ^aI will take the kingdom from his son's hand and give it to you, *even ten tribes.*

36 'But ^ato his son I will give one tribe, ^bthat My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, ^cthe city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name.

37 'And I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever ¹you desire, and you shall be king over Israel.

38 'Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then ^aI will be with you and ^bbuild you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

39 'Thus I will afflict the ¹descendants of David for this, but not always.' "

40 Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to ^aShishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Solomon and whatever he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon?

42 Thus the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

43 And Solomon ^aslept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David, and his son ^bRehoboam reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 12

^a**T**HEN Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to ^bShechem to make him king.

2 Now it came about ^awhen Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was yet in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon while ¹he was living in Egypt,

3 they sent and called him), that Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 ^a"Your father made our yoke hard; therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

5 Then he said to them, ^a"Depart ¹for three days, then return to me." So the people departed.

**Good and Bad Counsel for the King.
Israel Rebels, Chooses Jeroboam as King.**

1 Kings 12

6 And King Rehoboam ^aconsulted with the elders who had ¹served his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you counsel *me* to answer this people?"

6 ¹Lit., *stood before*
^a1 Kin. 4:1-6

7 Then they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to this people today, will serve them, ¹grant them their petition, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

7 ¹Lit., *answer them*

8 But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him ¹and served him.

8 ¹Lit., *who stood before*

9 So he said to them, "What counsel do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"

12 ¹Lit., *spoken*
^a1 Kin. 12:5

10 And the young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, now you make it lighter for us!' But you shall speak to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins!

13 ¹Lit., *advised*

11 'Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'"

12 Then Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king had ¹directed, saying, "^aReturn to me on the third day."

14 ^aEx. 1:13, 14; 5:5-9, 16-18

13 And the king answered the people harshly, for he forsook the advice of the elders which they had ¹given him,

15 ^a1 Kin. 12:24; Deut. 2:30; Judg. 14:4 ^b1 Kin. 11:11, 31

14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "^aMy father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

16 ^a2 Sam. 20:1

15 So the king did not listen to the people; ^afor it was a turn of *events* from the LORD, ^bthat He might establish His word, which the LORD spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

17 ^a1 Kin. 11:13, 36

16 When all Israel *saw* that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse;

^aTo your tents, O Israel!

Now look after your own house, David!"

18 ¹Lit., *with stones that he died*
^a1 Kin. 4:6; 5:14; 2 Sam. 20:24

So Israel departed to their tents.

17 But ^aas for the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

19 ^a2 Kin. 17:21

18 Then King Rehoboam sent ^aAdoram, who was over the forced labor, and all Israel stoned him ¹to death. And King Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

20 ^a1 Kin. 11:13, 32, 36

19 ^aSo Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

20 And it came about when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. ^aNone but the tribe of Judah followed the house of David.

21 ^a2 Chr. 11:1

21 ^aNow when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000 chosen men who were warriors, to fight against the

22^a Chr. 12:5-723^{a1} Kin. 12:1724¹ Lit., *brothers*
^{a1} Kin. 12:1525¹ Lit., *in it*
^a Judg. 9:45-49 ^b Gen. 32:30,
31; Judg. 8:8, 1727^a Deut. 12:5-7, 1428¹ Lit., *took counsel*
^{a2} Kin. 10:29; 17:16; Hos.
8:4-7 ^b Hos. 10:5 ^c Ex.
32:4, 829^a Hos. 10:5 ^b Gen. 28:19
^c Judg. 18:26-3130^{a1} Kin. 13:34; 2 Kin.
17:2131¹ Or, *extremities of*
^{a1} Kin. 13:32 ^{b1} Kin. 13:33;
2 Kin. 17:32; 2 Chr. 13:932¹ Lit., *made* ² Or, *offered*
upon
^a Lev. 23:33, 34; Num. 29:12
^b Amos 7:10-1333¹ Or, *offered upon* ² Lit.,
made ³ Lit., *from* ⁴ Or,
sacrifices
^{a1} Kin. 13:11^a Kin. 12:22; 2 Kin. 23:17
^{b1} Kin. 12:332^{a1} Kin. 13:32 ^{b2} Kin.
23:15, 163¹ Lit., *wonder* ² Lit., *ashes*
of fat
^a Ex. 4:1-5; Judg. 6:17

house of Israel to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came to ^aShemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin and to the ^arest of the people, saying,

24 "Thus says the LORD, "You must not go up and fight against your ¹relatives the sons of Israel; return every man to his house, ^afor this thing has come from Me." " So they listened to the word of the LORD, and returned and went *their way* according to the word of the LORD.

25 Then ^aJeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived ¹there. And he went out from there and built ^bPenuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

27 "If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, *even* to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

28 So the king ¹consulted, and ^amade two golden ^bcalves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; ^cbehold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt."

29 And he set ^aone in ^bBethel, and the other he put in ^cDan.

30 Now ^athis thing became a sin, for the people went to *worship* before the one as far as Dan.

31 And ^ahe made houses on high places, and ^bmade priests from among ¹all the people who were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ¹instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, ^alike the feast which is in Judah, and he ²went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel ^bthe priests of the high places which he had made.

33 Then he ¹went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had ²devised ³in his own heart; and he ²instituted a feast for the sons of Israel, and ¹went up to the altar ^ato burn ⁴incense.

CHAPTER 13

NOW behold, there came ^aa man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar ^bto burn incense.

2 And ^ahe cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, ^bJosiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.' "

3 Then he gave a ¹sign the same day, saying, "'^aThis is the ¹sign which the LORD has spoken, 'Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the ²ashes which are on it shall be poured out.' "

4 Now it came about when the king heard the saying of

the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.

5 The altar also was split apart and the ¹ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the ²sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please ^{1a}entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So ^bthe man of God ²entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before.

7 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and ^aI will give you a reward."

8 But the man of God said to the king, "^aIf you were to give me half your house I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place.

9 "For so ¹it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came.'"

10 So he went another way, and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel.

11 Now an old prophet ^awas living in Bethel; and his ¹sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father.

12 And their father said to them, "¹Which way did he go?" Now his sons ²had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone.

13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it.

14 So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under ^{1a}an oak; and he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16 And he said, "^aI cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.

17 "For a command *came* to me ^aby the word of the LORD, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.'"

18 And he said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'"^a But he lied to him.

19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.

20 Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have ¹disobeyed the ²command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,

22 but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no

⁵ ¹Lit., *ashes of fat* ²Lit., *wonder*

⁶ ¹Lit., *soften the face of* ²Lit., *softened the face of*
^aEx. 8:8, 28; 9:28; Acts 8:24
^bLuke 6:27, 28

⁷ ¹Sam. 9:7, 8; 2 Kin. 5:15

⁸ ¹Kin. 13:16, 17; Num. 22:18, 24:13

⁹ ¹Lit., *he commanded me*

¹¹ ¹Lit., *son*
^a1 Kin. 13:25; 2 Kin. 23:18

¹² ¹Lit., *Where is the way he went* ²Some ancient versions read *showed him*

¹⁴ ¹Or, *a terebinth*

¹⁶ ¹Kin. 13:8, 9

¹⁷ ¹Kin. 20:35

²¹ ¹Lit., *rebelled against*
²Lit., *mouth*

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24 ^a1 Kin. 20:36

25 ^a1 Kin. 13:11

26 ¹Lit., rebelled against
²Lit., mouth

31 ²2 Kin. 23:17, 18

32 ^a1 Kin. 13:2 ^b1 Kin.
12:31 ^c1 Kin. 16:24

33 ¹Or, extremities of
^aJudg. 17:5

34 ¹Lit., by this thing he
became
^a1 Kin. 12:30; 2 Kin. 17:21
^b1 Kin. 14:10; 15:29, 30

2 ^a1 Sam. 28:9; 2 Sam.
14:2; 2 Chr. 18:29 ^bJosh. 18:1
^c1 Kin. 11:29-31

3 ^a1 Kin. 13:7; 1 Sam. 9:7,
8; 2 Kin. 4:42

water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers."

23 And it came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 Now when he had gone, ^aa lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body.

25 And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told *it* in the city where ^athe old prophet lived.

26 Now when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard *it*, he said, "It is the man of God, who ¹disobeyed the ²command of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him."

27 Then he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it.

28 And he went and found his body thrown on the road with the donkey and the lion standing beside the body; the lion had not eaten the body nor torn the donkey.

29 So the prophet took up the body of the man of God and laid it on the donkey, and brought it back and he came to the city of the old prophet to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"

31 And it came about after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I die, bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried; ^alay my bones beside his bones.

32 ^a"For the thing shall surely come to pass which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel and ^bagainst all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of ^cSamaria."

33 After this event Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but again he made priests of the high places from among ¹all the people; ^aany who would, he ordained, to be priests of the high places.

34 ^aAnd ¹this event became sin to the house of Jeroboam, ^beven to blot *it* out and destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

CHAPTER 14

AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise now, and ^adisguise yourself so that they may not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and go to ^bShiloh; behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who ^cspoke concerning me *that I would be* king over this people.

3 ^a"And take ten loaves with you, *some* cakes and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will happen to the boy."

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose and went to

^aShiloh, and came to the house of ^bAhijah. Now Ahijah could not see, ^cfor his eyes were ¹dim because of his age.

5 Now the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to ¹inquire of you concerning her son, for he is sick. You shall say thus and thus to her, for it will be when she arrives that ^ashe will pretend to be another woman."

6 And it came about when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming in the doorway, that he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam, why do you pretend to be another woman? For I am sent to you *with a harsh message*."

7 "Go, say to Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel,

8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you—"yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, ^bto do only that which was right in My sight;

9 you also have done more evil than all who were before you, and ^ahave gone and made for yourself other gods and ^bmolten images to provoke Me to anger, and ^chave cast Me behind your back—

10 therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and ^awill cut off from Jeroboam ¹every male person, ^bboth bound and free in Israel, and I ^cwill make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

11 "Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat; for the LORD has spoken it."

12 "Now you arise, go to your house. ^aWhen your feet enter the city the child will die.

13 "And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for ¹he alone of Jeroboam's *family* shall come to the grave, because in him something good was found toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 "Moreover, ^athe LORD will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam this day ¹and from now on.

15 "For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and ^aHe will uproot Israel from ^bthis good land which He gave to their fathers, and ^cwill scatter them beyond the *Euphrates River*, ^dbecause they have made their ¹Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 "And He will give up Israel ^aon account of the sins of Jeroboam, which he ¹committed and with which he made Israel to sin."

17 Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to ^aTirzah. ^bAs she was entering the threshold of the house, the child died.

18 ^aAnd all Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, ^ahow he made war and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

20 And the time that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two

⁴ Lit., *set*
^a1 Kin. 14:2 ^b1 Kin. 11:29
^c1 Sam. 3:2, 4:5

⁵ Lit., *seek a word from*
^a2 Sam. 14:2

⁷ 1 Kin. 11:28-31; 16:2

⁸ 1 Kin. 11:33, 38 ^b1 Kin. 15:5

⁹ 1 Kin. 12:28; 2 Chr. 11:15 ^bEx. 34:17 ^cPs. 50:17; Ezek. 23:35

¹⁰ Lit., *him who urinates against the wall*
^a1 Kin. 21:21; 2 Kin. 9:8
^bDeut. 32:36; 2 Kin. 14:26
^c1 Kin. 15:29

¹¹ 1 Kin. 16:4; 21:24

¹² 1 Kin. 14:17

¹³ Lit., *the one*

¹⁴ Lit., *and what even now?*
^a1 Kin. 15:27-29

¹⁵ I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity
^aDeut. 29:28; 2 Kin. 17:6
^bJosh. 23:15; 16 ^c2 Kin. 15:29
^dEx. 34:13, 14; Deut. 12:3, 4

¹⁶ Lit., *sinned*
^a1 Kin. 12:30; 13:34

¹⁷ 1 Kin. 15:21, 33; 16:6-9, 15, 23 ^b1 Kin. 14:12

¹⁸ 1 Kin. 14:13

¹⁹ 1 Kin. 14:30; 2 Chr. 13:2-20

21 ^a2 Chr. 12:13 ^{b1} Kin. 11:32, 36

22 ¹Lit., *their* ²Lit., *sinned*
^a2 Chr. 12:1, 14

23 ¹I.e., wooden symbols of
a female deity
^aDeut. 12:2 ^bDeut. 16:22
^{c1} Kin. 14:15 ^{a2} Kin. 17:10;
Is. 57:5; Jer. 2:20

24 ^aDeut. 23:17

25 ^a2 Chr. 12:2, 9-11

26 ¹Lit., *and he took away*
^{a1} Kin. 15:18 ^{b1} Kin. 10:17

27 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *runners*
^{a1} Sam. 8:11; 22:17

28 ¹Lit., *runners*

29 ^{a2} Chr. 12:15, 16

30 ^{a1} Kin. 12:21-24; 15:6

31 ^{a1} Kin. 14:21

1 ^{a2} Chr. 13:1

2 ¹Or, *Micaiah, the daughter of Uriel*; cf. 2 Chr. 13:2 ^aOr, *Absalom*; cf. 2 Chr. 11:20

3 ¹Lit., *complete with*
^{a1} Kin. 11:4

4 ^{a1} Kin. 11:36; 2 Sam. 12:17

5 ^{a1} Kin. 9:4; 14:8 ^{b2} Sam. 11:4, 15-17; 12:9, 10

years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

21 ^aNow Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, ^bthe city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

22 ^aAnd Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with ¹the sins which they ²committed.

23 For they also built for themselves ^ahigh places and sacred ^bpillars and ^{1c}Asherim on every high hill and ^abeneath every luxuriant tree.

24 And there were also ^amale cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

25 ^aNow it came about in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and ^ahe took everything, ^{1b}even taking all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 So King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and ^acommitted them to the ^{1c}care of the commanders of the ²guard who guarded the doorway of the king's house.

28 Then it happened as often as the king entered the house of the LORD, that the ¹guards would carry them and would bring them back into the ¹guards' room.

29 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

30 ^aAnd there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and ^ahis mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 15

^a NOW in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, the son of Nabat, Abijam became king over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ¹Maacah the daughter of ²Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father which he had committed before him; and ^ahis heart was not ¹wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David.

4 But for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a ^alamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem;

5 ^abecause David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from any thing that He commanded him all the days of his life, ^bexcept in the case of Uriah the Hittite.

6 ^aAnd there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now ^athe rest of the acts of Abijam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? ^bAnd there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 ^aAnd Abijam slept with his fathers and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son became king in his place.

9 So in the twentieth year of Jeroboam the king of Israel Asa began to reign as king of Judah.

10 And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem; and ^ahis mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And ^aAsa did what was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father.

12 ^aHe also put away the male cult prostitutes from the land, and ^bremoved all the idols which his fathers had made.

13 ^aAnd ^bhe also removed Maacah his mother from *being* queen mother, because she had made a horrid image ²as an Asherah; and Asa cut down her horrid image and ^bburned it at the brook Kidron.

14 ^aBut the high places were not taken away; nevertheless ^bthe heart of Asa was ¹wholly devoted to the LORD all his days.

15 And ^ahe brought into the house of the LORD the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

16 ^aNow there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 ^aAnd Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and ^bfortified Ramah ^cin order to prevent *anyone* from going out or coming in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then ^aAsa took all the silver and the gold which were left in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And ^bKing Asa sent them to Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of ¹Syria, who lived in ^cDamascus, saying,

19 "Let there be a ^atreaty between ¹you and me, *as* between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you a present of silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will withdraw from me."

20 So Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and ¹conquered ^aIjon, ^bDan, ^cAbel-beth-maacah and all ^dChinneroth, besides all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came about when Baasha heard of it that ^ahe ceased ¹fortifying Ramah, and remained in ^bTirzah.

22 Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah—none was exempt—and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had built. And King Asa built with them ^aGeba of Benjamin and Mizpah.

23 ^aNow the rest of all the acts of Asa and all his might and all that he did and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and ^aJehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

6*1 Kin. 14:30

7*2 Chr. 13:2, 21, 22
b2 Chr. 13:3-20

8*2 Chr. 14:1

10*1 Kin. 15:2

11*2 Chr. 14:2

12*1 Kin. 14:24; 22:46;
Deut. 23:17 ^{b1} Kin. 11:7, 8;
14:23; 2 Chr. 14:2-513 ¹Lit., *also Maacah his mother and he removed her*
²Or, *for Asherah*
²Chr. 15:16-18 ^bEx. 32:2014 ¹Lit., *complete with*
^{a1} Kin. 22:43; 2 Kin. 12:3
^{b1} Kin. 15:3; 8:61

15*1 Kin. 7:51

16*1 Kin. 15:32

17 ¹Lit., *built*
²Chr. 16:1-6 ^{b1} Kin. 15:21,
22 ^{c1} Kin. 12:26-2918 ¹Heb., *Aram*
^{a1} Kin. 15:15; 14:26 ^{b2} Kin.
12:17, 18 ^{c1} Kin. 11:23, 24;
Gen. 14:1519 ¹Lit., *me and you*
²Chr. 16:720 ¹Lit., *smote*
² Kin. 15:29 ^{b1} Kin. 12:29
^{c2} Kin. 15:29 ^dJosh. 11:2;
12:321 ¹Lit., *building*
^{a1} Kin. 15:17 ^{b1} Kin. 14:17;
16:15-1822*²Josh. 18:24; 21:17

23*2 Chr. 16:11-14

24*1 Kin. 22:41-44; 2 Chr.
17:1

25^a 1 Kin. 14:2026^a 1 Kin. 12:28-33; 13:33,
34^b 1 Kin. 15:30, 34; 14:1627^a 1 Kin. 14:14 ^bJosh.
19:44; 21:2329¹ Lit., any breath
^a 1 Kin. 14:9-1630^a 1 Kin. 15:2631^a 1 Kin. 14:1932^a 1 Kin. 15:1634^a 1 Kin. 15:261^a 1 Kin. 16:7; 2 Chr. 19:2;
20:34 ^b 2 Chr. 16:7-102^a 1 Kin. 14:7 ^b 1 Kin.
15:393^a 1 Kin. 14:10; 21:21
^b 1 Kin. 16:11 ^c 1 Kin. 15:294^a 1 Kin. 14:11; 21:245^a 1 Kin. 14:19; 15:316^a 1 Kin. 14:17; 15:217¹ Or, him
^a 1 Kin. 16:1 ^b 1 Kin. 14:14;
15:27, 29

25 Now ^aNadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^awalked in the way of his father and ^bin his sin which he made Israel sin.

27 Then ^aBaasha the son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against him, and Baasha struck him down at ^bGibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.

28 So Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

29 And it came about, as soon as he was king, he struck down all the household of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam ¹any persons alive, until he had destroyed them, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite,

30 *and* because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and ^awhich he made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked the LORD, God of Israel, to anger.

31 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Nadab and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

32 ^aAnd there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel at Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^awalked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin which he made Israel sin.

CHAPTER 16

Now the word of the LORD came to ^aJehu the son of ^bHanani against Baasha, saying,

2 "Inasmuch as I ^aexalted you from the dust and made you leader over My people Israel, and ^byou have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made My people Israel sin, provoking Me to anger with their sins,

3 behold, ^aI will consume ^bBaasha and his house, and ^cI will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 "Anyone of Baasha who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat."

5 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Baasha and what he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

6 And Baasha slept with his fathers and was buried in ^aTirzah, and Elah his son became king in his place.

7 Moreover, the word of the LORD through ^athe prophet Jehu the son of Hanani also came against Baasha and his household, both because of all the evil which he did in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because ^bhe struck ¹it.

8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah Elah the

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son of Baasha became king over Israel at Tirzah, and reigned two years.

9 And his servant ^aZimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was at Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, ^bwho was over the household at Tirzah.

10 Then Zimri went in and struck him and put him to death, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and became king in his place.

11 And it came about, when he became king, as soon as he sat on his throne, that ^ahe killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave ^{2a}a single male, neither of his ³relatives nor of his friends.

12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD, which He spoke against Baasha through ^bJehu the prophet,

13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned and which they made Israel sin, ^aprovoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their ¹idols.

14 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Elah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days at Tirzah. Now the people were camped against ^aGibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the people who were camped heard ¹it said, "Zimri has conspired and has also struck down the king." Therefore all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from Gibbethon, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came about, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house, and burned the king's house over him with fire, and ^adied,

19 because of his sins which he sinned, doing evil in the sight of the LORD, ^awalking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, making Israel sin.

20 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Zimri and his conspiracy which he ¹carried out, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; the *other* half followed Omri.

22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. And Tibni died and Omri became king.

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel, and reigned twelve years; he reigned six years at ^aTirzah.

24 And he bought the hill ¹Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and named the city which he built ^{1a}Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

25 And ^aOmri did evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^bacted more wickedly than all who were before him.

26 For he ^awalked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of

9 ^{a2} Kin. 9:30-33 ^{b1} Kin. 18:3; Gen. 24:2; 39:4

11 ¹ Lit., smote ² Lit., him who unites against the wall ³ Lit., redeemers ^{a1} Kin. 16:3; 15:29

12 ^{a1} Kin. 16:3 ^{b2} Chr. 19:2; 20:34

13 ¹ Lit., vanities ^{a1} Kin. 15:30; Deut. 32:21

14 ^{a1} Kin. 16:5

15 ^{a1} Kin. 15:27

16 ¹ Lit., saying

18 ^{a1} Sam. 31:4, 5; 2 Sam. 17:23

19 ^{a1} Kin. 12:28; 14:16; 15:26

20 ¹ Lit., conspired ^{a1} Kin. 16:5, 14, 27

23 ^{a1} Kin. 15:21

24 ¹ Heb., Shomeron ^{a1} Kin. 16:28, 29, 32

25 ^a Mic. 6:16 ^{b1} Kin. 16:30-33; 14:9

26 ^{a1} Kin. 16:19

26 ¹Lit., vanities

27 ¹Lit., did

30 ¹Kin. 16:25; 14:9

31 ¹Deut. 7:1-5 ^{b1} Kin. 11:1-5; 2 Kin. 10:18; 17:16

32 ² Kin. 10:21, 26, 27

33 ¹I.e., a wooden symbol of a female diety
² Kin. 13:6 ^{b1} Kin. 16:29, 30; 14:9

34 ² Josh. 6:26

1 ¹Or, Tishbe in Gilead
^aJudg. 12:4 ^{b1} Kin. 18:10; 22:14; 2 Kin. 5:20 ^{c1} Kin. 18:1; Luke 4:25; James 5:17

3 ¹Lit., before

4 ¹ Kin. 16:9

5 ¹Lit., before

9 ¹Obad. 20; Luke 4:26
^{b1} Kin. 17:4

10 ¹Or, vessel
^aGen. 24:17; John 4:7

Nebat and in his sins which he made Israel sin, provoking the LORD, God of Israel, with their ¹idols.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did and his might which he ¹showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son became king in his place.

29 Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eight year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD ^amore than all who were before him.

31 And it came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that ^ahe married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the ^bSidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him.

32 So he erected an altar for Baal in ^athe house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab also made ^athe ¹Asherah. Thus ^bAhab did more to provoke the LORD, God of Israel, than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34 ^aIn his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the loss of Abiram his first-born, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 17

NOW Elijah the Tishbite, who was of ^{1a}the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "^bAs the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely ^cthere shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

2 And the word of the LORD came to him, saying;

3 "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is ¹east of the Jordan.

4 "And it shall be that you shall drink of the brook, and ^{a1} have commanded the ravens to provide for you there."

5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is ¹east of the Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.

7 And it happened after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

9 "Arise, go to ^aZarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, ^{b1} I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and ^ahe called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a ¹jar, that I may drink."

11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand."

12 But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die."

13 Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first, and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son.

14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.'"

15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.

17 Now it came about after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him.

18 So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance, and to put my son to death!"

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed.

20 And he called to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, hast Thou also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?"

21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the LORD, and said, "O LORD my God, I pray Thee, let this child's life return to him."

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive."

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came about after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth."

2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly;

4 for it came about, when Jezebel destroyed the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water.)

5 Then Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys; perhaps we will

12 ¹Lit., cake ²Lit., pitcher
¹Lit., two
¹ Kin. 17:1 ² Kin. 4:2-7

13 ¹Lit., there

14 ¹Lit., pitcher ²Lit., lack

16 ¹Lit., pitcher ²Lit., lack

18 ¹Or, Have you come
... death?
² Sam. 16:10; 2 Kin. 3:13;
John 2:4 ¹ Kin. 12:22

20 ¹Lit., sojourning

21 ¹Lit., upon his inward
part
² Kin. 4:34, 35; Acts 20:10

22 ¹Lit., upon his inward
part
²Hcb. 11:35

24 ¹John 2:11; 3:2

1 ¹ Kin. 17:1

3 ¹Or, revered
¹ Kin. 16:9

4 ¹Lit., cut off
¹ Kin. 17:13

5 ¹Lit., *cut off*

6 ¹Lit., *pass through*

7 ¹Lit., *to meet*
²2 Kin. 1:6-8

9 ¹Lit., *have I sinned*

10 ²1 Kin. 17:1

12 ¹Or, *revered*
²2 Kin. 2:16; Ezek. 3:12, 14;
 Acts 8:39

13 ¹Lit., *a hundred men of
 the prophets*
²1 Kin. 18:4

15 ²1 Kin. 17:1

17 ²1 Kin. 21:20; Josh. 7:25

18 ²1 Kin. 9:9; 2 Chr. 15:2
¹1 Kin. 16:31; 21:25, 26

19 ²Josh. 19:26 2 Kin. 2:25
¹1 Kin. 18:22 ¹1 Kin. 16:33

21 ¹Lit., *on the two divided
 opinions*
²2 Kin. 17:41; Matt. 6:24
¹Josh. 24:15

22 ²1 Kin. 19:10, 14 ¹1 Kin.
 18:19

24 ²1 Kin. 18:38

find grass and keep the horses and mules alive, and not ¹have to kill some of the cattle.

6 So they divided the land between them to ¹survey it; Ahab went one way by himself and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 Now as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah ¹met him, ²and he recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is this you, Elijah my master?"

8 And he said to him, "It is I. Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah *is here*.'"

9 And he said, "What ¹sin have I committed, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab, to put me to death?"

10 "As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent to search for you; and when they said, 'He is not *here*', he made the kingdom or nation swear that they could not find you.

11 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah *is here*.'"

12 "And it will come about when I leave you ²that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you where I do not know; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although *I* your servant have ¹feared the LORD from my youth.

13 "Has it not been told to my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, that I hid ¹a hundred prophets of the LORD by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water?"

14 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah *is here*"; he will then kill me."

15 And Elijah said, "²As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 And it came about, when Ahab saw Elijah that ²Ahab said to him, "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?"

18 And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, because ²you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and ¹you have followed the Baals.

19 "Now then send *and* gather to me all Israel at ²Mount Carmel, ¹together with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of ²the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

20 So Ahab sent *a message* among all the sons of Israel, and brought the prophets together at Mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "²How long *will* you ¹hesitate between two opinions? ¹If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.

22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I ²alone am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are ¹450 men.

23 "Now let them give us two oxen; and let them choose one ox for themselves and cut it up, and place it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other ox, and lay it on the wood, and I will not put a fire *under it*.

24 "Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD, and ²the God who answers by fire,

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He is God." And all the people answered and said, "That is a good idea."

25 So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one ox for yourselves and prepare it first for you are many, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*."

26 Then they took the ox which ¹was given them and they prepared it and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon saying, "O Baal, answer us." But there was no voice and no one answered. And they ²leaped about the altar which ³they made.

27 And it came about at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened."

28 So they cried with a loud voice and ^acut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until the blood gushed out on them.

29 And it came about when midday was past, that they ¹raved ^auntil the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no ²one paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And ^ahe repaired the altar of the LORD which had been torn down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "^aIsrael shall be your name."

32 So with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he made a trench around the altar, large enough to hold two ¹measures of seed.

33 ^aThen he arranged the wood and cut the ox in pieces and laid *it* on the wood. And he said, "Fill four pitchers with water and pour *it* on the burnt offering and on the wood."

34 And he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

35 And the water flowed around the altar, and he also filled the trench with water.

36 Then it came about ^aat the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "^bO LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and ^cthat I have done all these things at Thy word.

37 "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that Thou, O LORD, art God, and *that* Thou hast turned their heart back again."

38 Then ^afire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "^aThe LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God."

40 Then Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape." So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to ^athe brook Kishon, ^band slew them there.

24 ¹Lit., *The matter is good*

26 ¹Lit., *he gave* ²Lit., *limped*, i.e., a type of ceremonial dance ³So some mss. and the ancient versions, M.T., *he*

28 ^aLev. 19:28; Deut. 14:1; Mic. 6:7

29 ¹Lit., *prophesied* ²Lit., *attentiveness*
^aEx. 29:39, 41

30 ^a1 Kin. 19:10, 14; 2 Chr. 33:16

31 ^aGen. 32:28; 35:10; 2 Kin. 17:34

32 ¹Heb., *seahs*; one *seah* equals approx. 11 qts.

33 ^aGen. 22:9; Lev. 1:7, 8

36 ^a1 Kin. 18:29 ^bEx. 3:6; 4:5 ^cNum. 16:28-32

38 ^aGen. 15:17; Lev. 10:1, 2; 2 Kin. 1:12; Job 1:16

39 ^a1 Kin. 18:21, 24

40 ^aJudg. 4:7; 5:21 ^bDeut. 13:5; 18:20; 2 Kin. 10:24, 25

42 ¹ Kin. 18:19, 2044 ¹ Lit., *tree, harness*
² Luke 12:5445 ¹ Josh. 17:16; Judg. 6:3346 ¹ Lit., *ran before*
² Kin. 3:15; Is. 8:11 ^{b2} Kin.
4:29; Jer. 1:17; 1 Pet. 1:131 ¹ Lit., *all about how*
² Kin. 18:402 ¹ Lit., *soul*
² Kin. 20:10; 2 Kin. 6:313 ¹ Reading of many mss.;
Heb. text may read, *saw*
² Lit., *soul*
³ Gen. 21:314 ¹ Or, *broom-tree* ² Lit.,
soul
³ Num. 11:15; Jer. 20:14-18;
Jon. 4:3, 85 ¹ Or, *broom-tree*
² Gen. 28:11-158 ² Ex. 24:18; 34:28; Deut.
9:9-11, 18; Matt. 4:2 ^b Ex. 3:1;
4:279 ² Ex. 33:21, 2210 ² Ex. 20:5; 34:14 ^b Rom.
11:411 ² Ex. 19:20; 24:12, 18

41 Now Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of the roar of a *heavy* shower."

42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. But Elijah went up to the top of ^aCarmel; and he crouched down on the earth, and put his face between his knees.

43 And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go back" seven times.

44 And it came about at the seventh *time*, that he said, "Behold, ^aa cloud as small as a man's hand is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, '¹Prepare your *chariot* and go down, so that the *heavy* shower does not stop you.'"

45 So it came about in a little while, that the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower. And Ahab rode and went to ^aJezeel.

46 Then ^athe hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and ^bhe girded up his loins and ¹outran Ahab to Jezeel.

CHAPTER 19

NOW Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and ^{1a}how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "^aSo may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your ¹life as the ¹life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

3 And he ¹was afraid and arose and ran for his ²life and came to ^aBeersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a ¹juniper tree; and ^ahe requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take my ²life, for I am not better than my fathers."

5 And he lay down and slept under a ¹juniper tree; and behold, there was ^aan angel touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat."

6 Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake *baked on* hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you."

8 So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food ^aforty days and forty nights to ^bHoreb, the mountain of God.

9 Then he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, ^athe word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 And he said, "^aI have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, ^btorn down Thine alters and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

11 So He said, "^aGo forth, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a

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great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake.

12 ¹Job 4:16; Zech. 4:6

12 And after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire ^aa sound of a gentle blowing.

13 ¹Ex. 3:6 ^{b1} Kin. 19:9

13 And it came about when Elijah heard it, that ^ahe wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, ^ba voice *came* to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 ¹ Kin. 19:10

14 Then he said, "^aI have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

15 ¹Heb., Aram
² Kin. 8:8-15

15 And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, ^ayou shall anoint Hazael king over ¹Syria;

16 ² Kin. 9:1-10 ^{b1} Kin. 19:19-21; 2 Kin. 2:9, 15

16 and ^aJehu the son of Ninshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and ^bElisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

17 "And it shall come about, the ^aone who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu ^bshall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.

17 ² Kin. 8:12; 13:3, 22
^{b2} Kin. 9:14-10:25

18 "^aYet I will leave 7000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not ^bkissed him."

19 So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw ^ahis mantle on him.

18 ⁴Rom. 11:4 ^bHos. 13:2

20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Please ^alet me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

19 ² Kin. 2:8, 13, 14;
1 Sam. 28:14

21 So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and ^aboiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and ^bministered to him.

20 ²Matt. 8:21, 22; Luke 9:61, 62; Acts 20:37

CHAPTER 20

NOW ^aBen-hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, ^band there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and ^cbesieged Samaria, and fought against it.

21 ² Sam. 24:22 ^{b1} Kin. 18:43; 2 Kin. 2:3

2 Then he sent messengers to the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him, "Thus says Ben-hadad,

1 ¹ Kin. 15:18, 20; 2 Kin. 6:24 ^{b1} Kin. 22:31 ^{c1} Kin. 16:24; 2 Kin. 6:24-29

3 'Your silver and your gold are mine; your most beautiful wives and children are also mine.'"

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "It is according to your word, my lord, O king; I am yours, and all that I have."

5 ¹Lit., Ben-hadad, saying

5 Then the messengers returned and said, "Thus says ¹Ben-hadad, 'Surely, I sent to you saying, "You shall give me your silver and your gold and your wives and your children,"

6 but about this time tomorrow I will send my servants to

6 ¹Lit., *all the desire of your eyes* ²Lit., *put*

7 ² Kin. 5:7

10 ¹Lit., *are at my feet*
¹ Kin. 19:2; 2 Kin. 6:31

11 ²Prov. 27:1

12 ¹Lit., *he and* ²Or, *booths*
¹ Kin. 16:9

13 ¹ Kin. 20:28 ¹ Kin. 18:36

14 ¹Lit., *bind* ²Lit., *said*

16 ¹Or, *booths* ²Lit., *he and the 32 kings*
¹ Kin. 20:12

18 ² Kin. 14:8-12

20 ¹Lit., *smote*

21 ¹Lit., *smote*

22 ¹ Kin. 20:13 ¹ Kin. 20:26; 2 Sam. 11:1

23 ¹ Kin. 14:23

you, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants; and it shall come about, ¹whatever is desirable in your eyes, they will ²take in their hand and carry away.' "

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, "Please observe and ²see how this man is looking for trouble; for he sent to me for my wives and my children and my silver and my gold, and I did not refuse him."

8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, "Do not listen or consent."

9 So he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I cannot do.'" And the messengers departed and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent to him and said, "May ²the gods do so to me and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who ¹follow me."

11 Then the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell *him*, ²'Lct not him who girds on *his armor* boast like him who takes *it off*.' "

12 And it came about when Ben-hadad heard this message, as ²he was drinking ¹with the kings in the ²temporary shelters, that he said to his servants, "Station *yourselves*." So they stationed *themselves* against the city.

13 Now behold, a prophet approached Ahab king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, ²I will deliver them into your hand today, and ¹you shall know that I am the LORD.' "

14 And Ahab said, "By whom?" So he said, "Thus says the LORD, 'By the young men of the rulers of the provinces.' " Then he said, "Who shall ¹begin the battle?" And he ²answered, "You."

15 Then he mustered the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and there were 232; and after them he mustered all the people, *even* all the sons of Israel, 7,000.

16 And they went out at noon, while ²Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the ¹temporary shelters ²with the thirty-two kings who helped him.

17 And the young men of the rulers of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out and they told him, saying, "Men have come out from Samaria."

18 ²Then he said, "If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive."

19 So these went out from the city, the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and the army which followed them.

20 And they ¹killed each his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them, and Ben-hadad king of Syria escaped on a horse with horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out and ¹struck the horses and chariots, and ¹killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 Then ²the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself and observe and see what you have to do; for ²at the turn of the year the king of Syria will come up against you."

23 Now the servants of the king of Syria said to him, "²'Their gods are gods of the mountains, therefore they were

stronger than we; but rather let us fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 "And do this thing: remove the kings, each from his place, and put captains in their place,

25 ¹and ¹muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they." And he listened to their voice and did so.

26 So it came about ²at the turn of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to ^bAphek to fight against Israel.

27 And the sons of Israel were mustered and were provisioned and went to meet them; and the sons of Israel camped before them like two little flocks of goats, ²but the Syrians filled the country.

28 Then ^aa man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because the Syrians have said, "^bThe LORD is a god of *the* mountains, but He is not a god of *the* valleys"; therefore I ^cwill give all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.' "

29 So they camped one over against the other seven days. And it came about that on the seventh day, the battle was joined, and the sons of Israel ¹killed of the Syrians 100,000 foot soldiers in one day.

30 But the rest fled to ^aAphek into the city, and the wall fell on 27,000 men who were left. And Ben-hadad fled and came into the city ^binto an inner chamber.

31 And ^ahis servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings, please let us ^bput sackcloth on our loins and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will save your ¹life."

32 So ^athey girded sackcloth on their loins and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, "^bYour servant Ben-hadad says, 'Please let me live.' " And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

33 Now the men ¹took this as an omen, and quickly ²catching his word said, "Your brother Ben-hadad." Then he said, "Go, bring him." Then Ben-hadad came out to him, and he ³took him up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad said to him, "^aThe cities which my father took from your father I will restore, and you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria." Ahab said, "And I will let you go with this covenant." So he made a covenant with him and let him go.

35 Now a certain man of ^athe sons of the prophets said to ¹another ^bby the word of the LORD, "Please strike me." But the man refused to strike him.

36 Then he said to him, "Because you have not listened to the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, ^aa lion will ¹kill you." And as soon as he had departed from him a lion found him, and ²killed him.

37 Then he found another man and said, "Please ¹strike me." And the man ²struck him, ³wounding him.

38 So the prophet departed and waited for the king by the way, and ^adisguised himself with a bandage over his eyes.

25 ¹Lit., number26 ¹Kin. 20:22 ^{b2}Kin. 13:1727 ^aJudg. 6:3-5; 1 Sam. 13:5-828 ¹Kin. 17:18 ^{b1}Kin. 20:23 ^{c1}Kin. 20:1329 ¹smote30 ¹Kin. 20:26 ^{b1}Kin. 22:25; 2 Chr. 18:2431 ¹Lit., soul
^{a1}Kin. 20:23-26 ^bGen. 37:34;
2 Sam. 3:3132 ¹Kin. 20:31 ^{b1}Kin. 20:3-633 ¹Lit., *divined* ²Lit.,
caught from him ¹Lit.,
*caused him to come up*34 ¹Kin. 15:2035 ¹Lit., *his neighbor*
^{a2}Kin. 2:3-7 ^{b1}Kin.
13:17, 1836 ¹Lit., *smite* ²Lit., *smote*
^{a1}Kin. 13:2437 ¹Lit., *smite* ²Lit., *smote*
¹Lit., *striking and wounding*38 ¹Kin. 14:2

39 ² Kin. 10:24

39 And as the king passed by, he cried to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me and said, 'Guard this man; if for any reason he is missing, ^athen your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.'

42 ¹Lit., *soul*
¹ Kin. 20:39

40 And while your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." And the king of Israel said to him, "So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it."

43 ¹ Kin. 21:4

41 Then he hastily took the bandage away from his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him that he was of the prophets.

1 ¹ Kin. 18:45, 46

42 And he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have let go out of *your* hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore ^ayour ¹life shall go for his ¹life, and your people for his people.'"

43 So ^athe king of Israel went to his house sullen and vexed, and came to Samaria.

2 ¹Lit., *it is good in your eyes*
²Lit., *this*
¹ Sam. 8:14

CHAPTER 21

NOW it came about after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in ^aJezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

3 ¹ Lev. 25:23; Num. 36:7;
Ezek. 46:18

2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "^aGive me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden because it is close beside my house, and I will give you a better vineyard than it in its place; if ¹you like, I will give you the price of ²it in money."

4 ¹Lit., *bread*
¹ Kin. 20:43

3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid me ^athat I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."

4 ^aSo Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no ¹food.

5 ¹Lit., *bread*

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "How is it that your spirit is so sullen that you are not eating ¹food?"

7 ¹Lit., *exercises kingship*
¹ Sam. 8:14

6 So he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you a vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

7 And Jezebel his wife said to him, "^aDo you now ¹reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 ^a Esth. 3:12; 8:8, 10
¹ Kin. 20:7

8 ^aSo she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and sent letters to ^bthe elders and to the nobles who were living with Naboth in his city.

9 Now she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the people;

10 ¹Lit., *so that he dies*

10 and seat two worthless men before him, and let them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him ¹to death."

11 So the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent *word* to them, just as it was written in the letters which she had sent them.

12 They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the people.

13 Then the two worthless men came in and sat before him; and the worthless men testified against him, even against Naboth, before the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." ^aSo they took him outside the city and stoned him ¹to death with stones.

14 Then they sent word to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned, and is dead."

15 And it came about when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth, the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

16 And it came about when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, ^awho is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth where he has gone down to take possession of it.

19 "And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Have you murdered, and also taken possession?"' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "^aIn the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth the dogs shall lick up your blood, even yours."'

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, "^aHave you found me, O my enemy?" And he ¹answered, "I have found you, ^bbecause you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 "Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and ^awill utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free in Israel;

22 and ^aI will make your house ^blike the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and ^bbecause you ^ahave made Israel sin.

23 "And of Jezebel also has the LORD spoken, saying, ^a"The dogs shall eat Jezebel ^bin the ¹district of Jezreel.'

24 "^aThe one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven shall eat."

25 ^aSurely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, ¹because Jezebel his wife incited him.

26 And ^ahe acted very abominably in following idols, ^baccording to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.

27 And it came about when Ahab heard these words, that ^ahe tore his clothes and put ¹on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about ²despondently.

28 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 "Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring

13 ¹Lit., with stones so that he died
²2 Kin. 9:26

18 ¹1 Kin. 10:29

19 ¹1 Kin. 22:38; 2 Kin. 9:26

20 ¹Lit., said
¹1 Kin. 18:17 ^b1 Kin. 21:25

21 ¹1 Kin. 14:10; 2 Kin. 9:8

22 ¹1 Kin. 15:29 ^b1 Kin. 16:3, 11 ^c1 Kin. 12:30; 13:34; 14:16

23 ¹Lit., portion; some mss. read, rampart
²2 Kin. 9:10, 30-37 ^b2 Sam. 20:15

24 ¹1 Kin. 14:11; 16:4

25 ¹Or, whom Jezebel his wife incited
¹1 Kin. 21:20; 16:30-33

26 ¹1 Kin. 15:12; 2 Kin. 17:12 ^bGen. 15:16; Lev. 18:25-30

27 ¹Lit., sackcloth on his flesh ²Or, softly
²2 Sam. 3:31; 2 Kin. 6:30

29^a 2 Kin. 9:25-37

the evil in his days, *but* I will bring the evil upon his house ^ain his son's days."

CHAPTER 22

¹ Lit., *they sat for three years*

AND ¹three years passed without war between Syria and Israel.

² 2 Chr. 18:2 ^{b1} Kin. 15:24

² ^aAnd it came about in the third year, that ^bJehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

³ Lit., *are silent so as not*
^{a1} Kin. 4:13; Deut. 4:43;
Josh. 21:38

³ Now the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that ^aRamoth-gilead belongs to us, and we ¹are still doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

⁴ 2 Kin. 3:7

⁴ And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "^aI am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

⁵ Lit., *as the day*

⁵ Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire ¹first for the word of the LORD."

⁶ Then ^athe king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give *it* into the hand of the king."

⁶ 1 Kin. 18:19

⁷ But ^aJehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of him?"

⁷ 2 Kin. 3:11

⁸ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. *He is* Micaiah son of Imlah." But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."

⁹ Lit., *Hasten Micaiah*

⁹ Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "¹Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah."

¹⁰ 1 Kin. 22:6

¹⁰ Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in *their* robes, at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and ^aall the prophets were prophesying before them.

¹¹ ^aZech. 1:18-21 ^bDeut. 33:17

¹¹ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made ^ahorns of iron for himself and said, "Thus says the LORD, ^bWith these you shall gore the Syrians until they are consumed."

¹⁴ 1 Kin. 18:10, 15 ^bNum. 22:18, 24:13

¹² And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper, for the LORD will give *it* into the hand of the king."

¹³ Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably."

¹⁵ Lit., *said to*
^{a1} Kin. 22:12

¹⁴ But Micaiah said, "^aAs the LORD lives, what ^bthe LORD says to me, that I will speak."

¹⁵ When he came to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?" And he ¹answered him, "^aGo up and succeed, and the LORD will give *it* into the hand of the king."

¹⁶ Then the king said to him, "How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

¹⁷ So he said,

"I saw all Israel
Scattered on the mountains,
^aLike sheep which have no shepherd.
And the LORD said, 'These have no master.
Let each of them return to his house in peace.' "

18 Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "aDid I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

19 And ¹Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. ^aI saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and ^ball the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

20 "And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that.

21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.'

22 "And the LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and ^abe a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice *him* and also prevail. Go and do so.'

23 "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

24 Then ^aZedekiah the son of Chanaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?"

25 And Micaiah said, "Behold, you shall see on that day when you ^aenter an inner room to hide yourself."

26 Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son;

27 and say, 'Thus says the king, "aPut this man in prison, and feed him ¹sparingly with bread and water until I return safely." ' "

28 And Micaiah said, "aIf you indeed return safely the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "bListen, all you people."

29 So ^athe king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up against Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "aI will disguise myself and go into the battle, but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.

31 Now ^athe king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, "Do not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel alone."

32 So it came about, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely it is the king of Israel," and they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 Then it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 Now a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel ¹in a joint of the armor. So he said to the

17 ^a1 Kin. 22:34-36; Num. 27:17

18 ^a1 Kin. 22:8

19 ¹Lit., *he*
^aIs. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26-28; Dan. 7:9, 10
^bJob 1:6; 2:1; Dan. 7:10

22 ^aJudg. 9:23; 1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10; 19:9

24 ^a1 Kin. 22:11; Matt. 5:39; Acts 23:2, 3

25 ^a1 Kin. 20:30

27 ¹Lit., *with bread of affliction and water of affliction*
²Chr. 16:10; 18:25-27

28 ^aDeut. 18:22 ^bMic. 1:2

29 ^a1 Kin. 22:3, 4

30 ^a2 Chr. 35:22

31 ^a1 Kin. 20:1, 16, 24; 2 Chr. 18:30

34 ¹Lit., *between the scale armor and the breastplate*

34 ²Lit., your hand ³Lit., camp
²Chr. 35:23

35 ¹Lit., went up

36 ¹Lit., land
²Kin. 14:12

38 ¹Kin. 21:19

39 ²Amos 3:15

41 ²Chr. 20:31

43 ²Chr. 17:3 ^{b1}Kin. 15:14; 2 Kin. 12:3

44 ¹Kin. 22:2; 2 Kin. 8:18; 2 Chr. 19:2

45 ²Chr. 20:34

46 ¹Lit., consumed
¹Kin. 14:24; 15:12; Gen. 19:5; Deut. 23:17

47 ²Sam. 8:14; 2 Kin. 3:9

48 ¹Kin. 10:22 ^{b1}Kin. 9:28 ^{c1}Kin. 9:26

50 ²Chr. 21:1

51 ¹Kin. 22:40

52 ¹Kin. 15:26; 21:25

53 ¹Kin. 16:30-32

driver of his chariot, "Turn ²around, and take me out of the ³fight; ^afor I am severely wounded."

35 And the battle ¹raged that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot in front of the Syrians, and died at evening, and the blood from the wound ran into the bottom of the chariot.

36 ^aThen a cry passed throughout the army close to sunset, saying, "Every man to his city and every man to his ¹country."

37 So the king died and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood (now the harlots bathed themselves *there*), ^aaccording to the word of the LORD which He spoke.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab and all that he did and ^athe ivory house which he built and all the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his son became king in his place.

41 ^aNow Jehoshaphat the son of Asa became king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 ^aAnd he walked in all the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD. ^bHowever, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

44 ^aJehoshaphat also made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might which he showed and how he warred, are they not written ^ain the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of ^athe sodomites who remained in the days of his father Asa, he ¹expelled from the land.

47 Now ^athere was no king in Edom; a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat made ^aships of Tarshish to go to ^bOphir for gold, but they did not go for the ships were broken at ^cEzion-geber.

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat was not willing.

50 ^aAnd Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab ^abecame king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD and ^awalked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

53 ^aSo he served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger according to all that his father had done.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS

Ahaziah's Messengers Meet Elijah.

NOW ^aMoab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill. So he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, ^ainquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, ^bwhether I shall recover from this sickness."

3 But the angel of the LORD said to ^aElijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are going to inquire of ^bBaal-zebub, the god of Ekron?'"

4 "Now therefore thus says the LORD, '^aYou shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you shall surely die.' " Then Elijah departed.

5 When the messengers returned to him he said to them, "^aWhy have you returned?"

6 And they said to him, "A man came up to meet us and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you and say to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are sending ^ato inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore 'you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.' " ' " "

7 And he said to them, "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?"

8 And they ^aanswered him, "^aHe was a hairy man with a leather girdle ^bbound about his loins." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

9 Then *the king* sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.' " "

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, ^alet fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." ^bThen fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

11 So he again sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, thus says the king, 'Come down quickly.' " "

12 And Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 So he again sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. When the third captain of fifty went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, "O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.

14 "Behold fire came down from heaven, and consumed the first two captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my ^alife be precious in your sight."

15 And ^athe angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down

1 ^a2 Kin. 3:5; 2 Sam. 8:2

2 ^a2 Kin. 1:3, 6, 16; Matt. 10:25; Mark 3:22 ^b2 Kin. 8:7-10

3 ^a1 Kin. 17:1; 21:17
^b2 Kin. 1:2

4 ^a1Lit., *The bed where you went up, you shall not come down from it*
^a2 Kin. 1:6, 16

5 ^a1Lit., *What is this that you have returned?*

6 ^a1v. 4
^a2 Kin. 1:2

8 ^a1Lit., *said* ^a2Or, *girl*
^aZech. 13:4; Matt. 3:4; Mark 1:6

10 ^a1 Kin. 18:36-38; Luke 9:54 ^bJob 1:16

14 ^a1Lit., *soul*

15 ^a2 Kin. 1:3

16^{1v.} 4
²2 Kin. 1:3

17^{11.e.} Ahaziah
²2 Kin. 3:1; 8:16

1¹Or, *windstorm*
^aGen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5
^{b1}1 Kin. 19:16-21 ^cJosh. 4:19

2^aRuth 1:15 ^{b1}1 Kin.
 12:28, 29 ²2 Kin. 4:6; 1 Sam.
 1:26

3¹Lit., *your head*
²2 Kin. 4:1, 38; 5:22

4²2 Kin. 2:2 ^bJosh. 6:26
²2 Kin. 2:2

5¹Lit., *your head* ²Lit.,
 said
²2 Kin. 2:3 ^{b2}2 Kin. 2:3

6²2 Kin. 2:2 ^bJosh.
 3:8, 15-17

7²2 Kin. 2:15, 16

8^{a1}1 Kin. 19:13, 19 ^{b2}2 Kin.
 2:14; Ex. 14:21, 22

11²2 Kin. 6:17

with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.

16 Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have sent messengers ^ato inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron—is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word?—therefore ¹you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.'

17 So ¹he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram became king in his place ^ain the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

CHAPTER 2

AND it came about when the LORD was about to ^atake up Elijah by a ¹whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with ^bElisha from ^cGilgal.

2 And Elijah said to Elisha, "^aStay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as ^bBethel." But Elisha said, "^cAs the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3 Then ^athe sons of the prophets who *were at* Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over ¹you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still."

4 And Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please ^astay here, for the LORD has sent me to ^bJericho." But he said, "^cAs the LORD lives, and as you yourself live I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

5 And ^athe sons of the prophets who *were at* Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "^bDo you know that the LORD will take away your master from over ¹you today?" And he ²answered, "Yes, I know; be still."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please ^astay here, for the LORD has sent me to ^bthe Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7 Now ^afifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

8 And Elijah ^atook his mantle and folded it together and ^bstruck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

9 Now it came about when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

11 Then it came about as they were going along and talking, that behold, *there appeared* ^aa chariot of fire and horses

**Elijah Taken to Heaven.
His Spirit Rests on Elisha. Elisha Mocked.**

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of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a ¹whirlwind to heaven.

12 And Elisha saw *it* and cried out, "My father, my father, the ¹chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then ^bhe took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters and said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had ^astruck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

15 Now when ^athe sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho opposite *him* saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said to him, "Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men, please let them go and search for your master; ¹perhaps ^athe Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him on some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send."

17 But when ^athey urged him until he was ashamed, he said, "Send." They sent therefore fifty men; and they searched three days, but did not find him.

18 And they returned to him while he was staying at Jericho; and he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go?'"

19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold now, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the land ¹is unfruitful.

20 And he said, "Bring me a new jar, and put salt ¹in it." So they brought *it* to him.

21 And he went out to the spring of water, and ^athrew salt ¹in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'I have ²purified these waters; there shall not be from there death or ³unfruitfulness any longer.'"

22 So the waters have been ¹purified to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

23 Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, young lads came out from the city and mocked him and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead!"

24 When he looked behind him and saw them, he ^acurse^d them in the name of the LORD. Then two female bears came out of the woods and tore up forty-two lads of ¹their number.

25 And he went from there to ^aMount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Jechoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria ^ain the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, though not like his father and his mother; for ^ahe put away the *sacred* pillar of Baal ^bwhich his father had made.

11 ¹Or, *windstorm*

12 ¹Lit., *chariot*
^a2 Kin. 13:14 ^bGen. 37:34;
Job 1:20

14 ^a2 Kin. 2:8

15 ^a2 Kin. 2:7

16 ¹Lit., *lest*
^a1 Kin. 18:12; Acts 8:39

17 ^a2 Kin. 8:11

19 ¹Lit., *causes barrenness*

20 ¹Lit., *there*

21 ¹Lit., *there* ²Lit., *healed*
³Lit., *barrenness*
^a2 Kin. 4:41; 6:6; Ex.
15:25; 26

22 ¹Lit., *healed*

24 ¹Lit., *them*
^aNeh. 13:25-27

25 ^a2 Kin. 4:25; 1 Kin.
18:19, 20

1 ^a2 Kin. 1:17

2 ^a2 Kin. 10:18; 26-28; Ex.
23:24 ^b1 Kin. 16:31, 32

3^a 1 Kin. 12:28-32^b 1 Kin. 14:9, 16

3 Nevertheless, ^ahe clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, ^bwhich he made Israel sin; he did not depart from it.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder, and ^aused to pay the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams.

4^a 2 Sam. 8:2; Is. 16:1, 2

5 But it came about, ^awhen Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

5^a 2 Kin. 1:1

6 And King Jehoram went out of Samaria ¹at that time and mustered all Israel.

6¹ Lit., *in that day*

7 The he went and sent *word* to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?" And he said, "I will go up; ^aI am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

7^a 1 Kin. 22:4

8 And he said, "Which way shall we go up?" And he ¹answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom."

9 So ^athe king of Israel went with ^bthe king of Judah and ^cthe king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey, and there was no water for the army or for the cattle that followed them.

8¹ Lit., *said*

10 Then the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the LORD has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab."

9^a 2 Kin. 3:1^b 2 Kin. 3:7
c 1 Kin. 22:47

11 But Jehoshaphat said, "^aIs there not a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?" And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, "^bElisha the son of Shaphat is here, ^cwho used to pour water on the hands of Elijah."

11^a 1 Kin. 22:7^b 2 Kin. 2:25
c 1 Kin. 19:21; John 13:4, 5, 13, 14

12 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13^a Ezek. 14:3-5^b 1 Kin. 18:19; 22:6-11, 22-25

13 Now ^aElisha said to the king of Israel, "What do I have to do with you? ^bGo to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother." And the king of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD has called these three kings *together* to give them into the hand of Moab."

14^a 2 Kin. 5:16; 1 Kin. 17:1

14 And Elisha said, "^aAs the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look at you nor see you.

15 "But now ^abring me a minstrel." And it came about, when the minstrel played, that ^bthe hand of the LORD came upon him.

15^a 1 Sam. 16:23; 1 Chr. 25:1^b 1 Kin. 18:46; Ezek. 1:3

16 And he said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Make this valley full of trenches.'

17 "For thus says the LORD, 'You shall not see wind nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you shall drink, both you and your cattle and your beasts.

19^a 2 Kin. 3:25

18 'And this is but a slight thing in the sight of the LORD; he shall also give the Moabites into your hand.

19 '^aThen you shall strike every fortified city and every choice city, and fell every good tree and stop all springs of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.'

20^a Ex. 29:39, 40

20 And it happened in the morning ^aabout the time of offering the sacrifice, that behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 Now all the Moabites heard that the kings had come

up to fight against them. And all who were able to ¹put on armor and older were summoned, and stood on the border.

22 And they rose early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water opposite *them* as red as blood.

23 Then they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely fought together, and they have slain one another. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!"

24 But when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites arose and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward ¹into the land, ²slaughtering the Moabites.

25 ^aThus they destroyed the cities; and each one threw a stone on every piece of good land and filled it. So they stopped all the springs of water and felled all the good trees, until in ^bKir-hareseth *only* they left its stones; however, the slingers went about *it* and struck it.

26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him 700 men who drew sword, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not.

27 Then he took his oldest son who was to reign in his place, and ^aoffered him as a burnt offering on the wall. And there came great wrath against Israel, and they departed from him and returned to their own land.

CHAPTER 4

NOW a certain woman of the wives of ^athe sons of the prophets cried out to ¹Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD; and ^bthe creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves."

2 And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels at large for yourself from all your neighbors, *even* empty vessels; do not get a few.

4 "And you shall go in and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour out into all these vessels; and you shall set aside what is full."

5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they were bringing *the vessels* to her and she poured.

6 And it came about when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not one vessel more." And the oil stopped.

7 Then she came and told ^athe man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you *and* your sons can live on the rest."

8 Now there came a day when Elisha passed over to ^aShunem, where there was a ^{1b}prominent woman, and she persuaded him to eat ²food. And so it was, as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat ²food.

9 And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy ^aman of God passing by us continually.

10 "Please, let us make a little walled upper chamber and

²¹ ¹Lit., *gird themselves with a belt*

²⁴ ¹Lit., *into it* ²Lit., *smiting*

²⁵ ^{a2} Kin. 3:19 ^{b1s.} 16:7; Jer. 48:31, 36

²⁷ ^aAmos 2:1; Mic. 6:7

¹ ¹Lit., *Elisha, saying*
^{a2} Kin. 2:3 ^bLev. 25:39-41,
48; 1 Sam. 22:2; Neh. 5:2-5

⁷ ¹ Kin. 12:22

⁸ ¹Lit., *great* ²Lit., *bread*
^aJosh. 19:18 ^{b2} Sam. 19:32

⁹ ² Kin. 4:7

11 ¹Lit., *Now a day came that* ²Lit., *lay there*

12 ² Kin. 4:29-31; 5:20-27; 8:4, 5

13 ¹Lit., *fearful* ²Lit., *fear* ³Lit., *said*

14 ¹Lit., *said*

16 ¹Lit., *when the time revives*
⁴Gen. 18:14 ² Kin. 4:28

17 ¹Lit., *when the time revived*

20 ¹Lit., *knees*

21 ² Kin. 4:32 ² Kin. 4:7

23 ²Num. 10:10; 28:11;
¹ Chr. 23:31

24 ¹Lit., *riding*

25 ¹Lit., *this Shunamite*
² Kin. 2:25

26 ¹Lit., *said*

27 ¹Lit., *bitter*
² Kin. 4:25

28 ² Kin. 4:16

29 ² Kin. 9:1; 1 Kin. 18:46
² Kin. 2:14; Ex. 4:17 ⁴Luke
10:4 ⁴Ex. 7:19, 20; 14:16

let us set a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; and it shall be, when he comes to us, *that* he can turn in there."

11 ¹One day he came there and turned in to the upper chamber and ²rested.

12 Then he said to ^aGehazi his servant, "Call this Shunamite." And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Behold, you have been ¹careful for us with all this ²care; what can I do for you? Would you be spoken for to the king or to the captain of the army?' And she ³answered, "I live among my own people."

14 So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi ¹answered, "Truly she has no son and her husband is old."

15 And he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway.

16 Then he said, "^aAt this season ¹next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, O man of God, ^bdo not lie to your maidservant."

17 And the woman conceived and bore a son at that season ¹the next year, as Elisha had said to her.

18 When the child was grown, the day came that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said to his father, "My head, my head." And he said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother."

20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her ¹lap until noon, and *then* died.

21 And she went up and ^alaid him on the bed of ^bthe man of God, and shut *the door* behind him, and went out.

22 Then she called to her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and return."

23 And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither ^anew moon nor Sabbath." And she said, "*It will be well.*"

24 Then she saddled a donkey and said to her servant, "Drive and go forward; do not slow down ¹the pace for me unless I tell you."

25 So she went and came to the man of God to ^aMount Carmel. And it came about when the man of God saw her at a distance, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, ¹yonder is the Shunamite.

26 "Please run now to meet her and say to her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?'" And she ¹answered, "It is well."

27 When she came to the man of God ^ato the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away; but the man of God said, "Let her alone, for her soul is ¹troubled within her; and the LORD has hid it from me and has not told me."

28 Then she said, "Did I ask for a son from my lord? Did I not say, ^a'Do not deceive me?'"

29 Then he said to Gehazi, "^aGird up your loins and ^btake my staff in your hand, and go your way; if you meet any man, do not ^csalute him, and if anyone salutes you, do not answer him; and ^dlay my staff on the lad's face."

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30 And the mother of the lad said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." And he arose and followed her.

30+2 Kin. 2:2, 4

31 Then Gehazi passed on before them and laid the staff on the lad's face, but there was neither sound nor response. So he returned to meet him and told him, "The lad has not awakened."

31 ¹Lit., attentiveness
²Lit., him, saying

32 When Elisha came into the house, behold the lad was dead and laid on his bed.

33 So he entered and shut the door behind them both, and prayed to the LORD.

33+2 Kin. 4:4; Matt. 6:6;
Luke 8:51

34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth and his eyes on his eyes and his hands on his hands, and he stretched himself on him; and the flesh of the child became warm.

34+1 Kin. 17:21-23

35 Then he returned and walked in the house once back and forth, and went up and stretched himself on him; and the lad sneezed seven times and the lad opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Take up your son."

37 Then she went in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground, and she took up her son and went out.

37+Heb. 11:35

38 When Elisha returned to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. As the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and boil stew for the sons of the prophets."

38 ¹Lit., And
² Kin. 2:1 ² Kin. 8:1
³ Kin. 2:3 ⁴ Luke 10:39; Acts
22:3 ⁵ Ezek. 11:3, 7, 11; 24:3

39 Then one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine and gathered from it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, for they did not know what they were.

40 So they poured it out for the men to eat. And it came about as they were eating of the stew, that they cried out and said, "O man of God, there is death in the pot." And they were unable to eat.

41+2 Kin. 2:21; Ex. 15:25

41 But he said, "Now bring meal." And he threw it into the pot, and he said, "Pour it out for the people that they may eat." Then there was no harm in the pot.

42 Now a man came from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, "Give them to the people that they may eat."

42+Matt. 14:16-21;
15:32-38

43 And his attendant said, "What, shall I set this before a hundred men?" But he said, "Give them to the people that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left over.'"

¹ Lit., before
² Luke 4:27

44 So he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

2+2 Kin. 6:23; 13:20

CHAPTER 5

NOW Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. The man was also a valiant warrior, but he was a leper.

2 Now the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had taken

2 ¹Lit., *was before*

3 ¹Lit., *before*

4 ¹Lit., *he*

5 ¹Lit., *enter*
^a2 Kin. 4:42; 1 Sam. 9:7
^b2 Kin. 5:22, 23; Judg. 14:12

7 ¹Lit., *an occasion*
^aGen. 37:29 ^bGen. 30:2;
 1 Sam. 2:6 ^c1 Kin. 20:7; Luke
 11:54

8 ¹ Kin. 12:22

10 ^aJohn 9:7

11 ¹Lit., *said*

12 ¹Another reading is
Amanah

13 ^a1 Sam. 28:23 ^b2 Kin.
 2:12; 6:21; 8:9

14 ^a2 Kin. 5:10; Job 33:25
^bLuke 4:27; 5:13

15 ¹Lit., *he and* ²Lit.,
blesting
^a2 Kin. 5:8; Josh. 2:9-16;
 1 Sam. 17:46, 47
^b1 Sam. 25:27

16 ^a2 Kin. 3:14 ^b2 Kin.
 20:26; Gen. 14:22, 23

17 ^aEx. 20:24

captive a little girl from the land of Israel; and she ¹waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were ¹with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy."

4 And ¹Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel."

5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go ¹now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." And he departed and ^atook with him ten talents of silver and six thousand *shekels* of gold and ten ^bchanges of clothes.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 And it came about when the king of Israel read the letter, that ^ahe tore his clothes and said, "^bAm I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending *word* to me to cure a man of his leprosy? But ^cconsider now, and see how he is seeking ¹a quarrel against me."

8 And it happened when Elisha ^athe man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent *word* to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots, and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "^aGo and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you and you *shall* be clean."

11 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I ¹thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper.'

12 "Are not ¹Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 ^aThen his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "^bMy father, had the prophet told you *to do some great thing*, would you not have done *it*? How much more *then*, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'"

14 So he went down and dipped *himself* seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and ^ahis flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and ^bhe was clean.

15 When he returned to the man of God ¹with all his company, and came and stood before him, he said, "Behold now, ^aI know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: so please ^btake a ²present from your servant now."

16 But he said, "^aAs the LORD lives, before whom I stand, ^bI will take nothing." And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, "If not, please let your servant at least be given two mules' load of ^aearth; for your servant will no more offer burnt offering nor will he sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.

18 "In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of ^aRimmon to worship there, and ^bhe leans on my hand and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon the LORD pardon your servant in this matter."

18 ^a1 Kin. 15:18 ^b2 Kin. 7:2, 17

19 And he said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him some distance.

19 ^aEx. 4:18; 1 Sam. 1:17; Mark 5:34

20 But ^aGehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, ¹thought, "Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, ²by not receiving from his hands what he brought. ^bAs the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him."

20 ¹Lit., said ²Lit., from ^a2 Kin. 4:12, 31, 36 ^b2 Kin. 6:31; Ex. 20:7

21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw one running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?"

22 ^a2 Kin. 4:26 ^bJosh. 24:33 ^c2 Kin. 5:5

22 And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Behold, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from ^bthe hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and ^ctwo changes of clothes.'"

23 ^a2 Kin. 6:3

23 And Naaman said, "Be pleased to take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags with two changes of clothes, and gave them to two of his servants; and they carried *them* before him.

24 ¹Lit., Ophel ^aJosh. 7:1, 11, 12, 21; 1 Kin. 21:16

24 When he came to the ¹hill, he took them from their hand and ^adeposited them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed.

25 ^a2 Kin. 5:22

25 But he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere."

26 ^a2 Kin. 5:16

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go *with* you, when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? ^aIs it a time to receive money and to receive clothes and oliveyards and vineyards and sheep and oxen and male and female servants?"

27 ¹Lit., seed ^aEx. 4:6; Num. 12:10

27 "Therefore, the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your ¹descendants forever." So he went out from his presence ^aa leper as *white* as snow.

1 ^a2 Kin. 2:3

CHAPTER 6

NOW ^athe sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Behold now, the place before you where we are living is too limited for us.

3 ¹Lit., said

2 "Please let us go to the Jordan, and each of us take from there a beam, and let us make a place there for ourselves where we may live." So he said, "Go."

3 Then one said, "Please be willing to go with your servants." And he ¹answered, "I shall go."

5 ¹Lit., as for the iron, it fell

4 So he went with them; and when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

5 But as one was felling a beam, ¹the axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, my master! For it was borrowed."

6 ^a2 Kin. 2:21; 4:41; Ex. 15:25

6 Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And when he showed him the place, ^ahe cut off a stick, and threw it in there, and made the iron float.

2 Kings 6

8 ¹Lit., took counsel

9 ²Kin. 6:12; 4:1, 7

10 ¹Lit., not once or twice

13 ²Gen. 37:17

15 ¹Lit., How

16 ¹Lit., said
^aEx. 14:13 ^{b2}Chr. 32:7, 8;
Rom. 8:31

17 ²Kin. 6:20 ^{b2}Kin. 2:11;
Ps. 68:17; Zech. 6:1-7

18 ¹Lit., nation
^aGen. 19:11

20 ²Kin. 6:17

21 ¹Lit., smite
^{a2}Kin. 2:12; 5:13; 8:9

22 ¹Lit., said ²Lit., smite
^aDeut. 20:11-16; 2 Chr. 28:9;
15 ^bRom. 12:20

23 ²Kin. 6:5; 24:2

24 ¹Kin. 20:1

7 And he said, "Take it up for yourself." So he put out his hand and took it.

8 Now the king of Syria was warring against Israel; and he ¹counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp."

9 And ^athe man of God sent *word* to the king of Israel saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there."

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, ¹more than once or twice.

11 Now the heart of the king of Syria was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

12 And one of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in ^aDothan."

14 And he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! ¹What shall we do?"

16 So he ¹answered, "^aDo not fear, for ^bthose who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "^aO LORD, I pray open his eyes, that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of ^bhorses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Strike this ¹people with blindness, I pray." So he ^astruck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he brought them to Samaria.

20 And it came about when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, "O ^aLord, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 Then the king of Israel when he saw them, said to Elisha, "My father, shall I ¹kill them? Shall I ¹kill them?"

22 And he ¹answered, "You shall not ²kill *them*. Would you ^{2a}kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? ^bSet bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."

23 So he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. And ^athe marauding bands of Syria did not come again into the land of Israel.

24 Now it came about after this, that ^aBen-hadad king of Syria gathered all his army and went up and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria; and behold,

**The Famine in Samaria. Cannibalism.
Elisha Predicts Plenty of Food.**

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they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty *shekels* of silver, and a fourth of a ¹kab of dove's dung for five *shekels* of silver.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"

27 And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, from where shall I help you? From the threshing floor, or from the winepress?"

28 And the king said to her, "What ¹is the matter with you?" And she ²answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'

29 "So we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

30 And it came about when the king heard the words of the woman, that ^ahe tore his clothes—now he was passing by on the wall—and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth ¹beneath on his ²body.

31 Then he said, "May ^aGod do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat ¹remains on him today."

32 Now Elisha was sitting in his house, and ^athe elders were sitting with him. And *the king* sent a man from his presence; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you ^bsee how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and ¹hold the door shut against him. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

33 And while he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him, and he said, "Behold, this evil is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

CHAPTER 7

THEN Elisha said, "Listen to the word of the LORD; thus says the LORD, 'Tomorrow about this time a ¹measure of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"

2 And ^athe royal officer on whose hand the king was leaning answered the man of God and said, "Behold, ^bif the LORD should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" Then he said, "Behold you shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat ¹of it."

3 Now there were four ^aleprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die?"

4 "If we say, 'We will enter the city,' then the famine is in the city and we shall die there; and if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us ¹go over to ^a the camp of the Syrians. If they spare us, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."

5 And they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; when they came to the outskirts of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no one there.

6 For ^athe Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear a sound of chariots and a sound of horses, *even* the sound

25 ¹I.e., one kab equals approx. 1 pint

27 ¹Lit., *No, let the LORD help you*

28 ¹Lit., *to you* ²Lit., *said*

29 ^aLev. 26:27-29; Deut. 28:52, 53, 57; Lam. 4:10

30 ¹Lit., *within* ²Lit., *flesh* ^a1 Kin. 21:27

31 ¹Lit., *stands* ^aRuth 1:17; 1 Kin. 19:2

32 ¹Lit., *press him with the door* ^aEzek. 8:1; 14:1; 20:1 ^b1 Kin. 18:4, 13, 14; 21:10, 13

33 ^aIs. 8:21; Jer. 2:25

¹ ¹Hcb., *seah* ^a2 Kin. 7:18

² ¹Lit., *from there* ^a2 Kin. 7:17, 19; 5:18 ^bGen. 7:11; Mal. 3:10

³ ^aLev. 13:45, 46; Num. 5:2-4; 12:10-14

⁴ ¹Lit., *fall* ^a2 Kin. 6:24

6 ^a2 Sam. 5:24

6^{b1} Kin. 10:29 ^{c2} Chr. 12:2, 3; Is. 31:1; 36:9

8 ^a Josh. 7:21

9 ¹ Lit., *find*
10 ² Kin. 6:30

12 ^{a2} Kin. 6:25-29 ^b Josh. 8:4-12

13 ¹ Lit., *in it*

16 ¹ Heb., *seah*; i.e., one *seah* equals approx. 11 quarts
17 ² Kin. 7:1

17 ¹ Lit., *over the gate*
18 ² Kin. 7:2 ^{b2} Kin. 6:32

18 ¹ Heb., *seah*; i.e., one *seah* equals approx. 11 quarts

19 ¹ Lit., *from there*
20 ² Kin. 7:2

of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us ^bthe kings of the Hittites and ^cthe kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us."

7 Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents and their horses and their donkeys, even the camp just as it was, and fled for their life.

8 When these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they entered one tent and ate and drank, and ^acarried from there silver and gold and clothes, and went and hid *them*; and they returned and entered another tent and carried from there *also*, and went and hid *them*.

9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent; if we wait until morning light, punishment will ¹overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and ^atell the king's household."

10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and they told them, saying, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was no one there, nor the voice of man, only the horses tied and the donkeys tied, and the tents just as they were."

11 And the gatekeepers called, and told *it* within the king's household.

12 Then the king arose in the night and said to his servants, "I will now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that ^awe are hungry; therefore they have gone from the camp ^bto hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall capture them alive and get into the city.'"

13 And one of his servants answered and said, "Please, let some *men* take five of the horses which remain, which are left ¹in the city. Behold, they *will be in any case* like all the multitude of Israel who are left in it; behold, they *will be in any case* like all the multitude of Israel who have already perished, so let us send and see."

14 They took therefore two chariots with horses, and the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, "Go and see."

15 And they went after them to the Jordan, and behold, all the way was full of clothes and equipment, which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. Then the messengers returned and told the king.

16 So the people went out and plundered the camp of the Syrians. Then a ¹measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel and two ¹measures of barley for a shekel, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD.

17 Now the king appointed ^athe royal officer on whose hand he leaned ¹to have charge of the gate; but the people trampled on him at the gate, and he died just as the man of God had said, ^bwho spoke when the king came down to him.

18 And it came about just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two ¹measures of barley for a shekel and a ¹measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be sold tomorrow about this time at the gate of Samaria."

19 Then the royal officer answered the man of God and said, "Now behold, ^aif the LORD should make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he said, "Behold, you shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat ¹of it."

20 And so it happened to him, for the people trampled on him at the gate, and he died.

CHAPTER 8

NOW ^aElisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go ¹with your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn; for the ^bLORD has called for a famine, and ^cit shall even come on the land for seven years."

2 So the woman arose and did according to the word of the man of God, and she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came about at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went out to ¹appeal to the king for her house and for her field.

4 Now the king was talking with ^aGehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please relate to me all the great things that Elisha has done."

5 And it came about, as he was relating to the king how he had restored to life the one who was dead, that behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life, ¹appealed to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life."

6 When the king asked the woman, she related *it* to him. So the king appointed for her a certain officer, saying, "Restore all that was hers and all the produce of the field from the day that she left the land even until now."

7 Then Elisha came to ^aDamascus. Now ^bBen-hadad king of Syria was sick, and it was told him, saying, "^cThe man of God has come here."

8 And the king said to ^aHazael, "^bTake a gift in your hand and go to meet the man of God, and ^cinquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a gift in his hand, even every kind of good thing of Damascus, forty camels' loads; and he came and stood before him and said, "^aYour son Ben-hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

10 Then Elisha said to him, "^aGo, say to him, 'You shall surely recover,' but the ^bLORD has shown me that he will certainly die."

11 And he ¹fixed his gaze steadily *on him* ^auntil he was ashamed, and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael said, "Why does my lord weep?" Then he ¹answered, "Because ^aI know the evil that you will do to the sons of Israel: their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and their little ones you ^bwill dash in pieces, and their women with child you will rip up."

13 Then Hazael said, "But what is your servant, ^awho is *but a dog*, that he should do this great thing?" And Elisha ¹answered, "^bThe Lord has shown me that you will be king over Syria."

14 So he departed from Elisha and returned to his master,

¹ Lit., *you and your*
² Kin. 4:18, 31-35; bPs.
105:16; Hag. 1:11 cGen.
41:27, 54

³ Lit., *cry out*

⁴ ² Kin. 4:12; 5:20-27

⁵ Lit., *cried out*

⁷ ¹ Kin. 11:24 ² Kin.
6:24 c2 Kin. 5:20

⁸ ¹ Kin. 19:15, 17 ¹ Kin.
14:3 c2 Kin. 1:2

⁹ ² Kin. 5:13

10 ² Kin. 8:14 ² Kin. 8:15

¹¹ Lit., *made his face
stand fast and he set*
² Kin. 2:17

¹² Lit., *said*
² Kin. 10:32, 33; 12:17; 13:3,
7 ² Kin. 15:16; Nah. 3:10

¹³ Lit., *said*
¹ Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 9:8
¹ Kin. 19:15

**Ben-hadad Murdered by Hazael, Who Then Reigns.
Jehoram Reigns over Judah, Succeeded by Ahaziah.**

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14 ¹Lit., *said*
² Kin. 8:10

15 ² Kin. 8:10

16 ² Kin. 1:17; 3:1

17 ² Chr. 21:5-10

18 ² Kin. 8:27

19 ¹Lit., *said* ²I.e.,
descendant on the throne
² Sam. 7:12-15; 1 Kin. 11:36

20 ² Kin. 8:22; 3:9, 26, 27;
1 Kin. 22:47

21 ¹Lit., *the people*
² Sam. 18:17; 19:8

22 ¹Lit., *from under the
hand of*
⁴Gen. 27:40 ² Kin. 19:8;
Josh. 21:13

24 ² Chr. 21:20 ² Chr.
21:1, 7

25 ² Chr. 22:1-6

28 ¹Lit., *smote*
² Kin. 8:15 ¹ Kin. 22:3, 29

29 ¹Lit., *struck*
² Kin. 9:15 ² Kin. 8:28;
2 Chr. 22:5, 6 ² Kin. 9:16

1 ² Kin. 2:3 ² Kin. 4:29
¹ Sam. 10:1; 16:1; 1 Kin.
1:39 ² Kin. 8:28, 29

2 ¹Lit., *and look there for*
²Lit., *cause him to*
² Kin. 9:14, 20; 1 Kin. 19:16,
17 ² Kin. 9:5, 11

who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me that ²you would surely recover."

15 And it came about on the morrow, that he took the cover and dipped it in water and spread it on his face, ³so that he died. And Hazael became king in his place.

16 Now in the fifth year of ^aJoram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then the king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah became king.

17 He was ^athirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for ^athe daughter of Ahab became his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 However, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David His servant, ^asince He had ¹promised him to give a ²lamp to him through his sons always.

20 In his days ^aEdom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

21 Then Joram crossed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him. And it came about that he arose by night and struck the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; ^abut *his* ¹army fled to their tents.

22 ^aSo Edom revolted ¹against Judah to this day. Then ^bLibnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

24 So Joram slept with his fathers, and ^awas buried with his fathers in the city of David; and ^bAhaziah his son became king in his place.

25 ^aIn the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab *had done*, because he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 Then he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against ^aHazacl king of Syria at ^bRamoth-gilead, and the Syrians ¹wounded Joram.

29 So ^aKing Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had ¹inflicted on him at ^bRamah, when he fought against Hazacl king of Syria. Then ^cAhaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel because he was sick.

CHAPTER 9

NOW Elisha the prophet called one of ^athe sons of the prophets, and said to him, "^bGird up your loins, and ^ctake this flask of oil in your hand, and go to ^dRamoth-gilead.

2 "When you arrive there, ¹search out ^aJehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in and ²bid him arise from among his brothers, and bring him to an inner room.

**Jehu Reigns over Israel.
He Conspires Against Joram.**

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3 "Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Thus says the LORD, "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door and flee and do not wait."

4 So ^athe young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 When he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting, and he said, "I have a word for you, O captain." And Jehu said, "For which *one* of us?" And he said, "For you, O captain."

6 And he arose and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.

7 'And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, ^athat I may avenge ^bthe blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, ^cat the hand of Jezebel.

8 'For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and ^aI will cut off from Ahab ^bevery male person ^cboth bound and free in Israel.

9 'And ^aI will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and ^blike the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

10 'And ^athe dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury *her*.'" Then he opened the door and fled.

11 Now Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this ^bmad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know very well the man and his talk."

12 And they said, "It is a lie, tell us now." And he said, "Thus and thus he said to me, 'Thus says the LORD, "I have anointed you king over Israel."'"

13 Then ^athey hurried and each man took his clothes and placed it under him on the bare steps, and ^bblew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king!"

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. ^aNow Joram ¹with all Israel was ²defending Ramoth-gilead against Hazael king of Syria,

15 but ^aKing ¹Joram had returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds which the Syrians had ²inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. So Jehu said, "If this is your mind, *then* let no one escape or ³leave the city to go tell *it* in Jezreel."

16 Then Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was lying there. ^aAnd Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel and he saw the ¹company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a ¹company." And Joram said, "Take a horseman and send him to meet them and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"

18 So a horseman went to meet him and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me." And the watchman ¹reported, "The messenger came to them, but he did not return."

19 Then he sent out a second horseman, who came to

3 ^{a2} Chr. 22:7

4 ^{a2} Kin. 9:1

5 ¹ Lit., *To whom of us all?*

6 ^{a2} Kin. 9:3

7 ^a Deut. 32:35, 43 ^{b1} Kin. 18:4; 21:15, 21, 25:22 ^{c2} Kin. 9:32; 37

8 ^{a2} Kin. 10:17; 1 Kin. 21:21 ^{b1} Sam. 25:22 ^{c2} Kin. 14:26; Deut. 32:36

9 ^{a1} Kin. 14:10, 11; 15:29 ^{b1} Kin. 16:3-5, 11, 12

10 ^{a2} Kin. 9:35, 36; 1 Kin. 21:23

11 ^{a2} Kin. 9:17, 19, 22 ^b Jer. 29:26; Hos. 9:7; Mark 3:21

13 ^a Matt. 21:7, 8; Mark 11:7, 8 ^{b2} Sam. 15:10; 1 Kin. 1:34, 39

14 ¹ Lit., *he and* ² Lit., *keeping*
^{a2} Kin. 8:28; 1 Kin. 22:3

15 ¹ Heb., *Jehoram* ² Lit., *struck* ³ Lit., *go out from*
^{a2} Kin. 8:29

16 ^{a2} Kin. 8:29

17 ¹ Lit., *multitude*

18 ¹ Lit., *told, saying*
^{a2} Kin. 9:19, 22

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19 ¹Lit., *said*

20 ¹Lit., *told, saying*
² Sam. 18:27 ^{b1} Kin. 19:17

21 ¹Heb., *Jehoram* ²Lit.,
Yoke the chariot ¹Lit.,
portion
² Chr. 22:7 ^{b2} Kin. 9:26;
¹ Kin. 21:1-7, 15-19

22 ¹Heb., *Jehoram* ²Lit.,
said
¹ Kin. 16:30-33; 18:19;
² Chr. 21:13

23 ¹Heb., *Jehoram* ²Lit.,
turned his hands
² Kin. 11:14

24 ¹Lit., *filled his hand with
the bow* ²Lit., *smote* ¹Heb.,
Jehoram ⁴Lit., *out at*
¹ Kin. 22:34

25 ¹Lit., *portion* ²Lit., *I and
you*
¹ Kin. 21:1 ^{b1} Kin. 21:19,
24-29 ¹Is. 13:1

26 ¹Lit., *portion*
¹ Kin. 21:13 ^{b2} Kin. 9:21, 25

27 ¹Lit., *smite*
² Chr. 22:7, 9 ^b Josh. 17:11;
Judg. 1:27

28 ² Kin. 23:30

29 ² Kin. 8:25

30 ¹ Jer. 4:30; Ezek. 23:40

31 ¹ Lit., *peace* ² Lit., *his*
² Kin. 9:18-22; ¹ Kin.
16:9-20

34 ¹ Kin. 21:25 ^{b1} Kin.
16:31

them and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?' " And Jehu answered, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me."

20 And the watchman ¹reported, "He came even to them, and he did not return; and ^athe driving is like the driving of ^bJehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously."

21 Then ¹Joram said, "²Get ready." And they made his chariot ready. ^aAnd ¹Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu and found him in the ^{3b}property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came about, when ¹Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" And he ²answered, "What peace, ^aso long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

23 So ¹Joram ²reined about and fled and said to Ahaziah, "^aThere is treachery, O Ahaziah!"

24 And ^aJehu ¹drew his bow with his full strength and ²shot ³Joram between his arms; and the arrow went ⁴through his heart, and he sank in his chariot.

25 Then *Jehu* said to Bidkar his officer, "Take *him* up and ^acast him into the ¹property of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for I remember when ²you and I were riding together after Ahab his father, that the ^bLORD laid this ^coracle against him:

26 'Surely ^aI have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the LORD, 'and ^bI will repay you in this ¹property,' says the LORD. Now then, take and cast him into the ¹property, according to the word of the LORD."

27 ^aWhen Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu pursued him and said, "¹Shoot him too, in the chariot." So *they shot him* at the ascent of Gur, which is at ^bIbleam. But he fled to Megiddo and died there.

28 ^aThen his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his grave with his fathers in the city of David.

29 Now in ^athe eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab Ahaziah became king over Judah.

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and ^ashe painted her eyes and adorned her head, and looked out the window.

31 And as Jehu entered the gate, she said, "^aIs it ¹well, Zimri, ²your master's murderer?"

32 Then he lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" And two or three officials looked down at him.

33 And he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her under foot.

34 When he came in, he ate and drank; and he said, "See now to ^athis cursed woman and bury her, for ^bshe is a king's daughter."

35 And they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

36 Therefore they returned and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant

Jehu's Letters.

Jehu Kills Ahab's Sons and Associates.

2 Kings 9, 10

Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "In the ¹property of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel;

³⁷ and ^athe corpse of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the ¹property of Jezreel, so they cannot say, "This is Jezebel."'"

³⁶ ¹Lit., *portion*
^{a1} Kin. 21:23

³⁷ ¹Lit., *portion*
^aJer. 8:1-3

CHAPTER 10

NOW Ahab had seventy sons in ^aSamaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent *them* to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, the elders, and to the guardians of *the children* of Ahab, saying,

1 ^{a1} Kin. 16:24-29

2 "And now, when this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, ¹as well as the chariots and horses and a fortified city and the weapons,

2 ¹Lit., *and with you the*

3 select the best and ¹fittest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house."

4 But they feared greatly and said, "Behold, the two kings did not stand before him; how then can we stand?"

3 ¹Lit., *most upright*

5 And the one who *was* over the household, and he who *was* over the city, the elders, and the guardians of *the children*, sent *word* to Jehu, saying, "^aWe are your servants, all that you say to us we will do, we will not make any man king; do what is good in your sight."

⁵ ^{a2} Kin. 18:14; Josh. 9:8; 11:1 Kin. 20:4, 32

6 Then he wrote a letter to them a second time saying, "If you are on my side, and you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men, your master's sons, and come to me at Jezreel tomorrow about this time." Now the king's sons, seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, *who* were rearing them.

7 ^{a2} Kin. 11:1; Judg. 9:5

7 And it came about when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and ^aslaughtered *them*, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent *them* to him at Jezreel.

⁹ ¹Lit., *just* ²Lit., *smote*
^{a2} Kin. 9:14-24 ^{b2} Kin. 10:6

8 When the messenger came and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons," he said, "Put them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning."

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *by the hand of*
^{a2} Kin. 9:7-10 ^{b1} Kin. 21:19-29

9 Now it came about in the morning, that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are ¹innocent; behold, ^{a1} I conspired against my master and killed him, but ^bwho ²killed all these?"

11 ¹Lit., *smote*

10 "Know then that ^athere shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab, for the LORD has done ^bwhat He spoke ¹through his servant Elijah."

12 ¹i.e., *house of binding*

11 So Jehu ¹killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and his acquaintances and his priests, until he left him without a survivor.

12 Then he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. On the way while he was at ¹Beth-eked of the shepherds,

¹³ ¹Lit., *found* ²Lit., *brother* ³Lit., *said* ⁴Lit., *about the welfare of*
^{a2} Kin. 8:24, 29; 2 Chr. 21:17; 22:8

13 ^aJehu ¹met the ²relatives of Ahaziah king of Judah and said, "Who are you?" And they ³answered, "We are the ²relatives of Ahaziah; and we have come down ⁴to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."

14 And he said, "Take them alive." So they took them

15 ¹Lit., *found* ²Lit., *blessed* ³Lit., *said*
^aJer. 35:6-19 ^{b1} Chr. 2:55
^cEzra 10:19; Ezek. 17:18

16 ¹Lit., *they*
^{a1} Kin. 19:10

17 ¹Lit., *smote*
^{a2} Kin. 9:8 ^{b2} Kin. 10:10

18 ^{a1} Kin. 16:31, 32

19 ¹Lit., *insidiousness*
^{a1} Kin. 18:19; 22:6

20 ^aJoel 1:14 ^bEx. 32:4-6

21 ¹Lit., *in all*
^{a2} Kin. 11:18; 1 Kin. 16:32

22 ¹Lit., *over the*

24 ¹Lit., *his soul for his soul*
^{a1} Kin. 20:30-42

25 ¹Lit., *runners* ²Lit., *smite* ³Lit., *smote* ⁴Lit., *city*
^{a1} Sam. 22:17 ^{b1} Kin. 18:40

26 ^{a2} Kin. 3:2; 1 Kin. 14:23

27 ^aEzra 6:11; Dan. 2:5;
 3:29

29 ^{a1} Kin. 12:28-30; 13:33;
 34 ^{b1} Kin. 12:29

alive, and killed them at the pit of Beth-eked, forty-two men; and he left none of them.

15 Now when he had departed from there, he ¹met ^aJehonadab the son of ^bRechab *coming* to meet him; and he ²greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?" And Jehonadab ³answered, "It is." *Jehu said*, "If it is, ^cgive me your hand." And he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, "Come with me and ^asee my zeal for the LORD." So ¹he made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, ^ahe ¹killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, ^baccording to the word of the LORD, which he spoke to Elijah.

18 Then Jehu gathered all the people and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much.

19 "And now, ^asummon all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers and all his priests; let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal; whoever is missing shall not live." But Jehu did it in ¹cunning, in order that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, "aSanctify a solemn assembly for Baal." And ^bthey proclaimed it.

21 Then Jehu sent ¹throughout Israel and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And when they went into ^athe house of Baal, the house of Baal was filled from one end to the other.

22 And he said to the one who was ¹in charge of the wardrobe, "Bring out garments for all the worshippers of Baal." So he brought out garments for them.

23 And Jehu went into the house of Baal with Jehonadab the son of Rechab; and he said to the worshippers of Baal, "Search and see that there may be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshippers of Baal."

24 Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed for himself eighty men outside, and he had said, "aThe one who permits any of the men whom I bring into your hands to escape, ¹shall give up his life in exchange."

25 Then it came about, as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the ¹guard and to the royal officers, "bGo in, ²kill them; let none come out." And they ³killed them with the edge of the sword; and the ¹guard and the royal officers threw *them* out, and went to the ⁴inner room of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought out the *sacred* ^apillars of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 They also broke down the *sacred* pillar of Baal and broke down the house of Baal, and ^amade it a latrine to this day.

28 Thus Jehu eradicated Baal out of Israel.

29 However, ^aas for the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin, from these Jehu did not depart, *even* the ^bgolden calves that *were* at Bethel and that *were* at Dan.

30 And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing what is right in My eyes, *and* have done to

the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in My heart, ^ayour sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.”

31 But Jehu ¹was not careful to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart; ^ahe did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel sin.

32 In those days the ^aLord began to cut off *portions* ¹from Israel; and ^bHazael ²defeated them throughout the territory of Israel:

33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites and the Reubenites and the Manassites, from ^aAroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even ^bGilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu and all that he did and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son became king in his place.

36 Now the ¹time which Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty-eight years.

CHAPTER 11

^aWHEN Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son *was* dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal ¹offspring.

2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, ^atook Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So they hid him from Athaliah, and he was not put to death.

3 So he was hid with her in the house of the LORD six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land.

4 ^aNow in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the captains of hundreds of ^bthe Carites and of the ¹guard, and brought them to him in the house of the LORD. Then he made a covenant with them and put them under oath in the house of the LORD, and showed them to the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, “This is the thing that you shall do: ^aone third of you, who come in on the Sabbath and keep watch over the king's house

6 (one third also *shall be* at the gate Sur, and one third at the gate behind the ¹guards), ²shall keep watch over the house for defense.

7 “And two parts of you, *even* all who go out on the Sabbath, shall also keep watch over the house of the LORD for the king.

8 “Then you shall surround the king, each with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within the ranks shall be put to death. And ^abe with the king when he goes out and when he comes in.”

9 So the captains of hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And ^athe priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and shields that had been King David's, which *were* in the house of the LORD.

30 ^a2 Kin. 15:12

31 ¹Lit., *did not watch*
^a2 Kin. 10:29

32 ¹Lit., *in* ²Lit., *smote*
^a2 Kin. 13:25; 14:25 ^b2 Kin. 8:12; 13:22; 1 Kin. 19:17

33 ^aDeut. 2:36 ^bAmos 1:3-5

36 ¹Lit., *days*

1 ¹Lit., *seed*
^a2 Chr. 22:10-12

2 ^a2 Kin. 11:21; 12:1

4 ¹Lit., *runners*
^a2 Chr. 23:1-21 ^b2 Kin. 11:19; 2 Sam. 20:23

5 ^a1 Chr. 9:25

6 ¹Lit., *runners* ²Lit., *and shall*

8 ^aNum. 27:16, 17

10 ^a2 Sam. 8:7; 1 Chr. 18:7

11 ¹Lit., *runners* ²Lit., *shoulder*

12 ^{a2} Sam. 1:10 ^bEx. 25:16; 31:18 ^{c1} Sam. 10:24

14 ¹Lit., *trumpets*
^{a2} Kin. 23:3; 2 Chr. 34:31
^{b1} Kin. 1:39, 40 ^cGen. 37:29;
44:13 ^{d2} Kin. 9:23

15 ¹Lit., *from within*

16 ¹Lit., *placed hands to her*

17 ^aJosh. 24:25; 2 Chr. 15:12-14; 34:31 ^{b1} Sam. 10:25; 2 Sam. 5:3

18 ¹Lit., *offices*
^{a2} Kin. 10:26, 27 ^bDeut. 12:2, 3 ^{c1} Kin. 18:40

19 ¹Lit., *runners*
^{a2} Kin. 11:4 ^{b2} Kin. 11:6

21 ¹Ch. 12:1 in Heb.
^{a2} Chr. 24:1-14

3 ^{a2} Kin. 14:4; 15:35

4 ¹Lit., *which it comes into . . . to bring*
^{a2} Kin. 22:4 ^bEx. 35:5, 22, 29; 1 Chr. 29:3-9

5 ¹Lit., *breaches and so through* v.12.

11 And the ¹guards stood each with his weapons in his hand, from the right ²side of the house to the left ²side of the house, by the altar and by the house, around the king.

12 Then he brought the king's son out and ^aput the crown on him, and *gave him* ^bthe testimony; and they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!"

13 When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and of the people*, she came to the people in the house of the LORD.

14 And she looked and behold, the king was standing ^aby the pillar, according to the custom, with the captains and the ¹trumpeters beside the king; and ^ball the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah ^ctore her clothes and cried, "Treason! Treason!"

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were appointed over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out ¹between the ranks, and whoever follows her put to death with the sword." For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in the house of the LORD."

16 So they ¹seized her, and when she arrived at the horses' entrance of the king's house, she was put to death there.

17 Then ^aJehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people, also ^bbetween the king and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went to ^athe house of Baal, and tore it down; ^bhis altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly, and ^ckilled Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed ¹officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the captains of hundreds and the ^aCarites and the ¹guards and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of ^bthe gate of the ¹guards to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 So all the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword at the king's house.

21 ^{1a}Jehoash was seven years old when he became king.

CHAPTER 12

IN the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 And Jehoash did right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 Only ^athe high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 Then Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the sacred things ^awhich is brought into the house of the LORD, in current money *both* ^bthe money of each man's assessment and all the money ¹which any man's heart prompts him to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 let the priests take it for themselves, each from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the ¹damages of the house wherever any damage may be found.

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He Repairs the Temple. He Buys Off Hazael.**

6 But it came about that in the twenty-third year of King Jehoash the priests had not repaired the damages of the house.

9 ^aMark 12:41; Luke 21:1

7 Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the *other* priests and said to them, "Why do you not repair the damages of the house? Now therefore take no *more* money from your acquaintances, but pay it for the damages of the house."

10 ^{a2} Kin. 19:2; 22:3, 4, 12;
2 Sam. 8:17

8 So the priests agreed that they should take no *more* money from the people, or repair the damages of the house.

9 But ^aJehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid, and put it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD; and the priests who guarded the threshold put in it all the money which was brought into the house of the LORD.

11 ¹Lit., *brought*

12 ¹Lit., *went out*
^{a2} Kin. 22:5, 6

10 And when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that ^athe king's scribe and the high priest came up and tied *it* in bags and counted the money which was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money which was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they ¹paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, who worked on the house of the LORD;

13 ^{a2} Chr. 24:14 ^{b1} Kin.
7:48, 50

12 and ^ato the masons and the stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the damages to the house of the LORD, and for all that was ¹laid out for the house to repair it.

15 ^{a2} Kin. 22:7

13 But ^athere were not made for the house of the LORD ^bsilver cups, snuffers, bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver from the money which was brought into the house of the LORD;

16 ^aLev. 5:15-18 ^bLev. 4:24,
29 ^cLev. 7:7; Num. 18:19

14 for they gave that to those who did the work, and with it they repaired the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, ^athey did not require an accounting from the men into whose hand they gave the money to pay to those who did the work, for they dealt faithfully.

17 ^{a2} Kin. 8:12; 10:32, 33;
1 Kin. 19:17 ^{b2} Chr.
24:23, 24

16 The ^amoney from the guilt offerings and ^bthe money from the sin offerings, was not brought into the house of the LORD; ^cit was for the priests.

17 Then ^aHazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath and captured it, and ^bHazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

18 ^{a2} Kin. 16:8; 18:15, 16;
1 Kin. 14:26; 15:18 ^{b2} Kin.
12:4

18 And ^aJehoash king of Judah took all the sacred things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and ^bhis own sacred things and all the gold that was found among the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria. Then he went away from Jerusalem.

20 ^{a2} Chr. 24:25-27 ^{b2} Kin.
14:5 ^cJudg. 9:6; 2 Sam. 5:9;
1 Kin. 11:27

19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

21 ^{a2} Chr. 24:26

20 ^aAnd his servants arose and made a conspiracy, and ^bstruck down Joash at ^cthe house of Millo *as he was* going down to Silla.

21 For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of ^aShomer, his servants, struck *him*, and he died; and they

21 ^{b2} Kin. 14:1

2 ^{a1} Kin. 12:26-33

3 ^aJudg. 2:14 ^{b2} Kin. 12:17
^{c2} Kin. 13:24, 25

4 ^aNum. 21:7-9 ^{b2} Kin. 14:26; Ex. 3:7, 9

5 ¹Or, savior ²Lit., went out
^{a2} Kin. 13:25; 14:25, 27; Neh. 9:27

6 ¹Lit., it
^{a2} Kin. 13:2 ^{b1} Kin. 16:33

7 ¹Lit., people
^aAmos 1:3

11 ¹Lit., it

12 ^{a2} Kin. 13:14-19; 14:8-15

14 ¹Lit., was sick with his sickness ²Lit., his face
^{a2} Kin. 2:12

15 ¹Lit., took to himself

buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and ^bAhaziah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 13

IN the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel at Samaria, and he reigned seventeen years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, ^awith which he made Israel sin; he did not turn from them.

3 ^aSo the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He gave them continually into the hand of ^bHazael king of Syria, and into the hand of ^cBen-hadad the son of Hazael.

4 Then ^aJehoahaz entreated the favor of the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for ^bHe saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them.

5 And the LORD gave Israel a ^{1a}deliverer, so that they ²escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the sons of Israel lived in their tents as formerly.

6 Nevertheless they did not turn away from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, ^awith which he made Israel sin, but walked in ¹them; and ^bthe Asherah also remained standing in Samaria.

7 For he left to Jehoahaz of the ¹army not more than fifty horsemen and ten chariots and 10,000 footmen, for the king of Syria had destroyed them and ^amade them like the dust at threshing.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash his son became king in his place.

10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.

11 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not turn away from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin, but he walked in ¹them.

12 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

13 So Joash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 When Elisha ¹became sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash the king of Israel came down to him and wept over ²him and said, ^a"My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

15 And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and arrows." So he ¹took a bow and arrows.

16 Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." And he put his hand on it, then Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands.

17 And he said, "Open the window toward the east," and

he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" And he shot. And he said, "The LORD's arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Syria; for you shall ¹defeat the Syrians at ^aAphek until you have ²destroyed them.

18 Then he said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground," and he struck it three times and ¹stopped.

19 So ^athe man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck five or six times, then you would have struck Syria until you would have ¹destroyed it. But now you shall strike Syria ^bonly three times."

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now ^athe bands of the Moabites would invade the land in the spring of the year.

21 And as they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet.

22 Now ^aHazael king of Syria had oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 But the ^aLORD was gracious to them and ^bhad compassion on them and turned to them because of ^cHis covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them or cast them from His presence until now.

24 When Hazael king of Syria died, Ben-hadad his son became king in his place.

25 Then ^aJehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken in war from the hand of Jehoahaz his father. ^bThree times Joash ¹defeated him and recovered the cities of Israel.

17 ¹Lit., smite ²Lit., made an end of
^a1 Kin. 20:26

18 ¹Lit., stood

19 ¹Lit., made an end of
^a2 Kin. 5:20 ^b2 Kin. 13:25

20 ^a2 Kin. 3:7; 24:2

22 ^a2 Kin. 8:12, 13

23 ^a2 Kin. 14:27 ^b1 Kin. 8:28 ^cGen. 13:16, 17; 17:2-5

25 ¹Lit., smote
^a2 Kin. 10:32, 33; 14:25
^b2 Kin. 13:18, 19

1 ^a2 Chr. 25:1 ^b2 Kin. 13:10

CHAPTER 14

^aIN the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel, ^bAmaziah the son of Joash king of Judah became king.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.

3 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father; he did according to all that Joash his father had done.

4 Only ^athe high places were not taken away; ^bthe people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 Now it came about, as soon as the kingdom was firmly in his hand, that he ^{1a}killed his servants who had slain the king his father.

6 But the sons of the ¹slayers he did not put to death, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, "^aThe fathers shall not be put to death for the sons, nor the sons be put to death for the fathers; but ^beach shall be put to death for his own sin."

7 ^aHe ¹killed of Edom in ^bthe Valley of Salt 10,000 and took ^cSela by war, and named it ^dJoktheel to this day.

8 ^aThen Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "^bCome, let us face each other."

4 ^a2 Kin. 12:3 ^b2 Kin. 16:4

5 ¹Lit., smote
^a2 Kin. 12:20

6 ¹Lit., smiters
^aDeut. 24:16 ^bJer. 31:30; Ezek. 18:4, 20

7 ¹Lit., smote
^a2 Chr. 25:11 ^b2 Sam. 8:13; 1 Chr. 18:12 ^cIs. 16:1 ^dJosh. 15:38

8 ^a2 Chr. 25:17-24 ^b2 Sam. 2:14-17

9 ⁹Judg. 9:8-1510 ¹Lit., *smitten* ²Lit.,
lifted you up
² Kin. 14:7 ^bDeut. 8:14;
2 Chr. 26:1611 ² Kin. 23:29 ^bJosh.
19:3812 ¹Lit., *before*
²2 Sam. 18:1713 ¹One cubit equals
approx. 18 in.
^aNeh. 8:16; 12:39 ^b2 Chr.
25:2314 ² Kin. 12:18; 1 Kin.
14:2615 ² Kin. 13:12, 1317 ² Chr. 25:25-2819 ²Josh. 10:31; 2 Kin.
18:14, 1721 ¹In 2 Chr. 26:1, *Uzziah*22 ² Kin. 16:6; 1 Kin. 9:26;
2 Chr. 8:1725 ¹Lit., *by*
² Kin. 10:32; 13:25 ^b1 Kin.
8:65 ^cDeut. 3:17 ^dJon. 1:1;
Matt. 12:39, 40 ^eJosh. 19:1326 ² Kin. 13:4

9 And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thorn bush which was in Lebanon sent to the cedar which was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in marriage.' But there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled the thorn bush.

10 "You have indeed defeated Edom, and your heart has become proud. Enjoy your glory and stay at home; for why should you provoke trouble so that you, even you, should fall, and Judah with you?"

11 But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced each other at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

12 And Judah was defeated by Israel, and they fled each to his tent.

13 Then Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, 400 cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver and all the utensils which were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

16 So Jehoash slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son became king in his place.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

19 And they conspired against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

20 Then they brought him on horses and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

25 He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which He spoke through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, which was

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very bitter; for ^bthere was neither bound nor free, nor was there any helper for Israel.

27 And the ^aLORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did and his might, how he fought and how he recovered for Israel ^aDamascus and ^bHamath, *which had belonged* to Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 15

^a**I**N the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah became king.

2 He was ^asixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ¹Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 Only ^athe high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 ^aAnd the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death. And he ^blived in a separate house, ¹while Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land.

6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

7 And Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Jotham his son became king in his place.

8 ^aIn the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in Samaria for six months.

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

10 Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him and ^astruck him before the people and ¹killed him, and reigned in his place.

11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

12 This is ^athe word of the LORD which He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." And so it was.

13 Shallum son of Jabesh became king in the ^athirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned one month in ^bSamaria.

14 Then Menahem son of Gadi went up from ^aTirzah and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him and became king in his place.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum and his conspiracy

26 ^bDeut. 32:36

27 ^{a2} Kin. 13:23

28 ^{a1} Kin. 11:24 ^{b2} Chr. 8:3

1 ^{a2} Kin. 14:17

2 ¹In 2 Chr. 26:3, *Jechiah*
^{a2} Chr. 26:3, 4

4 ^{a2} Kin. 12:3

5 ¹Lit., and
^{a2} Chr. 26:21-23 ^bLev. 13:46;
Num. 12:14

8 ^{a2} Kin. 15:1

10 ¹Lit., *smote*
^aAmos 7:9

12 ^{a2} Kin. 10:30

13 ^{a2} Kin. 15:1, 8 ^{b1} Kin.
16:24

14 ^{a1} Kin. 14:17

16 *2 Kin. 8:12

which he made, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem struck Tiphsah and all who were in it, and its borders, from Tirzah, because they did not open to *him*, therefore he struck *it*; and he ripped up ^aall its women who were with child.

17 *2 Kin. 15:1, 8, 13

17 In the ^athirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi became king over Israel *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

19 ^aPul king of Assyria came against the land, and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom ¹under his rule.

19 ¹Lit., *in his hand*
^a1 Chr. 5:25, 26

20 Then Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even from all the mighty men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver to pay the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria returned and did not remain there in the land.

21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son became king in his place.

23 *2 Kin. 15:1, 8, 13, 17

23 In ^athe fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

25 *1 Kin. 16:18

25 Then Pekah son of Remaliah, his officer, conspired against him and struck him in Samaria, in ^athe castle of the king's house with Argob and Arieah; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites, and he killed him and became king in his place.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah and all that he did, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

27 *2 Kin. 15:23

27 In ^athe fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.

28 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

29 ¹Lit., *took*
^a2 Kin. 15:19 ^b2 Kin. 17:6

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, ^aTiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and ¹captured Ijon and Abel-beth-maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and ^bhe carried them captive to Assyria.

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him and put him to death and became king in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

**Reigns of Jotham and Ahaz over Judah.
Ahaz Seeks Assyrian Aid Against Syria and Israel.**

2 Kings 15, 16

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah became king.

33 ^aHe was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And ^ahe did what was right in the sight of the LORD; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 Only ^athe high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. ^bHe built the upper gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

37 In those days ^athe LORD began to send Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Ahaz his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 16

IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham, king of Judah, became king.

2 ^aAhaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David had done.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, ^aand even made his son pass through the fire, ^baccording to the abominations of the nations, whom the LORD had ¹driven out from before the sons of Israel.

4 And he ^asacrificed and burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.

5 Then ^aRezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to wage war; and they besieged Ahaz, ^bbut could not ¹overcome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered ^aElath for Syria, and cleared the Judeans out of ¹Elath entirely; and the ²Syrians came to Elath, and have lived there to this day.

7 ^aSo Ahaz sent messengers to ^bTiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son; come up and deliver me from the ¹hand of the king of Syria, and from the ¹hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me."

8 And ^aAhaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and sent a present to the king of Assyria.

9 ^aSo the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and ^bcaptured it, and carried *the people* of it away into exile to ^cKir, and put Rezin to death.

10 Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet ^aTiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar which was at Damascus; and King Ahaz sent to ^bUrijah the priest the ¹pattern of the altar and its model, according to all its workmanship.

11 So Urijah the priest built an altar; according to all that

33 ^a2 Chr. 27:1

34 ^a2 Kin. 15:3, 4; 2 Chr. 26:4, 5

35 ^a2 Kin. 12:3 ^b2 Chr. 23:20; 27:3

37 ^a2 Kin. 16:5; Is. 7:1

2 ^a2 Chr. 28:1-4

³ ¹Or, *dispossessed*
^a2 Kin. 17:17; 21:6; Lev. 18:21 ^b2 Kin. 21:2, 11; Deut. 12:31

4 ^a2 Kin. 14:4; Deut. 12:2

⁵ ¹Lit., *fight*
^a2 Kin. 15:37; Is. 7:1 ^b2 Chr. 28:5, 6

⁶ ¹Lit., *Eloth* ²So with some ancient versions; Heb., *Edomites*
^a2 Kin. 14:22; 2 Chr. 26:2

⁷ ¹Lit., *palm*
^a2 Chr. 28:16 ^b2 Kin. 15:29

8 ^a2 Kin. 12:17, 18; 18:15

⁹ ^a2 Chr. 28:21 ^bAmos 1:3; ^cIs. 22:6; Amos 9:7

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *likeness*
^a2 Kin. 15:29 ^bIs. 8:2

11 ¹Lit., until12 ¹Or, offered on it13 ¹Lit., offered in smoke14 ¹Lit., he also
^aEx. 40:6, 29
^{b2} Kin. 16:1115 ¹Lit., commanded him,
Urijah ²Lit., offer in smoke
^aEx. 29:39-41 ^{b2} Kin. 16:1417 ¹ Kin. 7:27, 28, 38
^{b1} Kin. 7:23, 2519 ² Chr. 28:2620 ² Chr. 28:271 ² Kin. 15:303 ^aHos. 10:14 ^{b2} Kin.
18:9-125 ^aHos. 13:166 ¹cf. 1 Chr. 5:26
^aHos. 13:16 ^bDeut. 28:64;
29:27, 28 ^{c2} Kin. 18:11;
1 Chr. 5:26 ^dIs. 37:12 ^eIs.
13:17; 21:27 ^aJosh. 23:16

King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, thus Urijah the priest made it ¹before the coming of King Ahaz from Damascus.

12 And when the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar; then the king approached the altar and ¹went up to it,

13 and ¹burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar.

14 And ^athe bronze altar, which was before the LORD, ¹he brought from the front of the house, from between ^bhis altar and the house of the LORD, and he put it on the north side of his altar.

15 Then King Ahaz ¹commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "Upon the great altar ²burn ^athe morning burnt offering and the evening meal offering and the king's burnt offering and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land and their meal offering and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice. But ^bthe bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by."

16 So Urijah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz commanded.

17 Then King Ahaz ^acut off the borders of the stands, and removed the laver from them; he also ^btook down the sea from the bronze oxen which were under it, and put it on a pavement of stone.

18 And the covered way for the Sabbath which they had built in the house, and the outer entry of the king, he removed from the house of the LORD because of the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written ^ain the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

20 So Ahaz slept with his fathers, and ^awas buried with his fathers in the city of David; and his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 17

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, ^aHoshea the son of Elah became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned nine years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3 ^aShalmaneser king of Assyria came up ^bagainst him, and Hoshea became his servant and paid him tribute.

4 But the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea, who had sent messengers to So king of Egypt and had offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; so the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

5 Then the king of Assyria invaded the whole land and went up to Samaria and ^abesieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, ^athe king of Assyria captured Samaria and ^bcarried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and ^csettled them in Halah and ¹Habor, on the river of ^dGozan, and ^ein the cities of the Medes.

7 Now ^athis came about, because the sons of Israel had

sinned against the LORD their God, ^bwho had brought them up from the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, ^cand they had ¹feared other gods

8 And ^awalked in the ¹customs of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel, and *in the customs* ^bof the kings of Israel which they had ²introduced.

9 And the sons of Israel ¹did things secretly which were not right, against the LORD their God. Moreover, they built for themselves high places in all their towns, from ^awatchtower to fortified city.

10 And ^athey set for themselves *sacred* pillars and ^{1b}Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree,

11 and there they burned incense on all the high places as the nations did which the LORD had carried away to exile before them; and they did evil things provoking the LORD.

12 And they served idols, ^aconcerning which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."

13 Yet the ^aLORD warned Israel and Judah, ^bthrough all His prophets *and* ^cevery seer, saying, "^dTurn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets."

14 However, they did not listen, but ^astiffened their neck like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And ^athey rejected His statutes and ^bHis covenant which He made with their fathers, and His warnings with which He warned them. And ^cthey followed vanity and ^dbecame vain, and *went* after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the ^eLORD had commanded them not to do like them.

16 And they forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, *even* ^atwo calves, and ^bmade an ¹Asherah and ^cworshiped all the host of heaven and ^dserved Baal.

17 Then ^athey made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and ^bpracticed divination and enchantments, and ^csold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him.

18 So the LORD was very angry with Israel, and ^aremoved them from His ¹sight; ^bnone was left except the tribe of Judah.

19 Also ^aJudah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but ^bwalked in the ¹customs ²which Israel had ³introduced.

20 And the LORD rejected all the ¹descendants of Israel and afflicted them and ^agave them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them ²out of His sight.

21 When ^aHe had torn Israel from the house of David, ^bthey made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then ^cJeroboam drove Israel away from following the LORD, and made them ¹commit a great sin.

22 And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them,

23 ^auntil the LORD removed Israel from His sight, ^{bas} He spoke through all His servants the prophets. ^cSo Israel was carried away into exile from their own land to Assyria until this day.

⁷ Lit., *revered*, and so throughout the chap.
^b Ex. 14:15-30 ^c Judg. 6:10

⁸ Lit., *statutes* ² Lit., *made*
² Lev. 18:3; Deut. 18:9
^{b2} Kin. 17:19; 16:3

⁹ Or, *uttered words* which
² Kin. 18:8

¹⁰ I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity
^a Ex. 34:12-14 ^{b1} Kin. 14:23; Mic. 5:14

¹² Ex. 20:4

¹³ ^a Neh. 9:29, 30 ^{b2} Kin. 17:23 ^{c1} Sam. 9:9 ^d Jer. 7:3-7; 18:11; Ezek. 18:31

¹⁴ Lit., *like the neck of*
^a Ex. 32:9; 33:3; Acts 7:51

¹⁵ ^a Jer. 8:9 ^b Ex. 24:6-8; Deut. 29:25 ^c Deut. 32:21
^d Jer. 2:5; Rom. 1:21-23
Deut. 12:30, 31

¹⁶ I.e., a wooden symbol of a female deity
^{a1} Kin. 12:28 ^{b1} Kin. 14:15, 23 ^{c2} Kin. 21:3; Deut. 4:15, 19 ^{d1} Kin. 16:31

¹⁷ ^{a2} Kin. 16:3 ^b Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10-12 ^{c1} Kin. 21:20

¹⁸ Lit., *face*
^{a2} Kin. 17:6 ^{b1} Kin. 11:13, 32, 36

¹⁹ Lit., *statutes* ² Lit., *of Israel* which they ³ Lit., *made*
^{a1} Kin. 14:22, 23 ^{b2} Kin. 16:3

²⁰ Lit., *seed* ² Lit., *from His face*
^{a2} Kin. 15:29

²¹ Lit., *sin*
^{a1} Kin. 11:11, 31 ^{b1} Kin. 12:20 ^{c1} Kin. 12:28-33

²³ ^{a2} Kin. 17:6 ^{b2} Kin. 17:13 ^{c2} Kin. 17:6

24 ^aEzra 4:2, 10 ^{b2} Kin. 18:34 ^{c1} Kin. 8:65

27 ¹Lit., *exile from there*
²Lit., *them*

29 ^{a1} Kin. 12:31; 13:32

30 ^{a2} Kin. 17:24

31 ^{a2} Kin. 17:17 ^{b2} Kin. 19:37 ^{c2} Kin. 17:24

32 ¹Lit., *made for themselves from among*
²Zeph. 1:5 ^{b1} Kin. 12:31

34 ¹Lit., *do according to*
^aGen. 32:28; 35:10

35 ^aJudg. 6:10 ^bEx. 20:5

36 ^aEx. 14:15-30 ^bEx. 6:6; 9:13 ^cLev. 19:32; Deut. 6:13

37 ^aDeut. 5:32

38 ^aDeut. 4:23; 6:12

24 ^aAnd the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon and from Cuthah and from ^bAvva and from ^cHamath and Sephar-vaim, and settled *them* in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. So they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities.

25 And it came about at the beginning of their living there, that they did not fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them which killed some of them.

26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations whom you have carried away into exile in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the god of the land; so He has sent lions among them, and behold, they kill them because they do not know the custom of the god of the land."

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Take there one of the priests whom you carried away into ¹exile, and let ²him go and live there; and let him teach them the custom of the god of the land."

28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away into exile from Samaria came and lived at Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 But every nation still made gods of its own and put them ^ain the houses of the high places which the people of Samaria had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.

30 And ^athe men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and ^athe Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to ^bAdram-melech and Anammelech the gods of ^cSepharvaim.

32 ^aThey also feared the LORD and ^{1b}appointed from among themselves priests of the high places, who acted for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD and served their own gods according to the custom of the nations from among whom they had been carried away into exile.

34 To this day they do according to the earlier customs: they do not fear the LORD, nor do they ¹follow their statutes or their ordinances or the law, or the commandments which the LORD commanded the sons of Jacob, ^awhom He named Israel;

35 with whom the LORD made a covenant and commanded them, saying, "^aYou shall not fear other gods, nor ^bbow down yourselves to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them.

36 "But the LORD, ^awho brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and with ^{ban}an outstretched arm, ^cHim you shall fear, and to Him you shall bow yourselves down, and to Him you shall sacrifice.

37 "And the statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment, which He wrote for you, ^ayou shall observe to do forever; and you shall not fear other gods.

38 "And the covenant that I have made with you, ^ayou shall not forget, nor shall you fear other gods.

39 "But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."

40 However, they did not listen, but they did according to their earlier custom.

**Hezekiah Is King of Judah.
His Good Reign. Israel Taken into Exile.**

2 Kings 17, 18

41 ^aSo while these nations feared the LORD, they also served their ¹idols; their children likewise and their grandchildren, as their fathers did, so they do to this day.

⁴¹ ¹Or, *graven images*
²Zeph. 1:5; Matt. 6:24

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came about ^ain the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah king of Israel, that ^bHezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah became king.

¹ ²Kin. 16:2; 17:1 ^{b2} Chr. 28:27

2 He was ^atwenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

² ²Chr. 29:1, 2

3 ^aAnd he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

³ ²Kin. 20:3; 2 Chr. 31:20

4 ^aHe removed the high places and broke down the *sacred* pillars and cut down the ¹Asherah. He also broke in pieces ^bthe bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called ²Nehushtan.

⁴ ¹I.e., a wooden symbol of a female deity ²I.e., a piece of bronze
² Kin. 18:22; 2 Chr. 31:1
^bNum. 21:8, 9

5 ^aHe trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; ^bso that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *among those* who were before him.

6 For he clung to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁵ ²Kin. 19:10 ^{b2} Kin. 23:25

7 ^aAnd the LORD was with him; wherever he went he prospered. And ^bhe rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

8 ^aHe ¹defeated the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from ^bwatchtower to fortified city.

⁷ ²Gen. 39:2, 3; 1 Sam. 18:14 ^{b2} Kin. 16:7

9 Now it came about in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that ^aShalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

⁸ ¹Lit., *smote*
² Chr. 28:18; Is. 14:29
^{b2} Kin. 17:9

10 And at the end of three years they captured it; in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was captured.

⁹ ² Kin. 17:3-7

11 Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and put them in Halah and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded; they would neither listen, nor do it.

¹³ ¹Is. 36:1-39: 8; 2 Chr. 32:1

13 ^aNow in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *Return* ²Lit., *give*
¹Lit., *put on*
² Kin. 18:7

14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have done wrong. ¹Withdraw from me; whatever you ²impose on me I will bear." So the king of Assyria ³required of Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

¹⁵ ² Kin. 12:18; 16:8;
1 Kin. 15:18, 19

15 And ^aHezekiah gave *him* all the silver which was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house.

16 At that time Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors

17 ¹I.e., launderer's
^aIs. 20:1 ^{b2} Kin. 20:20; Is. 7:3

18 ^{a2} Kin. 19:2; Is. 22:20 ^{b1s}.
 22:15

19 ¹Lit., trust

20 ¹Lit., a word of the lips
^{a2} Kin. 18:7

21 ¹Lit., rely for yourself
²Lit., palm
^aIs. 30:2, 3, 7; Ezek. 29:6, 7

22 ^{a2} Kin. 18:4; 2 Chr. 31:1

23 ¹Lit., please exchange
 pledges

24 ¹Lit., turn away the face
 of ²Or, governor ³Lit., rely
 for yourself

25 ¹Lit., without the LORD

26 ¹Lit., hear ²I.e., Hebrew
^aEzra 4:7; Dan. 2:4

28 ¹Lit., and spoke, saying,

29 ¹Heb., his

31 ¹Lit., Make with me a
 blessing
^{a1} Kin. 4:20, 25

32 ^aDeut. 8:7-9; 11:12

of the temple of the LORD, and from the doorposts which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 Then the king of Assyria sent ^aTartan and Rab-saris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a large army to Jerusalem. So they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they went up, they came and stood by the ^bconduit of the upper pool, which is on the highway of the ¹fuller's field.

18 When they called to the king, ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and ^bShebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came out to them.

19 Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you ¹have?

20 "You say (but *they are* ¹only empty words), 'I have counsel and strength for the war.' Now on whom do you rely, ^athat you have rebelled against me?

21 "Now behold, you ^{1a}rely on the staff of this crushed reed, *even* on Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his ²hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

22 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and ^awhose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem'?

23 "Now therefore, ¹come, make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.

24 "How then can you ¹repulse one ²official of the least of my master's servants, and ³rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 "Have I now come up ¹without the LORD's approval against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.''"

26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah and Shebna and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we ¹understand it; and do not speak with us in ^{2a}Judean, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

27 But Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, *and* not to the men who sit on the wall, *doomed* to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean, ¹saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 "Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you from ¹my hand;

30 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

31 'Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, "¹Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat ^aeach of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,

32 until I come and take you away ^ato a land like your own

land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live and not die." But do not listen to Hezekiah, when he misleads you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us."

33 ^aHas any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 ^aWhere are the gods of Hamath and ^bArpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and ^cIvvah? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand?

35 ^aWho among all the gods of the lands ¹have delivered their land from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand? "

36 But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

37 Then ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah ^bwith their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAPTER 19

^aAND when King Hezekiah heard *it*, he ^btore his clothes, ^ccovered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent Eliakim who was over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, ^acovered with sackcloth, to ^bIsaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for children have come to birth, and there is no strength to ¹deliver.

4 ^aPerhaps the LORD your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent ^bto reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for ^cthe remnant that is left.' "

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the ^aservants of the king of Assyria ^bhave blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that ^ahe shall hear a rumor and return to his own land. And ^bI will make him fall by the sword in his own land.' "

8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against ^aLibnah, for he had heard that ¹the king had left ^bLachish.

9 When he heard *them* say concerning Tirhakah king of ¹Cush, "Behold, he has come out to fight against you," he sent messengers again to Hezekiah saying,

10 "Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of ¹Judah, 'Do not ^alet your God in whom you trust deceive you saying, "^bJerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' "

11 'Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be ¹spared?

12 ^aDid the gods of ¹those nations which my fathers

33 ^{a2} Kin. 19:12; Is. 10:10, 11

34 ^{a2} Kin. 19:13 ^bIs. 10:9 ^{c2} Kin. 17:24

35 ¹ Lit., *who have*

37 ^{a2} Kin. 18:26 ^{b2} Kin. 6:30

¹ ^{a2} Chr. 32:20-22 Is. 37:1-38 ^{b2} Kin. 18:37 ^{c1} Kin. 21:27

² ^{a2} Sam. 3:31 ^bIs. 1:1; 2:1

³ ¹ Lit., *give birth*

⁴ ^a Josh. 14:12; 2 Sam. 16:12 ^{b2} Kin. 18:35 ^cIs. 1:9

⁶ ^{a2} Kin. 18:17 ^{b2} Kin. 18:22-25; 30:35

⁷ ^{a2} Kin. 7:6 ^{b2} Kin. 19:37

⁸ ¹ Lit., *he* ^a Josh. 10:29 ^{b2} Kin. 18:14

⁹ ¹ Or, *Ethiopia*

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., *Judah, saying,* ^{a2} Kin. 18:5 ^{b2} Kin. 18:30

¹¹ ¹ Lit., *delivered*

¹² ¹ Lit., *the* ^{a2} Kin. 18:33

12 ^{b2} Kin. 17:6 ^cGen. 11:31
^dIs. 37:12

13 ^{a2} Kin. 18:34

14 ¹Lit., *letters... read them* ²Lit., *Hezekiah spread*
^aIs. 37:14

15 ¹Lit., *seated*
^aIs. 37:14 ^{b2} Kin. 5:15

16 ^aPs. 31:2; Is. 37:17
^{b1} Kin. 8:29; ² Chr. 6:40
^{c2} Kin. 19:4

18 ^aIs. 44:9-20; Acts 17:29

19 ^{a1} Kin. 8:42, 43 ^{b2} Kin. 19:15

20 ^{a2} Kin. 20:5

21 ^aJer. 14:17; Lam. 2:13
^bPs. 109:25; Matt. 27:39

22 ¹Lit., *on high*
^{a2} Kin. 19:4 ^{b2} Kin. 19:6
^cIs. 5:24; 30:11-15

23 ¹So with some ancient versions, M.T., *will cut... will enter*
^{a2} Kin. 18:17 ^{b2} Chr. 26:10; Is. 10:18

24 ¹So with some ancient versions, M.T., *will dry up*
²Lit., *the besieged place*
^aIs. 19:6

25 ^aIs. 45:7 ^bIs. 10:5

desired deliver them, *even* ^bGozan and ^cHaran and Rezep and ^dthe sons of Eden who *were* in Telassar?

13 ^aWhere is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Hena and Ivvah?"

14 Then ^aHezekiah took the ¹letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and ²spread it out before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said, "O LORD the God of Israel, ^awho art ¹enthroned *above* the cherubim, ^bThou art the God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

16 ^aIncline Thine ear, O LORD, and hear; ^bopen Thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent ^cto reproach the living God.

17 "Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands

18 and have cast their gods into the fire, ^afor they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.

19 "And now, O LORD our God, I pray deliver us from his hand ^athat all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou alone, O ^bLORD, art God."

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ^aBecause you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, ^aI have heard you."

21 "This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:
^aShe has despised you and mocked you,
^aThe virgin daughter of Zion;
She ^bhas shaken *her* head behind you,
The daughter of Jerusalem!

22 ^aWhom have you ^areproached and ^bblasphemed?
And against whom have you raised *your* voice,
And ¹haughtily lifted up your eyes?
Against the ^cHoly One of Israel!

23 ^aThrough your messengers you have reproached the Lord,
And you have said, "With my many chariots
I came up to the heights of the mountains,
To the remotest parts of Lebanon;
And I ¹cut down its tall cedars *and* its choice cypresses.
And I ¹entered its farthest lodging place, its ^bthickest forest.

24 "I dug *wells* and drank foreign waters,
And with the sole of my feet I ¹dried up
All the rivers of ²Egypt."

25 ^aHave you not heard?
Long ago I did it;
From ancient times I planned it.
^bNow I have brought it to pass,
That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

26 ^aTherefore their inhabitants were short of strength,

They were dismayed and put to shame;
They were ^aas the vegetation of the field and as the
green herb.

As grass on the housetops is scorched before it is
grown up.

27 'But I know your sitting down,
And your going out and your coming in,
And your raging against Me.

28 'Because of your raging against Me,
And because your ¹arrogance has come up to My
ears.

Therefore I ^awill put My hook in your nose,
And My bridle in your lips,
And ^bI will turn you back by the way which you
came.

29 'Then this shall be ^athe sign for you: ¹you shall eat this
year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from
the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and
eat their fruit.

30 ^aAnd the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall
again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

31 'For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and ^aout
of Mount Zion ¹survivors. ^bThe zeal of ²the LORD shall per-
form this.

32 'Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of
Assyria, ^aHe shall not come to this city or shoot an arrow
there; neither shall he come before it with a shield, nor throw
up a mound against it.

33 '^aBy the way that he came, by the same he shall return,
and he shall not come to this city,' declares the LORD.

34 '^aFor I will defend this city to save it for My own sake
and ^bfor My servant David's sake.'

35 ^aThen it happened that night that ^bthe angel of the
LORD went out, and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assy-
rians; and when ¹men rose early in the morning, behold, all of
them were dead bodies.

36 So ^aSennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned
home, and lived at ^bNineveh.

37 And it came about as he was worshiping in the house of
Nisroch his god, that ^{1a}Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him
with the sword; and they escaped into ^bthe land of Ararat. And
^cEsarhaddon his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 20

^a**I**N those days Hezekiah became ¹mortally ill. And Isaiah the
prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus
says the LORD, ^bSet your house in order, for you shall die and
not live."

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the
LORD, saying,

3 "^aRemember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, ^bhow I have
walked before Thee in truth and with a whole heart, and have
done what is good in Thy sight." And ^cHezekiah wept
¹bitterly.

4 And it came about before Isaiah had gone out of the
middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

26 ^aPs. 129:628 ¹Lit., *complacency*
^aEzek. 19:9; 29:4 ^{b2} Kin.
19:33, 3629 ¹Lit., *eating*
^{a2} Kin. 20:8, 9; Ex. 3:1230 ^{a2} Kin. 19:4; 2 Chr.
32:22, 2331 ¹Lit., *those who escape*
²Some ancient mss. read; *the*
LORD of hosts
^aIs. 10:20 ^bIs. 9:732 ^aIs. 8:7-1033 ^{a2} Kin. 19:2834 ^{a2} Kin. 20:6; Is. 31:5
^{b1} Kin. 11:12, 1335 ¹Lit., *they*
^{a2} Chr. 32:21 ^{b2} Sam. 24:1636 ^{a2} Kin. 19:7, 28, 33 ^bJon.
1:237 ¹Some ancient mss.
read, *Adrammelech and*
Sharezer his sons smote him
^{a2} Kin. 19:17, 31 ^bGen. 8:4;
Jer. 51:27 ^cEzra 4:21 ¹Lit., *sick to the point of*
death
^{a2} Chr. 32:24; Is. 38:1-22
^{b2} Sam. 17:233 ¹Lit., *great weeping*
^aNeh. 5:19; 13:14, 22, 31
^{b2} Kin. 18:3-6 ^{c2} Sam.
12:21, 22

5 ^a1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1
^b2 Kin. 19:20 ^cPs. 39:12

6 ¹Lit., *days*
² Kin. 19:34

10 ¹Lit., *said*

11 ¹Lit., *steps*
¹Josh. 10:12-14

12 ¹Many mss. and ancient
versions read, *Merodach-
baladan*; cf. Is. 39:1
² Chr. 32:31; Is. 39:1-8

13 ² Chr. 32:27

15 ¹Lit., *said*

17 ² Kin. 24:13; 25:13-15;
Jer. 52:17-19

18 ² Kin. 24:12; 2 Chr.
33:11 ^bDan. 1:3-7

19 ¹Lit., *said*
¹ Sam. 3:18

20 ² Chr. 32:32

5 "Return and say to ^aHezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "^bI have heard your prayer, ^cI have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

6 "And I will add fifteen years to your ¹life, and I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and ^aI will defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"

7 Then Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs." And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 Now Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What will be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?"

9 And Isaiah said, "This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten steps or go back ten steps?"

10 So Hezekiah ¹answered, "It is easy for the shadow to decline ten steps; no, but let the shadow turn backward ten steps."

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD, and ^aHe brought the shadow on the ¹stairway back ten steps by which it had gone down on the ¹stairway of Ahaz.

12 ^aAt that time ¹Berodach-baladan a son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them ^aall his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and the house of his armor and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon."

15 And he said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah ¹answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasuries that I have not shown them."

16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD.

17 'Behold, the days are coming when ^aall that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD.

18 'And some ^aof your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall beget, shall be taken away; and they shall become ^bofficials in the palace of the king of Babylon.'

19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is ^agood." For he ¹thought, "Is it not so, if there shall be peace and truth in my days?"

20 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and all his might, and how he made the pool and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

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His Great Wickedness.**

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21 ^aSo Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his son became king in his place.

21 ^a2 Chr. 32:33

CHAPTER 21

1 ^a2 Chr. 33:1-9

^a**M**ANASSEH was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hephzibah.

2 ^a2 Kin. 16:3

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

3 ¹i.e., a wooden symbol of a female deity.
²2 Kin. 18:4 ¹1 Kin. 16:31-33
²2 Kin. 17:16; 23:5; Deut. 17:2-5

3 For ^ahe rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and ^bhe erected altars for Baal and made an ¹Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and ^cworshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

4 ^a2 Kin. 16:10-16 ¹1 Kin. 8:29

4 And ^ahe built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "^bIn Jerusalem I will put My name."

5 For he built altars for ^aall the host of heaven in ^bthe two courts of the house of the LORD.

5 ^a2 Kin. 23:4, 5 ^b2 Kin. 23:12; 1 Kin. 7:12

6 And ^ahe made his son pass through the fire, ^bpractised witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD provoking *Him to anger*.

6 ^a2 Kin. 16:3; 17:17; Lev. 18:21 ^bLev. 19:26, 31; Deut. 18:10-14

7 Then ^ahe set the carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David and to his son Solomon, "^bIn this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.

7 ^a2 Kin. 23:6; Deut. 16:21
¹1 Kin. 8:29; 9:3

8 "And I ^awill not make the feet of Israel wander any more from the land which I gave their fathers, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them."

9 But they did not listen, and Manasseh seduced them to do evil more than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

8 ^a2 Kin. 18:11, 12; 2 Sam. 7:10

10 Now the LORD spoke through His servants the prophets, saying,

11 "^aBecause Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, ^bhaving done wickedly more than all the Amorites did who *were* before him, and ^chas also made Judah sin ^dwith his idols;

11 ^a2 Kin. 21:2; 24:3, 4
^bGen. 15:16; 1 Kin. 21:26
^c2 Kin. 21:16 ^d2 Kin. 21:21

12 therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am bringing *such* calamity on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, ^aboth his ears shall tingle.

12 ^a1 Sam. 3:11; Jer. 19:3

13 ^aAnd I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab, and I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

13 ^aIs. 34:11; Amos 7:7, 8

14 'And I will abandon the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become as plunder and spoil to all their enemies;

16 ^a2 Kin. 24:4

15 because they have done evil in My sight, and have been provoking Me to anger, since the day their fathers came from Egypt, even to this day.'

16 ^aMoreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides

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16 ^b2 Kin. 21:11

17 ¹Lit., *sinned*
²Chr. 33:11-19

18 ²Chr. 33:20 ^b2 Kin. 21:26

20 ²Kin. 21:2-6, 11, 16

22 ²Kin. 22:17; 1 Chr. 28:9

23 ²Kin. 12:20; 14:19

24 ¹Lit., *smote*
²Kin. 14:5

26 ²Kin. 21:18

1 ²Chr. 34:1 ^bJosh. 15:39

2 ²Deut. 5:32; Josh. 1:7

4 ¹Or, *total*
²Kin. 12:4, 9, 10

5 ¹Lit., *breach*
²Kin. 12:11-14

7 ²Kin. 12:15

8 ²Deut. 31:24-26; 2 Chr. 34:14, 15

his sin ^bwith which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD.

17 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Manasseh and all that he did and his sin which he ¹committed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

18 ^aAnd Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his own house, ^bin the garden of Uzza, and Amon his son became king in his place.

19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aas Manasseh his father had done.

21 For he walked in all the way that his father had walked, and served the idols that his father had served and worshiped them.

22 So ^ahe forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

23 And ^athe servants of Amon conspired against him and killed the king in his own house.

24 Then ^athe people of the land ¹killed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his grave ^ain the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 22

^a**JOSIAH** was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of ^bBozkath.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he ^aturn aside to the right or to the left.

3 Now it came about in the eighteenth year of King Josiah that the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam the scribe, to the house of the LORD saying,

4 ^a"Go up to Hilkiah the high priest that he may ¹count the money brought in to the house of the LORD which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people.

5 ^a"And let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD, and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of the LORD to repair the ¹damages of the house,

6 to the carpenters and the builders and the masons and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 ^a"Only ^ano accounting shall be made with them for the money delivered into their hands, for they deal faithfully."

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, ^a"I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said, "Your servants have emptied

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out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD.”

10 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.

11 And it came about when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that ^ahe tore his clothes.

12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, ^aAhikam the son of Shaphan, ^bAchbor the son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant saying,

13 “Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for ^agreat is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of ^{1a}Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the ^bSecond Quarter); and they spoke to her.

15 And she said to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, “Tell the man who sent you to me,

16 thus says the LORD, “Behold, I bring evil on this place and on its inhabitants, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read.

17 “^aBecause they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods that they might provoke Me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore My wrath burns against this place, and it shall not be quenched.””

18 “But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD thus shall you say to him, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, “*Regarding* the words which you have heard,

19 ^abecause your heart was tender and ^byou humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants that they should become ^ca desolation and a ^dcurse, and you have ^etorn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,” declares the LORD.

20 “Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and ^ayou shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil which I will bring on this place.”” So they brought back word to the king.

CHAPTER 23

^a**T**HEN the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up to the house of the LORD and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and ^ahe read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant, ^bwhich was found in the house of the LORD.

3 And ^athe king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, ^bto walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all

11 ^aGen. 37:34; Josh. 7:6

12 ¹In 2 Chr. 34:20, *Abdon, son of Micaiah*
²Kin. 25:22; Jer. 26:24
^b2 Chr. 34:20

13 ^aDeut. 29:23-28;
31:17, 18

14 ¹In 2 Chr. 34:22,
Tokhath, son of Hasrah
²Chr. 34:22; ^bZeph. 1:10

17 ^a2 Kin. 21:22; Deut.
29:25, 26

19 ¹Sam. 24:5; Ps. 51:17
^bEx. 10:3; 1 Kin. 21:29 ^cLev.
26:31 ^dJer. 26:6 ^e2 Kin. 22:11

20 ^a2 Kin. 23:30

1 ^a2 Chr. 34:29-32

2 ^aDeut. 31:10-13 ^b2 Kin.
22:8

3 ^a2 Kin. 11:14, 17 ^bDeut.
13:4

³ ¹Lit., *took a stand in*

⁴ ¹Lit., *keepers of the threshold* ²Lit., A wooden symbol of a female deity and so throughout the chap.
² Kin. 25:18; Jer. 52:24
² Kin. 21:37 ² Kin. 23:15

⁶ ¹Lit., *sons of the people*
² Kin. 23:15 ² Chr. 34:4

⁷ ¹Or, *tents*; lit., *houses*
¹ Kin. 14:24; 15:12 ^bEx.
35:25, 26; Ezek. 16:16

⁸ ²Josh. 21:17; 1 Kin. 15:22

⁹ ²Ezek. 44:10-14

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *place of burning*
^aIs. 30:33; Jer. 7:31, 32 ^bLev.
18:21 ¹ Kin. 11:7

¹² ¹Or, *smashed them there*
^aJer. 19:13; Zeph. 1:5 ^{b2} Kin.
21:5 ² Kin. 23:4, 6

¹³ ¹ Kin. 11:7 ^{b1} Kin. 11:5
^cNum. 21:29

¹⁴ ^aDeut. 7:5, 25 ^{b2} Kin.
23:16

¹⁵ ¹ Kin. 13:1 ^{b1} Kin.
12:28-33

his heart and all *his* soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people ¹entered into the covenant.

4 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and ^athe priests of the second order and the ¹doorkeepers, ^bto bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, for ²Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and ^che burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

5 And he did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD outside Jerusalem to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and ^aground it to dust, and ^bthrew its dust on the graves of the ¹common people.

7 He also broke down the houses of the ^amale cult prostitutes which *were* in the house of the LORD, where ^bthe women were weaving ¹hangings for the Asherah.

8 Then he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from ^aGeba to Beersheba; and he broke down the high places of the gates which *were* at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on one's left at the city gate.

9 Nevertheless ^athe priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.

10 ^aHe also defiled ¹Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, ^bthat no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire for ^cMolech.

11 And he did away with the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the official, which *was* in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And ^athe altars which *were* on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and ^bthe altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down; and he ¹ran from there, and ^cthrew their dust into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places which *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right of ^athe mount of destruction which Solomon the king of Israel had built for ^bAshtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for ^cChemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the sons of Ammon, the king defiled.

14 And ^ahe broke in pieces the *sacred* pillars and cut down the Asherim and ^bfilled their places with human bones.

15 Furthermore, ^athe altar that *was* at Bethel and the ^bhigh place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he

broke down. Then he ^{1c}demolished its stones, ground them to dust, and burned the Asherah.

16 Now when Josiah turned, he saw the graves that *were* there on the mountain, and he sent and took the bones from the graves and burned *them* on the altar and defiled it ^aaccording to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things.

17 Then he said, "What is this monument that I see?" And the men of the city told him, "^aIt is the grave of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel."

18 And he said, "Let him alone; let no one disturb his bones." So they ¹left his bones undisturbed ^awith the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

19 And Josiah also removed all the houses of the high places which *were* ^ain the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made provoking ¹the LORD; and he did to them ²just as he had done in Bethel.

20 And all the priests of the high places who *were* there ^ahe slaughtered on the altars and burned human bones on them; then he returned to Jerusalem.

21 Then the king commanded all the people saying, "^aCelebrate the Passover to the LORD your God ^{bas} as it is written in this book of the covenant."

22 ^aSurely such a Passover had not been celebrated from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and of the kings of Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was observed to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 Moreover, Josiah ¹removed ^athe mediums and the spirits and the ^bteraphim and ^cthe idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, ^dthat he might ²confirm the words of the law which were written ^ein the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And before him there was no king ^alike him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.

26 However, the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, ^abecause of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

27 And the LORD said, "I will remove Judah also from My sight, ^aas I have removed Israel. And ^bI will cast off Jerusalem, this city which I have chosen, and the ¹temple of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'"

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

29 In his days ^bPharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And King Josiah went to meet him, and when *Pharaoh Neco* saw him he killed him at ^cMegiddo.

30 And ^ahis servants drove ¹his body in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. ^bThen the people of the land took Jehoahaz the

15 ¹So the Gk.; Heb., *burned the high place*
² Kin. 23:6

16 ^{a1} Kin. 13:2

17 ¹¹ Kin. 13:1, 30, 31

18 ¹Lit., *let his bones escape with*
^{a1} Kin. 13:11, 31

19 ¹So with ancient versions. ²Lit., *according to all the acts*
^{a2} Chr. 34:6, 7

20 ^{a2} Kin. 10:25; 11:18

21 ^{a2} Chr. 35:1-17 ^bNum. 9:2-4; Deut. 16:2-8

22 ^{a2} Chr. 35:18, 19

24 ¹Lit., *consumed* ²Or, *perform*
^{a2} Kin. 21:6; Lev. 19:31
^bGen. 31:19 ^{c2} Kin. 21:11, 21
^dDeut. 18:10-22 ^{e2} Kin. 22:8

25 ^{a2} Kin. 18:5

26 ^{a2} Kin. 21:11-13; Jer. 15:4

27 ¹Lit., *house*
^{a2} Kin. 18:11 ^{b2} Kin. 21:13, 14

29 ^{a2} Chr. 35:20-24 ^bJer. 46:2 ^cJudg. 5:19

30 ¹Lit., *him, dead*
^{a2} Kin. 9:28 ^{b2} Chr. 36:1-4

31 ^{a1} Chr. 3:15; Jer. 22:11
^{b2} Kin. 24:18

32 ^{a2} Kin. 21:2-7

33 ^{a2} Kin. 23:29 ^{b2} Kin.
25:6 ^{c1} Kin. 8:65

34 ¹So with Gk. Heb., *he came*, cf. 2 Chr. 36:4
^{a1} Chr. 3:15 ^{b2} Kin. 24:17
^cJer. 22:11, 12; Ezek. 19:3, 4

35 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^{a2} Kin. 23:33

36 ^{a2} Chr. 36:5

37 ^{a2} Kin. 23:32

1 ^{a2} Chr. 36:6; Jer. 25:1

2 ^aJer. 35:11 ^{b2} Kin. 6:23
^{c2} Kin. 13:20 ^{d2} Kin. 23:27

3 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^{a2} Kin. 18:25 ^{b2} Kin. 23:26

4 ^{a2} Kin. 21:16

6 ^aJer. 22:18, 19

7 ^aJer. 37:5-7 ^bJer. 46:2
^cGen. 15:18

8 ^{a1} Chr. 3:16 ^{b2} Chr. 36:9

son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

31 ^aJehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ^bHamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that his fathers had done.

33 And ^aPharaoh Neco imprisoned him at ^bRiblah in the land of ^cHamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaoh Neco made ^aEliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and ^bchanged his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away and ^{1c}brought *him* to Egypt, and he died there.

35 So Jehoiakim ^agave the silver and gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land in order to give the money at the ¹command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, each according to his valuation, to give it to Pharaoh Neco.

36 ^aJehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiiah of Rumah.

37 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that his fathers had done.

CHAPTER 24

^a
IN his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him ^abands of Chaldeans, ^bbands of Syrians, ^cbands of Moabites, and bands of Ammonites. So He sent them against Judah to destroy it, ^daccording to the word of the LORD, which He had spoken through His servants the prophets.

3 ^aSurely at the ¹command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His sight ^bbecause of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done,

4 and ^aalso for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

6 So ^aJehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

7 And ^athe king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, ^bfor the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from ^cthe brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates.

8 ^aJehoiachin was ^beighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

**The Babylonian Captivity Begins.
The Reigns of Jehoiachin and Zedekiah.**

2 Kings 24, 25

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it.

12 And ^aJehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his officials. So ^bthe king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And ^ahe carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and ^bcut in pieces all the vessels of gold ^cwhich Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, just as the LORD had said.

14 Then ^ahe led away into exile all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ^bten thousand captives, and ^call the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained ^dexcept the poorest people of the land.

15 So ^ahe led Jehoiachin away into exile to Babylon; also the king's mother and the king's wives and his officials and the leading men of the land, he led away into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of valor, ^aseven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, one thousand, all strong and fit for war, and these the king of Babylon brought into exile to Babylon.

17 ^aThen the king of Babylon made ^bhis uncle Mattaniah, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 ^aZedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ^bHamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD *this* came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And ^aZedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAPTER 25

^a**N**OW it came about in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, that ^bNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it, ^cand built a siege wall all around ^dit.

2 So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

3 On the ninth day of the *fourth* month ^athe famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

4 Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls which was by ^athe king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And ^bthey went by way of the Arabah.

5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him.

9^a2 Kin. 21:2-7

12^aJer. 24:1; 29:1, 2
b2 Chr. 36:10

13^a2 Kin. 20:17; Is. 39:6
b2 Kin. 25:13-15 c1 Kin. 7:48-50

14^aJer. 24:1 b2 Kin. 24:16;
Jer. 52:28 cJer. 24:1; 29:2
d2 Kin. 25:12

15^a2 Chr. 36:10; Jer. 22:24-28

16^a2 Kin. 24:14

17¹Lit., Jehoiachin's uncle
a2 Chr. 36:10-13

18^aJer. 52:1 b2 Kin. 23:31

19^a2 Kin. 23:37

20^a2 Chr. 36:13

1¹Lit., *against it*
a2 Chr. 36:17-20; Jer. 39:1-7
bJer. 34:1, 2; Ezek. 24:2
cEzek. 21:22

3^a2 Kin. 6:24, 25; Lam. 4:9, 10

4¹So some ancient mss. and versions. M.T., *he*
aNeh. 3:15

**Jerusalem Captured and Laid Waste.
Treasures of the Temple Taken to Babylon.**

2 Kings 25

6 ¹Lit., *they spoke judgment with him*
²Jer. 34:21, 22 ^bJer. 32:4
^{c2} Kin. 23:33

7 ^aJer. 39:6, 7 ^bEzek. 12:13

8 ^aJer. 52:12 ^bJer. 39:8-12

9 ^{a2} Chr. 36:19; Ps. 74:3-7
^bAmos 2:5

10 ^{a2} Kin. 14:13; Neh. 1:3

11 ^{a2} Chr. 36:20

12 ^{a2} Kin. 24:14; Jer. 40:7

13 ¹Lit., *bronze of them*
^{a2} Chr. 36:18

14 ^{a1} Kin. 7:47-50

16 ^{a1} Kin. 7:47

17 ¹i.e., one cubit equals
approx. 18 in.
^{a1} Kin. 7:15-22

18 ¹Lit., *keepers of the door*
^{a1} Chr. 6:14; Ezra 7:1 ^bJer.
21:1; 29:25, 29

19 ¹Lit., *men of those
seeing the king's face* ²Or,
scribe, a captain
^aExh. 1:14

20 ^{a2} Kin. 23:33

21 ^{a2} Kin. 23:27; Deut.
28:64

22 ^aJer. 39:14

23 ^aJer. 40:7-9

6 Then ^athey captured the king and ^bbrought him to the king of Babylon at ^cRiblah, and ¹he passed sentence on him.

7 And ^athey slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then ^bput out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon.

8 ^aNow on the seventh day of the ^bfifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

9 And ^ahe burned the house of the LORD, ^bthe king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.

10 So all the army of the Chaldeans who *were with* the captain of the guard ^abroke down the walls around Jerusalem.

11 Then ^athe rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile.

12 But the captain of the guard left some of ^athe poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

13 ^aNow the bronze pillars which were in the house of the LORD, and the stands and the bronze sea which were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the ¹bronze to Babylon.

14 ^aAnd they took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, and all the bronze vessels which were used in *temple* service.

15 The captain of the guard also took away the firepans and the basins, what was fine gold and what was fine silver.

16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—^athe bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight.

17 ^aThe height of the one pillar was eighteen ¹cubits, and a bronze capital was on it; the height of the capital was three ¹cubits, with a network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these with network.

18 Then the captain of the guard took ^aSeraiah the chief priest and ^bZephaniah the second priest, with the three ¹officers of the temple.

19 And from the city he took one official who was overseer of the men of war, and ^afive ¹of the king's advisors who were found in the city; and the ²scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city.

20 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at ^aRiblah.

21 Then the king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. ^aSo Judah was led away into exile from its land.

22 Now *as for* the people who were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, he appointed ^aGedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan over them.

23 ^aWhen all the captains of the forces, they and *their* men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah

governor, they came to Gedaliah to ^bMizpah, namely, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.

23 ¹Josh. 18:26

24 And Gedaliah swore to them and their men and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans; live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you."

25 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *and ten men with him*
³Jer. 41:1, 2

25 ^aBut it came about in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal ¹family, came ²with ten men and struck Gedaliah down so that he died along with the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.

26 ¹Jer. 43:4-7

26 ^aThen all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces arose and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

27 ¹Lit., *lifted up the head of*
²Jer. 52:31-34 ^{b2}Kin. 24:12,
¹⁵ ^cGen. 40:13, 20

27 ^aNow it came about in the thirty-seventh year of ^bthe exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh ^{day} of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he became king, ^{1c}released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison;

29 ¹Lit., *ate bread*
²Sam. 9:7

28 and he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

30 ^aNeh. 11:23; 12:47

29 And Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes, and ^{1a}had his meals in the king's presence regularly all the days of his life;

30 and for his ^aallowance, a regular allowance was given him by the king, a portion for each day, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

Descendants of Noah.

1 ^aGen. 4:25-5:32

^a**A**DAM, Seth, Enosh,

5 ^aGen. 10:2-4

2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,

3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

5 ^aThe sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

6 ¹In Gen. 10:3, *Riphath*

6 And the sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, ¹Diphath, and Togarmah.

7 ¹In Gen. 10:4, *Dodanim*

7 And the sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and ¹Rodanim.

8 The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

10 ¹Lit., *begot*, and so throughout the chap.

9 And the sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan.

10 And Cush ¹became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

11 *Gen. 10:13-18

11 ^aAnd Mizraim became the father of the people of Lud, Anam, Lehab, Naphtuh,

12 Pathrus, Casluh, from which the ¹Philistines came, and Caphtor.

12 ¹Or, *people of Pelisht*

13 And Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, Heth,

14 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,

15 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,

16 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

17 ¹In Gen. 10:23, *Mash*
*Gen. 10:22-29

17 ^aThe sons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and ¹Meshech.

22 ¹In Gen. 10:28, *Obal*

18 And Arpachshad became the father of Shelah and She-
lah became the father of Eber.

19 And two sons were born to Eber, the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.

24 *Gen. 11:10-26; Luke
3:34-36

20 And Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

22 ¹Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,

23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these *were* the sons of Joktan.

29 *Gen. 25:13-16

24 ^aShem, Arpachshad, Shelah,

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 Abram, that is Abraham.

28 The sons of Abraham *were* Isaac and Ishmael.

34 ¹Chr. 1:28 ^bGen. 25:25,
26; 32:28

29 ^aThese are their genealogies: the first-born of Ishmael *was* Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah; these *were* the sons of Ishmael.

35 *Gen. 36:4-10

32 ^aAnd the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, *whom* she bore, *were* Zimram, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan *were* Sheba and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian *were* Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

36 ¹In Gen. 36:11, *Zepho*

34 And ^aAbraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac *were* ^bEsau and Israel.

38 *Gen. 36:20-28

35 ^aThe sons of Esau *were* Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

39 ¹In Gen. 36:22, *Hemam*

36 The sons of Eliphaz *were* Teman, Omar, ¹Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel *were* Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

40 ¹In Gen. 36:23, *Alvan*
²In Gen. 36:23, *Shepho*

38 ^aAnd the sons of Seir *were* Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan *were* Hori and ¹Homan; and Lotan's sister *was* Timna.

41 ¹Lit., *sons* ²In Gen.
36:26, *Hemdan*

40 The sons of Shobal *were* ¹Alian, Manahath, Ebal, ²Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon *were* Aiah and Anah.

41 The ¹son of Anah *was* Dishon. And the sons of Dishon *were* ²Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, and Zaavan, ¹Jaakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.

42 ¹Or, and Akan

43 ^aNow these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king of the sons of Israel reigned. Bela was the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

43 ^aGen. 36:31-43

44 When Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of ^aBozrah became king in his place.

44 ^aIs. 34:6

45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of ^athe Temanites became king in his place.

46 When Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who ¹defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

45 ^aJob 2:11

47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.

46 ¹Lit., smote

48 When Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth by the River became king in his place.

49 When Saul died, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

50 ¹In Gen. 36:39, Hadar
²In Gen. 36:39, Pau

50 When Baal-hanan died, ¹Hadad became king in his place; and the name of his city was ²Pai, and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 ¹In Gen. 36:40, Alvah

51 Then Hadad died. Now the chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief ¹Aliah, chief Jetheth,

52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

54 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

1 ^aGen. 35:22-26; 46:8-25

CHAPTER 2

^aTHESE are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

3 ^aGen. 38:2-10

2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Napthali, Gad, and Asher.

3 ^aThe sons of Judah were Er, Onan, and Shelah; these three were born to him by Bath-shua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, so He put him to death.

4 ^aGen. 38:13-30

4 And ^aTamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.

6 ¹In Josh. 7:1, Zabdi ²In Kings 4:31, Darda

5 The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah were ¹Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and ²Dara; five of them in all.

7 ¹Lit., sons ²In Josh. 7:18, Achan

7 And the ¹son of Carmi was ²Achar, the troubler of Israel, who violated the ban.

8 And the ¹son of Ethan was Azariah.

9 Now the sons of Hezron, who were born to him were Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

8 ¹Lit., sons

10 And Ram ¹became the father of Nahshon, leader of the sons of Judah;

11 Nahshon became the father of Salma, Salma became the father of Boaz,

12 Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse;

10 ¹Lit., begot, and so throughout the chap.

13 and Jesse became the father of Eliab his first-born, then Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,

16 ¹in 2 Sam. 2:18, *Abishai*

14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh;

16 and their sisters were Zeruah and Abigail. And the three sons of Zeruah were ¹Abshai, Joab, and Asahel.

17 And Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

18 Now Caleb the son of Hezron had sons by Azubah *his* wife, and by Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.

19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.

20 And Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.

21 Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

22 And Segub became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

23 ¹Or, *Havvoth-jair*23 But Geshur and Aram took ¹the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath and its villages, *even* sixty cities. All these were the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24 And after the death of Hezron in Caleb-ephraiah, Abijah, Hezron's wife, bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

25 Now the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were Ram the first-born, then Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram, the first-born of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

29 And the name of Abishur's wife was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.

30 And the sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim, and Seled died without sons.

31 ¹Lit., *sons*31 And the ¹son of Appaim was Ishi. And the ¹son of Ishi was Sheshan. And the ¹son of Sheshan was Ahlai.

32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai were Jether and Jonathan, and Jether died without sons.

33 And the sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons but daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant in marriage, and she bore him Attai.

36 And Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad,

37 and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed,

38 and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah,

39 and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah,

40 and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum,

41 and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

42 Now the sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, were Mesha his first-born, who was the father of Ziph; and his son was Mareshah, the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron were Korah and Tappuah and Rekem and Shema.

44 And Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Bethzur.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez.

47 And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

50 These were the sons of Caleb.

The sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, were Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem and Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,

53 and the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; from these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

54 The sons of Salma were Bethlehem and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joaab and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of scribes who lived at Jabez were the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. Those are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

42 ¹Lit., the sons of

50 ¹Lit., son

1 ² Sam. 3:2-5

4 ² Sam. 2:11; 5:4, 5

CHAPTER 3

^a NOW these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the first-born was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess: the second was Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelitess;

2 the third was Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth was Adonijah the son of Haggith;

3 the fifth was Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth was Ithream, by his wife Eglah.

4 Six were born to him in Hebron, and ^athere he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

5 ^aAnd these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and ^bSolomon, four, by ^cBath-shua the daughter of Ammiel;

6 and Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,

7 Nogah, Nepheg, and Japhia,

5 ¹ Chr. 14:4-7; 2 Sam. 5:14-16 ² Sam. 12:24, 25 ^c2 Sam. 11:3

9^a 2 Sam. 13:1

8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

9 All *these were* the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines; and ^aTamar was their sister.

10 Now Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah was his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah were Johanan the first-born, and the second was Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16 And the sons of Jehoiakim were Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

17 And the sons of Jeconiah, the prisoner, were Shealtiel his son,

18 and Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel were Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith was their sister;

20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushabhesed, five.

21 And the sons of Hananiah were Polatiah and Jeshiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah.

22 And the son of Shecaniah was Shemaiah, and the sons of Shemaiah were Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah were Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pe-laiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

19¹ Lit., son21¹ Lit., son22¹ Lit., sons23¹ Lit., son1¹ Chr. 2:32¹ Lit., begot, and so throughout the chap.3¹ So with some ancient versions, Heb., father7¹ Another reading is Zohar

CHAPTER 4

^aTHE sons of Judah were Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal ¹became the father of Jahath, and Jahath became the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these were the sons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazzeleponi.

4 And Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These were the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

5 And Ashhur, the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hopher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah were Zereth, ¹Izhar and Ethnan.

8 And Koz became the father of Anub and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

9 And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore *him* with pain."

10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that Thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldst keep *me* from harm, that *it* may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.

11 And Chelub the brother of Shuhah became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton became the father of Beth-rapha and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of ¹Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah.

13 Now the sons of Kenaz were Othniel and Seraiah. And the ¹son of Othniel was Hathath.

14 And Mconothai became the father of Ophrah, and Seraiah became the father of Joab the father of ¹Ge-harashim, for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah and Naam; and the ¹son of Elah was ²Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehallel were Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria and Asarel.

17 And the ¹sons of Ezrah were Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. (²And these are the sons of Bithia the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took), and she conceived and bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his Jewish wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.

19 And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the ¹fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon were Amnon and Rinnah, Benhanan and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were Er the father of Lecah and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea;

22 and Jokim, the men of Cozeba, Joash, Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jaashubi-lehem. And the ¹records are ancient.

23 These were the potters and the inhabitants of Netaim and Cederah; they lived there with the king for his work.

24 The sons of Simeon were ¹Nemuel and Jamin, ²Jarib, ³Zerah, Shaul;

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma were Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.

27 Now Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many sons, nor did all their family multiply like the sons of Judah.

28 And they lived at Beersheba, Moladah, and Hazarshual,

29 at Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.

32 And their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, five cities;

33 and all their villages that were around the same cities as

12 ¹Or, the city of Nahash

13 ¹Lit., sons

14 ¹Or, valley of craftsmen

15 ¹Lit., sons ²Lit., and Kenaz

17 ¹Lit., son ²In the Heb. the words in () are at the end of verse 18

19 ¹Lit., father

22 ¹Lit., words

24 ¹In Num. 26:12, Jemuel ²In Num. 26:12, Jachin ³In Gen. 46:10; Ex. 6:15, Zohar

33 ¹In Josh. 19:8, *Baalath*40 ²Judg. 18:7-1041 ¹Lit., *smote*
¹Chr. 4:33-3842 ²Gen. 36:8, 943 ¹Lit., *smote*
¹Sam. 15:7, 8; 30:171 ¹Chr. 2:1; Gen. 29:32
^bGen. 35:22; 49:4 ^cGen.
48:15-222 ²Gen. 49:8-10 ^bMic. 5:2;
Matt. 2:63 ²Num. 26:5-94 ¹Chr. 5:86 ¹In 2 Kin. 15:29,
*Tiglath-pileser*7 ¹Lit., *brothers*
¹Chr. 5:178 ²Num. 32:34; Josh. 12:29 ²Josh. 22:8, 910 ¹Lit., *dwelt in* ²Lit., *all
the face of the east*
¹Chr. 5:18-2111 ²Deut. 3:10

far as ¹Baal. These *were* their settlements, and they have their genealogy.

34 And Meshobab and Jamlech and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

35 and Joel and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 and Elyoenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,

37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

38 —these mentioned by name *were* leaders in their families; and their fathers' houses increased greatly.

39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found rich and good pasture, and ^athe land was broad and quiet and peaceful; for those who lived there formerly *were* Hamites.

41 And ^athese, recorded by name, came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and ¹attacked their tents, and the Meunites who were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and lived in their place; because there was pasture for their flocks.

42 And from them, from the sons of Simeon, five hundred men went to ^aMount Seir, with Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi, as their leaders.

43 And ^athey ¹destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites who escaped, and have lived there to this day.

CHAPTER 5

NOW the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for ^ahe was the first-born, but because ^bhe defiled his father's bed, ^chis birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; so that he is not enrolled in the genealogy according to the birthright.

2 ^aThough Judah prevailed over his brothers, and ^bfrom him *came* the leader, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph).

3 ^athe sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel *were* Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel *were* Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, ^aShimei his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, 6 Beerah his son, whom ¹Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away into exile; he was leader of the Reubenites.

7 And his ¹kinsmen by their families, ^ain the genealogy of their generations, *were* Jeiel the chief, then Zechariah

8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in ^aAroer, even to Nebo the Baal-meon.

9 And to the east he settled as far as the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, ^abecause their cattle had increased in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul ^athey made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand, so that they ¹occupied their tents throughout ²all the land east of Gilead.

11 Now the sons of Gad lived opposite them in the land of Bashan as far as ^aSalecah.

12 Joel *was* the chief, and Shapham the second, then Janai and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their ¹kinsmen of their fathers' households *were* Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven.

14 These *were* the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, *was* head of their fathers' households.

16 And they lived in Gilead, in Bashan and in its towns, and in all the pasture lands of ^aSharon, as far as their ¹borders.

17 All of these *were* enrolled in the genealogies in the days of ^aJotham king of Judah and in the days of ^bJeroboam king of Israel.

18 The sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, *consisting* of valiant men, men who bore shield and sword and shot with bow, and *were* skillful in battle, *were* 44,760, who ^awent to war.

19 And they made war against ^athe Hagarites, ^bJetur, Naphtish, and Nodab.

20 And they *were* helped against them, and the Hagarites and all who *were* with them *were* given into their hand; for ^athey cried out to God in the battle, and He *was* entreated for them, because ^bthey trusted in Him.

21 And they took away their cattle: their 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 ¹men.

22 For many fell slain, because ^athe war *was* of God. And ^bthey settled in their place until the ^cexile.

23 Now the sons of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land; from Bashan to Baal-hermon and ^aSenir and Mount Hermon they *were* numerous.

24 And these *were* the heads of their fathers' households, even Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' households.

25 But they acted treacherously against the God of their fathers, and ^aplayed the harlot ^bafter the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.

26 So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of ^aPul king of Assyria, even the spirit of ¹Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away into exile, namely the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

CHAPTER 6

^{1a}
THE sons of Levi *were* ²Gershon, Kohath and Merari.
2 And the sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 And the children of Amram *were* Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 Eleazar ¹became the father of Phinehas, and Phinehas became the father of Abishua,

13 ¹Lit., *brother*

16 ¹Lit., *goings out*
^a1 Chr. 27:29

17 ^a2 Kin. 15:5; 32 ^b2 Kin. 14:16, 28

18 ^aNum. 1:3

19 ^a1 Chr. 5:10 ^b1 Chr. 1:31

20 ^a2 Chr. 14:11-13 ^bPs. 9:10; 20:7, 8

21 ¹Lit., *souls of men*

22 ^aJosh. 23:10; 2 Chr. 32:8
^b1 Chr. 4:41 ^c2 Kin. 15:29; 17:6

23 ^aDeut. 3:9

25 ^aEx. 34:15 ^b2 Kin. 17:7

26 ¹In 2 Kin. 15:29,
Tilgath-pilneser
²2 Kin. 15:19, 29; 1 Chr. 5:26

¹1 Chr. 5:27 in Heb. ²In vs. 16, *Gershon*
^aEx. 6:16-25

⁴ ¹Lit., *begot* and so throughout the chap.

12 ¹In ch. 9:11, *Meshullam*

5 and Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi,

6 and Uzzi became the father of Zerariah, and Zerariah became the father of Meraioth,

7 Meraioth became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,

8 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz,

15 ¹Lit., *by the hand of*

9 and Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Johanan,

10 and Johanan became the father of Azariah (it was he who served as the priest in the house which Solomon built in Jerusalem),

11 and Azariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,

12 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of ¹Shallum,

13 and Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah,

14 and Azariah became the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak;

15 and Jehozadak went *along* when the LORD carried Judah and Jerusalem away into exile ¹by Nebuchadnezzar.

16 ¹The sons of Levi were ²Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

17 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.

28 ¹Cf. v. 33 and 1 Sam. 8:2

18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

20 Of Gershon: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.

22 The sons of Kohath were Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziyah his son, and Saul his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah were Amasai and Ahimoth.

26 *As for Elkanah*, the sons of Elkanah were Zophai his son and Nahath his son,

27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.

28 And the sons of Samuel were ¹Joel, the first-born and Abijah, the second.

32 ¹Lit., *stood over*

29 The sons of Merari were Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,

30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

31 ^aNow these are those whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, ^bafter the ark rested *there*.

32 And they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem; and they ¹served in their office according to their order.

31 ¹Chr. 15:16-22, 27; 16:4-6 ²Chr. 15:25-16:1; 2 Sam. 6:17

33 And these are those who ¹served with their sons. From the sons of the Kohathites were Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,

34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,

35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his brother Asaph who stood at his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,

40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,

41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,

43 the son of Jaiath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44 And on the left hand were their ¹kinsmen the sons of Merari: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,

45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiyah,

46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer, 47 the son of Mahli, the son of Musli, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48 And their ¹kinsmen the Levites were ²appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 But Aaron and his sons ^{1a}offered on the altar of burnt offering and ^bon the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and ^cto make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50 ^aAnd these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 54 Now these are their settlements according to their camps within their borders. To the sons of Aaron of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was the ^afirst lot),

55 to them they gave ^aHebron in the land of Judah, and its pasture lands around it;

56 ^abut the fields of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

57 And ^ato the sons of Aaron they gave the following cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah also with its pasture lands, Jatif, Eshtemoa with its pasture lands,

58 ¹Hilen with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands,

59 ¹Ashan with its pasture lands, and Bethshemesh with its pasture lands;

60 and from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its pasture lands, ¹Allemeth with its pasture lands, and Anathoth with its

33 ¹Lit., stood

44 ¹Lit., brothers

48 ¹Lit., brothers ²Lit., given

49 ¹Lit., offered up in smoke
^aEx. 27:1-8 ^bEx. 30:1-7 ^cEx. 30:10-16

50 ¹ Chr. 6:4-8

54 ^aJosh. 21:4,10

55 ^aJosh. 14:13

56 ^aJosh. 15:13

57 ^aJosh. 21:13, 19

58 ¹In Josh. 21:15, *Holon*

59 ¹In Josh. 21:16, *Ain*

60 ¹In Josh. 21:17, *Almon*

61 ^a1 Chr. 6:66-70; Josh. 21:5

pasture lands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

61 ^aThen to the rest of the sons of Kohath *were given* by lot, from the family of the tribe, from the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities.

62 And to the sons of Gershom, according to their families, *were given* from the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher, the tribe of Naphtali, and the tribe of Manasseh, thirteen cities in Bashan.

63 ^aTo the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, according to their families, from the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

64 ^aSo the sons of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their pasture lands.

65 And they gave by lot from the tribe of the sons of Judah, the tribe of the sons of Simeon, and the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, ^athese cities which are mentioned by name.

66 ^aNow some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave to them the *following* cities of refuge: Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its pasture lands, Gezer also with its pasture lands,

68 Jokmeam with its pasture lands, Beth-horon with its pasture lands,

69 Aijalon with its pasture lands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands;

70 and from the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its pasture lands and Bileam with its pasture lands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

71 To the sons of Gershom *were given*, from the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands;

72 and from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,

73 and Ramoth with its pasture lands, Anem with its pasture lands;

74 and from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands,

75 Hukok with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands;

76 and from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands, Hammon with its pasture lands, and Kiriath-aim with its pasture lands.

77 To the rest of *the Levites*, the sons of Merari, *were given*, from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmono with its pasture lands, Tabor with its pasture lands;

78 and beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, *were given them*, from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness with its pasture lands, Jahzah with its pasture lands,

79 Kedemoth with its pasture lands, and Mephaath with its pasture lands;

80 and from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands, Mahanaim with its pasture lands,

81 Heshbon with its pasture lands, and Jazer with its pasture lands.

61 ^aJosh. 21:7, 34-40

64 ^aJosh. 21:3, 41, 42

65 ^a1 Chr. 6:57-60

66 ^aJosh. 21:20-26

CHAPTER 7

NOW the sons of Issachar were four: Tola, ¹Puah, ²Jashub, and Shimron.

2 And the sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel, heads of their fathers' households. The sons of Tola were mighty men of valor in their generations; ^atheir number in the days of David was 22,600.

3 And the ¹son of Uzzi was Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, Isshiah; all five of them were chief men.

4 And with them by their generations according to their fathers' households were 36,000 ¹troops of the army for war, for they had many wives and sons.

5 And their ¹relatives among all the families of Issachar were mighty men of valor, enrolled by genealogy, in all 87,000.

6 ^aThe sons of Benjamin were three: Bela and Becher and Jediel.

7 And the sons of Bela were five: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri. They were heads of fathers' households, mighty men of valor, and were 22,034 enrolled by genealogy.

8 And the sons of Becher were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher.

9 And they were enrolled by genealogy, according to their generations, heads of their fathers' households, 20,200 mighty men of valor.

10 And the ¹son of Jediel was Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

11 All these were sons of Jediel, according to the heads of their fathers' households, 17,200 mighty men of valor, who were ¹ready to go out with the army to war.

12 And ¹Shuppim and ²Huppiim were the sons of ³Ir; Hushim was the ⁴son of ⁵Aher.

13 The sons of Naphtali were ¹Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and ²Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 The sons of Manasseh were Asriel, whom his Aramaean concubine bore; she bore Machir the father of Gilcad.

15 And Machir took a wife for Huppiim and Shuppim, ¹whose sister's name was Maacah. And the name of the second was Zelophehad, and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she named him Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

17 And the ¹son of Ulam was Bedan. These were the sons of Gilcad the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod and ¹Abiezer and Mahlah.

19 And the sons of Shemida were Ahian and Shechem and Likhi and Aniam.

20 And ^athe sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah and Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his son,

21 Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead whom the men of Gath who were born in the land killed, because they came down to take their livestock.

¹ In Gen. 46:13, Puvah
² In Gen. 46:13, Iob

2 ² Sam. 24:1-9

3 ¹ Lit., sons

4 ¹ Or, bands

5 ¹ Lit., brothers, and so throughout the chap.

6 ¹ Chr. 8:1-40

10 ¹ Lit., sons

11 ¹ Lit., going out

12 ¹ In Num. 26:30, Shephupham ² In Num. 26:39, Hupham ³ In v. 7, Iri
⁴ Lit., sons ⁵ In Num. 26:38, Ahiram

13 ¹ In Gen. 46:24, Jahzeel
² In Gen. 46:24; Num. 26:49, Shillem

15 ¹ Lit., and his

17 ¹ Lit., sons

18 ¹ In Num. 26:30, Jezer

20 ² Num. 26:35, 36

23 ¹l.c., on misfortune24 ²Josh. 16:3, 527 ¹In Ex. 33:11, *Nun*
²Ex. 17:9-14; 24:1328 ¹In Josh. 16:7, *Naarah*
²Many mss. read, *Azzah*
³Josh. 16:230 ²Gen. 46:17; Num.
26:44-4632 ¹Lit., *begot* ²In v. 34,
*Shemer*34 ¹In v. 32, *Shomer*35 ¹Lit., *son*¹ Lit., *begot*, and so
throughout the chap.
² Chr. 7:6-12; Gen. 46:21
³ Chr. 7:12³ In Gen. 46:21; Num.
26:40, *Ard*

22 And their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his relatives came to comfort him.

23 Then he went in to his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and he named him ¹Beriah, because misfortune had come upon his house.

24 And his daughter was Sheerah, ^awho built lower and upper Beth-horon, also Uzen-sheerah.

25 And Rephah was his son *along* with Resheph, Telah his son, Tahan his son,

26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

27 ¹Non his son, and ^aJoshua his son.

28 And ^atheir possessions and settlements *were* Bethel with its towns, and to the east ¹Naaran, and to the west Gezer with its towns, and Shechem with its towns as far as ²Ayyah with its towns,

29 and along the borders of the sons of Manasseh, Bethshean with its towns, Taanach with its towns, Megiddo with its towns, Dor with its towns. In these lived the sons of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 ^aThe sons of Asher *were* Imnah, Ishvah, and Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31 And the sons of Beriah *were* Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

32 And Heber ¹became the father of Japhlet, ²Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

33 And the sons of Japhlet *were* Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were the sons of Japhlet.

34 And the sons of ¹Shemer *were* Ahi and Rohgah, Jehubah and Aram.

35 And the ¹sons of Helem's brother *were* Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sons of Zophah *were* Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the sons of Jether *were* Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla *were* Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

40 All these *were* the sons of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, heads of the princes. And the number of them enrolled by genealogy for service in war was 26,000 men.

CHAPTER 8

AND ^aBenjamin ¹became the father of Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, ^bAharah the third,

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And Bela had sons: ¹Addar, Gera, Abihud,

4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them into exile to Manahath,

7 namely, Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera—he carried them into exile; and he became the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim became the father of children in the

¹country of Moab, after he had ²sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

⁸ ¹Lit., *field* ²Lit., *sent them away*

9 And by Hodesh his wife he became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,

10 Jeuz, Sachia, Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' *households*.

14 ¹Or, *his brothers*

11 And by Hushim he became the father of Abitub and Elpaal.

12 And the sons of Elpaal *were* Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with its towns;

21 ¹In v. 13, *Shema*

13 and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of fathers' *households* of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath;

28 ¹Lit., *these*

14 and ¹Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth.

15 And Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha *were* the sons of Beriah.

17 And Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab *were* the sons of Elpaal.

29 ¹ Chr. 9:35-38

19 And Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath *were* the sons of

¹Shimei.

31 ¹In v. 9:37, *Zechariah*

22 And Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,

25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel *were* the sons of Shashak.

26 And Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,

32 ¹In v. 9:38, *Shimeam* ²Lit., *brothers*

27 Jaarshiah, Elijah, and Zichri *were* the sons of Jeroham.

28 These were heads of the fathers' *households* according to their generations, chief men, ¹who lived in Jerusalem.

29 ^aNow in Gibeon, *Jeiel*, the father of Gibeon lived, and his wife's name was Maacah;

33 ¹ Sam. 14:49, *Ishvi* ²In 2 Sam. 2:8, *Ishbosheth* ¹ Chr. 9:39-44

30 and his first-born son *was* Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,

31 Gedor, Ahio, and ¹Zecher.

32 And Mikloth became the father of ¹Shimeah. And they also lived with their ²relatives in Jerusalem opposite their *other* ²relatives.

34 ¹In 2 Sam. 4:4, *Mephibosheth*

33 ^aAnd Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, ¹Abinadab, and ²Eshbaal.

34 And the son of Jonathan *was* ¹Merib-baal, and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

35 ¹In 9:41, *Tahrea*

35 And the sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, ¹Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz became the father of ¹Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza.

36 ¹In 9:42, *Jarah*

37 And Moza became the father of Binea; ¹Raphah *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

37 ¹In 9:43, *Rephaiah*

38 And Azel had six sons, and these *were* their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.

39 And the sons of Eshek his brother *were* Ulam his first-born, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

1 ^a1 Chr. 5:25, 26

2 ¹Heb., *Nethinim*
^aNeh. 11:3-22 ^bEzra 2:43, 58;
8:20

6 ¹Lit., *brothers*, and so
throughout the chap.

9 ^aNeh. 11:8

10 ^aNeh. 11:10-14

11 ¹In Neh. 11:11, *Seraiah*
^aJer. 20:1

14 ^aNeh. 11:15-19

15 ¹In Neh. 11:17, *Zabdi*

16 ¹In Neh. 11:17, *Abda*
²In Neh. 11:17, *Shammua*

17 ¹In v. 21, *Meshelemiah*;
26:14, *Shelemiah*; Neh.
12:25, *Meshullam*

18 ^aEzek. 46:1, 2

40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons and grandsons, 150 of them. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAPTER 9

SO all Israel was enrolled by genealogies; and behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And Judah was carried away into exile to Babylon for their unfaithfulness.

2 Now the first who lived in their possessions in their cities were Israel, the priests, the Levites and the temple servants.

3 And some of the sons of Judah, of the sons of Benjamin, and of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem:

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, from the sons of Perez the son of Judah.

5 And from the Shilonites were Asaiah the first-born and his sons.

6 And from the sons of Zerah were Jeuel and their relatives, 690 of them.

7 And from the sons of Benjamin were Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,

8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

9 and their relatives according to their generations, 956. All these were heads of fathers' households according to their fathers' houses.

10 And from the priests were Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin, 11 and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the chief officer of the house of God;

12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 and their relatives, heads of their fathers' households, 1760 very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 And of the Levites were Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh and Galal and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph,

16 and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 Now the gatekeepers were Shallum and Akkub and Talmon and Ahiman and their relatives, (Shallum the chief

18 being stationed until now at the king's gate to the east). These were the gatekeepers for the camp of the sons of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his relatives, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresh-

**The Gatekeepers Who Returned.
Residents of Gibeon.**

olds of the tent; and their fathers had been over the camp of the LORD, keepers of the entrance.

20 And ^aPhinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them previously, and the LORD was with him.

21 ^aZechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper of the entrance of the tent of meeting.

22 All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers in the thresholds were 212. These were enrolled by genealogy in their villages, ^awhom David and Samuel the seer appointed ^bin their office of trust.

23 So they and their sons ¹had charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, even the house of the tent, as guards.

24 The gatekeepers were ¹on the four sides, to the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their relatives ^ain their villages ^bwere to come in every seven days from time to time to be with ¹them;

26 for the four chief gatekeepers who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God.

27 And they spent the night around the house of God, ^abecause the watch was ¹committed to them; and they were ²in charge of opening it morning by morning.

28 Now some of them ¹had charge of the utensils of service, for ²they counted them when they brought them in and when they took them out.

29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture and over all the utensils of the sanctuary and ^aover the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the frankincense and the spices.

30 And some of ^athe sons of the priests prepared the mixing of the spices.

31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the first-born of Shallum the Korahite, had ^athe ¹responsibility over the things which were baked in pans.

32 And some of their relatives of the sons of the Kohathites ^awere over the showbread to prepare it every sabbath.

33 Now these are ^athe singers, heads of fathers' households of the Levites, who lived in the chambers of the temple free from other service; for ¹they were engaged ^bin their work day and night.

34 These were heads of fathers' households of the Levites according to their generations, chief men, ¹who lived in Jerusalem.

35 ^aAnd in Gibeon Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived, and his wife's name was Maacah,

36 and his first-born son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth became the father of Shimeam. And they also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem opposite their other relatives.

39 ^aAnd Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

40 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

20 ^aNum. 25:7-13

21 ^a1 Chr. 26:2, 14

22 ^a1 Chr. 26:1 ^b2 Chr. 31:15, 18

23 ¹Lit., were over the gates

24 ¹Lit., to the four winds

25 ¹Lit., these
^a1 Chr. 10:16 ^b2 Kin. 11:5, 7;
2 Chr. 23:8

27 ¹Lit., on them ²Lit., over the opening
^a1 Chr. 23:30-32

28 ¹Lit., were over the ²Lit., by count they brought them in and by count they took them out

29 ^a1 Chr. 23:29

30 ^aEx. 30:23-25

31 ¹Lit., office of trust
^a1 Chr. 9:22

32 ^aLev. 24:5-8

33 ¹Lit., over them in the work
^a1 Chr. 6:31-47; 25:1 ^bPs. 134:1

34 ¹Lit., these

35 ^a1 Chr. 8:29-32

39 ^a1 Chr. 8:33-38

41 ^a1 Chr. 8:35-37

41 And the sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, ^aand Ahaz.

42 And Ahaz became the father of Jarah, and Jarah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza,

43 and Moza became the father of Binea and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru and Ishmael and Sheariah and Obadiah and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

1 ^a1 Sam. 31:1-13

CHAPTER 10

^a NOW the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines closely pursued Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan, ^{1a}Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle became heavy against Saul, and the archers ¹overtook him; and he was wounded by the archers.

4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword and fell on it.

5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword and died.

6 Thus Saul died with his three sons, and all *those* of his house died together.

7 When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they had fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them.

8 And it came about the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9 So they stripped him and took his head and his armor and sent *messengers* around the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to their idols and to the people.

10 And they put his armor in the house of their gods and fastened his head in the house of Dagon.

11 When all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 all the valiant men arose and took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 ^aSo Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD which he did not keep; and also ^bbecause he asked counsel of a medium, making inquiry *of it*,

14 and did not inquire of the LORD. Therefore He killed him, and ^aturned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

2 ¹In 1 Sam. 14:49, *Ishvi*
41 Sam. 31:43 ¹Lit., *found him*13 ^a1 Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:23
^b1 Sam. 28:714 ^a1 Chr. 12:23; 1 Sam.
15:28

**David King of All Israel.
He Captures Zion. His Mighty Men.**

1 Chronicles 11

CHAPTER 11

¹ ¹Lit., *saying*
² Sam. 5:1, 3, 6-10

^a
THEN all Israel gathered to David at Hebron ¹and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 ² Sam. 5:2; 7:7

2 "In times past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, "You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel."

3 ¹ Sam. 16:1, 3, 12, 13

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD through Samuel.

4 ⁴ Josh. 15:8, 63; Judg. 1:21

4 Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (^athat is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, *were* there.

6 ² Sam. 8:16

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not enter here." Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David).

6 Now David had said, "Whoever strikes down a Jebusite first shall be chief and commander." ^aAnd Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief.

8 ⁸ Or, *fortified* ²l.e., *citadel* ¹Lit., *revived*

7 Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David.

9 ² Sam. 3:1

8 And he ¹built the city all around, from The ²Millo even to the surrounding area; and Joab ³repaired the rest of the city.

9 And ^aDavid became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

10 ¹⁰ ² Sam. 23:8-39 ^b1 Chr. 11:3

10 ^aNow these are the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, ^baccording to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11 And these *constitute* the list of the mighty men whom David had: ^aJashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, ^bthe chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred ¹whom he killed at one time.

11 ¹ Lit., *slain ones*
² Sam. 23:8 ^b1 Chr. 12:18

12 And after him was Eleazar the son of ^aDodo, the Ahohite, who *was* ¹one of the three mighty men.

12 ¹ Lit., *among*
¹ Chr. 27:4

13 He was with David at ¹Pasdammim ^awhen the Philistines were gathered together there to battle, and there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled before the Philistines.

13 ¹ In 1 Sam. 17:1, *Ephesdammim*
² Sam. 23:11, 12

14 And they took their stand in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and struck down the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great ¹victory.

14 ¹ Or, *salvation*

15 Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, while ^athe army of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David was then in the stronghold, while ^athe garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem.

15 ¹ Chr. 14:9

17 And David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

16 ¹ Sam. 10:5

18 So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which *was* by the gate, and took *it* and brought *it* to David; nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD;

19 ¹Lit., with their souls

20 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:18, *Abishai* ²So Syriac; M.T., three ³Lit., slain ones

22 ¹Or, two lion-like heroes of ²Lit., smote ²Sam. 8:18

23 ¹Lit., smote ²One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ²1 Sam. 17:7

27 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:25, *Shammah the Harodite* ²In 2 Sam. 23:26, *Paltite*

29 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:27, *Mebunnai* ²In 2 Sam. 23:28, *Zalmon*

30 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:29, *Heleb*

32 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:30, *Hiddai* ²In 2 Sam. 23:31, *Abialbon*

34 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:32, *Jashen*

35 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:33, *Sharar* ²In 2 Sam. 23:34, *Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai*

37 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:35, *Paurai the Arbite*

19 and he said, "Be it far from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men *who went* ¹at the risk of their lives? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

20 As for ¹Abshai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the ²thirty, and he swung his spear against three hundred ³and killed them; and he had a name as well as the ²thirty.

21 Of the three in the second *rank* he was the most honored, and became their commander; however, he did not attain to the *first* three.

22 ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, mighty in deeds, struck down the ¹two sons of Aricl of Moab. He also went down and ²killed a lion inside a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he ¹killed an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature five ²cubits tall. Now in the Egyptian's hand was ^aa spear like a weaver's beam, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and ¹killed him with his own spear.

24 These *things* Benaiah the son of Johoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

25 Behold, he was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three; and David appointed him over his guard.

26 Now the mighty men of the armies were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

27 ¹Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the ²Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

29 ¹Sibbecai the Hushathite, ²Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite, ¹Heled the son of Baanai the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite.

32 ¹Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, ²Abiel the Arbatite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34 the sons of ¹Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of ¹Sachar the Hararite, ²Eliphai the son of Ur,

36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, ¹Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri.

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maacah and Joshaphat the Mithnite.

44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

45 Jediael the son of Shimri and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite and Jeribai and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel and Obed and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

1^a 1 Sam. 27:2-6

CHAPTER 12

^a NOW these are the ones who came to David at Ziklag, while he was still restricted because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men who helped *him* in war.

2 They were equipped with bows, ^ausing both the right hand and the left *to sling* stones and *to shoot* arrows from the bow; ^b*they were* Saul's kinsmen from Benjamin.

2^a Judg. 3:15; 20:16
b¹ Chr. 12:29

3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shem-
aah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azma-
veth, and Beracah and Jehu the Anathothite,

4¹ In Heb. the beginning
of v. 5, making 4¹ vs. in chap.

4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the
thirty, and over the thirty. ¹Then Jeremiah, Jahazi-
el, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the
Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, Jashobeam, the
Korahites,

8¹ Lit., separated
themselves
2² Sam. 2:18

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of
Gedor.

8 And from the Gadites there ¹came over to David in the
stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained
for war, who could handle shield and spear, and whose faces
were like the faces of lions, and ^a*they were* as swift as the
gazelles on the mountains.

14¹ Or, chiefs
Deut. 32:30

9 Ezer was the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh.

14 These of the sons of Gad were ¹captains of the army;
^ahe who was least was equal to a hundred and the greatest to a
thousand.

15^a Josh. 3:15; 4:18

15 ^aThese are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first
month when it was overflowing all its banks and they put to
flight all those in the valleys, both to the east and to the west.

16 Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to
the stronghold to David.

17¹ Lit., violence

17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and
said to them, "If you come peacefully to me to help me, my
heart shall be united with you; but if to betray me to my
adversaries, since there is no ¹wrong in my hands, may the God
of our fathers look on *it* and decide."

18 Then ^athe Spirit ¹came upon ^bAmasai, who was the
chief of the thirty, *and he said,*

"We are yours, O David,

And with you, O son of Jesse!

^cPeace, peace to you,

And peace to him who helps you;

Indeed, your God helps you!"

18¹ Lit., clothed² Or, chiefs
^a Judg. 3:10; 6:34³ b¹ Chr. 2:17
c¹ Sam. 25:5, 6

Then David received them and made them ²captains of the
band.

19^a1 Sam. 29:2-9

19 ^aFrom Manasseh also some defected to David, when he was about to go to battle with the Philistines against Saul. But they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines after consultation sent him away, saying, "At the cost of our heads he may defect to his master Saul."

20¹Or, chiefs

20 As he went to Ziklag, there defected to him from Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jedaiel, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, ¹captains of thousands who belonged to Manasseh.

21^a1 Sam. 30:1

21 And they helped David against ^athe band of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the army.

22 For day by day *men* came to David to help him, until there was a great army ^alike the army of God.

22^aGen. 32:2; Josh. 5:13-15

23 Now these are the numbers of the ¹divisions equipped for war, ^awho came to David at Hebron, ^bto turn the kingdom of Saul to him, ^caccording to the ²word of the LORD.

24 The sons of Judah who bore shield and spear were 6,800, equipped for war.

23¹Lit., heads ²Lit., mouth
^a2 Sam. 2:3, 4 ^b1 Chr. 10:14
^c1 Chr. 11:10

25 Of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor for war, 7,100.

26 Of the sons of Levi 4,600.

27 Now Jehoiada was the leader of *the house of Aaron*, and with him were 3,700,

28 also ^aZadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains.

28^a1 Chr. 6:8, 53; 2 Sam. 8:17

29 And of the sons of Benjamin, ^aSaul's kinsmen, 3,000; for until now ^bthe greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul.

30 And of the sons of Ephraim 20,800, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' households.

29^a1 Chr. 12:2 ^b2 Sam. 2:8, 9

31 And of the half-tribe of Manasseh 18,000, who were designated by name to come and make David king.

32 And of the sons of Issachar, ^amen who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.

32^aEsth. 1:13

33 Of Zebulun, there were 50,000 who went out in the army, who could draw up in battle formation with all kinds of weapons of war and helped David ¹with ^aan undivided heart.

34 And of Naphtali *there were* 1,000 captains, and with them 37,000 with shield and spear.

33¹Lit., not of double heart
^aPs. 12:2

35 And of the Danites who could draw up in battle formation, *there were* 28,600.

36 And of Asher *there were* 40,000 who went out in the army to draw up in battle formation.

36^a1 Chr. 13:33; 2 Sam. 5:1-3

37 And from the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites and the Gadites and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, *there were* 120,000 with all *kinds* of weapons of war for the battle.

38 All these, being men of war, who could draw up in battle formation, came to Hebron with ^aa perfect heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

40^a1 Sam. 25:18

39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their kinsmen had prepared for them.

40 Moreover those who were near to them, *even* as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, ^abrought food on don-

keys, camels, mules, and on oxen, great quantities of flour cakes, fig cakes and bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep. There was joy indeed in Israel.

CHAPTER 13

THEN David consulted with the captains of the thousands and the hundreds, even with every leader.

2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is from the LORD our God, let us send everywhere to our kinsmen who remain in all the land of Israel, also to the priests and Levites who are with them in their cities with pasture lands, that they may meet with us;

3 and let us bring back the ark of our God to us, ^afor we did not seek it in the days of Saul."

4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 ^aSo David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, ^bto bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.

6 ^aAnd David and all Israel went up to ^bBaalath, *that is*, to Kiriath-jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, the LORD ^cwho is enthroned *above* the cherubim, where His Name is called.

7 And they ¹carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

8 And David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all *their* might, ^aeven with songs and with lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 When they came to ^athe threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, because the oxen nearly upset it.

10 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzza, so He struck him down ^abecause he put out his hand to the ark; ^band he died there before God.

11 Then David became angry because ¹of the LORD's outburst against Uzza; and he called that place ²Perez-uzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God *home* to me?"

13 So David did not take the ark with him to the city of David, but took it aside ^ato the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 Thus the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months; and ^athe LORD blessed the family of Obed-edom with all that he had.

CHAPTER 14

NOW Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build a house for him.

2 And David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, *and* that his kingdom was highly exalted, for the sake of His people Israel.

3 Then David took more wives at Jerusalem, and David ¹became the father of more sons and daughters.

3 ¹1 Sam. 7:1, 2

5 ¹1 Chr. 15:3; 2 Sam. 6:1; 1 Kin. 8:65 ^b1 Sam. 6:21; 7:1

6 ²2 Sam. 6:2-11 ^bJosh. 15:9 ^c2 Kin. 19:15

7 ¹Lit., *caused to ride* ^a1 Sam. 7:1

8 ¹1 Chr. 15:16

9 ²2 Sam. 6:6

10 ¹1 Chr. 15:13, 15 ^bLev. 10:2

11 ¹Lit., *the LORD had broken through a breakthrough* ²i.e., *the breakthrough of Uzza*

13 ²2 Chr. 25

14 ¹1 Chr. 26:4, 5

1 ²2 Sam. 5:11

3 ¹Lit., *begot*

4 ¹Lit., were to
¹1 Chr. 3:5-8

9 ¹1 Chr. 15:13; 11:15

11 ¹Lit., smote ²I.e., the
master of break-through

13 ¹1 Chr. 15:9

14 ¹Lit., from upon ²Or,
baka shrubs

16 ¹In 2 Sam. 5:25, Geba

17 ²Ex. 15:14-16; Deut. 2:25

1 ¹1 Chr. 15:3; 16:1; 17:1-5

2 ²Num. 4:15

3 ¹1 Chr. 13:5; 1 Km. 8:1
¹⁷1 Chr. 15:1, 12; 2 Sam. 6:12,
17

4 ¹1 Chr. 6:16-30; 12:26-28

5 ¹Lit., brothers, i.e.,
fellow tribesmen, and so
throughout the chap.

4 ²And these are the names of the children ¹born to him
in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

5 Ibhaz, Elishua, Elpelet,

6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

7 Elishama, Beeliada and Eliphelet.

8 When the Philistines heard that David had been
anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up in
search of David; and David heard of it and went out against
them.

9 Now the Philistines had come and ²made a raid in the
valley of Rephaim.

10 And David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up
against the Philistines? And wilt Thou give them into my
hand?" Then the LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will give
them into your hand."

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David ¹defeated
them there; and David said, "God has broken through my
enemies by my hand, like the break-through of waters." There-
fore they named that place ²Baal-perazim.

12 And they abandoned their gods there; so David gave
the order and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philistines made ²yet another raid in the
valley.

14 And David inquired again of God, and God said to
him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around ¹behind
them, and come at them in front of the ²balsam trees.

15 "And it shall be when you hear the sound of marching in
the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall go out to battle,
for God will have gone out before you to strike the army of the
Philistines."

16 And David did just as God had commanded him, and
they struck down the army of the Philistines from ¹Gibeon
even as far as Gezer.

17 Then the fame of David went out into all the lands;
and ²the LORD brought the fear of him on all the nations.

CHAPTER 15

NOW David built houses for himself in the city of David;
and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and ²pitched a tent
for it.

2 Then David said, "²No one is to carry the ark of God
but the Levites; for the LORD chose them to carry the ark of
God, and to minister to Him forever."

3 And ²David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring
up the ark of the LORD ¹to its place, which he had prepared for
it.

4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and
²the Levites;

5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and 120 of his
¹relatives;

6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and 220 of his
relatives;

7 of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and 130 of his
relatives;

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8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and 200 of his relatives;

11 ¹Chr. 12:28 ^{b1} Sam. 22:20-23; 1 Kin. 2:26, 35

9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and 80 of his relatives;

10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and 112 of his relatives.

12 ^aEx. 19:14, 15; 2 Chr. 35:6 ^{b1} Chr. 15:1, 3

11 Then David called for ^aZadok and ^bAbiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Assiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab,

13 ¹ Chr. 13:7; 2 Sam. 6:3

12 and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites; ^aconsecrate yourselves both you and your relatives, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel, ^bto the place that I have prepared for it.

14 ¹ Chr. 15:12

13 "Because you did not carry it at the first, the LORD our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance."

14 So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 ^aEx. 25:14; Num. 4:5

15 And the sons of ^athe Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders, with the poles thereon as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 ¹ Chr. 13:8; 25:1

16 Then David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites ^ato appoint their relatives the singers, with instruments of music, harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

17 ¹ Chr. 25:1

17 So ^athe Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel, and from his relatives, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and from the sons of Merari their relatives, Ethan the son of Kushaiah,

18 and with them their relatives of the second rank, Zechariah, ¹Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

18 ¹Omitted in Gk. and many mss.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were appointed to sound aloud cymbals of bronze;

20 ¹Or, harps of maiden-like tone
^aPs. 46:title

20 and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with ¹harps tuned to ^aalamoth;

21 and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azariah, to lead with ¹lyres tuned to ^athe sheminith.

21 ¹Or, octave harps
^aPs. 6:title

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was in charge of the singing; he gave instruction in singing because he was skillful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, ^ablew the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-edom and Jehiah also were gatekeepers for the ark.

24 ¹ Chr. 15:28; 16:6

25 So it was David, with the elders of Israel and the captains over thousands, who went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from ^bthe house of Obed-edom with joy.

25 ² Sam. 6:12, 15 ^{b1} Chr. 13:13

26 And it came about because God was helping the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they sacrificed ^aseven bulls and seven rams.

26 ^aNum. 23:1-4, 29

27 Now David was clothed with a robe of fine linen with all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the singing with the singers. David also wore an ephod of linen.

1 ¹Chr. 15:1

5 ¹Or, *Jaaziel*, 1 Chr. 15:28

7 ¹Lit., *by the hand of Asaph* ²Lit., *brothers*
²2 Sam. 22:1; 23:1

8 ²Ps. 105:1-15 ¹Kin. 8:43; 2 Kin. 19:19

9 ¹Or, *Meditate on* ²L.c., *wonderful acts*

10 ¹Or, *boast*

11 ²Ps. 24:6

12 ²Ps. 103:2 ¹Ps. 78:43-68

14 ²Ps. 48:10

16 ²Gen. 17:2; 22:16-18; 26:3

17 ²Gen. 35:11, 12

18 ²Gen. 13:15

19 ²Gen. 34:30; Deut. 7:7

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the horn, with trumpets, with loud-sounding cymbals, with harps and lyres.

29 And it happened when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and making merry; and she despised him in her heart.

CHAPTER 16

AND they brought in the ark of God and ^aplaced it inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

2 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he distributed to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread and a portion of *meat* and a raisin cake.

4 And he appointed some of the Levites *as* ministers before the ark of the LORD, even to celebrate and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, *then* ¹Jehiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obededom, and Jehiel, with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph with loud-sounding cymbals,

6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests *blew* trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 Then on that day David ^afirst assigned ¹Asaph and his ²relatives to give thanks to the LORD.

8 ^aOh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;
^bMake known His deeds among the peoples.

9 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
¹Speak of all His ²wonders.

10 ¹Glory in His holy name;
 Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

11 ^aSeek the LORD and His strength;
 Seek His face continually.

12 ^aRemember His wonderful deeds which He has done.
^bHis marvels and the judgments from His mouth,

13 O seed of Israel His servant,
 Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!

14 He is the LORD our God;
^aHis judgments are in all the earth.

15 Remember His covenant forever,
 The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,

16 ^aThe covenant which He made with Abraham,
 And His oath to Isaac.

17 ^aHe also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

18 Saying, ^a"To you I will give the land of Canaan,
 As the portion of your inheritance,

19 ^aWhen you were only a few in number,
 Very few, and strangers in it."

20 And they wandered about from nation to nation,
 And from *one* kingdom to another people.

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Ministers of the Services.**

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- 21 He permitted no man to oppress them,
And ^aHe reproved kings for their sakes, *saying*,
- 22 "Do not touch My anointed ones,
And ^ado My prophets no harm."
- 23 ^aSing to the LORD, all the earth;
Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
- 24 Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
- 25 For ^agreat is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He also is ^bto be feared above all gods.
- 26 For all the gods of the peoples are ¹idols,
^bBut the LORD made the heavens.
- 27 Splendor and majesty are before Him,
Strength and joy are in His place.
- 28 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
Bring an ¹offering, and come before Him;
^aWorship the LORD in ²holy array.
- 30 Tremble before Him, all the earth;
Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be
moved.
- 31 ^aLet the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
And let them say among the nations, "^bThe LORD
reigns."
- 32 ^aLet the sea ¹roar, and ²all it contains;
Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
- 33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the
LORD;
For He is coming to judge the earth.
- 34 ^aO give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good*;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 35 ^aThen say, "Save us, O God of our salvation,
And gather us and deliver us from the nations,
To give thanks to Thy holy name,
And ¹glory in Thy praise."
- 36 ^aBlessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.

Then all the people ^bsaid, "Amen," and praised the LORD.

37 So he left Asaph and his ¹relatives there ^abefore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to minister before the ark continually, ^{bas} every day's work required;

38 and ^aObed-edom with ¹his 68 relatives; Obed-edom, also the son of Jeduthun, and ^bHosah as gatekeepers.

39 And *he left* ^aZadok the priest and his ¹relatives the priests ^bbefore the ²tabernacle of the LORD in the high place which was at Gibeon,

40 to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, ^aeven according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which He commanded Israel.

41 And with them were ^aHeman and Jeduthun, and ^bthe rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to ^cgive thanks to the LORD, because His lovingkindness is everlasting.

42 And with them were Heman and Jeduthun with trum-

²¹ ^aGen. 12:17; 20:3; Ex. 7:15-18

²² ^aGen. 20:7

²³ ^aPs. 96:1-13

²⁵ ^aPs. 144:3-6 ^bPs. 89:7

²⁶ ¹Or, *non-existent things*
^aLev. 19:4 ^bPs. 102:25

²⁹ ¹Or, *grain offering* ²Or,
the splendor of holiness
^aPs. 29:2

³¹ ^aIs. 44:23; 49:13 ^bPs.
93:1; 96:10

³² ¹Or, *thunder* ²Lit., *its
fulness*
^aPs. 98:7

³⁴ ^aPs. 106:1; 136:1

³⁵ ¹Lit., *boast*
^aPs. 106:47, 48

³⁶ ^a1 Kin. 8:15, 56; Ps.
72:18 ^bDeut. 27:15; Neh. 8:6

³⁷ ¹Lit., *brothers*
^a1 Chr. 16:4, 5 ^b2 Chr. 8:14;
Ezra 3:4

³⁸ ¹Lit., *their brothers*, 68
^a1 Chr. 13:14 ^b1 Chr. 26:10

³⁹ ¹Lit., *brothers* ²Lit.,
dwelling place
^a1 Chr. 15:11 ^b1 Kin. 3:4

⁴⁰ ^aEx. 29:38-42; Num.
28:3, 4

⁴¹ ^a1 Chr. 6:33 ^b1 Chr.
25:1-6 ^c2 Chr. 5:13

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42 ¹Chr. 25:7; 2 Chr. 7:6;
29:27

pets and cymbals for those who should sound aloud, and *with* instruments for ^athe songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun for the gate.

43 Then all the people departed each to his house, and David returned to bless his household.

1 ²Sam. 7:1-29

^a **CHAPTER 17**
AND it came about, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under curtains."

2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."

4 ¹Chr. 28:2, 3

3 And it came about the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 "Go and tell David My servant, "Thus says the LORD. ^a"You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in;

5 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, ^abut I have ¹gone from tent to tent and from *one* dwelling place to *another*.

⁵ ¹Lit., *been*
¹Ex. 40:2, 3; 2 Sam. 7:6

6 "In all places where I have walked with all Israel, have I spoken a word ^awith any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built for Me a house of cedar?'"

6 ²Sam. 7:7

7 "Now, therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be leader over My people Israel.

8 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are in the earth.

9 ¹Lit., *sons of wickedness*

9 "And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be moved no more; neither shall the ¹wicked waste them any more as formerly,

10 even from the day that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you.

11 ¹Lit., *seed*

11 "And it shall come about when your days are fulfilled that you must go *to be* with your fathers, that I will set up *one* of your ¹descendants after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 "He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

13 ¹Heb. 1:5 ¹Chr. 10:14

13 "^aI will be his father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, ^bas I took it from him who was before you.

14 "But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever." "

15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

16 Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house that Thou hast brought me thus far?"

17 "And this was a small thing in Thine eyes, O God; but Thou hast spoken of Thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the standard of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 "What more can David still say to Thee concerning the honor bestowed on Thy servant? For Thou knowest Thy servant.

19 "O LORD, ^afor Thy servant's sake, and according to Thine own heart, Thou hast wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things.

20 "O LORD, there is none like Thee, neither is there any God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 "And what one nation in the earth is like Thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make Thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before Thy people, whom Thou didst redeem out of Egypt?

22 "^aFor Thy people Israel Thou didst make Thine own people forever, and Thou, O LORD, didst become their God.

23 "And now, O LORD, let the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as Thou hast spoken.

24 "And let Thy name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel; and the house of David Thy servant is established before Thee.'

25 "For Thou, O my God, hast revealed to Thy servant that Thou wilt build for him a house; therefore Thy servant hath found *courage* to pray before Thee.

26 "And now, O LORD, Thou art God, and hast ¹promised this good thing to Thy servant.

27 "And now it hath pleased Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may ¹continue forever before Thee; for Thou, O LORD, hast blessed, and it is blessed forever."

CHAPTER 18

NOW after this ^ait came about that David ¹defeated the Philistines and subdued them and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his ¹rule to the Euphrates River.

4 And David took from him 1,000 chariots and 7,000 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers, and David hamstringed all the chariot horses, but reserved *enough* of them for 100 chariots.

5 When ¹the Syrians of ²Damascus came to help Hadadezer king ^aof Zobah, David ³killed 22,000 men of ¹the Syrians.

6 Then David put *garrisons* in ¹Syria of ²Damascus; and ¹the Syrians became servants to David, bringing tribute. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

19 ²Sam. 7:21; Is. 37:3522 ^aEx. 19:5, 626 ¹Lit., *said*27 ¹Lit., *be*

¹ Lit., *smote* and so in v. 1-3
² Sam. 8:1-18

3 ¹Lit., *hand*

⁵ ¹Heb., *Aram* ²Heb., *Dammeseq* ¹Lit., *smote*
¹ Chr. 19:6

⁶ ¹Heb., *Aram* ²Heb., *Dammeseq*

7 ¹Lit., on

7 And David took the shields of gold which were ¹carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

9 ¹In 2 Sam. 8:10, *Toi*
²Lit., smitten

8 Also from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a very large amount of bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea and the pillars and the bronze utensils.

9 Now when ¹Tou king of Hamath heard that David had ²defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

10 he sent ¹Hadoram his son to King David, to ²greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and had ³defeated him; for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou. And *Hadoram brought* all kinds of articles of gold and silver and bronze.

10 ¹In 2 Sam. 8:10, *Joram*
²Lit., ask him of his welfare
³Lit., smitten

11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD with the silver and the gold which he had carried away from all the nations: from Edom, Moab, the sons of Ammon, the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah ¹defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

12 ¹Lit., smote

13 Then he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

14 So David reigned over all Israel; and he ¹administered justice and righteousness for all his people.

14 ¹Lit., was doing

15 And ²Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and Shavsha was secretary;

17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David were chiefs at the king's side.

15-1 Chr. 11:6

CHAPTER 19

1-2 Sam. 10:1-19

^a**N**OW it came about after this, that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon died, and his son became king in his place.

2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to console him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the sons of Ammon to Hanun, to console him.

3 ¹Lit., In your eyes is
David honoring your father
because

3 But the princes of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David is honoring your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"

4 So Hanun took David's servants and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle as far as their hips, and sent them away.

5 ¹Lit., Return to

5 Then *certain persons* went and told David about the men. And he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, "¹Stay at Jericho until your beards grow, and *then* return."

6 When the sons of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the sons of Ammon sent 1,000 talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and

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horsemen from Mesopotamia, from Aram-maacah, and ^afrom Zobah.

7 So they hired for themselves 32,000 chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and camped before ^aMedeba. And the sons of Ammon gathered together from their cities and came to battle.

8 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men.

9 And the sons of Ammon came out and drew up in battle array at the entrance of the city, and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that the ¹battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he selected from all the choice men of Israel and they arrayed themselves against the Syrians.

11 But the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of ¹Abshai his brother; and they arrayed themselves against the sons of Ammon.

12 And he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you.

13 "Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight."

14 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him.

15 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, they also fled before Abshai his brother, and entered the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 When the Syrians saw that they had been ¹defeated by Israel, they sent messengers, and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the ²River, with Shophach the commander of the army of Hadadezer ³leading them.

17 When it was told David, he gathered all Israel together and crossed the Jordan, and came upon them and drew up in formation against them. And when David drew up in battle array against the Syrians, they fought against him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel, and David killed of the Syrians 7,000 charioteers and 40,000 foot soldiers, and put to death Shophach the commander of the army.

19 So when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were ¹defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. Thus the Syrians were not willing to help the sons of Ammon any more.

6^a 1 Chr. 18:5, 9

7^a Num. 21:30; Josh. 13:9, 16

10¹ Lit., *the face of the battle*

11¹ In 2 Sam. 10:10, Abishai

16¹ Lit., *smitten before*
²I.e., Euphrates ³Lit., *before*

19¹ Lit., *smitten before*

¹ Lit., *at the return of the year*
² 2 Sam. 11:1 ^{b2} 2 Sam. 12:26

² ¹ In Zeph. 1:5, *Malcam*
² 2 Sam. 12:30, 31

3^a 2 Sam. 12:31

CHAPTER 20

^a**T**HEN it happened ¹in the spring, at the time when kings go out to *battle*, that Joab led out the army and ravaged the land of the sons of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And ^bJoab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.

2 ^aAnd David took the crown of ¹their king from his head, and he found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there was a precious stone in it; and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.

3 And he brought out the people who *were* in it, ^aand cut

4 ¹Lit., *stood up* ²In
2 Sam. 21:18, *Gob* ¹Lit.,
smote ⁴Heb., *Raphah*, and
so in vs. 6, 8
²2 Sam. 21:18-22

5 ¹Lit., *smote*
²2 Sam. 21:19 ¹Chr. 11:23;
¹Sam. 17:7

7 ¹Lit., *smote*

1 ²2 Sam. 24:1-25

2 ¹1 Chr. 27:23, 24

3 ⁴Dcut. 1:11

5 ¹Lit., *muster* ²Lit.,
numbering
²2 Sam. 24:9

6 ¹Lit., *muster* ²Lit., *word*
¹1 Chr. 27:24

7 ¹Lit., *it was evil in the*
sight of God

8 ²2 Sam. 12:13

9 ¹1 Chr. 29:29; 2 Sam.
24:11 ¹1 Sam. 9:9

10 ¹Lit., *stretch out to*

12 ²2 Sam. 24:13

them with saws and with sharp instruments and with axes. And thus David did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ²Now it came about after this, that war ¹broke out at ²Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbecai the Hushathite ³killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the ⁴giants, and they were subdued.

5 And there was war with the Philistines again, and Elhanan the son of ³Jair ¹killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the ^bshaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

6 And again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature who had twenty-four fingers and toes, six *fingers on each hand* and six *toes on each foot*; and he also was descended from the giants.

7 And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shim-ea, David's brother, ¹killed him.

8 These were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 21

^aTHEN Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

2 So David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan, and bring me word that I may know their number."

3 And Joab said, "May the LORD add to His people a hundred times as many as they are! But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why does my lord seek this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"

4 Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore, Joab departed and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Joab gave the ¹number of the ²census of all the people to David. And ^aall Israel were 1,100,000 men who drew the sword; and Judah was 470,000 men who drew the sword.

6 ^aBut he did not ¹number Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's ²command was abhorrent to Joab.

7 And ¹God was displeased with this thing, so He struck Israel.

8 And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. ^aBut now, please take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have done very foolishly."

9 And the LORD spoke to ^aGad, David's ^bseer, saying,

10 "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "I ¹offer you three things; choose for yourself one of them, that I may do it to you.'"

11 So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Take for yourself

12 ^aeither three years of famine, or three months to be swept away before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now, therefore, consider what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."

13 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress; please

A Pestilence Sent.**David's Altar on Ornan's Threshing Floor.****1 Chronicles 21**

let me fall into the hand of the LORD, ^afor His mercies are very great. But do not let me fall into the hand of man."

13 ^aPs. 51:1; 130:4,7

14 ^aSo the LORD ¹sent a pestilence on Israel; 70,000 men of Israel fell.

14 ¹Lit., gave
^a1 Chr. 27:24

15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but as he was about to destroy it, the LORD saw and ^awas sorry over the calamity, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; now relax your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of ¹Ornan the Jebusite.

15 ¹In 2 Sam. 24:16,
Araunah
^aEx. 32:14; 1 Sam. 15:11;
Jon. 3:10

16 Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, ^acovered with sackcloth, fell on their faces.

16 ^a1 Kin. 21:27

17 And David said to God, "Is it not I who ¹commanded to count the people? Indeed, I am the one who has sinned and done very wickedly, ^abut these sheep, what have they done? O LORD my God, please let Thy hand be against me and my father's household, but not against Thy people that they should be plagued."

17 ¹Lit., said
^a2 Sam. 7:8; Ps. 74:1

18 ^aThen the angel of the LORD ¹commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 So David went up at the word of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the LORD.

18 ¹Lit., said
^a2 Chr. 3:1

20 Now Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and his four sons *who were* with him hid themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out from the threshing floor, and prostrated himself ¹before David with his face to the ground.

21 ¹Lit., to

22 Then David said to Ornan, "Give me the ¹site of *this* threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to the LORD; for the full price you shall give it to me, that the plague may be restrained from the people."

22 ¹Lit., place

23 And Ornan said to David, "Take *it* for yourself; and let my lord the king do what is good in his sight. See, I will give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood and the wheat for the grain offering; I will give *it* all."

24 ¹Lit., gratuitously

24 But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy *it* for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, or offer a burnt offering ¹which costs me nothing."

25 ¹Lit., place
^a2 Sam. 24:24

25 So ^aDavid gave Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the ¹site.

26 Then David built an altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to the LORD and ^aHe answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.

26 ^aLcv. 9:24; Judg. 6:21

27 And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back in its sheath.

28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he offered sacrifice there.

29 ^a1 Chr. 16:39; 1 Kin. 3:4

29 ^aFor the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering *were* in the high place at Gibeon at that time.

1 ^a1 Chr. 21:18-28; 2 Chr. 3:1

2 ¹Lit., *said to*
^a1 Kin. 9:20, 21; 2 Chr. 2:17
^b1 Kin. 5:17, 18

3 ¹Lit., *for*
^a1 Chr. 29:27 ^b1 Chr. 22:14

4 ^a1 Kin. 5:6-10

5 ^a1 Chr. 29:1; 1 Kin. 3:7

7 ¹Lit., *as for me, it was in my heart*
^a1 Chr. 17:1; 2 Sam. 7:2, 3

8 ¹Lit., *made*
^a1 Chr. 28:3

9 ¹L.c., *Peaceful*
^a1 Kin. 4:20, 25 ^b2 Sam. 12:24, 25

10 ^a1 Chr. 17:12; 2 Sam. 7:13, 14

11 ^a1 Chr. 22:16

12 ^a1 Kin. 3:9-12; 2 Chr. 1:10

13 ^a1 Chr. 28:7 ^bJosh. 1:6-9

14 ¹Lit., *in my affliction*
²Lit., *it is*
^a1 Chr. 29:4 ^b1 Chr. 22:3

30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was terrified by the sword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAPTER 22

THEN David said, "This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

2 So David gave orders to gather the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonemasons to hew out stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared large quantities of iron to make the nails for the doors of the gates and for the clamps, and more bronze than could be weighed;

4 and timbers of cedar logs beyond number, for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought large quantities of cedar timber to David.

5 And David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. Therefore I will make preparation for it." So David made ample preparations before his death.

6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, "My son, I had intended to build a house to the name of the LORD my God.

8 "But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "You have shed much blood, and have waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me.

9 "Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

10 "He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever."

11 "Now, my son, the LORD be with you that you may be successful, and build the house of the LORD your God just as He has spoken concerning you.

12 "Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

13 "Then you shall prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed.

14 "Now behold, with great pains, I have prepared for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold and 1,000,000 talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weight, for they are in great quantity; also timber and stone I have prepared, and you may add to them.

15 "Moreover, there are many workmen with you, stonemasons and masons of stone and carpenters, and all men who are skillful in every kind of work.

16 "Of the gold, the silver and the bronze and the iron, there is no limit. Arise and work, and may ^athe LORD be with you."

17 ^aDavid also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help his son Solomon, *saying*,

18 "Is not the LORD your God with you? And ^ahas He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.

19 "Now ^aset your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise, therefore, and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, ^bso that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built ^cfor the name of the LORD."

CHAPTER 23

^a**N**OW when David ¹reached old age, ^bhe made his son Solomon king over Israel.

2 And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel with the priests and the Levites.

3 And ^athe Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward, and ^btheir number by ¹census of men was 38,000.

4 Of these, 24,000 were ^ato oversee the work of the house of the LORD; and 6,000 were ^bofficers and judges,

5 and 4,000 were gatekeepers, and ^a4,000 were praising the LORD with the instruments which ¹David made for giving praise.

6 And David divided them into divisions ^aaccording to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the Gershonites were ¹Ladan and Shimei.

8 The sons of Ladan were Jehiel the first and Zethan and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Shimei were Shelemoth and Haziel and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers' households of Ladan.

10 And the sons of Shimei were Jahath, ¹Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath was the first, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so they became a father's household, one ¹class.

12 The sons of Kohath were four: Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.

13 ^aThe sons of Amram were Aaron and Moses. And ^bAaron was set apart to sanctify him as most holy, he and his sons forever, ^cto burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him and to bless in His name forever.

14 But *as for* ^aMoses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer.

16 The ¹son of Gershom was ²Shebuel the chief.

17 And the ¹son of Eliezer was Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 The ¹son of Izhar was ²Shelomith the chief.

16 ^a1 Chr. 22:11

17 ^a1 Chr. 28:1-6

18 ^a1 Chr. 22:9; 23:25

19 ^a1 Chr. 28:9 ^b1 Kin. 8:6; 21:2 Chr. 5:7 ^c1 Chr. 22:7

¹ ¹Lit., *became old and sated with days*
^a1 Chr. 29:28 ^b1 Chr. 28:5; 29:22

³ ¹Lit., *their heads*
^aNum. 4:3-49 ^b1 Chr. 23:24; Num. 4:48

⁴ ^aEzra 3:8, 9 ^b1 Chr. 26:29

⁵ ¹Lit., *I made*
^a1 Chr. 15:16

6 ^a1 Chr. 6:1

7 ¹In Ex. 6:17, *Libni*

10 ¹In v. 11, *Zizah*

11 ¹Lit., *mustering*

13 ^aEx. 6:20 ^bEx. 28:1 ^cEx. 30:6-10

14 ^aDcut. 33:1; Ps. 90: title

16 ¹Lit., *sons* ²In Ch. 24:20, *Shubael*

17 ¹Lit., *sons . . . were*

18 ¹Lit., *sons* ²In ch. 24:22, *Shelomoth*

24 ¹Lit., *mustered* ²Lit.,
heads
^aNum. 10:17, 21 ^b1 Chr. 23:3

25 ^a1 Chr. 22:18

26 ^aNum. 4:5, 15; 7:9

28 ¹Lit., *at the hand of*

29 ^aLev. 24:5-9 ^bLev. 6:20
^c1 Chr. 9:31 ^dLev. 6:21 ^eLev.
19:35, 36

31 ^aIs. 1:13, 14 ^bLev. 23:2-4

32 ¹Lit., *brothers*
^a1 Chr. 9:27; Num. 1:53
^bNum. 3:6-9, 38

1 ¹Lit., *sons*
^aEx. 6:23

2 ¹Or, *children*
^aLev. 10:2

3 ¹Lit., *in their service*
^a1 Chr. 3:31; 6:8

4 ¹Lit., *sons*

5 ^a1 Chr. 24:31

19 The sons of Hebron *were* Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jehaziel the third and Jekameam the fourth.

20 The sons of Uzziel *were* Micah the first and Isshiah the second.

21 The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli *were* Eleazar and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died and had no sons, but daughters only, so their brothers the sons of Kish took them *as wives*.

23 The sons of Mushi *were* three: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth.

24 ^aThese were the sons of Levi according to their fathers' households, *even* the heads of the fathers' households of those of them who were ¹counted, in the number of names by their ²census, doing the work for the service of the house of the LORD, ^bfrom twenty years old and upward.

25 For David said, "The LORD God of Israel ^ahas given rest to His people, and He dwells in Jerusalem forever.

26 "And also, ^athe Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its utensils for its service."

27 For by the last words of David the sons of Levi *were* numbered, from twenty years old and upward.

28 For their office is ¹to assist the sons of Aaron with the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chambers and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the house of God,

29 ^aand with the show bread, and ^bthe fine flour for a grain offering, and unleavened wafers, or ^cwhat is baked in the pan, or ^dwhat is well-mixed, and ^eall measures of volume and size.

30 And they are to stand every morning to thank and to praise the LORD, and likewise at evening,

31 and to offer all burnt offerings to the LORD, ^aon the sabbaths, the new moons and ^bthe fixed festivals in the number *set* by the ordinance concerning them, continually before the LORD.

32 Thus ^athey are to keep charge of the tent of meeting, and charge of the holy place, and ^bcharge of the sons of Aaron their ¹relatives, for the service of the house of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

NOW the divisions of the ¹descendants of Aaron *were these*.

^aThe sons of Aaron *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 ^aBut Nadab and Abihu died before their father and had no ¹sons. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests.

3 And David, with ^aZadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their offices ¹for their ministry.

4 Since more chief men were found from the ¹descendants of Eleazar than the ¹descendants of Ithamar, they divided them thus: *there were* sixteen heads of fathers' households of the ¹descendants of Eleazar, and eight of the ¹descendants of Ithamar according to their fathers' households.

5 ^aThus they were divided by lot, the one as the other; for they were officers of the sanctuary and officers of God,

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both from the ¹descendants of Eleazar and the ¹descendants of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah, the son of Nethanel the scribe, from the Levites, recorded them in the presence of the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, ^aAhimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' *households* of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' household taken for Eleazar and one taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came out for Jehoiarib, the second for Jedaiah,

8 the third for Harim, the fourth for Seorim,

9 the fifth for Malchijah, the sixth for Mijamin,

10 the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for ^aAbijah,

11 the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shecaniah,

12 the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim,

13 the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshbeab,

14 the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer,

15 the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizzes,

16 the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehezkel,

17 the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Gamul,

18 the twenty-third for Delaiah, the twenty-fourth for Maaziah.

19 ^aThese were their offices for their ministry, when *they* came in to the house of the LORD according to the ordinance *given* to them through Aaron their father, just as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 Now for the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, ¹Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the first.

22 Of the Izharites, ¹Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 And the sons ^aof Hebron: Jeriah *the first*, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir.

25 The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari, Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah, Beno.

27 The sons of Merari: by Jaaziah *were* Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 By Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 By Kish: the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel.

30 And the sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

31 ^aThese also cast lots just as their ¹relatives the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, ^bZadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' *households* of the priests and of the Levites—the head of fathers' *households* as well as those of his younger brother.

5 ¹Lit., sons6 ¹Chr. 18:1610 ^aNeh. 12:4; Luke 1:519 ¹Chr. 9:2520 ¹In 23:16, *Shebuel*22 ¹In 23:18, *Shelomith*23 ¹Chr. 23:1931 ¹Lit., *brothers*
¹Chr. 24:5, 6 ¹Chr. 24:6

CHAPTER 25

¹ Lit., *workmen according to their service*
^a1 Chr. 6:33, 39 ^b2 Kin. 3:15
^c1 Chr. 15:16

MOREOVER, David and the commanders of the army set apart for the service *some* of the sons of ^aAsaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun, who *were* to ^bprophesy with lyres, ^charps, and cymbals; and the number of ¹those who performed their service was:

² In v. 14, *Jesharelah*
² Lit., *hand(s)*

2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and ¹Asharelah; the sons of Asaph *were* under the ²direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the ²direction of the king.

³ In v. 11, *Izri* ²So with mss. and ancient versions. cf. v. 17 ³ Lit., *hands*
^a1 Chr. 16:41, 42

3 ^aOf Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, ¹Zeri, Jeshaiiah, ²Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the ³direction of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising the LORD.

4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ¹Uzziel, ²Shebuel and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

5 All these *were* the sons of Heman ^athe king's seer to ¹exalt him according to the words of God, for God gave four teen sons and three daughters to Heman.

⁴ In v. 18, *Azarel* ² In v. 20, *Shubael*

6 All these were under the ¹direction of their father to sing in the house of the LORD, ^awith cymbals, harps and lyres. for the service of the house of God. ^bAsaph, Jeduthun and Heman *were* under the ¹direction of the king.

7 And their number who were trained in singing to the LORD, with their ¹relatives, all who were skillful, *was* ^a288.

8 And ^athey cast lots for their duties, all alike, the small as well as the great, the teacher *as well* as the pupil.

⁵ Lit., *lift up the horn*
^a1 Chr. 21:9; 2 Sam. 24:11

9 Now the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph, the second for Gedaliah, he with his relatives and sons *were* twelve;

10 the third to Zaccur, his sons and his relatives, twelve.

11 the fourth to Izri, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

⁶ Lit., *hands*
^a1 Chr. 15:16 ^b1 Chr. 15:19

13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve.

14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

15 the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

18 the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

20 for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

⁸ 1 Chr. 26:13

- 25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 28 for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 29 for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 30 for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 31 for the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his relatives, twelve.

¹ ¹In vs. 14, *Shelemiah* ²In 9:19, *Ebiasaph*

⁸ ¹Lit., *brothers*, and so throughout the chap.

CHAPTER 26

FOR the divisions of the gatekeepers *there were* of the Korahites, ¹Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of ²Asaph.

2 And Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the first-born, Jedaiel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Johanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

4 And Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, *and* Peulalthai the eighth; God had indeed blessed him.

10 ¹ Chr. 16:38

6 Also to his son Shemaiah sons were born who ruled over the house of their father, for they were mighty men of valor.

7 The sons of Shemaiah *were* Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers, Elihu and Semachiah, were valiant men.

8 All these *were* of the sons of Obed-edom; they and their sons and their ¹relatives *were* able men with strength for the service, ⁶² from Obed-edom.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and relatives, ¹⁸ valiant men.

10 Also ³Hosah, *one* of the sons of Merari had sons: Shimri the first (although he was not the first-born, his father made him first),

13 ¹ Chr. 24:5, 31; 25:8

11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and relatives of Hosah *were* ¹³.

12 To these divisions of the gatekeepers, the chief men, *were* given duties like their relatives to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 ²And they cast lots, the small and the great alike, according to their fathers' households, for every gate.

14 And the lot to the east fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, a counsellor with insight, and his lot came out to the north.

15 For Obed-edom *it fell* to the south, and to his sons went the storehouse.

16 For Shuppim and Hosah *it was* to the west, by the gate

18 ¹Possibly court or colonnade
² Kin. 23:11

20 ¹So Ck.; Heb., As for the Levites, Ahijah had ²Lit., were over
¹ Chr. 26:22, 24, 26; 28:12; Ezra 2:69

22 ¹Lit., were over

26 ¹Lit., were over
² Sam. 8:11

27 ¹Heb., From the battles and from the spoil

28 ¹Lit., under the hand
²Heb., Shelomith

29 ²Neh. 11:16 ¹ Chr. 23:4

30 ¹Lit., beyond the Jordan westward
¹ Chr. 27:17

31 ¹Heb., according to the Hebronites... fathers' households
¹ Chr. 23:19 ¹ Chr. 6:81

32 ¹Lit., every matter of God and matter of the king.
² Chr. 19:11

of Shallecheth, on the ascending highway. Guard corresponded to guard.

17 On the east there were six Levites, on the north four daily, on the south four daily, and at the storehouse two by two.

18 At the ^{1a}Parbar on the west *there were* four at the highway and two at the Parbar.

19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers of the sons of Korah and of the sons of Merari.

20 ¹And the Levites, their relatives, ²had ^acharge of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicated gifts.

21 The sons of Ladan the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, *namely*, the Jehielites, *were* the heads of the fathers' *households*, belonging to Ladan the Gershonite,

22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, ¹had charge of the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 As for the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites,

24 Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was officer over the treasures.

25 And his relatives by Eliezer *were* Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.

26 This Shelomoth and his relatives ¹had charge of all the treasures of the dedicated gifts, ^awhich King David and the heads of the fathers' *households*, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and commanders of the army, had dedicated.

27 They dedicated ¹part of the spoil won in battles to repair the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the seer had dedicated and Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner and Joab the son of Zeruiah, every one who had dedicated *any thing*, *all of this* was ¹in the care of ²Shelomoth and his relatives.

29 As for the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons ^awere *assigned* to outside duties for Israel, as ^bofficers and judges.

30 As for the Hebronites, ^aHashabiah and his relatives, 1,700 capable men, had charge of the affairs of Israel ¹west of the Jordan, for all the work of the LORD and the service of the king.

31 As for the Hebronites, ^aJerijah the chief ¹(these Hebronites were investigated according to their genealogies and fathers' *households*, in the fortieth year of David's reign, and men of outstanding capability were found among them at ^bJazer of Gilead)

32 and his relatives, capable men, *were* 2,700 in number, heads of fathers' *households*. And King David made them overseers over the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of the Manassites ^aconcerning ¹all the affairs of God and of the king.

CHAPTER 27

NOW *this is* the enumeration of the sons of Israel, the heads of fathers' *households*, the commanders of thousands and of

Commanders of the Army.

hundreds, and their officers who served the king in all the affairs of the divisions which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division numbering 24,000.

2 Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel ^{1a}had charge of the first division for the first month; and in his division were 24,000.

3 He was from the sons of Perez, and was chief of all the commanders of the army for the first month.

4 Dodai the Ahohite and his division had charge of the division for the second month, Mikloth being the chief officer; and in his division were 24,000.

5 The third commander of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, as chief; and in his division were 24,000.

6 This Benaiah was the mighty man of the thirty, and had charge of thirty; and over his division was Anmizabad his son.

7 The fourth for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his division were 24,000.

8 The fifth for the fifth month was the commander Shamhuth the Izrahite; and in his division were 24,000.

9 The sixth for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; and in his division were 24,000.

10 The seventh for the seventh month was Helcz the Pelonite of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division were 24,000.

11 The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushachite of the Zerahites; and in his division were 24,000.

12 The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite of the Benjamites; and in his division were 24,000.

13 The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Neophathite of the Zerahites; and in his division were 24,000.

14 The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division were 24,000.

15 The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Neophathite of Othniel; and in his division were 24,000.

16 Now in charge of the tribes of Israel; chief officer for the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; that for the Simconites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah;

17 for Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; for Aaron, Zadok;

18 for Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; for Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

19 for Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; for Naphthali, Jeremoth the son of Azrieli;

20 for the sons of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;

21 for the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; for Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;

22 for Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. ^aThese were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David did not ¹count those twenty years of age and under, ^abecause the LORD had said he would multiply Israel ^bas the stars of heaven.

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² Lit., was over, and so throughout the chap.
^a1 Chr. 11:11-31; 2 Sam. 23:8-30

22^a 1 Chr. 28:1

²³ Lit., take their number from
^a1 Chr. 21:2-5^b Gen. 15:5

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24 ^a1 Chr. 21:1-7; 2 Sam. 24:12-15

26 ¹Lit., *doers of the work of the field for the tilling of...*

27 ¹Lit., *what was in the vineyards of the storehouses of wine*

28 ¹Or, *lowlands*
^a1 Kin. 10:27; 2 Chr. 1:15

29 ^a1 Chr. 5:16

31 ¹Or, *rulers*
^a1 Chr. 5:10

32 ¹Lit., *was with*

33 ^a2 Sam. 15:12 ^b2 Sam. 15:32, 37

34 ¹Lit., *after*
^a1 Chr. 27:5 ^b1 Kin. 1:7
^c1 Chr. 11:6

1 ^a1 Chr. 23:2; 27:1-31
^b1 Chr. 11:10-47

2 ¹Lit., *in my heart* ²Lit., *house of rest*
^a1 Chr. 17:1, 2 ^bPs. 132:7; 1s. 66:1

3 ^a1 Chr. 22:8

4 ^a1 Sam. 16:6-13 ^b1 Chr. 17:23, 27 ^c1 Chr. 5:2; Gen. 49:8-10 ^d1 Sam. 16:1

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah had begun to count *them*, but did not finish; and because of ^athis wrath came upon Israel, and the number was not included in the account of the chronicles of King David.

25 Now Azmaveth the son of Adiel had charge of the king's storehouses. And Jonathan the son of Uzziah had charge of the storehouses in the country, in the cities, in the villages, and in the towers.

26 And Ezri the son of Chelub had charge of the ¹agricultural workers who tilled the soil.

27 And Shimei the Ramathite had charge of the vineyards; and Zabdi the Shiphmite had charge of the ¹produce of the vineyards stored in the wine-cellar.

28 And Baalhanan the Gederite had charge of the olive and ^asycamore trees in the ¹Shephelah; and Joash had charge of the stores of oil.

29 And Shitrai the Sharonite had charge of the cattle which were grazing in ^aSharon; and Shaphat the son of Adlai had charge of the cattle in the valleys.

30 And Obil the Ishmaelite had charge of the camels; and Jehdeiah the Meronothite had charge of the donkeys.

31 And Jaziz the ^aHagrite had charge of the flocks. All these were ¹overseers of the property which belonged to King David.

32 Also Jonathan, David's uncle, *was* a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni ¹tutored the king's scribe.

33 And ^aAhithophel was counselor to the king; and ^bHushai the Archite was the king's friend.

34 And Jehoiada the son of ^aBenaiah, and ^bAbiathar ¹succeeded Ahithophel; and Joab was the ^ccommander of the king's army.

CHAPTER 28

NOW ^aDavid assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the commanders of the divisions that served the king, and the commanders of thousands, and the commanders of hundreds, and the overseers of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, with the officials and ^bthe mighty men, even all the valiant men.

2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Listen to me, my brethren and my people; I ^ahad ¹intended to build a ²permanent home for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and for ^bthe footstool of our God. So I had made preparations to build it.

3 "But God said to me, ^a"You shall not build a house for My name because you are a man of war and have shed blood."

4 "Yet, the LORD, the God of Israel, ^achose me from all the house of my father to be king over Israel ^bforever. For ^cHe has chosen Judah to be a leader; and ^din the house of Judah, my father's house, and among the sons of my father He took pleasure in me to make *me* king over all Israel.

**David's Address About the Temple.
The Plan of the Temple.**

1 Chronicles 28

5 ^aAnd ^aof all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), ^bHe has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

⁵ ^a1 Chr. 3:1-9; 14:3-7
^b1 Chr. 22:9, 10

6 ^aAnd He said to me, ^aYour son ^aSolomon is the one who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a father to him.

6 ^a2 Sam. 7:13, 14

7 ^aAnd I will establish his kingdom forever, ^aif he resolutely performs My commandments and My ordinances, as ^ais done now.

⁷ ^a1 Lit., *at this day*
^a1 Chr. 22:13

8 ^aSo now, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek after all the commandments of the LORD your God in order that you may possess the good land and bequeath it to your sons after you forever.

9 ^aAs for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and ^aserve Him with ^awhole heart and a willing ^amind; ^bfor the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. ^aIf you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

⁹ ^a1 Or, *the same* ²1 Lit., *soul*
^a1 Chr. 29:17-19; 1 Kin. 8:61
^b1 Sam. 16:7 ^c2 Chr. 15:2;
Jer. 29:13

10 ^aConsider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; ^abe courageous and act."

10 ^a1 Chr. 22:13

11 Then David gave to his son Solomon ^athe plan of ^bthe porch of the temple, its buildings, its storehouses, its upper rooms, its inner rooms, and ^cthe room for the mercy-seat;

11 ^a1 Chr. 28:12, 19; Ex. 25:40 ^b1 Kin. 6:3 ^cEx. 25:17-22

12 and the plan of all that he had in ^amind, for the courts of the house of the LORD, and for all the surrounding rooms, for ^athe storehouses of the house of God, and for the storehouses of the dedicated things;

13 also for ^athe divisions of the priests and ^bthe Levites and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD and for all the utensils of service in the house of the LORD;

12 ^a1 Lit., *the spirit with him*
^a1 Chr. 26:20, 28

14 for the golden *utensils*, the weight of gold for all utensils for every kind of service; for the silver utensils, the weight of silver for all utensils for every kind of service;

13 ^a1 Chr. 24:1 ^b1 Chr. 23:6

15 and the weight of gold for the ^agolden lampstands and their golden lamps, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps; and *the weight of silver* for the silver lampstands, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps according to the use of each lampstand;

15 ^aEx. 25:31-39

16 and the gold by weight for the tables of showbread, for each table; and silver for the silver tables;

17 and the forks, the basins, and the pitchers of pure gold; and for the golden bowls with the weight for each bowl; and for the silver bowls with the weight for each bowl;

18 ^aEx. 30:1-10 ^bEx. 25:18-22

18 and for ^athe altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the model of the chariot, *even* ^bthe cherubim, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 ^a1 Lit., *works*
^a1 Chr. 28:11, 12

19 ^aAll this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, ^aall the ^adetails of this pattern."

20 Then David said to his son Solomon, ^a"Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. ^bHe will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

20 ^a1 Chr. 22:13 ^bJosh. 1:5; Heb. 13:5

21 ^a1 Chr. 28:13 ^bEx. 35:25-35; 36:1, 2

¹ ¹Lit., *palace*
^a1 Chr. 22:5 ^b1 Chr. 29:19

2 ^a1 Chr. 22:3-5

3 ¹Lit., *house*

4 ¹Lit., *houses*
^a1 Chr. 22:14 ^b1 Kin. 9:28

5 ¹Lit., *by the hand of the craftsmen* ²Lit., *to fill his hand*

6 ^a1 Chr. 27:1; 28:1
^b1 Chr. 27:25-31

7 ^aEzra 2:69; Neh. 7:70

8 ¹Lit., *those with whom were found* ²Lit., *under the hand of*
^a1 Chr. 23:8

9 ^a1 Kin. 8:61; 2 Cor. 9:7

11 ^aRev. 5:13

12 ^a2 Chr. 1:12 ^b2 Chr. 20:6

21 "Now behold, ^a*there are* the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God, and ^bevery willing man of any skill will be with you in all the work for all kinds of service. The officials also and all the people will be entirely at your command."

CHAPTER 29

THEN King David said to the entire assembly, "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen ^ais still young and inexperienced, and the work is great; for ^bthe ¹temple is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 "Now ^awith all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the *things of gold*, and the silver for the *things of silver*, and the bronze for the *things of bronze*, the iron for the *things of iron*, and wood for the *things of wood*, onyx stones and inlaid stones, stones of antimonys, and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and alabaster in abundance.

3 "And moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy ¹temple,

4 *namely*, ^a3,000 talents of gold, of ^bthe gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the ¹buildings;

5 of gold for the *things of gold*, and of silver for the *things of silver*, that is, for all the work ¹done by the craftsmen. Who then is willing to ^bconsecrate himself this day to the LORD?"

6 Then ^athe rulers of the fathers' *households*, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with ^bthe overseers over the king's work, offered willingly;

7 and for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 ^adarics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron.

8 And ¹whoever possessed *precious stones* gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, ²in care of ^aJehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD ^awith a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

10 So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed art Thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

11 "^aThine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all.

12 "^aBoth riches and honor *come* from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and ^bin Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone.

13 "Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.

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14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from Thee, and from Thy hand we have given Thee.

15 "For we are sojourners before Thee, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.

16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build Thee a house for Thy holy name, it is from Thy hand, and all is Thine.

17 "Since I know, O my God, that Thou triest the heart and delightest in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Thy people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to Thee.

18 "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, preserve this forever in the intentions of the heart of Thy people, and direct their heart to Thee;

19 "and give to my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Thy commandments, Thy testimonies, and Thy statutes, and to do them all, and to build the temple, for which I have made provision."

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed low and did homage to the LORD and to the king.

21 And on the next day they made sacrifices to the LORD and offered burnt offerings to the LORD, 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 So they ate and drank that day before the LORD with great gladness.

And they made Solomon the son of David king a second time, and they anointed him as ruler for the LORD and Zadok as priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the officials, the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David pledged allegiance to King Solomon.

25 And the LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him royal majesty which had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the period which he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned in Hebron seven years and in Jerusalem thirty-three years.

28 Then he died in a ripe old age, full of days, riches and honor; and his son Solomon reigned in his place.

29 Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the Chronicles of Samuel the seer, in the Chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the Chronicles of Gad the seer,

30 with all his reign, his power, and the circumstances which came on him, on Israel, and on all the kingdoms of the lands.

14 ¹Lit., retain strength

15 ¹Lev. 25:23 ²Job 14:2, 10-12

17 ¹Chr. 28:9 ²Ps. 15:2

18 ¹Lit., intent of the thoughts of the heart

19 ¹Lit., palace
¹Chr. 28:9; Ps. 72:1 ²Chr. 29:1, 2

20 ¹Josh. 22:33 ²Ex. 4:31

21 ¹Lit., sacrificed
¹Kin. 8:62, 63

22 ¹Chr. 23:1 ²1 Kin. 1:33-39

24 ¹Lit., put a hand under Solomon

25 ²Chr. 1:1 ²1 Kin. 3:13; 2 Chr. 1:12

26 ¹Chr. 18:14

27 ¹Lit., he reigned in
²Sam. 5:4, 5; ¹Kin. 2:11

28 ¹Lit., good
¹Gen. 15:15; Acts 13:36
²1 Chr. 23:1

29 ¹Sam. 9:9 ²Sam. 7:2-4; 12:1-7 ³1 Sam. 22:5

30 ¹Dan. 4:23, 25

THE SECOND BOOK OF CHRONICLES

Solomon Worships at Gibeon. His Prayer
for Wisdom. His Wealth.

1 ¹1 Kin. 2:12, 46 ¹1 Chr. 29:25

2 ¹1 Chr. 28:1

3 ¹1 Kin. 3:4 ^bEx. 36:8

4 ¹Lit., *where David had prepared for it*
¹1 Chr. 15:25-28

5 ¹Lit., *he put*
¹Ex. 31:9; 38:1-7

6 ¹1 Kin. 3:4

7 ¹1 Kin. 3:5-14

8 ¹1 Chr. 28:5

9 ¹Lit., *word*
²2 Sam. 7:12-16 ^bGen. 13:16;
22:17

10 ²2 Sam. 5:2

11 ¹Lit., *this was in your heart*

12 ¹Lit., *which was not so to the kings who were before you*
²Lit., *be*
²2 Chr. 9:22; 1 Chr. 29:25

13 ¹Lit., *to*
²2 Chr. 1:3

14 ¹1 Kin. 10:26-29 ¹1 Kin. 4:26 ¹1 Kin. 9:19

15 ¹Or, *Shephelah*

NOW ^aSolomon the son of David established himself securely over his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him and ^bexalted him greatly.

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, ^ato the commanders of thousands and of hundreds and to the judges and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' *households*.

3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to ^athe high place which was at Gibeon; ^bfor God's tent of meeting was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 However, David had brought up ^athe ark of God from Kiriath-jearim ¹to the place he had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.

5 Now ^athe bronze altar, which Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, ¹was there before the tabernacle of the LORD, and Solomon and the assembly sought it out.

6 And Solomon went up there before the LORD to the bronze altar which *was* at the tent of meeting, and ^aoffered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 ^aIn that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."

8 And Solomon said to God, "Thou hast dealt with my father David with great lovingkindness, and ^ahast made me king in his place.

9 "Now, O LORD God, ^aThy ¹promise to my father David is fulfilled; for Thou hast made me king over ^ba people as numerous as the dust of the earth.

10 "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, ^athat I may go out and come in before this people; for who can rule this great people of Thine?"

11 And God said to Solomon, "Because ¹you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth, or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge, that you may rule My people, over whom I have made you king,

12 wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And ^aI will give you riches and wealth and honor, ¹such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed, nor those who will ²come after you."

13 ^aSo Solomon went ¹from the high place which was at Gibeon, from the tent of meeting, to Jerusalem, and he reigned over Israel.

14 ^aAnd Solomon amassed chariots and horsemen. ^bHe had 1,400 chariots, and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in ^cthe chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 And the king made silver and gold as plentiful in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamores in the ¹lowland.

16 And Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from Kue; the king's traders procured them from Kue for a price.

17 And they imported chariots from Egypt for 600 *shekels* of silver apiece, and horses for 150 apiece, and ²by the same means they ³exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Aram.

CHAPTER 2

¹**N**OW Solomon ²decided to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a ³royal palace for himself.

2 ¹So ²Solomon assigned 70,000 men to carry loads, and 80,000 men to quarry *stone* in the mountains, and 3,600 to supervise them.

3 ^aThen Solomon sent *word* to ¹Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, ^b"As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to dwell in, so do for me.

4 "Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, dedicating it to Him, ^ato burn fragrant incense before Him, and *to set out* ^bthe showbread continually, and to offer ^cburnt offerings morning and evening, ^don sabbaths and on new moons and on the appointed feasts of the LORD our God, this *being required* forever in Israel.

5 "And the house which I am about to build *will be* great; for ^agreater is our God than all the gods.

6 "But ^awho is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I, that I should build a house for Him, except to ¹burn *incense* before Him?

7 "And now ^asend me a skilled man to work in gold, silver, brass and iron, and in purple, crimson and violet *fabrics*, and who knows how to make engravings, to *work* with the skilled men ^bwhom I have in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.

8 "Send me also cedar, cypress and alnum timber from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut timber of Lebanon; and indeed, ^amy servants *will work* with your servants,

9 to prepare timber in abundance for me, for the house which I am about to build *will be* great and wonderful.

10 "Now behold, I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut the timber, 20,000 ¹kors of crushed wheat, and 20,000 ¹kors of barley, and 20,000 baths of wine, and 20,000 baths of oil."

11 Then Hiram, king of Tyre, ¹answered in a letter sent to Solomon: ^a"Because the LORD loves His people, He has made you king over them."

12 Then Hiram ¹continued, "Blessed be ^athe LORD, the God of Israel, who has made heaven and earth, who has given King David a wise son, ²endowed with discretion and understanding, ^bwho will build a house for the LORD and a ³royal palace for himself.

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *brought up and brought out* ²Lit., *and in like manner by their hand* ³Lit., *brought out*

¹ Ch. 1:18 in Heb. ²Lit., *said* ³Lit., *house for his royalty* ⁴1 Kin. 5:5

² Ch. 2:1 in Heb. ²Lit., *numbered* ³2 Chr. 2:18; 1 Kin. 5:15, 16

³ ¹In 1 Kin. 5:18, *Hiram* ²1 Kin. 5:2-11 ³1 Chr. 14:1

⁴ ^aEx. 30:7 ^bEx. 25:30 ^cEx. 29:38-42 ^dNum. 28:9, 10

⁵ ^aEx. 15:11; 1 Chr. 16:25

⁶ ¹Lit., *offer up in smoke* ²2 Chr. 6:18; 1 Kin. 8:27

⁷ ¹Lit., *who are with me* ²2 Chr. 2:13, 14; Ex. 31:3-5 ³1 Chr. 22:15

⁸ ^a2 Chr. 9:10, 11

¹⁰ ¹A kor equals approx. 10 bu.

¹¹ ¹Lit., *said . . . and he sent* ²2 Chr. 9:8; 1 Kin. 10:9

¹² ¹Lit., *said* ²Lit., *knowing discretion* ³Lit., *house for his royalty* ⁴Ps. 33:6; 102:25 ⁵2 Chr. 2:1

13 ¹Lit., *knowing understanding*

14 ¹Lit., *a woman of the daughters of Dan* ²Lit., *whose father is a Tyrean man* ³Lit., *devise any device* ⁴Lit., *skilled men* ¹Kin. 7:14

15 ²Chr. 2:10

16 ¹Kin. 5:8, 9

17 ¹Lit., *numbering* ²Lit., *numbered of them* ¹Chr. 22:2

18 ²Chr. 2:2

1 ¹Kin. 6:1 ^b1 Chr. 21:18

2 ¹Lit., *in*

3 ¹Lit., *founding of Solomon to build* ²L.c., *approx. 18 inches*

4 ¹Kin. 6:3

5 ¹Lit., *great house* ²Lit., *put on it palm trees* ¹Kin. 6:17

6 ¹Lit., *overlaid. . . . for beauty* ²Or., *country of gold*

7 ¹Kin. 6:20-22 ^b1 Kin. 6:29-35

8 ¹Lit., *house* ¹Ex. 26:33; ¹Kin. 6:16

9 ¹Chr. 28:11

10 ¹Lit., *cherubim of sculptured work* ¹Kin. 6:23-28

13 "And now I am sending a skilled man, ¹endowed with understanding, Huram-abi,

14 ^athe son of a ¹Danite woman and ^{2a}a Tyrian father, who knows how to work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone and wood, *and* in purple, violet, linen and crimson fabrics, and *who knows how* to make all kinds of engravings and to ³execute any design which may be assigned to him, *to work* with your skilled men, and with ⁴those of my lord David your father.

15 "Now then, let my lord send to his servants wheat and barley, oil and wine, of ^awhich he has spoken.

16 "And ^awe will cut whatever timber you need from Lebanon, and bring it to you on rafts by sea to Joppa, so that you may carry it up to Jerusalem."

17 And Solomon numbered all the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel, ^afollowing the ¹census which his father David had ²taken; and 153,600 were found.

18 ^aAnd he appointed 70,000 of them to carry loads, and 80,000 to quarry *stones* in the mountains, and 3,600 supervisors to make the people work.

CHAPTER 3

^a**T**HEN Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where *the LORD* had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared, ^bon the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build on the second *day* in the second month ¹of the fourth year of his reign.

3 Now these are the ¹foundations which Solomon laid for building the house of God. The length in ²cubits, according to the old standard *was* sixty cubits, and the width twenty cubits.

4 And the porch which was in front of the house ¹was as long as the width of the house, twenty cubits, and the height 120; and inside he overlaid it with pure gold.

5 And he overlaid ^athe ¹main room with cypress wood and overlaid it with fine gold, and ²ornamented it with palm trees and chains.

6 Further, he ¹adorned the house with precious stones; and the gold *was* gold from ²Parvaim.

7 ^aHe also overlaid the house with gold—the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors; and he ^bcarved cherubim on the walls.

8 Now he made ^athe ¹room of the holy of holies: its length, across the width of the house, *was* twenty cubits, and its width *was* twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to 600 talents.

9 And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. He also overlaid ^athe upper rooms with gold.

10 ^aThen he made two ¹sculptured cherubim in the room of the holy of holies and overlaid them with gold.

11 And the wingspan of the cherubim *was* twenty cubits; the wing of one, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house, and *its* other wing, of five cubits, touched the wing of the other cherub.

12 And the wing of the other cherub, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house; and *its* other wing of five cubits, was attached to the wing of the ¹first cherub.

12 ¹Lit., *other*

13 The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits, and they stood on their feet ¹facing the *main* room.

13 ¹Lit., *and their faces to*

14 ^aAnd he made the veil of violet, purple, crimson and fine linen, and he worked cherubim on it.

14 ^aEx. 26:31

15 ^aHe also made two pillars for the front of the house, thirty-five cubits ¹high, and the capital on the top of each *was* five cubits.

15 ¹Lit., *long*
^{a1} Kin. 7:15-20

16 And he made chains in the inner sanctuary, and placed *them* on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates and placed *them* on the chains.

17 ^{a1} Kin. 7:21

17 ^aAnd he erected the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right and the other on the left, and named the one on the right Jachin and the one on the left Boaz.

1 ^aEx. 27:1, 2; 2 Kin. 16:14

CHAPTER 4

THEN ^ahe made a bronze altar, twenty cubits in length and twenty cubits in width and ten cubits in height.

2 ¹Lit., *a line of 30 cubits encircling it round about*
^{a1} Kin. 7:23-26

2 ^aAlso he made the cast-metal sea, ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its height *was* five cubits and ¹its circumference thirty cubits.

3 Now figures like oxen *were* under it *and* all around it, ten cubits, entirely encircling the sea. The oxen *were* in two rows, cast ¹in one piece.

3 ¹Lit., *in its casting*

4 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing the north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea *was set* on top of them, and all their hindquarters turned inwards.

5 ^{a1} Kin. 7:26

5 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, *like* a lily blossom; it ^acould hold 3,000 baths.

6 ¹Lit., *in which to*
^{a1} Kin. 7:38, 40

6 ^aHe also made ten basins in which to wash, and he set five on the right side and five on the left, ¹to rinse things for the burnt offering; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

7 ^{a1} Kin. 7:49

7 Then ^ahe made the ten golden lampstands in the way prescribed for them, and he set them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left.

8 ^{a1} Kin. 7:48

8 He also made ^aten tables and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred golden bowls.

9 ^{a1} Kin. 6:36 ^{b2} Kin. 21:5

9 Then he made ^athe court of the priests and ^bthe great court and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze.

10 ¹Lit., *shoulder*
^{a1} Kin. 7:39

10 And ^ahe set the sea on the right ¹side of the house toward the southeast.

11 ^{a1} Kin. 7:40-51

11 ^aHuram also made the pails, the shovels, and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing the work which he performed for King Solomon in the house of God:

12 The two pillars, the bowls and the two capitals on top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on top of the pillars,

13 ¹ Kin. 7:20

13 and ^athe four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the pillars.

14 ¹ Kin. 7:27-43

14 ^aHe also made the stands and he made the basins on the stands,

15 and the one sea with the twelve oxen under it.

16 And the pails, the shovels, the forks, and all its utensils, ^aHuram-abi made of polished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD.

16 ² Chr. 2:13; 1 Kin. 7:14

17 On the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah.

18 ^aThus Solomon made all these utensils in great quantities, for the weight of the bronze could not be found out.

18 ¹ Kin. 7:47

19 Solomon also made all the things that *were* in the house of God: even the golden altar, ^athe tables with the bread of the Presence on them,

20 the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold, ^ato burn in front of the inner sanctuary in the way prescribed;

19 ² Chr. 5:8

21 the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold, of purest gold;

22 and the snuffers, the bowls, the spoons, and the firepans of pure gold; and the entrance of the house, its inner doors for the holy of holies, and the doors of the house, *that is*, of the nave, of gold.

20 ² Chr. 5:7; Ex. 25:31-37

CHAPTER 5

¹ Lit., *dedicated things of David*.

THUS all the work that Solomon performed for the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the ¹things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver and the gold and all the utensils, and put *them* in the treasuries of the house of God.

2 ¹ Kin. 8:1-9 ² Chr. 1:4

2 ^aThen Solomon assembled to Jerusalem the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' households of the sons of Israel, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out ^bof the city of David, which is Zion.

4 ² Chr. 5:7

3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, that is *in* the seventh month.

4 Then all the elders of Israel came, and ^athe Levites took up the ark.

⁶ Lit., *sheep.... numbered for multitude*

5 And they brought up the ark and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils which *were* in the tent; the Levitical priests brought them up.

6 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark were sacrificing ¹so many sheep and oxen, that they could not be counted or numbered.

8 ¹ Lit., *poles above*

7 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim.

8 For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its ¹poles.

⁹ Lit., *it is*
¹ Kin. 8:8, 9

9 And the poles were so long that ^athe ends of the poles of the ark could be seen in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; and ¹they are there to this day.

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10 ^aThere was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put *there* at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

10 ^aDeut. 10:2-5; Heb. 9:4

11 And when the priests came forth from the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard ^ato divisions),

11 ^a1 Chr. 24:1-5

12 and all the Levitical singers, ^aAsaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and kinsmen, clothed in fine linen, ^bwith cymbals, harps, and lyres, standing east of the altar, and with them one hundred and twenty priests ^cblowing trumpets,

12 ^a1 Chr. 25:1-4 ^b1 Chr. 13:8; 15:16, 24 ^c2 Chr. 7:6

13 in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice ^aaccompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD *saying*, "^b*He* indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

13 ^a1 Chr. 16:42 ^b2 Chr. 7:3; 1 Chr. 16:34

14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for ^athe glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

14 ^a1 Km. 8:11

1 ^a1 Km. 8:12-50

CHAPTER 6

^a**T**HEN Solomon said, "The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud.

3 ¹lit., *turned his face about*

2 "I have built Thee a lofty house,
And a place for Thy dwelling forever."

3 Then the king ¹facéd about and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

6 ^a2 Chr. 12:13 ^b1 Chr. 28:4

4 And he said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled *it* with His hands, saying,

5 'Since the day that I brought My people from the land of Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel *in which* to build a house that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man for a leader over My people Israel;

7 ¹lit., *with*
^a1 Km. 5:3

6 but ^aI have chosen Jerusalem that My name might be there, and I ^bhave chosen David to be over My people Israel.'

8 ¹lit., *with*

7 "'^aNow it was ¹in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

8 "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was ¹in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was ¹in your heart.

9 ¹lit., *is to come forth from your loins*

9 'Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who ¹shall be born to you, he shall build the house for My name.'

10 ¹lit., *spoke*

10 "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for I have risen in the place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD ¹promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

11 ^a2 Chr. 5:7, 10

11 "And there I have set the ark, ^ain which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with the sons of Israel."

12 Then he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands.

13^aNeh. 8:4^b1 Kin. 8:54

13 ^aNow Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, ^bknelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven.

14^aEx. 15:11; Deut. 3:24
^bDeut. 7:9

14 And he said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, ^athere is no God like Thee in heaven or on earth, ^bkeeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart;

15 ^awho has kept with Thy servant David my father that which Thou hast ¹promised him; indeed, Thou hast spoken with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thy hand, as it is this day.

15¹Lit., spoken to
¹1 Chr. 22:9, 10

16 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that which Thou hast ¹promised him, saying, ^{2a}You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk in My law as you have walked before Me."

17 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, let Thy word be confirmed which Thou hast spoken to Thy servant David.

16¹Lit., spoken to ²Lit., there shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me
²2 Chr. 7:18; 1 Kin. 2:4

18 "But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, ^aheaven and the ¹highest heaven cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built.

19 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee;

20 that Thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, toward the place of which Thou hast said that *Thou wouldst* put Thy name there, to listen to the prayer which Thy servant shall pray toward this place.

18¹Lit., heaven of heavens
²2 Chr. 2:6

21 "And listen to the supplications of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear Thou from Thy dwelling-place, from heaven; ^ahear Thou and forgive.

21^aMic. 7:18

22 "If a man sins against his neighbor, and is made to take an oath, and he comes *and* takes an oath before Thine altar in this house;

23 then hear Thou from heaven and act and judge Thy servants, ¹punishing the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

23¹Lit., returning

24 "And if Thy people Israel ¹are defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against Thee, and they return to *Thee* and confess Thy name, and pray and make supplication before Thee in this house;

25 then hear Thou from heaven and forgive the sin of Thy people Israel, and bring them back to the land which Thou hast given to them and to their fathers.

24¹Lit., smitten

26 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against Thee, and they pray toward this place and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them;

27 then hear Thou in heaven and forgive the sin of Thy servants and Thy people Israel, indeed, teach them the good

way in which they should walk. And send rain on Thy land, which Thou hast given to Thy people for an inheritance.

28 "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, if there is locust or grasshopper, if their enemies besiege them in the land of their ¹cities, whatever plague or whatever sickness *there is*,

29 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Thy people Israel, ¹each knowing his own affliction and his own pain, and spreading his hands toward this house,

30 then hear Thou from heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knowest ^afor Thou alone dost know the hearts of the sons of men,

31 that they may ¹fear Thee, to walk in Thy ways ²as long as they live in the land which Thou hast given to our fathers.

32 "Also concerning the foreigner who is not from Thy people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Thy great name's sake and Thy mighty hand and Thine outstretched arm, when they come and pray toward this house,

33 then hear Thou from heaven, from Thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to Thee, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, and ¹fear Thee, as *do* Thy people Israel, and that they may know that ²this house which I have built is ^acalled by Thy name.

34 "When Thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way Thou shalt send them, and they pray to Thee toward this city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name,

35 then hear Thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 "When they sin against Thee (^afor there is no man who does not sin) and Thou art angry with them and dost deliver them to an enemy, so that ¹they take them away captive to a land far off or near,

37 if they ¹take thought in the land where they are taken captive, and repent and make supplication to Thee in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have committed iniquity, and have acted wickedly';

38 if they return to Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which Thou hast given to their fathers, and the city which Thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Thy name,

39 then hear from heaven, from Thy dwelling place, their prayer and supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee.

40 "Now, O my God, I pray Thee, ^alet Thine eyes be open, and ^bThine ears attentive to the prayer *offered* in this place.

41 "^aNow therefore arise, O LORD God, to Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy might; let Thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let Thy godly ones rejoice in what is good.

42 "O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Thine anointed; remember *Thy* lovingkindness to Thy servant David."

28 ¹Lit., *gates*

29 ¹Lit., *whoever shall know*

30 ^a1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Chr. 28:9

31 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Lit., *all the days that they live on the face of the land*

33 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Lit., *Thy name is called upon this house*
^a2 Chr. 7:14

36 ¹Lit., *their captors take them captive*
^aJob 15:14-16; James 3:2;
¹John 1:8-10

37 ¹Lit., *return to their heart*

40 ^a2 Chr. 7:15; Neh. 1:6;
¹11 ^bPs. 17:1

41 ^aPs. 132:8,9

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1-1 Kin. 8:54^{b1} Kin. 18:24, 38

3-2 Chr. 5:13; 20:21

4-1 Kin. 8:62, 63

6¹Lit., David²Lit., hand
-1 Chr. 15:16-21^{b2} Chr. 5:12

7-1 Kin. 8:64-66

8-1 Kin. 8:65

9-1 Lev. 23:36

11¹Lit., came upon the
heart of Solomon to do
-1 Kin. 9:1-9

12-1 Deut. 12:5, 11

13-2 Chr. 6:26-28

14¹Lit., over whom My
name is called
-2 Chr. 6:37-39

15¹Lit., prayer of this place
-2 Chr. 6:20, 40

16-2 Chr. 7:12

^a**N**OW when Solomon had finished praying, ^bfire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house.

3 And all the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD.

5 And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen, and 120,000 sheep. Thus the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests stood at their posts and ^athe Levites, with the instruments of music to the LORD, which King David had made for giving praise to the LORD—"for His lovingkindness is everlasting"—whenever ¹he gave praise by their ²means, while ^bthe priests on the other side blew trumpets; and all Israel was standing.

7 Then Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD, for there he offered the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to contain the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the fat.

8 So Solomon observed the feast at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, who came ^afrom the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt.

9 And on the eighth day they held ^aa solemn assembly, for the dedication of the altar they observed seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 Then on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and happy of heart because of the goodness that the LORD had shown to David and to Solomon and to His people Israel.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's palace, and successfully completed all that ¹he had planned on doing in the house of the LORD and in his palace.

12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and ^ahave chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

13 "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

14 ^aand My people ¹who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 "Now My eyes shall be open and My ears attentive to the ¹prayer offered in this place.

16 "For ^anow I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

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Solomon's Activities.**

2 Chronicles 7, 8

17 "And as for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked even to do according to all that I have commanded you and will keep My statutes and My ordinances,

18 then I will establish your royal throne as I covenanted with your father David, saying, 'aYou shall not lack a man to be ruler in Israel.'

19 "aBut if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you and shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

20 athen I will uproot you from My land which I have given ¹you, and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it ^ba proverb and a byword among all peoples.

21 "As for this house, which was exalted, every one who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'aWhy has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

22 "And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'"

18 ¹Lit., *there shall not be cut off to you a man*
²Chr. 6:16

19 ¹Lev. 26:14, 33; Deut. 28:15

20 ¹Ancient versions, Heb. read, *them*
²Deut. 29:28; 1 Kin. 14:15
³Deut. 28:37

21 ²Deut. 29:24, 25

1 ¹1 Kin. 9:1-28

2 ³Lit., *Solomon*

5 ¹1 Chr. 7:24 ²Chr. 14:7

6 ¹Lit., *the* ²Lit., *of*

7 ²Gen. 15:18-21

8 ¹1 Kin. 4:6; 9:21

10 ¹Or, *deputies*

11 ¹Lit., *they are*
²1 Kin. 3:1; 7:8

12 ²2 Chr. 4:1

13 ²Ex. 29:38-42

CHAPTER 8

^a**N**OW it came about at the end of the twenty years in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house

2 that he built the cities which Hiram had given to ¹him, and settled the sons of Israel there.

3 Then Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and captured it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness and all the storage cities which he had built in Hamath.

5 He also built upper ^aBeth-horon and lower Beth-horon, ^bfortified cities *with walls, gates, and bars*;

6 and Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for ¹his chariots and cities for ¹his horsemen, and all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land ²under his rule.

7 ^aAll of the people who were left of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel,

8 namely, from their descendants who were left after them in the land whom the sons of Israel had not destroyed, ^athem Solomon raised as forced laborers to this day.

9 But Solomon did not make slaves for his work from the sons of Israel; they were men of war, his chief captains, and commanders of his chariots and his horsemen.

10 And these were the chief ¹officers of King Solomon, two hundred and fifty who ruled over the people.

11 ^aThen Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the city of David to the house which he had built for her; for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because ¹the places are holy where the ark of the LORD has entered."

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on ^athe altar of the LORD which he had built before the porch;

13 and ^adid so according to the daily rule, offering *them*

13 ^bNum. 28:3 ^cEx. 23:14-17

up ^baccording to the commandment of Moses, for the sabbaths, the new moons, and the ^cthree annual feasts—the feast of unleavened bread, the feast of weeks, and the feast of tabernacles.

14 ^a1 Chr. 24:1 ^b1 Chr. 25:1 ^c1 Chr. 26:1 ^dNeh. 12:24, 36

14 Now according to the ordinance of his father David, he appointed ^athe divisions of the priests for their service, and ^bthe Levites for their duties of praise and ministering before the priests according to the daily rule, and ^cthe gatekeepers by their divisions at every gate; for ^dDavid the man of God had so commanded.

16 ^{So} ancient versions; M.T., *as far as*

15 And they did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites in any manner or concerning the storehouses.

16 Thus all the work of Solomon was carried out ¹from the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was completed.

17 ¹1 Kin. 9:26 ^b2 Kin. 14:22

17 Then Solomon went to ^aEzion-geber and to ^bEloth on the seashore in the land of Edom.

18 And Hiram by his servants sent him ships and servants who knew the sea; and they went with Solomon's servants to Ophir, and ^atook from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to King Solomon.

18 ^a2 Chr. 9:10, 13

CHAPTER 9

1 ^a1 Kin. 10:1-13; Matt. 12:42; Luke 11:31

^a**N**OW when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with difficult questions. She had a very large retinue, with camels carrying spices, and a large amount of gold and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was on her heart.

2 And Solomon ¹answered all her questions; nothing was hidden from Solomon which he did not ²explain to her.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house which he had built,

4 the food at his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his ministers and their attire, his cupbearers and their attire, and ¹his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, she was breathless.

5 Then she said to the king, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

6 "Nevertheless I did not believe their reports until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You surpass the report that I heard.

7 "How ¹blessed are your men, how ¹blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom.

8 "Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you, ^asetting you on His throne as king for the LORD your God; ^bbecause your God loved Israel establishing them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."

9 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great amount of spices and precious stones;

2 ¹Lit., *told her all her words* ²Lit., *tell*

4 ¹Or, *his burnt offering which he offered*

7 ¹Or, *happy*

8 ^a1 Chr. 28:5; 29:23 ^b2 Chr. 2:11; Deut. 7:8

there had never been spice like that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

10 And the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon ^awho brought gold from Ophir, also brought alnum trees and precious stones.

11 And from the alnum the king made steps for the house of the LORD and for the king's palace, and lyres and harps for the singers; and none like that was seen before in the land of Judah.

12 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she requested besides *a return* for what she had brought to the king. Then she turned and went to her own land with her servants.

13 ^aNow the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,

14 besides that which the traders and merchants brought; and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, ¹using 600 *shekels* of beaten gold on each large shield.

16 And *he made* 300 shields of beaten gold, ¹using three hundred shekels of gold on each shield, and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* six steps to the throne and a footstool in gold attached to the throne, and ¹arms ²on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the ¹arms.

19 And twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like *it* was made for any other kingdom.

20 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold; silver was not considered ¹valuable in the days of Solomon.

21 ^aFor the king had ships which went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.

22 ^aSo King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth were seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

25 Now Solomon had ^a4,000 stalls for horses and chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

26 ^aAnd he was the ruler over all the kings from the Euphrates River even to the land of the Philistines, and as far as the border of Egypt.

27 ^aAnd the king made silver *as common* as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the ¹lowland.

10 ^a2 Chr. 8:18

13 ^a1 Kin. 10:14-28

15 ¹Lit., *he brought up*

16 ¹Lit., *he brought up*

18 ¹Lit., *hands* ²Lit., *on this side and on this at the place of the seat*

20 ¹Lit., *anything*

21 ^a2 Chr. 20:36, 37

22 ^a2 Chr. 1:12; 1 Kin. 3:13

25 ^a2 Chr. 1:14; 1 Kin. 4:26; 10:26; Deut. 17:16

26 ^a1 Kin. 4:21, 24

27 ¹Or, *shephelah*
^a2 Chr. 1:15-17

28^a 2 Chr. 1:16

28 ^aAnd they were bringing horses for Solomon from Egypt and from all countries.

29¹ Lit., words ²Heb., *Jedo*
^a1 Kin. 11:1-43 ^b1 Chr.
29:29

29 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, ^bare they not written in the ¹records of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of ²Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned forty years in Jerusalem over all Israel.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in ^athe city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

31^a 1 Kin. 2:10

CHAPTER 10

^a**T**HEN Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came about when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard *of it* (for ^ahe was in Egypt where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon), that Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

1^a 1 Kin. 12:1-20

3 So they sent and summoned him. When Jeroboam and all Israel came, they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 "Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

2^a 1 Kin. 11:40

5 And he said to them, "Return to me again in three days." So the people departed.

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had ¹served his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you counsel *me* to answer this people?"

6¹ Lit., *stood before*

7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be kind to this people and please them and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

8 But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him ¹and served him.

8¹ Lit., *who stood before*

9 So he said to them, "What counsel do you give that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?'"

10 And the young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter for us.' Thus you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins!'"

12¹ Lit., *spoke*

11 'Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will *discipline* you with scorpions.'

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king had ¹directed, saying, "Return to me on the third day."

13 And the king answered them harshly, and King Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the elders.

14 And he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "¹My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will *discipline* you with scorpions.'"

14¹ Many mss. read, *I have made*

**Israel's Rebellion. Rehoboam
Reigns over Judah and Builds Cities.**

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15 So the king did not listen to the people, ^afor it was a turn of events from God ^bthat the LORD might establish His word, which He spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

15 ^a2 Chr. 25:16-20 ^b1 Kin. 11:29-39

16 And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them the people answered the king, saying, "What portion do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

16 ^a2 Sam. 20:1 ^b2 Chr. 10:19

Every man to your tents, O Israel;
Now look after your own house, David."

^bSo all Israel departed to their tents.

17 But as for the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 ¹Lit., with stones that he died
^a1 Kin. 4:6; 5:14

18 Then King Rehoboam sent ^aHadoram, who was over the forced labor, and the sons of Israel stoned him ¹to death. And King Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

1 ^a1 Kin. 12:21-24

CHAPTER 11

^a**N**OW when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, 180,000 chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 ^a2 Chr. 12:5-7, 15

2 But the word of the LORD came to ^aShemaiah the man of God, saying,

4 ¹Lit., brothers
^a2 Chr. 28:8-11 ^b2 Chr. 10:15

3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 "Thus says the LORD, "You shall not go up or fight against ^ayour ¹relatives; return every man to his house, ^bfor this thing is from Me."'" So they listened to the words of the LORD and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 ^a2 Chr. 11:23; 8:2-6

5 Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem and ^abuilt cities for defense in Judah.

6 Thus he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

7 Beth-zur, Soco, Adullam,

8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,

9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

14 ^aNum. 35:2-5 ^b2 Chr. 13:9; 1 Kin. 12:28-33

10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are fortified cities in Judah and in Benjamin.

15 ^a1 Kin. 12:31; 13:33

11 He also strengthened the fortresses and put officers in them and stores of food, oil and wine.

12 And he put shields and spears in every city and strengthened them greatly. So he held Judah and Benjamin.

13 Moreover, the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel stood with him from all their districts.

16 ¹Lit., came after
^a2 Chr. 15:9

14 For ^athe Levites left their pasture lands and their property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for ^bJeroboam and his sons had excluded them from serving as priests to the LORD.

15 And ^ahe set up priests of his own for the high places, for the satyrs, and for the calves which he had made.

17 ^a2 Chr. 12:1

16 And ^athose from all the tribes of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the LORD God of Israel, ¹followed them to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers.

17 ^aAnd they strengthened the kingdom of Judah and sup-

18^a 1 Sam. 16:621^a Deut. 17:1722^a Deut. 21:15-1723¹ Lit., *from all*1^a 2 Chr. 12:13; 11:17
b² Chr. 26:13-162^a 1 Kin. 14:25^b 1 Kin.
11:403^a 2 Chr. 16:8; Nah. 3:94^a 2 Chr. 11:5-125¹ Lit., *in the hand of*
2 Chr. 11:2^b 2 Chr. 15:2;
Deut. 28:156^a Ex. 9:27; Dan. 9:147^a 1 Kin. 21:29^b 2 Chr.
34:25-27; Ps. 78:388^a Deut. 28:47, 489^a 1 Kin. 14:26-28^b 2 Chr.
9:15, 1610¹ Lit., *hands*² Lit.,
runners

ported Rehoboam the son of Solomon for three years, for they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

18 Then Rehoboam took as a wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David *and of* Abihail the daughter of ^aEliab the son of Jesse,

19 and she bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham.

20 And after her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom, and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom more than all his *other* wives and concubines. For ^ahe had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines and fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

22 And ^aRehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah as head and leader among his brothers, for he *intended* to make him king.

23 And he acted wisely and distributed ¹some of his sons through all the territories of Judah and Benjamin to all the fortified cities, and he gave them food in abundance. And he sought many wives *for them*.

CHAPTER 12

IT took place ^awhen the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong that ^bhe and all Israel with him forsook the law of the LORD.

2 ^aAnd it came about in King Rehoboam's fifth year, because they had been unfaithful to the LORD, that ^bShishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem

3 with 1200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen. And the people who came with him from Egypt were without number: ^athe Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he captured ^athe fortified cities of Judah and came as far as Jerusalem.

5 Then ^aShemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, ^bYou have forsaken Me, so I also have forsaken you ¹to Shishak."

6 So the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, "The ^aLORD is righteous."

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "^aThey have humbled themselves so I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some *measure* of deliverance, and ^bMy wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by means of Shishak.

8 "But they will become his slaves so ^athat they may learn *the difference between* My service and the service of the kingdoms of the countries."

9 ^aSo Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's palace. He took everything; ^bhe even took the golden shields which Solomon had made.

10 Then King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the ¹care of the commanders of the ²guard who guarded the door of the king's house.

11 And it happened as often as the king entered the house

of the LORD, the ^lguards came and carried them and *then* brought them back into the ^lguards' room.

12 And ^awhen he humbled himself, the anger of the LORD turned away from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely; and also conditions ^bwere good in Judah.

13 ^aSo King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil ^abecause he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

15 ^aNow the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the ^lrecords of ^bShemaiah the prophet and of ^cIddo the seer, according to genealogical enrollment? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David; and his son ^aAbijah became king in his place.

CHAPTER 13

^a**I**N the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam Abijah became king over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ^aMicaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. ^bAnd there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah began the battle with an army of valiant warriors, 400,000 chosen men, while Jeroboam drew up in battle formation against him with 800,000 chosen men *who were* valiant warriors.

4 Then Abijah stood on Mount ^aZemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel:

5 "Do you not know that ^athe LORD God of Israel gave the rule over Israel forever to David ^land his sons by ^aa covenant of salt?

6 "Yet ^aJeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his ^lmaster,

7 and worthless men gathered about him, scoundrels, who proved too strong for Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, when ^lhe was young and timid and could not hold his own against them.

8 "So now you intend to resist the kingdom of the LORD ^lthrough the sons of David, ²being a great multitude and *having* with you ^athe golden calves which Jeroboam made for gods for you.

9 ^a"Have you not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests like the peoples of *other* lands? Whoever comes ^bto consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, even he may become a priest of *what are* no gods.

10 "But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not

11 ^lLit., *runners*

12 ^{a2} Chr. 12:6, 7 ^{b2} Chr. 19:3

13 ^{a1} Kin. 14:21

14 ^{a2} Chr. 19:3

15 ^lLit., *words*
^{a1} Kin. 14:29 ^{b2} Chr. 12:5
^{c2} Chr. 9:29

16 ^{a2} Chr. 11:20

1 ^{a1} Kin. 15:1, 2

2 ^{a2} Chr. 11:20 ^{b1} Kin. 15:7

4 ^aJosh. 18:22

5 ^lLit., *to him and to his sons*
^{a2} Sam. 7:12-16 ^bLev. 2:13;
Num. 18:19

6 ^lOr, *lord*
^{a1} Kin. 11:26

7 ^lLit., *Rehoboam*
^{a2} Chr. 12:13

8 ^lLit., *in the hands of*
²Lit., *and you are a*
^{a2} Chr. 11:15; 1 Kin. 12:28

9 ^{a2} Chr. 11:14 ^bEx. 29:29-33
^cJer. 2:11; 5:7

10 ¹Lit., in the work11 ¹Lit., offer up in smoke
²Chr. 2:4; Ex. 29:38 ^bEx.
25:30-39; Lev. 24:5-912 ^aNum. 10:8, 913 ^aJosh. 8:4-914 ¹Lit., the battle was
before and behind them
²Chr. 14:1115 ¹Lit., smote
²Chr. 14:1216 ²Chr. 16:818 ¹Lit., were strong
²Chr. 14:1119 ¹Another reading is,
Ephraim20 ¹Sam. 25:38 ^{b1} Kin.
14:2022 ¹Heb., midrash
²Chr. 24:27 ^{b2} Chr. 9:291 ¹Heb. 13:23
¹Kin. 15:82 ¹Heb. 14:13 ¹I.e., wooden symbols of
female deities
^aDeut. 7:5 ^{b1} Kin. 15:12-14
^cEx. 34:135 ²Chr. 34:4, 76 ¹Lit., there was not with
him war
²Chr. 11:5 ^{b2} Chr. 15:157 ²Chr. 8:5

forsaken Him; and the sons of Aaron are ministering to the LORD as priests, and the Levites ¹attend to their work.

11 "And every morning ^athey ¹burn to the LORD burnt offerings and fragrant incense, and ^bthe showbread is set on the clean table, and the golden lampstand with its lamps is ready to light every evening; for we keep the charge of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him.

12 "Now behold, God is with us at our head and ^aHis priests with the signal trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you will not succeed."

13 But Jeroboam ^ahad set an ambush to come from the rear, so that Israel was in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

14 When Judah turned around, behold, ¹they were attacked both front and rear; so ^athey cried to the LORD, and the priests blew the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah raised a war cry, and when the men of Judah raised the war cry, then it was that God ^{1a}routed Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And when the sons of Israel fled before Judah, ^aGod gave them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people defeated them with a great slaughter, so that 500,000 chosen men of Israel fell slain.

18 Thus the sons of Israel were subdued at that time, and the sons of Judah ¹conquered ^abecause they trusted in the LORD, the God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam, and captured from him several cities, Beth-el with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and ¹Ephron with its villages.

20 And Jeroboam did not again recover strength in the days of Abijah; and the ^aLORD struck him and ^bhe died.

21 But Abijah became powerful, and took fourteen wives to himself; and became the father of twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways and his words are written in ^athe ¹treatise of ^bthe prophet Iddo.

1a

CHAPTER 14

SO Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and his son Asa became king in his place. The land was undisturbed for ten years during his days.

2 ¹And Asa did good and right in the sight of the LORD his God,

3 for he removed ^athe foreign altars and ^bhigh places, tore down the sacred pillars, cut down the ^{1c}Asherim,

4 and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers and to observe the law and the commandment.

5 He also removed the high places and the ^aincense altars from all the cities of Judah. And the kingdom was undisturbed under him.

6 And ^ahe built fortified cities in Judah, since the land was undisturbed, and ¹there was no one at war with him during those years, ^bbecause the LORD had given him rest.

7 For he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and

surround *them* with walls and towers, gates and bars. The land is still ¹ours, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

8 Now Asa had an army of ^a300,000 from Judah, bearing large shields and spears, and 280,000 from Benjamin, bearing shields and wielding bows; all of them were valiant warriors.

9 Now Zerah the Ethiopian ^acame out against them with an army of a million men and 300 chariots, and he came to ^bMareshah.

10 So Asa went out ¹to meet him, and they drew up in battle formation in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 Then Asa ^acalled to the LORD his God, and said, "Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help *in the battle* between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O LORD our God, ^bfor we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O LORD, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee."

12 So ^athe LORD ¹routed the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people who *were* with him pursued them as far as ^aGerar; and so many Ethiopians fell that ¹they could not recover, for they were shattered before the LORD, and before his army. And they carried away very much plunder.

14 And they ¹destroyed all the cities around Gerar, ^afor the dread of the LORD had fallen on them; and they despoiled all the cities, for there was much plunder in them.

15 They also struck down ¹those who owned livestock, and they carried away large numbers of sheep and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

NOW ^athe Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded,

2 and he went out ¹to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: ^athe LORD is with you when you are with Him. And ^bif you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

3 "And ^afor many days Israel was without the true God and without ^ba teaching priest and without law.

4 "But ^ain their distress they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him.

5 "^aAnd in those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for many disturbances ¹afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands.

6 "And nation was crushed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every kind of distress.

7 "But you, ^abe strong and do not ¹lose courage, for there is reward for your work."

8 Now when Asa heard these words and the ¹prophecy which Azariah the son of Oded the prophet spoke, he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from ^athe cities which he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. ^bHe then restored the altar of the LORD which was in front of the porch of the LORD.

⁷ ¹Lit., *before us*

⁸ ^{a2} Chr. 13:3

⁹ ^{a2} Chr. 12:2, 3; 16:8
^{b2} Chr. 11:8

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *before him*

¹¹ ^{a2} Chr. 13:14 ^{b2} Chr. 13:18

¹² ¹Lit., *struck*
^{a2} Chr. 13:15

¹³ ¹Or, *there was none left alive*
^aGen. 10:19

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *smote*
^{a2} Chr. 17:10

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *tents of livestock*

¹ ^{a2} Chr. 20:14; 24:20

² ¹Lit., *before Asa*
^{a2} Chr. 20:17 ^{b2} Chr. 15:4, 15

³ ^{a1} Kim. 12:28-33 ^{b2} Chr. 17:9; Lev. 10:8-11

⁴ ^aDeut. 4:29

⁵ ¹Lit., *were on*
^aJudg. 5:6

⁷ ¹Lit., *let your hands drop*
^aJosh. 1:7, 9

⁸ ¹With several ancient versions; Heb., *the prophecy, Oded the prophet*
^{a2} Chr. 13:19 ^{b2} Chr. 4:1; 8:12

9^a 2 Chr. 11:16

11^a 2 Chr. 14:13-15

12^a 2 Chr. 23:16

13^a Ex. 22:20; Deut. 13:6-9

15¹ Lit., *with their whole desire*
2 Chr. 14:7

16¹ Or. for *Asherah*
1 Kin. 15:13-15^b Ex. 34:13
2 Chr. 14:2-5

1¹ Lit., *built*
1 Kin. 15:17-22

2¹ Heb., *Aram*

3¹ Lit., *me and you*

4¹ Lit., *smote* 2 Lit.,
storage places of the cities
2 Ex. 1:11

5¹ Lit., *building*

6¹ Lit., *built*

7^a 2 Chr. 19:2; 1 Kin. 16:1
2 Chr. 14:11; 32:7, 8

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin and those from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon ^awho resided with them, for many defected to him from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

10 So they assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign.

11 And ^athey sacrificed to the LORD that day 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep from the spoil they had brought.

12 And ^athey entered into the covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul;

13 and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel ^ashould be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman.

14 Moreover, they made an oath to the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets, and with horns.

15 And all Judah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him ¹earnestly, and He let them find Him. So ^athe LORD gave them rest on every side.

16 ^aAnd he also removed Maacah, the mother of King Asa, from the *position* of queen mother, because she had made a horrid image ^{1a}as ^{ban}Asherah, and ^cAsa cut down her horrid image, crushed *it* and burned *it* at the brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not removed from Israel; nevertheless Asa's heart was blameless all his days.

18 And he brought into the house of God the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

19 And there was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.

CHAPTER 16

^a
IN the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and ¹fortified Ramah in order to prevent *anyone* from going out or coming in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the LORD and the king's house, and sent them to Ben-hadad king of ¹Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying,

3 "*Let there be a treaty between ¹you and me, as between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will withdraw from me.*"

4 So Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and they ¹conquered Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all ^athe ²store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came about when Baasha heard of *it* that he ceased ¹fortifying Ramah and stopped his work.

6 Then King Asa brought all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had been building, and with them he ¹fortified Geba and Mizpah.

7 At that time ^aHanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, "^bBecause you have relied on the king

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of Syria and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand.

8 "Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim an immense army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand.

9 "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."

10 Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

11 And now, the acts of Asa from first to last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD but the physicians.

13 So Asa slept with his fathers, having died in the forty-first year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own tomb which he had cut out for himself in the city of David, and they laid him in the resting place which he had filled with spices of various kinds blended by the perfumers art; and they made a very great fire for him.

CHAPTER 17

JEHOSHAPHAT his son then became king in his place, and made his position over Israel firm.

2 He placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had captured.

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father David's earlier days and did not seek the Baals,

4 but sought the God of his father, followed His commandments, and did not act as Israel did.

5 So the LORD established the kingdom in his control, and all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor.

6 And he took great pride in the ways of the LORD and again removed the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

7 Then in the third year of his reign he sent his officials, Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah;

8 and with them the Levites, Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, having the book of the law of the LORD with them; and they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people.

10 Now the dread of the LORD was on all the kingdoms of the lands which were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.

11 And some of the Philistines brought gifts and silver as

7 ¹Heb., *Aram*

8 ²Chr. 14:9 ^{b2}Chr. 12:3
²Chr. 13:16, 18

9 ^aProv. 15:3; Zech. 4:10
^{b2}Chr. 15:17

10 ¹Lit., *house of the stocks*

11 ¹Kin. 15:23, 24

13 ¹Lit., *and*

14 ^aGen. 50:2; John 12:7;
19:39, 40 ^{b2}Chr. 21:19

1 ¹Kin. 15:24

2 ²Chr. 11:5 ^{b2}Chr. 15:8

3 ¹Lit., *walked in the earlier ways of his father*

4 ¹Lit., *walked in*
¹Kin. 12:28

5 ¹Lit., *hand*
²Chr. 18:1

6 ¹Lit., *his heart was high*
²Chr. 15:17

7 ²Chr. 15:3; 35:3

8 ²Chr. 19:8

9 ^aDeut. 6:4-9

10 ²Chr. 14:14

11 ²Chr. 9:14; 26:8

16 ⁴Judg. 5:2, 9; 1 Chr. 29:9

tribute to Jehoshaphat; the Arabians also brought him flocks, 7,700 rams and 7,700 male goats.

12 So Jehoshaphat grew greater and greater, and he built fortresses and store cities in Judah.

13 And he had large supplies in the cities of Judah, and warriors, valiant men, in Jerusalem.

19 ² Chr. 17:2

14 And this was their muster according to their fathers' households: of Judah, commanders of thousands, Adnah was the commander, and with him 300,000 valiant warriors;

15 and next to him was Johanan the commander, and with him 280,000;

16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, ^awho volunteered for the LORD, and with him 200,000 valiant warriors;

17 and of Benjamin, Eliada a valiant warrior, and with him 200,000 armed with bow and shield;

1 ² Chr. 17:5

18 and next to him Jehozabad, and with him 180,000 equipped for war.

19 These are they who served the king, apart from ^athose whom the king put in the fortified cities through all Judah.

CHAPTER 18

2 ¹ Kin. 22:2-35

NOW ^aJehoshaphat had great riches and honor; and he allied himself by marriage with Ahab.

2 ^aAnd some years later he went down to *visit* Ahab at Samaria. And Ahab slaughtered many sheep and oxen for him and the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me *against* Ramoth-gilead?" And he said to him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people, and we *will be* with you in the battle."

4 ¹Lit., *as the day*

4 Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire ¹first for the word of the LORD.

5 Then the king of Israel assembled the prophets, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for God will give *it* into the hand of the king."

8 ¹Lit., *hasten*

6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here that we may inquire of him?"

7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me but always evil. He is Micaiah, son of Imla." But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."

8 Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "¹Bring quickly Micaiah, son."

9 ^aRuth 4:1

9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in *their* robes, and *they* were sitting ^aat the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'With these you shall gore the Syrians, until they are consumed.'"

11 And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying,

“Go up to Ramoth-gilead and succeed, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king.”

13 ^aNum. 22:18-20, 35

12 Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, “Behold, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. So please let your word be like one of them and speak favorably.”

13 But Micaiah said, “As the LORD lives, ^awhat my God says, that I will speak.”

16 ^aNum. 27:17; Ezek. 35:5-8; Matt. 9:36

14 And when he came to the king, the king said to him, “Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?” He said, “Go up and succeed, for they will be given into your hand.”

15 Then the king said to him, “How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?”

16 So he said,

18 ^aIs. 6:1-5; Dan. 7:9, 10

“I saw all Israel
Scattered on the mountains,
^aLike sheep which have no shepherd;
And the LORD said,
‘These have no master.
Let each of them return to his house in peace.’”

17 Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”

23 ¹Lit., *Which way*

18 And Micaiah said, “Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. ^aI saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right and on His left.

19 “And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab king of Israel to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said this while another said that.

25 ^{a2} Chr. 18:8 ^{b2} Chr. 34:8

20 “Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘How?’

21 “And he said, ‘I will go and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ Then He said, ‘You are to entice *him* and prevail also. Go and do so.’

22 “Now therefore, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; for the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you.”

26 ¹Lit., *with bread of affliction and water of affliction*
^{a2} Chr. 16:10

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, “¹How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?”

24 And Micaiah said, “Behold, you shall see on that day, when you enter an inner room to hide yourself.”

25 Then the king of Israel said, “^aTake Micaiah and return him to Anon ^bthe governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son;

27 ^aMic. 1:2

26 and say, ‘Thus says the king, “^aPut this *man* in prison, and feed him ¹sparingly with bread and water until I return safely.”’”

27 And Micaiah said, “If you indeed return safely, the LORD has not spoken by me.” And he said, “^aListen, all you people.”

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up against Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will dis-

31 ^a2 Chr. 13:14, 1533 ¹Lit., *between the scale armor and the breastplate*
²Lit., *your hand* ³Lit., *camp*2 ¹Lit., *by this*
^a2 Chr. 20:34; 1 Kin. 16:1
^b2 Chr. 18:1, 3 ^c2 Chr. 24:183 ¹Lit., *good things are found*
²Lit., *wooden pillars*
^a2 Chr. 12:12 ^b2 Chr. 17:6
^c2 Chr. 12:144 ^a2 Chr. 15:8-135 ^aDeut. 16:18-206 ¹Lit., *in the word of judgment*
^aLev. 19:15; Deut. 1:177 ¹Lit., *be careful and do*
²Lit., *there is not with the LORD God*
^aGen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4
^bDeut. 10:17, 188 ¹So the versions. Heb. *reads disputes. And they returned to Jerusalem. Or, And they lived in Jerusalem*
^a2 Chr. 17:8, 910 ^aDeut. 17:8 ^b2 Chr. 19:2

guise myself and go into battle, but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, "Do not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel alone."

31 So it came about when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "It is the king of Israel," and they turned aside to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat ^acried out, and the LORD helped him, and God diverted them from him.

32 Then it happened when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

33 And a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel ¹in a joint of the armor. So he said to the driver of the chariot, "Turn ²around, and take me out of the ³fight; for I am severely wounded."

34 And the battle raged that day, and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot in front of the Syrians until the evening; and at sunset he died.

CHAPTER 19

THEN Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem.

2 And ^aJehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD and ^{1c}so bring wrath on yourself from the LORD?"

3 "But ^{1a}there is some good in you, for ^byou have removed the ²Asheroth from the land and you ^chave set your heart to seek God."

4 So Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem and went out again among the people from Beer-sheba to the hill country of Ephraim and ^abrought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers.

5 And he appointed ^ajudges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city.

6 And he said to the judges, "Consider what you are doing, for ^ayou do not judge for man but for the LORD who is with you ¹when you render judgment.

7 "Now then let the fear of the LORD be upon you; ^{1b}be very careful what you do, for ²the LORD our God will ^ahave no part in unrighteousness, ^bor partiality, or the taking of a bribe."

8 And in Jerusalem also Jehoshaphat appointed some ^aof the Levites and priests, and some of the heads of the fathers' households of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD and to judge ¹disputes among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

9 Then he charged them saying, "Thus you shall do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and wholeheartedly.

10 ^a"And whenever any dispute comes to you from your brethren who live in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you shall warn them that they may not be guilty before the LORD, and ^bwrath may not come on you and your brethren. Thus you shall do and you will not be guilty.

11 "And behold, Amariah the chief priest will be over you

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in ¹all that pertains to the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in ¹all that pertains to the king. Also the Levites shall be officers before you. ²*b*Act resolutely, and the LORD be with the upright.”

CHAPTER 20

NOW it came about after this that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, together with some of the ¹Meunites, came to make war against Jehoshaphat.

2 Then some came and reported to Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, out of ¹Syria and behold, they are in ^aHazazontamar (that is ¹Enged).”

3 And Jehoshaphat was afraid and ¹turned his attention to seek the LORD; and ^bproclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD.

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new court,

6 and he said, “O LORD, the God of our fathers, ^aart Thou not God in the heavens? And ^bart Thou not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Thy hand so that no one can stand against Thee.

7 “Didst Thou not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Thy people Israel, and ^agive it to the descendants of Abraham Thy friend forever?

8 “And they lived in it, and have built Thee a sanctuary there for Thy name, saying,

9 ^aShould evil come upon us, the sword, or judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before Thee (for ^bThy name is in this house) and cry to Thee in our distress, and Thou wilt hear and deliver us.”

10 “And now behold, ^athe sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Scir, ^bwhom Thou didst not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt (they turned aside from them and did not destroy them),

11 behold *how* they are rewarding us, by coming to drive us out from Thy possession which Thou hast given us as an inheritance.

12 “O our God, ^awilt Thou not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but ^bour eyes are on Thee.”

13 And all Judah was standing before the LORD, with their infants, their wives, and their children.

14 Then in the midst of the assembly the Spirit of the LORD ^acame upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite of the sons of Asaph;

15 and he said, “Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, ^aDo not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for ^bthe battle is not yours but God’s.

16 “Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will

¹¹ *Lit., every matter of*
²*Lit., Be strong and do*
^{a2} Chr. 19:8 ^{b1} Chr. 28:20

¹ *So with Gk., Heb., Ammonites, 1 Chr. 4:41;*
² Chr. 26:7

² *Another reading is Edom*
^aGen. 14:7

³ *Lit., set his face*
^{a2} Chr. 19:3 ^{b1} Sam. 7:6; Ezra 8:21

⁶ *Dcut. 4:39* ^{b1} Chr. 29:11

⁷ *Is. 41:8*

⁹ *a2* Chr. 6:28-30 ^{b2} Chr. 6:20

¹⁰ *a2* Chr. 20:1, 22 ^bNum. 20:17-21

¹² *a* *Judg. 11:27* ^bPs. 25:15; 121:1, 2

¹⁴ *a2* Chr. 15:1; 24:20

¹⁵ *a2* Chr. 32:7, 8; Ex. 14:13 ^{b1} Sam. 17:47

17 ^aEx. 14:13 ^{b2} Chr. 15:2

come up by the ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel.

19 ^{a2} Chr. 7:3

17 'You *need* not fight in this *battle*; station yourselves, ^astand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, ^bfor the LORD is with you.'

20 ^aIs. 7:9

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.

21 ^{a1} Chr. 16:29; Ps. 29:2
^{b1} Chr. 16:34

19 And the Levites, from the sons ^aof the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

22 ¹Lit., *struck down*
^{a2} Chr. 13:13 ^{b2} Chr. 20:10

20 And they rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, ^aput your trust in the LORD your God, and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed."

23 ^aJudg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who ^apraised *Him* in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "^bGive thanks to the LORD, for His lovingkindness is everlasting."

25 ¹So several ancient mss.:
others read, *corpses*

22 And when they began singing and praising, the LORD ^aset ambushes against the sons of ^bAmmon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were ¹routed.

26 ¹L.e., *Blessing*

23 For the sons of Ammon and Moab rose up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir destroying *them* completely, and when they had finished with the inhabitants of Seir, ^athey helped to destroy one another.

29 ^{a2} Chr. 14:6, 7; 15:15

24 When Judah came to the lookout of the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and behold, they *were* corpses lying on the ground, and no one had escaped.

30 ^{a1} Kin. 22:41-43

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found much among them, *including* goods, ¹garments, and valuable things which they took for themselves, more than they could carry. And they were three days taking the spoil because there was so much.

31 ^{a2} Chr. 17:6

26 Then on the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Beracah, for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore they have named that place "The Valley of ¹Beracah" until today.

27 And every man of Judah and Jerusalem returned with Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with harps, lyres, and trumpets to the house of the LORD.

29 And ^athe dread of God was on all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, ^afor his God gave him rest on all sides.

31 ^aNow Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He *was* thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of his father Asa and did not depart from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD.

33 ^aThe high places, however, were not removed; ^bthe people had not yet directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

33 ^{a2} Chr. 17:6 ^{b2} Chr. 19:3

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first ¹to last, behold, they are written in the annals of ^aJehu the son of Hanani, ^bwhich is ²recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

34 ¹Lit., and ²Lit., taken up
² Chr. 19:2 ^{b1} Kin. 16:1, 7

35 ^aAnd after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. He acted wickedly ¹in so doing.

35 ¹Lit., to do
^{a1} Kin. 22:48, 49

36 So he allied himself with him to make ships to go ^ato Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

36 ^{a2} Chr. 9:21

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." So the ships were broken and could not go to Tarshish.

1 ^{a1} Kin. 22:50

CHAPTER 21

THEN Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

2 ^{a2} Chr. 12:6; 23:2

2 And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Michael, and Shephatiah. All these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king ^aof Israel.

3 ^{a2} Chr. 11:5

3 And their father gave them many gifts of silver, gold and precious things, ^awith fortified cities in Judah, but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he was the first-born.

4 ¹Lit., risen up ²Lit., strong

4 Now when Jehoram had ¹taken over the kingdom of his father and made himself ²secure, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and some of the rulers of Israel also.

5 ^{a2} Kin. 8:17-22

5 ^aJehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 ^{a1} Kin. 12:28-30 ^{b2} Chr. 18:1

6 ^aAnd he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did (^bfor Ahab's daughter was his wife), and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

7 ^{a2} Sam. 7:12-17; 1 Kin. 11:13

7 Yet the LORD was not willing to destroy the house of David because of the covenant which he had made with David, ^aand since He had promised to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.

8 ¹Lit., from under the hand of
^{a2} Chr. 21:10; 20:22, 23

8 In his days ^aEdom revolted ¹against the rule of Judah, and set up a king over themselves.

10 ¹Lit., from under the hand of
²Lit., from under his hand

9 Then Jehoram crossed over with his commanders and all his chariots with him. And it came about that he arose by night and struck down the Edomites who were surrounding him and the commanders of the chariots.

11 ^{a1} Kin. 11:7 ^{b1} ev. 20:5

10 So Edom revolted ¹against Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time ²against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

12 ^{a2} Chr. 17:3, 4 ^{b2} Chr. 14:2-5

11 Moreover, ^ahe made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem ^bto play the harlot and led Judah astray.

13 ^{a2} Chr. 21:6

12 Then a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet saying, "Thus says the LORD God of your father David, 'Because ^ayou have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father ^band the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 but ^ahave walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and

13 ¹Lit., *your father's house*
^{b1} Kin. 16:31-33 ^{c2} Chr. 21:4

14 ¹Lit., *blow*

15 ¹Lit., *in many sicknesses*
^{a2} Chr. 21:18, 19

16 ¹Lit., *were at the hand of*
^{a2} Chr. 33:11 ^{b2} Chr. 17:11; 22:1

17 ¹In 2 Chr. 22:19,
Ahaziah
^{a2} Chr. 25:23

18 ^{a2} Chr. 21:15

19 ^{a2} Chr. 16:14

20 ¹Lit., *without desire*
^a Jer. 22:18, 28 ^{b2} Chr. 24:25; 28:27

1 ¹In 2 Chr. 21:17,
Jehoahaz
^{a2} Kin. 8:24-29 ^{b2} Chr. 21:16

2 ¹So some versions and
 2 Kin. 8:26; Heb., *42 years*
²Lit., *daughter*
^{a2} Chr. 21:6

5 ¹So with 2 Kin. 8:28;
 Heb., *archers* ²Lit., *smote*

6 ¹Lit., *with which . . . smitten* ²So with
 2 Kin. 8:29; Heb., *Azariah*

7 ¹Lit., *to go* ²I.e.,
Jehoram
^{a2} Chr. 10:15 ^{b2} Kin. 9:21
^{c2} Kin. 9:6, 7

8 ^{a2} Kin. 10:11-14

have caused Judah and the inhabitants of Israel to play the harlot ^bas the house of Ahab played the harlot, and you ^chave also killed your brothers, ¹your own family, who were better than you,

14 behold, the LORD is going to strike your people, your sons, your wives, and all your possessions with a great ¹calamity;

15 and ^ayou ¹will suffer severe sickness, a disease of your bowels, until your bowels come out because of the sickness, day by day.' "

16 Then ^athe LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and ^bthe Arabs who ¹bordered the Ethiopians;

17 and they came against Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions found in the king's house together with his sons and his wives, so that no son was left to him except ^{1a}Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 So after all this the LORD smote him ^ain his bowels with an incurable sickness.

19 Now it came about in the course of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels came out because of his sickness and he died in great pain. And his people made no fire for him like ^athe fire for his fathers.

20 He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years; and he departed ^{1a}with no one's regret, and they buried him in the city of David, ^bbut not in the tombs of the kings.

CHAPTER 22

^a THEN the inhabitants of Jerusalem made ¹Ahaziah his youngest son, king in his place, for the band of men who came with ^bthe Arabs to the camp had slain all the older sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

2 Ahaziah was ¹twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was ^aAthaliah, the ²granddaughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

4 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab, for they were his counsellors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 He also walked according to their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to wage war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead. But the ¹Syrians ²wounded Joram.

6 So he returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds ¹which they had inflicted on him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And ²Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 Now ^athe destruction of Ahaziah was from God, in that ¹he went to ²Joram. For when he came, ^bhe went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, ^cwhom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 ^aAnd it came about when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, he found the princes of Judah and the

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sons of Ahaziah's brothers, ministering to Ahaziah, and slew them.

9 ^aHe also sought Ahaziah, and they caught him while he was hiding in Samaria; they brought him to Jehu, put him to death, ^band buried him. For they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, ^cwho sought the LORD with all his heart." So there was no one of the house of Ahaziah to retain the power of the kingdom.

10 ^aNow when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and ¹destroyed all the royal ²offspring of the house of Judah.

11 But Jehoshabeath the king's daughter took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the *bedroom*. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she would not put him to death.

12 And he was hidden with them in the house of God six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAPTER 23

NOW in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Johanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, and they entered into a covenant with him.

2 And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers' households of ^aIsrael, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And ¹Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, ^aas the LORD has spoken concerning the sons of David.

4 "This is the thing which you shall do: one third of you, of the priests and Levites ^awho come in on the sabbath, *shall be* gatekeepers,

5 and one third *shall be* at the king's house, and a third at the Gate of the Foundation; and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 "But let no one enter the house of the LORD except the priests and ^athe ministering Levites; they may enter, for they are holy. And let all the people keep the charge of the LORD.

7 "And the Levites will surround the king, each man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever enters the house, let him be killed. Thus be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss *any of* ^athe divisions.

9 Then Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had been King David's, which *were* in the house of God.

10 And he stationed all the people, each man with his

9 ^{a2} Kin. 9:27 ^{b2} Kin. 9:28
^{c2} Chr. 17:4

10 ¹So with 2 Kin. 11:1;
Heb., said ²Lit., seed
² Chr. 11:1-3

1 ² Kin. 11:4-20

2 ² Chr. 21:2; 11:13-17

3 ¹Lit., he
² Chr. 21:7

4 ¹ Chr. 9:25

6 ¹ Chr. 23:28-32

8 ¹ Chr. 24:1

10 ¹Lit., *shoulder*11 ^aEx. 25:16, 21 ^{b1} Sam. 10:2413 ¹Lit., *trumpets* ²Lit., *and leading for praising*14 ¹Lit., *from within*15 ¹Lit., *placed hands to her*
^aNeh. 3:28; Jer. 31:40 ^{b2} Chr. 22:1017 ^aDeut. 13:6-9; 1 Kin. 18:4018 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *hands of*
^{a2} Chr. 5:5; 1 Chr. 23:6, 25-31 ^{b1} Chr. 9:22 ^{c2} Kin. 11:21; 12:1-1519 ^{a2} Chr. 26:4, 51 ^{a2} Kin. 11:21; 12:1-152 ^{a2} Chr. 26:4, 5

weapon in his hand, from the right ¹side of the house to the left ¹side of the house, by the altar and by the house, around the king.

11 Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown on him, and *gave him* ^athe testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said, "^bLong live the king!"

12 When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came into the house of the LORD to the people.

13 And she looked, and behold, the king was standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the ¹trumpeters were beside the king. And all the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets, the singers with *their* musical instruments ²leading the praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were appointed over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out ¹between the ranks; and whoever follows her, put to death with the sword." For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in the house of the LORD."

15 So they ¹seized her, and when she arrived at ^athe entrance of the Horse Gate of the king's house, they ^bput her to death there.

16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and all the people and the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

17 And all the people went to the house of Baal, and tore it down, and they broke in pieces his altars and his images, and ^akilled Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Moreover, Jehoiada placed the offices of the house of the LORD under the ¹authority of ^athe Levitical priests, ^bwhom David had assigned over the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses—^cwith rejoicing and singing according to the ²order of David.

19 And he stationed ^athe gatekeepers of the house of the LORD, so that no one should enter *who was* in any way unclean.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the rulers of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came through the Upper Gate to the king's house. And they placed the king upon the royal throne.

21 So all of the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword.

CHAPTER 24

^aJOASH was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; his mother's name was Zibiah from Beersheba.

2 And ^aJoash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he became the father of sons and daughters.

4 Now it came about after this that Joash ¹decided ^ato restore the house of the LORD.

⁴ ¹Lit., *was with a heart*
² Chr. 24:7

5 And he gathered the priests and Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and collect money from all ^aIsrael to ¹repair the house of your God ²annually, and you shall do the matter quickly." But the Levites did not act quickly.

⁵ ¹Lit., *to strengthen* ²Lit.,
from year to year
² Chr. 21:2

6 So the king summoned Jehoiada the chief *priest* and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem ^athe levy *fixed* by Moses the servant of the LORD on the congregation of Israel ^bfor the tent of the testimony?"

⁶ ^aEx. 30:12-16 ^bNum. 1:50

7 For ^athe sons of the wicked Athaliah had broken into the house of God and even ¹used the holy things of the house of the LORD for the Baals.

⁷ ¹Lit., *made*
² Chr. 21:17

8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest and set it outside by the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And ^athey made a proclamation in Judah and Jerusalem to bring to the LORD ^bthe levy *fixed* by Moses the servant of God on Israel in the wilderness.

⁹ ^a2 Chr. 36:22 ^b2 Chr. 24:6

10 And all the officers and all the people rejoiced and brought in their levies and ¹dropped *it* into the chest until they had finished.

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *threw*

11 And it came about whenever the chest was brought in to the king's officer by the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, then the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer would come, empty the chest, take it, and return it to its place. Thus they did daily and collected much money.

¹² ¹Lit., *to strengthen*

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also workers in iron and bronze to ¹repair the house of the LORD.

¹³ ¹Lit., *set up* ²Lit., *upon its proportion*

13 So the workmen labored, and the repair work progressed in their hands, and they ¹restored the house of God ²according to its specifications, and strengthened it.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *became old and satisfied with days*

14 And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; and it was made into utensils for the house of the LORD, utensils for the service and the burnt offering, and pans and utensils of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *with*
² Chr. 21:20 ^b2 Chr. 21:2

15 Now when Jehoiada ¹reached a ripe old age he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old at his death.

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *wooden symbols of female deities*
² Chr. 24:4 ^bEx. 34:12-14
^cJosh. 22:20

16 And they buried him ^ain the city of David among the kings, because he had done well in ^bIsrael and ¹to God and His house.

17 But after the death of Jehoiada the officials of Judah came and bowed down to the king, and the king listened to them.

¹⁹ ^aJer. 7:25

18 And ^athey abandoned the house of the LORD the God of their fathers, and ^bserved the ¹Asherim and the idols; so ^cwrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt.

19 Yet ^aHe sent prophets to them to bring them back to

20 ¹Lit., *clothed*
²Chr. 20:14 ^bNum. 14:41

21 ¹Lit., *with stones*
²Chr. 15:2

22 ¹Lit., *seek, or require*
^aNeh. 9:26; Matt. 23:34, 35

23 ^aGen. 9:5

24 ²Chr. 12:17 ^{b2}Chr. 16:7, 8

25 ¹So some ancient versions; Heb., *sons*
²Chr. 12:20, 21

27 ¹Or, *burdens upon* ²Lit., *founding* ³Heb., *midrash*
²Chr. 24:12 ^{b2}Chr. 13:22

1 ²Chr. 14:1-6

2 ²Chr. 25:14

3 ¹Lit., *firm upon him*

4 ^aDeut. 24:16

5 ¹Lit., *mustered*
^aNum. 1:3 ^{b2}Chr. 26:13

the LORD; though they testified against them, they would not listen.

20 ^aThen the Spirit of God ¹came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people and said to them, "Thus God has said, 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD and do not prosper? ^bBecause you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you.'"

21 So ^athey conspired against him and at the command of the king they stoned him ¹to death in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which his father Jehoiada had shown him, but he murdered his son. And as he died he said, "May ^athe LORD see and ¹avenge!"

23 Now it came about at the turn of the year that ^athe army of the Syrians came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, destroyed all the officials of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

24 Indeed the army of the Syrians came with a small number of men; yet ^athe LORD delivered a very great army into their hands, ^bbecause they had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.

25 ^aAnd when they had departed from him (for they left him very sick), his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the ¹son of Jehoiada the priest, and murdered him on his bed. So he died, and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

26 Now these are those who conspired against him: Zabab the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess.

27 As to his sons and the many ¹oracles against him and ^athe ²rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the ³breatise of the Book of the Kings. Then Amaziah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 25

^a**AMAZIAH** was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, ^ayet not with a whole heart.

3 Now it came about as soon as the kingdom was ¹firmly in his grasp, that he killed his servants who had slain his father the king.

4 However, he did not put their children to death, but *did* as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, which the LORD commanded, saying, "^aFathers shall not be put to death for sons, nor sons be put to death for fathers, but each shall be put to death for his own sin."

5 Moreover, Amaziah assembled Judah and appointed them according to *their fathers'* households under commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds throughout Judah and Benjamin; and he ¹took a census of those ^afrom twenty years old and upward, and found them to be ^b300,000 choice men, *able* to go to war *and* handle spear and shield.

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6 He hired also 100,000 valiant warriors out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But ^aa man of God came to him saying, "O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel *nor with* any of the sons of Ephraim.

8 "But if you do go, do *it*, be strong for the battle; yet God will ¹bring you down before the enemy, ²for God has power to help and to *bring down*."

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what *shall we* do for the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?" And the man of God answered, "The LORD has much more to give you than this."

10 Then Amaziah ¹dismissed them, the troops which came to him from Ephraim, to go home; so their anger burned against Judah and they returned ²home in fierce anger.

11 Now Amaziah strengthened himself, and led his people forth, and went to ^athe Valley of Salt, and struck down 10,000 of the sons of Seir.

12 The sons of Judah also captured 10,000 alive and brought them to the top of the cliff, and threw them down from the top of the cliff so that they were all dashed to pieces.

13 But the ¹troops whom Amaziah sent back from going with him to battle, raided the cities of Judah, ^afrom Samaria to Beth-horon, and struck down 3,000 of them, and plundered much spoil.

14 Now it came about after Amaziah came from slaughtering the Edomites that ^ahe brought the gods of the sons of Seir, set them up as his gods, bowed down before them, and burned incense to them.

15 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Amaziah, and he sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people ^awho have not delivered their own people from your hand?"

16 And it came about as he was talking with him that ¹the king said to him, "Have we appointed you a royal counsellor? Stop! Why should you be struck down?" Then the prophet stopped and said, "I know that God has planned to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel."

17 ^aThen Amaziah king of Judah took counsel and sent to Joash the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face each other."

18 And Joash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "^aThe thornbush which was in Lebanon sent to the cedar which was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in marriage.' But there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled the thornbush.

19 "You said, 'Behold, you have ¹defeated Edom.' And ^ayour heart has ²become proud in boasting. Now stay at home; for why should you provoke trouble that you, even you, should fall and Judah with you?"

20 But Amaziah would not listen, for it was from God, that he might deliver them into the hand of *Joash* because they had sought the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah

7+2 Kin. 4:9

8 ¹Lit., *cause to stumble*
+2 Chr. 14:11; 20:6

10 ¹Lit., *separated* ²Lit.,
their own place

11 +2 Kin. 14:7

13 ¹Lit., *sons of the troops*
+2 Chr. 19:4

14 +2 Chr. 28:23

15 +2 Chr. 25:11, 12

16 ¹Lit., *he*

17 +2 Kin. 14:8-14

18 +Judg. 9:8-15

19 ¹Lit., *smitten* ²Lit.,
lifted you up to boast
+2 Chr. 26:16; 32:25

22 ¹Lit., *before*23 ¹One cubit equals approximately 18 inches
²Chr. 21:17; 22:124 ¹Chr. 26:1525 ²2 Kin. 14:17-221 ¹In 2 Kin. 14:20, *Azariah*3 ¹In 2 Kin. 15:2, *Jecoliah*
²2 Kin. 15:2, 35 ¹Many mss. read in the
fear of God ²Lit., *in the days*
of his seeking
²Chr. 24:2 ^bDan. 1:17
²Chr. 15:26 ¹Is. 14:297 ²2 Chr. 21:168 ¹Lit., *name went to the*
entering of Egypt
²Chr. 17:119 ²2 Chr. 25:23 ^bNeh.
2:13, 15; 3:1310 ¹Or, *Shephelah*
²Gen. 26:18-21

king of Judah faced each other at Beth-shemesh, which belonged to Judah.

22 And Judah was defeated ¹by Israel, and they fled each to his tent.

23 Then Joash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of ^aJehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, 400 ¹cubits.

24 And *he took* all the gold and silver, and all the utensils which were found in the house of God with ^aObed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 ^aAnd Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?

27 And from the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD they conspired against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

28 Then they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

CHAPTER 26

AND all the people of Judah took ¹Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth and restored it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

3 Uzziah was ^asixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ¹Jechiliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

5 And ^ahe continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, ^bwho had understanding ¹through the vision of God; and ²as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

6 Now he went out and ^awarred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath and the wall of Jabneh and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in *the area of Ashdod* and among the Philistines.

7 And ^aGod helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur-baal, and the Meunites.

8 ^aThe Ammonites also gave tribute to Uzziah, and his ¹fame extended to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong.

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at ^athe Corner Gate and at the Valley Gate and at ^bthe corner-buttrass and fortified them.

10 And he built towers in the wilderness and ^ahewed many cisterns, for he had much livestock, both in the ¹lowland and in

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the plain. *He also had* plowmen and vinedressers in the hill country and the fertile fields, for he loved the soil.

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an army ready for battle, which entered combat by divisions, according to the number of their muster, prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the official, under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's officers.

12 The total number of the heads of the households, of valiant warriors, was 2,600.

13 And under their direction was an elite army of 307,500, who could wage war with great power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 Moreover, Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows and sling stones.

15 And in Jerusalem he made engines of war invented by skillful men to be on the towers and on the corners, for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones. Hence his fame spread afar, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong.

16 But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 Then Azariah the priest entered after him and with him eighty priests of the LORD, valiant men.

18 And they opposed Uzziah the king and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful, and will have no honor from the LORD God."

19 But Uzziah, with a censer in his hand for burning incense, was enraged; and while he was enraged with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense.

20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous on his forehead; and they hurried him out of there, and he himself also hastened to get out because the LORD had smitten him.

21 And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's house judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first to last, the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, has written.

23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the grave which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." And Jotham his son became king in his place.

11 ¹Lit., goes out to ²Lit., by the hand of

12 ¹Lit., fathers' houses; i.e., clans

13 ¹Lit., powerful
²Chr. 25:5

14 ¹Lit., for them, for all

15 ¹Lit., name

16 ¹Lit., lifted up
²Chr. 25:19; Deut. 32:15
³1 Kin. 13:1-4

17 ¹Chr. 6:10

18 ²Chr. 19:2 ³Num. 16:39, 40 ⁴Ex. 30:7, 8

19 ²1 Kin. 5:25-27

21 ²2 Kin. 15:5-7 ³Lev. 13:46

22 ¹Is. 1:1

23 ²Chr. 21:20; 28:27

1 ²1 Kin. 15:33-35

2 ²Chr. 26:16

CHAPTER 27

JOTHAM was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done; however he did not enter the temple of the LORD. But the people continued acting corruptly.

3^a 2 Chr. 33:14; Neh. 3:26

3 He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD, and he built extensively the wall of ^aOphel.

4^a 2 Chr. 11:5

4 Moreover, he built ^acities in the hill country of Judah, and he built fortresses and towers on the wooded ^bhills.

5^a 1A kor equals approx. 10 bu.

5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites and prevailed over them so that the Ammonites gave him during that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand ^bkors of wheat and ten thousand of barley. The Ammonites also paid him this ^camount in the second and in the third year.

6^a 2 Chr. 26:5

6 ^aSo Jotham became mighty because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God.

7^a 2 Kin. 15:36

7 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Jotham, even all his wars and his acts, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

8^a 2 Chr. 27:1

8 He was ^atwenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 28

1^a 2 Kin. 16:2-4 ^b2 Chr. 27:2

^aAHAZ was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and ^bhe did not do right in the sight of the LORD as David his father ^chad done.

2^a 2 Chr. 22:3 ^bEx. 34:17

2 ^aBut he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel; he also ^bmade molten images for the Baals.

3^a Josh. 15:8 ^b2 Chr. 33:6; Lev. 18:21 ^c2 Chr. 33:2

3 Moreover, ^ahe burned incense in the valley of Ben-Hinnom, and ^bburned his sons in fire, ^caccording to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel.

4^a 2 Chr. 28:25

4 And he sacrificed and ^aburned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore, ^athe LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they ^bdefeated him and carried away from him a great number of captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who ^cinflicted him with heavy casualties.

5^a 1Lit., smote ^b2Lit., smote him with a great smiting ^c2 Chr. 24:24

6 For ^aPekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah 120,000 in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

6^a 2 Kin. 16:5

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house and Elkanah the second to the king.

8 And ^athe sons of Israel carried away captive of ^btheir brethren 200,000 women, sons, and daughters; and ^ctook also a great deal of spoil from them, and they brought the spoil to Samaria.

8^a 1Lit., plundered ^bDeut. 28:25, 41 ^c2 Chr. 11:4

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded; and ^ahe went out to meet the army which came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, ^bwas angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage ^cwhich has even reached heaven.

9^a 2 Chr. 25:15 ^bIs. 47:6 ^cEzra 9:6; Rev. 18:5

10 "And now you are proposing to subjugate for yourselves the people of Judah and Jerusalem for male and female slaves.

Captives Returned. Alliance of Ahaz with Assyria. Ahaz's Idolatry.

Surely, do you not *have* transgressions of your own against the LORD your God?

11 *2 Chr. 28:8

11 "Now therefore, listen to me and return the captives whom you captured from your brothers, for the burning anger of the LORD is against you."

15 *2 Chr. 28:12 *2 Kin. 6:22; Prov. 25:21, 22 *Deut. 34:3

12 Then some of the heads of the sons of Ephraim—Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai—rose against those who were coming from the battle,

16 ¹Ancient versions read **King** *2 Kin. 16:7

13 and said to them, "You must not bring the captives in here, for you are proposing to *bring* upon us guilt against the LORD adding to our sins and our guilt; for our guilt is great so that *His* burning anger is against Israel."

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the officers and all the assembly.

17 *Obad. 10:14

15 Then ^athe men who were designated by name arose, took the captives, and they clothed all their naked ones from the spoil; and they gave them clothes and sandals, fed them and ^bgave them drink, anointed them *with oil*, led all their feeble ones on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, ^cthe city of palm trees, to their brothers; then they returned to Samaria.

18 ¹Or, *Shephelah* *Ezek. 16:57

16 ^aAt that time King Ahaz sent to the ¹kings of Assyria for help.

17 ^aFor again the Edomites had come and attacked Judah, and carried away captives.

19 *2 Chr. 21:2

18 ^aThe Philistines also had invaded the cities of the ¹lowland and of the Negev of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, and Socoth with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages, and they settled there.

20 *1 Chr. 5:26

19 For the LORD humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of ^aIsrael, for he had brought about a lack of restraint in Judah and was very unfaithful to the LORD.

21 *2 Kin. 16:8, 9

20 So ^aTilgath-pileser king of Assyria came against him and afflicted him instead of strengthening him.

21 ^aAnd Ahaz took a portion out of the house of the LORD and out of the palace of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria; but it did not help him.

23 ¹Lit., *smitten* ²Lit., *stumbling* *2 Chr. 25:14 *1 Jer. 44:17, 18

22 Now in the time of his distress this same King Ahaz became yet more unfaithful to the LORD.

23 ^aFor he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had ¹defeated him, and said, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they became the ²downfall of him and all Israel.

24 *2 Kin. 16:17 *2 Chr. 29:7 *2 Chr. 30:14; 33:3-5

24 Moreover, when Ahaz gathered together the utensils of the house of God, he ^acut the utensils of the house of God in pieces; and he ^bclosed the doors of the house of the LORD, and ^cmade altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem.

26 *2 Kin. 16:19, 20

25 And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked the LORD, the God of his fathers, to anger.

27 *2 Chr. 24:25

26 ^aNow the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

27 So Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, ^afor they did not bring him into the

27^{b2} Chr. 21:2
1+2 Kin. 18:1-3
2+2 Chr. 28:1; 34:2
3+2 Chr. 29:7; 28:24
5+2 Chr. 15:34; 35:6
6¹Lit., given
Ezek. 8:16
8+2 Chr. 24:15^{b2} Chr.
28:5+Deut. 28:25^dJer. 25:9,
18
9+2 Chr. 28:5-8, 17
10+2 Chr. 23:16
11+Num. 3:6; 8:6
12+2 Chr. 31:13^bNum.
3:19, 20
13¹Or, Jehuel
14¹Or, Jehuel, 1 Chr.
15:18, 20
15+2 Chr. 29:5^{b1} Chr.
23:28+2 Chr. 30:12
16¹Or, wadi
+2 Chr. 15:16

tombs of the kings of ^bIsrael; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

^a CHAPTER 29

HZEKIAH became king when *he* was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And ^ahe did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he ^aopened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them into the square on the east.

5 Then he said to them, "Listen to me, O Levites. ^aConsecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out from the holy place.

6 "For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done evil in the sight of the LORD our God, and have forsaken Him and ^aturned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and have ¹turned *their* backs.

7 "They have also shut the doors of the porch and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

8 "Therefore ^athe wrath of the LORD was against Judah and Jerusalem, and ^bHe has made them an ^cobject of terror, of horror, and of ^dhissing, as you see with your own eyes.

9 "For behold, ^aour fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 "Now it is in my heart ^ato make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His burning anger may turn away from us.

11 "My sons, do not be negligent now, for ^athe LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to minister to Him, and to be His ministers and burn incense."

12 Then the Levites arose: ^aMahath, the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, from the sons of ^bthe Kohathites; and from the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah;

13 and from the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and ¹Jeieli; and from the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 and from the sons of Heman, ¹Jehiel and Shimei; and from the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 And they assembled their brothers, ^aconsecrated themselves, and went in ^bto cleanse the house of the LORD, according to the commandment of the king ^cby the words of the LORD.

16 So the priests went in to the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse *it*, and every unclean thing which they found in the temple of the LORD they brought out to the court of the house of the LORD. Then the Levites received *it* to carry out to ^athe Kidron ¹valley.

17 Now they began ¹the consecration ^aon the first *day* of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they entered the porch of the LORD. Then they consecrated the house of the LORD in eight days, and finished on the sixteenth day of the first month.

17 ¹Lit., *to consecrate*
²Chr. 29:3

18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed the whole house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering with all of its utensils, and the table of showbread with all of its utensils.

19 ²Chr. 28:24

19 "Moreover, ^aall the utensils which King Ahaz had discarded during his reign in his unfaithfulness, we have prepared and consecrated; and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD."

21 ^aLev. 4:3-14

20 Then King Hezekiah arose early and assembled the princes of the city and went up to the house of the LORD.

22 ^aLev. 4:18

21 And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats ^afor a sin offering for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Judah. And he ordered the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they slaughtered the bulls, and the priests took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. They also slaughtered the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar; they slaughtered the lambs also and ^asprinkled the blood on the altar.

23 ^aLev. 4:15

23 Then they brought the male goats of the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and ^athey laid their hands on them.

24 ^aLev. 4:26

24 And the priests slaughtered them and purged the altar with their blood ^ato atone for all Israel, for the king ordered the burnt offering and the sin offering for all Israel.

25 ^a1 Chr. 25:6 ^b2 Chr. 8:14
²Sam. 24:11 ^a2 Sam. 7:2

25 ^aHe then stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, ^baccording to the command of David and of ^cGad the king's seer, and of ^dNathan the prophet; for the command was from the LORD through His prophets.

26 ^a1 Chr. 23:5 ^b2 Chr. 5:12

26 And the Levites stood with ^athe *musical* instruments of David, and ^bthe priests with the trumpets.

27 Then Hezekiah gave the order to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, ^athe song to the LORD also began with the trumpets, ¹*accompanied* by the instruments of David, king of Israel.

27 ¹Lit., *and according to the authority of the instruments*
²Chr. 23:18

28 While the whole assembly worshiped, the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded; all this *continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 ^a2 Chr. 20:18

29 Now at the completion of the burnt offerings ^athe king and all who were present with him bowed down and worshiped.

30 Moreover, King Hezekiah and the officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with joy, and bowed down and worshiped.

31 ¹Lit., *filled your hands*
²Lit., *willing of heart*
³2 Chr. 13:9 ^bEx. 35:5, 22

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, "^aNow *that* you have ¹consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of the LORD." And the assembly brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and ^ball those who ²were willing *brought* burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings which the as-

34 ¹Lit., *upright of heart*
²Chr. 35:11 ³Chr. 30:3

35 ¹Lit., *the burnt offerings*
to an abundance
²Chr. 29:32
³Lev. 3:16 ⁴Num. 15:5-10

1 ¹Lit., *do, so in v. 2, 3, 5,*
13, 21, 23

2 ²Chr. 30:13, 15; Num.
9:10, 11

3 ²Chr. 29:17, 34

4 ¹Lit., *in the sight of all*

5 ¹Lit., *voice* ²Lit., *written*
³Judg. 20:1

6 ¹Lit., *runners* ²Lit., *palm*
³Esth. 8:14; Job. 9:25; Jer.
51:31 ⁴Chr. 28:20

7 ²Ezek. 20:13 ²Chr. 29:8

8 ¹Lit., *give a hand*
²Ex. 32:9 ³Chr. 29:10

9 ²Deut. 30:2 ³Ex. 34:6, 7;
Mic. 7:18

10 ¹Lit., *runners*

sembly brought was 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things were 600 bulls and 3,000 sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they were unable to skin all the burnt offerings; ^atherefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was completed, and until the *other* priests had consecrated themselves. For ^bthe Levites were ¹more conscientious to consecrate themselves than the priests.

35 And there *were* also ^{1a}many burnt offerings with ^bthe fat of the peace offerings and with ^cthe libations for the burnt offerings. Thus the service of the house of the LORD was established *again*.

36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people, because the thing came about suddenly.

CHAPTER 30

NOW Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to ¹celebrate the Passover to the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king and his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem, had decided ^ato celebrate the Passover in the second month,

3 since they could not celebrate it ^aat that time, because the priests had not consecrated themselves in sufficient numbers, nor had the people been gathered to Jerusalem.

4 Thus the thing was right in the sight of the king and ¹all the assembly.

5 So they established a decree to circulate a ¹proclamation throughout all Israel ^afrom Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to celebrate the Passover to the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem. For they had not celebrated *it* in great numbers as it was ²prescribed.

6 And ^athe ¹couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the hand of the king and his princes, even according to the command of the king, saying, "O sons of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that He may return to those of you who escaped *and* are left from ^bthe ²hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 ^a"And do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD God of their fathers, so that ^bHe made them a horror, as you see.

8 "Now do not ^astiffen your neck like your fathers, but ¹yield to the LORD and enter His sanctuary which He has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, ^bthat His burning anger may turn away from you.

9 "For ^aif you return to the LORD, your brothers and your sons *will find* compassion before those who led them captive, and will return to this land. ^bFor the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn *His* face away from you if you return to Him."

10 So the ¹couriers passed from city to city through the

country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but ^athey laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless ^asome men of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

12 The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the LORD.

13 Now many people were gathered at Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of unleavened bread ^ain the second month, a very large assembly.

14 And they arose and removed the altars which *were* in Jerusalem; they also ^aremoved all the incense altars and ^bcast *them* into the brook Kidron.

15 Then ^athey slaughtered the Passover *lambs* on the fourteenth of the second month. And ^bthe priests and Levites were ashamed of themselves and consecrated themselves, and brought burnt offerings to the house of the LORD.

16 And ^athey stood at their stations after their custom, according to the law of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood *which they received* from the hand of the Levites.

17 For *there were* many in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves; therefore, ^athe Levites *were* over the slaughter of the Passover *lambs* for every one who *was* unclean, in order to consecrate *them* to the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, ^a*even* many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, ^byet they ate the Passover ^cotherwise than ¹prescribed. For Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD pardon

19 ^aeveryone who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though not according to the purification *rules* of the sanctuary."

20 So the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people.

21 And the sons of Israel present in Jerusalem ^acelebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread *for* seven days with great joy, and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day after day with loud instruments to the LORD.

22 Then Hezekiah ^aspoke ¹encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good insight *in the things* of the LORD. So they ate for the appointed seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and ^bgiving thanks to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 Then the whole assembly ^adecided to celebrate *the feast* another seven days, so they celebrated the seven days with joy.

24 For ^aHezekiah king of Judah had contributed to the assembly 1000 bulls and 7000 sheep, and the princes had contributed to the assembly 1000 bulls and 10,000 sheep; and ^ba large number of priests consecrated themselves.

25 And all the assembly of Judah rejoiced, with the priests and the Levites, and ^aall the assembly that came from Israel, both the sojourners who came from the land of Israel and those living in Judah.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, because there was nothing like this in Jerusalem ^asince the days of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel.

10^aChr. 36:16

11^{a2}Chr. 30:18, 21, 25

13^{a2}Chr. 30:2

14^{a2}Chr. 28:24^{b2}Chr. 29:16

15^{a2}Chr. 30:2, 3^{b2}Chr. 29:34

16^{a2}Chr. 35:10, 15

17^{a2}Chr. 29:34

18¹Lit., *written*
^{a2}Chr. 30:11, 25^bNum. 9:10
^cEx. 12:43-49

19^{a2}Chr. 19:3

21^aEx. 12:15; 13:6

22¹Lit., *to the heart of*
^{a2}Chr. 32:6^bEzra 10:11

23^{a1}Kin. 8:65

24^{a2}Chr. 35:7, 8^{b2}Chr. 30:3; 29:34

25^{a2}Chr. 30:11, 18

26^{a2}Chr. 7:8-10

27 ^a2 Chr. 23:18 ^bNum. 6:23 ^cDeut. 26:15; Ps. 68:5

27 Then ^athe Levitical priests arose and ^bblessed the people; and their voice was heard and their prayer came to ^cHis holy dwelling place, to heaven.

1 ¹i.e., wooden symbols of female deities ²Lit., even to completion
^a2 Kin. 18:4

CHAPTER 31

NOW when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, ^abroke the pillars in pieces, cut down the ¹Asherim, and pulled down the high places and the altars throughout all Judah and Benjamin, as well as in Ephraim and Manasseh, ²until they had destroyed them all. Then all the sons of Israel returned to their cities, each to his possession.

2 ^a1 Chr. 24:1 ^b1 Chr. 23:28-31

2 And Hezekiah appointed ^athe divisions of the priests and the Levites by their divisions, each according to his service, ^bboth the priests and the Levites, ^bfor burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister and to give thanks and to praise in the gates of the camp of the LORD.

3 ^a2 Chr. 35:7 ^bNum. 28:1-29, 40

3 He also appointed ^athe king's portion of his goods for the burnt offerings, *namely*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths and for the new moons and for the fixed festivals, ^bas it is written in the law of the LORD.

4 ¹Lit., said to
^aNum. 18:8

4 Also he ¹commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give ^athe portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the law of the LORD.

5 ¹Lit., word
^aNeh. 13:12

5 And as soon as the ¹order spread, the sons of Israel provided in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly ^athe tithe of all.

6 ¹Lit., consecrated things
^aLev. 27:30; Deut. 14:28

6 And the sons of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah, also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and ^athe tithe of ¹sacred gifts which were consecrated to the LORD their God, and placed *them* in heaps.

7 ¹Lit., found

7 In the third month they began to ¹make the heaps, and finished *them* by the seventh month.

10 ¹Lit., him, and he said
^a1 Chr. 6:8, 9 ^bMal. 3:10

8 And when Hezekiah and the rulers came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and His people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

11 ^a1 Kin. 6:5, 8

10 And Azariah the chief priest ^aof the house of Zadok said to ¹him, ^b"Since the contributions began to be brought into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat with plenty left over, for the LORD has blessed His people, and this great quantity is left over."

12 ^a2 Chr. 35:9

11 Then Hezekiah commanded *them* to prepare ^arooms in the house of the LORD, and they prepared *them*.

12 And they faithfully brought in the contributions and the tithes and the consecrated things; and Coniah the Levite was the officer in charge ^aof them and his brother Shimei was second.

13 ¹Lit., from the hand of
^a2 Chr. 31:10

13 And Jehiel, Azariah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers ¹under the authority of Coniah and Shimei his brother by the appointment of King Hezekiah, and ^aAzariah was the *chief* officer of the house of God.

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the eastern *gate*, was over the freewill offerings of God, to apportion the contributions for the LORD and the most holy things.

15 And ¹under his authority were ^aEden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah in ^bthe cities of the priests, to distribute ^cfaithfully *their portions* to their brothers by divisions, whether great or small,

16 without regard to their genealogical enrollment, to the males from ¹thirty years old and upward—everyone who entered the house of the LORD ^afor his daily obligations—for their work in their duties according to their divisions;

17 as well as the priests who were enrolled genealogically according to their fathers' households, and the Levites ^afrom twenty years old and upwards, by their duties *and* their divisions.

18 And the genealogical enrollment *included* ¹all their little children, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, for the whole assembly, for they consecrated themselves ²faithfully in holiness.

19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests *who were* in ^athe pasture lands of their cities, or in each and every city, ^bthere were men who were designated by name to distribute portions to every male among the priests and to everyone genealogically enrolled among the Levites.

20 And thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and ^ahe did what was good, right, and true before the LORD his God.

21 And every work which he began in the service of the house of God in law and in commandment, seeking his God, he did with all his heart and prospered.

CHAPTER 32

AFTER these ¹acts of faithfulness Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah and besieged the fortified cities, and ²thought to break into them for himself.

2 Now when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that ¹he intended to make war on Jerusalem,

3 he decided with his officers and his warriors to cut off the *supply* of water from the springs which *were* outside the city, and they helped him.

4 So many people assembled ^aand stopped up all the springs and ^bthe stream which flowed ¹through the region, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find abundant water?"

5 And he took courage and ^arebuilt all the wall that had been broken down, and ¹erected towers on it, and *built* ^banother outside wall, and strengthened ^cMillo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in great number.

6 And he appointed military officers over the people, and gathered them to him in the square at the city gate, and ^aspoke ¹encouragingly to them, saying,

7 ^a"Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor because of all the multitude which is with him; ^bfor the one with us is greater than the one with him.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *over his hand*
² Chr. 29:12 ^bJosh. 21:9-19
^c1 Chr. 9:22

¹⁶ ¹Heb., *three*; cf. 1 Chr. 23:3
^aEzra 3:4

¹⁷ ¹1 Chr. 23:24

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *with all* ²Lit., *in their faithfulness*

¹⁹ ^aLev. 25:34; Num. 35:2-5
^b2 Chr. 31:12-15

²⁰ ² Kin. 20:3; 22:2

¹ ¹Lit., *things and this faithfulness* ²Lit., *said*
² Kin. 18:13-19, 37; Is. 36:1-37:38

² ¹Lit., *his face for war against*

⁴ ¹Lit., *in the midst of the land*
² Kin. 20:20 ^b2 Chr. 32:30

⁵ ¹Lit., *raised on the towers*
² Chr. 25:23 ^b2 Kin. 25:4
^c1 Kin. 9:24

⁶ ¹Lit., *upon their hearts*
² Chr. 30:22

⁷ ¹1 Chr. 22:13 ^b2 Kin. 6:16

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8 ^aJer. 17:5 ^{b2} Chr. 20:17

8 "With him is *only* ^aan arm of flesh, but ^bwith us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people relied on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 ¹Lit., *against*

9 After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem while he was ¹besieging Lachish with all his forces with him, against Hezekiah king of Judah and against all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying,

11 ¹Lit., *palm*

10 "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, 'On what are you trusting that you are remaining in Jerusalem under siege?'

11 'Is not Hezekiah misleading you to give yourselves over to die by hunger and by thirst, saying, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the ¹hand of the king of Assyria"?'

12 ¹Lit., *Jerusalem, saying,*
²Lit., *offer up in smoke*
² Chr. 31:1

12 ^aHas not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and said to Judah and ¹Jerusalem, "You shall worship before one altar, and on it you shall ²burn incense"?'

14 ^aIs. 10:9-11

13 "Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands able at all to deliver their land from my hand?"

14 ^aWho was *there* among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed who could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand?"

17 ¹Lit., *who have*
² Chr. 32:14

15 'Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you like this, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. How much less shall your God deliver you from my hand?'"

19 ¹Lit., *to*

16 And his servants spoke further against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.

17 He also wrote letters to insult the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, "^aAs the gods of the nations of the lands ¹have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah shall not deliver His people from my hand."

21 ¹Lit., *in shame of face*

18 And they called this out with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, so that they might take the city.

22 ¹Another reading is *gave them rest*

19 And they spoke ¹of the God of Jerusalem as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, the work of men's hands.

20 But King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed about this and cried out to heaven.

23 ^{a2} Sam. 8:10

21 And the LORD sent an angel who destroyed every mighty warrior, commander and officer in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned ¹in shame to his own land. And when he had entered the temple of his god, some of his own children killed him there with the sword.

24 ¹Lit., *sick to the point of death*
² Kin. 20:1-11; Is. 38:1-8

22 So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *others*, and ¹guided them on every side.

23 And ^amany were bringing gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem and choice presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

24 ^aIn those days Hezekiah became ¹mortally ill; and he

prayed to the LORD, and ²the LORD spoke to him and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit ¹he received, ^abecause his heart was ²proud; ^btherefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.

26 However, ^aHezekiah ¹humbled the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 Now Hezekiah had immense riches and honor; and he made for himself treasuries for silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuable articles,

28 storehouses also for the produce of grain, wine and oil, pens for all kinds of cattle and ¹sheepfolds for the flocks.

29 And he made cities for himself, and acquired flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very great ¹wealth.

30 It was Hezekiah who ^astopped the upper outlet of the waters of ^bGihon and directed them to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all that he did.

31 And even *in the matter of* ^athe envoys of the rulers of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of ^bthe wonder that had happened in the land, God left him *alone only* ^cto test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his deeds of devotion, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

33 So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ¹upper section of the tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. And his son Manasseh became king in his place.

CHAPTER 33

³MANASSEH was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD ^aaccording to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

3 For ^ahe rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; ^bhe also erected altars for the Baals and made ¹Asherim, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

4 And ^ahe built altars in the house of the LORD of which the LORD had said, "My name shall be ^bin Jerusalem forever."

5 For he built altars for all the host of heaven in ^athe two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And ^ahe made his sons pass through the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom; and he practiced witchcraft, used divination, practiced sorcery, and ^bdealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him *to anger*.

7 Then he put ^athe carved image of the idol which he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, "^bIn this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

24 ¹Lit., *He*

25 ¹Lit., *to him* ²Lit., *high* ^{a2} Chr. 32:31; 26:16 ^{b2} Chr. 24:18

26 ¹Lit., *humbled himself in* ^aJer. 26:18, 19

28 ¹So ancient versions; Heb., *flocks for the sheepfolds*

29 ¹Lit., *possessions, property*

30 ^{a2} Kin. 20:20 ^{b1} Kin. 1:33

31 ^{a2} Kin. 20:12; Is. 39:1 ^{b2} Chr. 32:24; Is. 38:7, 8 ^cDeut. 8:16

33 ¹Or, *ascent to*

1 ^{a2} Kin. 21:1-9

2 ^{a2} Chr. 28:3

3 ¹I.e., wooden symbols of female deities ^{a2} Chr. 31:1 ^bDeut. 16:21; 2 Kin. 23:5, 6

4 ^{a2} Chr. 28:24 ^{b2} Chr. 7:16

5 ^{a2} Chr. 4:9

6 ^{a2} Chr. 28:3 ^bLev. 19:31; 20:27

7 ^{a2} Chr. 33:15 ^{b2} Chr. 33:4

8² Sam. 7:10

8 and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land ^awhich I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them according to all the law, the statutes, and the ordinances *given* through Moses.”

11 ¹l.e., thong put through nose
^aDeut. 28:36 ^bChr. 36:6

9 Thus Manasseh misled Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

12² Chr. 32:26

10 And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.

13¹ Chr. 20; Ezra 8:23
^bDan. 4:32

11 ^aTherefore the LORD brought the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they captured Manasseh with ¹hooks, ^bbound him with bronze *chains*, and took him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in distress, he entreated the LORD his God and ^ahumbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

14¹ Kin. 1:33 ^bNeh. 3:3
²Chr. 27:3

13 When he prayed to Him, ^aHe was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh ^bknew that the LORD was God.

15² Chr. 33:3-7

14 Now after this he built the outer wall of the city of David on the west side of ^aGihon, in the valley, even to the entrance of the ^bFish Gate; and he encircled the ^cOphel *with it* and made it very high. Then he put army commanders in all the fortified cities of Judah.

17² Chr. 32:12

15 He also ^aremoved the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, as well as all the altars which he had built on the mountain of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem, and he threw *them* outside the city.

18² Chr. 33:12, 13 ^bChr. 33:10 ^cChr. 21:2

16 And he set up the altar of the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it; and he ordered Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

19 ¹Gk. reads seers
²Chr. 33:13 ^bChr. 33:3

17 Nevertheless ^athe people still sacrificed in the high places, *although* only to the LORD their God.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh even ^ahis prayer to his God, and the words of ^bthe seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are among the records of the kings of ^cIsrael.

21² Kin. 21:19-24

19 His prayer also and ^ahow God was entreated by him, and all his sin, his unfaithfulness, and ^bthe sites on which he built high places and erected the Asherim and the carved images, before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the records of the ¹Hozai.

22² Chr. 33:2-7 ^bChr. 34:3, 4

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And Amon his son became king in his place.

21 ^aAmon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

23 ¹Lit., humbled himself
²Chr. 33:12, 19

22 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD as Manasseh his father ^ahad done, and Amon sacrificed to all ^bthe carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and he served them.

23 Moreover, he did not humble himself before the LORD ^aas his father Manasseh had ^ddone, but Amon multiplied guilt.

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24 Finally ^ahis servants conspired against him and put him to death in his own house.

24 ^a2 Chr. 25:27

25 But the people of the land ¹killed all the conspirators against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

25 ¹Lit., smote

CHAPTER 34

^aJOSIAH was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

1 ^a2 Kin. 22:1, 2

2 And ^ahe did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

2 ^a2 Chr. 29:2

3 For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began ^ato purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images, and the molten images.

3 ^a2 Chr. 33:22

4 And they tore down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and ^athe incense altars that were high above them he chopped down; also the Asherim, the carved images, and the molten images he broke in pieces and ^bground to powder and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

4 ^a2 Kin. 23:4, 5, 11 ^bEx. 32:20

5 Then ^ahe burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.

5 ^a2 Kin. 23:20

6 And ^ain the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon even as far as Naphtali, in their surrounding ruins,

6 ^a2 Kin. 23:15, 19

7 he also tore down the altars and ^abeat the Asherim and the carved images into powder, and chopped down all the incense altars throughout the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

7 ^a2 Chr. 31:1

8 ^aNow in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah ^ban official of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

8 ^a2 Kin. 22:3-20 ^b2 Chr. 18:25

9 And they came to ^aHilkiah the high priest and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the ¹doorkeepers had collected ²from ^bManasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

9 ¹Lit., guardians of the threshold ²Lit., from the hand of ^a2 Chr. 35:8 ^b2 Chr. 30:10, 18

10 Then they gave it into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and the workmen who were working in the house of the LORD ¹used it to restore and repair the house.

10 ¹Lit., gave

11 They in turn gave it to the carpenters and to the builders to buy quarried stone and timber for couplings and to make beams for the houses ^awhich the kings of Judah had let go to ruin.

11 ^a2 Chr. 33:4-7

12 And the men did the work faithfully with foremen over them to supervise: Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites of the sons of Merari, Zechariah and Meshullam of the sons of the Kohathites, and ^athe Levites, all who were skillful with musical instruments.

12 ^a1 Chr. 25:1

13 They were also over ^athe burden bearers, and super-

13 ^a2 Chr. 8:10; Neh. 4:10

14 ²Chr. 34:9

vised all the workmen from job to job; and *some* of the Levites were scribes and officials and gatekeepers.

16 ¹Lit., returned ²Lit., given into the hand of

14 When they were bringing out the money which had been brought into the house of the LORD, ³Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD given by Moses.

15 And Hilkiah responded and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

16 Then Shaphan brought the book to the king and ¹reported further word to the king, saying, "Everything that was ²entrusted to your servants they are doing.

19 ²Josh. 7:6

17 "They have also emptied out the money which was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hands of the supervisors and the workmen."

18 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest gave me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

19 And it came about when the king heard the words of the law that ³he tore his clothes.

20 ¹In 2 Kin. 22:12, Achbor, son of Micaiah

20 Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, ¹Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

21 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book which has been found; for ³great is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."

21 ²Chr. 29:8

22 So Hilkiah and those whom the king ¹had told went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of ²Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter); and they spoke to her regarding this.

22 ¹So with Gk. ²In 2 Kin. 22:14 Tikvah, son of Harhas

23 And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,

24 ²Chr. 36:14-20 ^bDeut. 28:15-68

24 thus says the LORD, 'Behold, ³I am bringing evil on this place and on its inhabitants, *even* all ^bthe curses written in the book which they have read in the presence of the king of Judah.

25 ³"Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and it shall not be quenched."

25 ²Chr. 33:3

26 "But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus you will say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel *regarding* the words which you have heard,

27 ¹Cf. 2 Kin. 22:19 ²Chr. 12:7; 32:26

27 ³"Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard ¹His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and *because* you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes, and wept before Me. I truly have heard you," declares the LORD.

28 "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, so your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place and on its inhabitants." "' And they brought back word to the king.

The Book Is Read.
The Passover Kept by Josiah.

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29 ^aThen the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

29+2 Kin. 23:1-3

30 And the king went up to the house of the LORD and ^aall the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the Levites, and all the people, from the greatest to the least; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

30+2Neh. 8:1-3

31 Then the king ^astood in his ¹place and ^bmade a covenant before the LORD to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant written in this book.

31 ¹So with some versions, cf. 2 Kin. 23:3
²Chr. 30:16; 2 Kin. 11:14
²Chr. 23:16; 29:10

32 Moreover, he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *with him*. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 ¹Lit., *days*
²Chr. 34:3-7

33 And Josiah ^aremoved all the abominations from all the lands belonging to the sons of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve the LORD their God. Throughout his ¹lifetime they did not turn from following the LORD God of their fathers.

1 ²Kin. 23:21 ^bEx. 12:6; Num. 9:3

CHAPTER 35

THEN Josiah ^acelebrated the Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and ^bthey slaughtered the Passover *animals* on the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

2+2 Chr. 29:11

2 And he set the priests in their offices and ^aencouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD.

3 He also said to ^athe Levites who taught all Israel *and* who were holy to the LORD, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; ^bit will be a burden on *your* shoulders no longer. Now serve the LORD your God and His people Israel.

3+2 Chr. 17:8, 9; Neh. 8:7
^b1 Chr. 23:26

4 "And ^aprepare *yourselves* by your fathers' households in your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel and ^baccording to the writing of his son Solomon.

4+1 Chr. 9:10-13 ^b2 Chr. 8:14

5 "Moreover, ^astand in the holy place according to the sections of the fathers' households of your brethren the ¹lay people, and according to the Levites, by division of a father's household.

5 ¹Lit., *sons of the people*, and so throughout the chap.
²Ezra 6:18

6 "Now ^aslaughter the Passover *animals*, ^bsanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren to do according to the word of the LORD by Moses."

6+2 Chr. 35:1 ^b2 Chr. 29:5

7 And Josiah contributed to the lay people, to all who were present, flocks of lambs and kids, all for the Passover offerings, numbering 30,000 plus 3000 bulls; these were from the king's possessions.

8+2 Chr. 31:13

8 His officers also contributed a freewill offering to the people, the priests, and the Levites. Hilkiyah and Zechariah and Jehiel, ^athe officials of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings 2,600 *from the flocks* and 300 bulls.

9+2 Chr. 31:12

9 ^aConaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the officers of the Levites, contributed to the Levites for the Passover offerings 5,000 *from the flocks* and 500 bulls.

10 ^a2 Chr. 35:5

10 So the service was prepared, and ^athe priests stood at their stations and the Levites by their divisions according to the king's command.

11 ¹1.e., the Levites ²So with the Gk.
^a2 Chr. 35:1, 6 ^b2 Chr. 29:22
^c2 Chr. 29:34

11 And ^{1a}they slaughtered the Passover *animals*, and while ^bthe priests sprinkled ²the blood *received* from their hand, ^cthe Levites skinned them.

13 ^aEx. 12:8, 9 ^bLev. 6:25

12 Then they removed the burnt offerings that *they* might give them to the sections of the fathers' households of the lay people to present to the LORD, as it is written in the Book of Moses. They did this also with the bulls.

13 So ^athey roasted the Passover *animals* on the fire according to the ordinance, and they boiled ^bthe holy things in pots, in kettles, in pans, and carried *them* speedily to all the lay people.

15 ^a1 Chr. 25:1 ^b1 Chr. 26:12-19

14 And afterwards they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, *were* offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

17 ^a2 Chr. 30:21

15 The singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* also at their stations ^aaccording to the command of David, Asaph, Hemen, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and ^bthe gate keepers at each gate did not have to depart from their service, because the Levites their brethren prepared for them.

18 ^a2 Chr. 30:5; 2 Kin. 23:21

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared on that day to celebrate the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD according to the command of King Josiah.

17 Thus the sons of Israel who were present celebrated the Passover at that time, and ^athe Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days.

20 ¹Lit., house
²2 Kin. 23:29, 30 ^b1s. 10:9;
Jer. 46:2

18 And ^athere had not been celebrated a Passover like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet; nor had any of the kings of Israel celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did with the priests, the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign this Passover was celebrated.

21 ¹Lit., he
²2 Chr. 25:19

20 ^aAfter all this, when Josiah had set the ¹temple in order, Neco king of Egypt came up to make war at ^bCarchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah went out to engage him.

21 But ¹Neco sent messengers to him, saying, ^{2a}"What have we to do with each other, O King of Judah? *I am not coming* against you today but against the house with which I am at war, and God has ordered me to hurry. Stop for your own sake *from interfering with* God who is with me, that He may not destroy you."

22 ¹Lit., his face
²2 Chr. 18:29 ^b2 Chr. 35:21
^cJudg. 5:19

22 However, Josiah would not turn ¹away from him, but ^adisguised himself in order to make war with him; nor did he listen to the words of Neco ^bfrom the mouth of God, but came to make war on the Plain of ^cMegiddo.

23 And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded."

24 ¹Lit., and
²Zech. 12:11; Lam. 4:20

24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in the second chariot which he had, and brought him to Jerusalem ¹where he died and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. ^aAnd all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 Then ^aJeremiah chanted a lament for Josiah. And all the male and female singers speak about Josiah in their lamentations to this day. And they made them an ordinance in Israel; behold, they are also written in the Lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his deeds of devotion as written in the law of the LORD,

27 and his acts, first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

^a THEN the people of the land took ^{1b}Joahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in place of his father in Jerusalem.

2 Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 Then the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But ^aNeco took Joahaz his brother and brought him to Egypt.

5 ^aJehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up ^aagainst him and ^bbound him with bronze *chains* ^cto take him to Babylon.

7 ^aNebuchadnezzar also brought *some* of the articles of the house of the LORD to Babylon and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and ¹the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

9 ^aJehoiachin was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem, and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 And ^aat the turn of the year King Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon with the valuable articles of the house of the LORD, and he made his kinsman ^bZedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ^aZedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God; ^ahe did not humble himself ^bbefore Jeremiah the prophet ¹who spoke for the LORD.

13 And ^ahe also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar who had made him swear *allegiance* by God. But ^bhe stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel.

14 Furthermore, all the officials of the priests and the people were very unfaithful *following* all the abominations of the nations; and they defiled the house of the LORD which He had sanctified in Jerusalem.

15 And the LORD, the God of their fathers, ^asent word to

25 ^aJer. 22:10

¹ 11.c., short form of Jehoahaz
² 2 Kin. 23:30-34 ^bJer. 22:11

4 ^aJer. 22:10-12

5 ^a2 Kin. 23:36, 37; Jer. 22:13-19

6 ^a2 Kin. 24:1 ^{b2} Chr. 33:11 ^cJer. 22:19, 20

7 ^a2 Kin. 24:13

8 ¹ Lit., *his*
² 2 Kin. 24:5

9 ^a2 Kin. 24:8-17

10 ^a2 Sam. 11:1 ^bJer. 37:1

11 ^a2 Kin. 24:18-20; Jer. 52:1

12 ¹ Lit., *from the mouth of the LORD*
² 2 Chr. 33:23 ^bJer. 21:3-7

13 ^aJer. 52:3; Ezek. 17:15
^{b2} Chr. 30:8

15 ^aJer. 7:13; 25:3

16^a 2 Chr. 30:10; Jer. 5:12,
13^b Prov. 1:24-32^c Ezra 5:12

17^a 2 Kin. 25:1-7

18^a 2 Chr. 36:7, 10

19^a 2 Kin. 25:9; Jer. 52:13

20^a 2 Kin. 25:11^b Jer. 27:7

21¹ Lit., to fulfill seventy
years
^a Jer. 29:10^b Lev. 26:33^c Lev.
25:4

22^a Ezra 1:1-3^b Jer. 25:12;
29:10^c Is. 44:28

1^a 2 Chr. 36:22^b Ezra 5:13

them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;

16 but they continually^a mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.

17 Therefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; He gave them all into his hand.

18 And all the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his officers, he brought them all to Babylon.

19 Then they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its fortified buildings with fire, and destroyed all its valuable articles.

20 And those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia,

21 to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.

22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia—in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah—the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

23 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up!'"

THE BOOK OF EZRA

Cyrus' Proclamation.

^a NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

2 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 'Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel, He is the God who is in Jerusalem.

2^a Is. 44:28; 45:1, 12, 13

3^a Dan. 6:26

**Proclamation About the Temple.
List of Those Returned from Babylon.**

Ezra 1, 2

4 ^aAnd every survivor, at whatever place he may ¹live, let the men of ²that place support him with silver and gold, with goods and cattle, together with a freewill offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.' "

5 Then the heads of fathers' *households* of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites arose, ^aeven everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all those about them ^{1a}encouraged them with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, with cattle, and with valuables, aside from all that was given as a freewill offering.

7 ^aAlso King Cyrus brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, ^bwhich Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and put in the house of his gods;

8 and Cyrus, king of Persia, had them brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and he counted them out to ^aSheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9 Now this *was* their number: ^a30 gold dishes, 1,000 silver dishes, 29 ¹duplicates;

10 30 gold bowls, 410 silver bowls of a second *kind*, and 1,000 other articles.

11 All the articles of gold and silver *numbered* 5,400. Sheshbazzar brought them all up with the exiles who went up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 2

^a**N**OW these are the ¹people of the province who came up out of the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his city.

2 ¹These came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ²Se-raiah, ³Reclaiiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ⁴Mispar, Bigvai, ⁵Rehum, and Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 the sons of Parosh, 2,172;

4 the sons of Shephatiah, 372;

5 the sons of Arah, 775;

6 the sons of Pahath-moab of the sons of Jeshua *and* Joab, 2,812;

7 the sons of Elam, 1,254;

8 the sons of Zattu, 945;

9 the sons of Zaccai, 760;

10 the sons of ¹Bani, 642;

11 the sons of Bebai, 623;

12 the sons of Azgad, 1,222;

13 the sons of Adonikam, 666;

14 the sons of Bigvai, 2,056;

15 the sons of Adin, 454;

16 the sons of Ater of Hezekiah, 98;

17 the sons of Bezai, 323;

18 the sons of ¹Jorah, 112;

19 the sons of Hashum, 223;

20 the sons of ¹Gibbar, 95;

21 the ¹men of Bethlehem, 123;

22 the men of Netophah, 56;

4 ¹Or, *reside as an alien*
²Lit., *his*

5 ^aEzra 1:1

6 ¹Lit., *strengthened their hands*
^aNeh. 6:22; Is. 35:3

7 ^aEzra 5:14; 6:5 ^{b2}Chr. 36:7

8 ^aEzra 5:14

9 ¹Heb. obscure, other possible meanings are *knives, censors*
^aEzra 8:27

1 ¹Lit., *sons*
^aNeh. 7:6-73

2 ¹Lit., *Who* ²In Neh. 7:7, *Azariah* ³In Neh. 7:7, *Raamah* ⁴In Neh. 7:7, *Mispereth* ⁵In Neh. 7:7, *Nehum*

10 ¹In Neh. 7:1, *Binnui*

18 ¹In Neh. 7:24, *Hariph*

20 ¹In Neh. 7:25, *Gibeon*

21 ¹Lit., *sons*

24 ¹ In Neh. 7:28, <i>Beth-azmaveth</i>	23 the men of Anathoth, 128; 24 the sons of ¹ Azmaveth, 42;
25 ¹ In Neh. 7:29, <i>Kiriath-jearim</i>	25 the sons of ¹ Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743; 26 the sons of Raman and Geba, 621; 27 the men of Michmas, 122; 28 the men of Bethel and Ai, 223;
34 ¹ Lit., sons	29 the sons of Nebo, 52; 30 the sons of Magbish, 156; 31 the sons of the other Elam, 1,254; 32 the sons of Harim, 320; 33 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725; 34 the ¹ men of Jericho, 345; 35 the sons of Senaah, 3,630.
36 ¹ Chr. 24:7-18	36 ^a The priests: the sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, 973; 37 the sons of Immer, 1,052; 38 ^a the sons of Pashhur, 1,247; 39 the sons of Harim, 1,017.
38 ¹ Chr. 9:12	40 The Levites: the sons of ¹ Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of ² Hodaviah, 74.
40 ¹ In Neh. 7:43, <i>Judah</i> ² In Neh. 7:43, <i>Hodevah</i>	41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 128. 42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, in all 139.
44 ¹ In Neh. 7:47, <i>Sia</i>	43 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, 44 the sons of Keros, the sons of ¹ Siaha, the sons of Padon, 45 the sons of Lcbanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub, 46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmai, the sons of Hanan, 47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah, 48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, 49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai, 50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of ¹ Nephisim, 51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, 52 the sons of ¹ Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, 53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah, 54 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha. 55 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of ¹ Hassophereth, the sons of ² Peruda, 56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, 57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of ¹ Ami. 58 All the temple servants, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were 392. 59 Now these are those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, ¹ Addan, and Immer, but they were not
50 ¹ In Neh. 7:52, <i>Nephuseshim</i>	
52 ¹ In Neh. 7:54, <i>Bazlith</i>	
55 ¹ In Neh. 7:57, <i>Sophereth</i> ² In Neh. 7:57, <i>Perida</i>	
57 ¹ In Neh. 7:59, <i>Amon</i>	
59 ¹ In Neh. 7:61, <i>Addon</i>	

**The Number Who Returned.
Sacrifices and Worship Resumed.**

Ezra 2, 3

able to ²give evidence of their fathers' households, and their ³descendants, whether they were of Israel:

60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 652.

61 And of the sons of the priests: the sons of ¹Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of ²Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and he was called by their name.

62 These searched *among* their ancestral registration, but they could not be located; ^atherefore they were considered unclean and *were excluded* from the priesthood.

63 And the ¹governor said to them ^athat they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest stood up with ^bUrim and Thummin.

64 The whole assembly ¹numbered 42,360,

65 besides their male and female servants, ¹who numbered 7,337; and they had 200 ^asinging men and women.

66 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;

67 their camels, 435; *their* donkeys, 6,720.

68 And some of the heads of fathers' *households*, when they arrived at the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to ¹restore it on its foundation.

69 According to their ability they gave ^ato the treasury for the work 61,000 gold drachmas, and 5,000 silver minas, and 100 priestly ¹garments.

70 Now the priests and the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

^a**N**OW when the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then ^aJeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests, and ^bZerubbabel the son ^cof Shealtiel, and his brothers arose and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, ^das it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

3 So they set up the altar on its foundation, for ^{1a}they were terrified because of the peoples of the lands; and they ^boffered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 ^aAnd they celebrated the Feast of ¹Booths, ^bas it is written, and *offered* ²the fixed number of burnt offerings daily, ^caccording to the ordinance, as each day required;

5 and afterward *there* was a continual burnt offering, also ^afor the new moons and ^bfor all the fixed festivals of the LORD that were consecrated, and from every one who offered a freewill offering to the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, but the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.

7 Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and ^afood, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians,

59 ²Lit., *tell* ³Lit., *seed*

61 ¹In Neh. 7:63, *Hobaiah*
²Sam. 17:27

62 ^aNum. 16:39, 40

63 ¹Heb., *Tirshatha*, a
Persian title.
²Lev. 2:3, 10 ^bEx. 28:30

64 ¹Lit., *together* was

65 ¹Lit., *they were*
²Chr. 35:25

68 ¹Lit., *establish*

69 ¹Or, *tunics*
²Ezra 8:25-34

1 ^aNeh. 7:73; 8:1

2 ^aNeh. 12:1, 8 ^bEzra 2:2
^c1 Chr. 3:17 ^dDeut. 12:5, 6

3 ¹Lit., *terror was upon*
them
²Ezra 4:4 ^bNum. 28:2

4 ¹Or, *Tabernacles* ²Lit.,
by number
^aNeh. 8:14 ^bEx. 23:16 ^cNum.
29:12

5 ^aNum. 28:11 ^bNum.
29:39

7 ²Chr. 2:10

⁷ Lit., of
^{b2} Chr. 2:16 ^c Ezra 1:2; 6:3

⁸ Ezra 3:2; 4:3 ^{b1} Chr.
23:4, 24

⁹ In Ezra 2:40, *Hodaviah*

¹⁰ So with the Gk. and
some mss., M.T., *they set*
the priests ² Lit., *hands*
^{a1} Chr. 6:31; 25:1

¹¹ Neh. 12:24, 40 ^{b1} Chr.
16:34

¹² Lit., *house*
^a Hag. 2:3

¹ Ezra 4:7-10 ^b Ezra 1:11

² Kin. 17:32 ^{b2} Kin.
19:37

³ Neh. 2:20 ^b Ezra 1:1, 2

⁴ Lit., *weakened the*
hands of
^a Ezra 3:3

⁶ Or, *Xerxes*, Heb.,
Ahash-verosh
^a Esth. 1:1; Dan. 9:1

⁷ Heb., *Artah-shashta*

^b to bring cedar wood from Lebanon to the sea at Joppa, ^c according to the permission they had ¹ from Cyrus king of Persia.

8 Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem in the second month, ^a Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began *the work* and ^b appointed the Levites from twenty years and older to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then Jeshua *with* his sons and brothers stood united *with* Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of ¹ Judah *and* the sons of Henadad *with* their sons and brothers the Levites, to oversee the workmen in the temple of God.

10 Now when the builders had laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, ¹ the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD ^a according to the ² directions of King David of Israel.

11 And ^a they sang praising and giving thanks to the LORD, saying, "For He is good, for His lovingkindness is upon Israel forever." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 Yet many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' households, ^a the old men who had seen the first ¹ temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, while many shouted aloud for joy;

13 so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard far away.

CHAPTER 4

NOW when ^a the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that ^b the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel,

2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we like you seek your God; ^a and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of ^b Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel said to them, "^a You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, ^b as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us."

4 Then ^a the people of the land ¹ discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building,

5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 Now in the reign of ^{1a} Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of ¹ Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath,

Adversaries Write to Artaxerxes. The King's Reply

Tabeel, and the rest of his colleagues, wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the ²text of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated ^afrom Aramaic.

8 ¹Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes, as follows—

9 then *wrote* Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and ^athe rest of their colleagues, the judges and ^bthe lesser governors, the officials, the secretaries, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Shusha, that is, the Elamites,

10 and the rest of the nations which the great and honorable ¹Osnappar deported and settled in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the region beyond the ²River; ^aand now

11 this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him: "To King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the men in the region beyond the River, and now

12 let it be known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem; they are rebuilding ^athe rebellious and evil city, and ^bare finishing the walls and repairing the foundations.

13 "Now let it be known to the king, that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, ^athey will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and it will damage the revenue of the kings.

14 "Now because we ¹are in the service of the palace, and it is not fitting for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king,

15 so that a search may be made in the record books of your fathers. And you will discover in the record books, and learn that that city is a rebellious city and damaging to kings and provinces, and that they have incited revolt within it in past days; therefore that city was laid waste.

16 "We inform the king that, if that city is rebuilt and the walls finished, as a result you will have no possession in *the province* beyond the River."

17 *Then* the king sent an answer to Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their colleagues who live in Samaria and in the rest of *the provinces* beyond the River: "Peace. And now

18 the document which you sent to us has been ^{1a}translated and read before me.

19 "And a decree has been ¹issued by me, and a search has been made and it has been discovered that that city has risen up against the kings in past days, that rebellion and revolt have been perpetrated in it,

20 ^athat mighty kings have ¹ruled over Jerusalem, governing all *the provinces* beyond the River, and that ^btribute, custom, and toll were paid to them.

21 "So, now issue a decree to make these men stop *work*, that the city may not be rebuilt until a decree is issued by me.

22 "And beware of being negligent in carrying out this *matter*; why should damage increase to the detriment of the kings?"

23 Then as soon as the copy of King Artaxerxes' document was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their colleagues, they went in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews and stopped them by force of arms.

⁷ ²Lit., *written*
^{a2} Kin. 18:26; Dan. 2:4

⁸ ¹Ch. 4:8-6:18 is in Aramaic

⁹ ^{a2} Kin. 17:24 ^bEzra 5:6; 6:6

¹⁰ ¹i. e., probably Ashurbanipal ²i. e., Euphrates River and so throughout the chap. ^aEzra 4:11, 17; 7:12

¹² ^{a2} Chr. 36:13 ^bEzra 5:3, 9

¹³ ^aEzra 4:20

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *eat the salt*

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *plainly read before* ^aNeh. 8:8

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *put forth*

²⁰ ¹Lit., *been*
^{a1} Kin. 4:21; 1 Chr. 18:3
^bEzra 4:13; 7:24

1 ^aHag. 1:1 ^bZech. 1:12 ^aEzra 3:2 ^bEzra 6:14;
Hag. 2:4; Zech. 3:13 ¹I.e., Euphrates River,
and so throughout the chap.
²Lit., house, and so
throughout the chap.
^aEzra 6:6, 13 ^bEzra 5:9; 1:34 ^aEzra 5:105 ^aEzra 7:6, 286 ^aEzra 5:3 ^bEzra 4:98 ¹Lit., timber is11 ¹Lit., returned us the
word
^a1 Kin. 6:1, 3812 ²Chr. 36:16, 1713 ^aEzra 1:114 ¹Lit., that was in
^aEzra 1:7; 6:5; Dan. 5:2 ^bEzra
5:16; 1:8

24 Then work on the house of God in Jerusalem ceased, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

WHEN the prophets, ^aHaggai the prophet and ^bZechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them,

2 then ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and ^bthe prophets of God were with them supporting them.

3 At that time ^aTattenai, the governor of the province beyond the ¹River, and Shethar-bozenai, and their colleagues came to them and spoke to them thus, “^bWho issued you a decree to rebuild this ²temple and to finish this structure?”

4 ^aThen we told them accordingly what the names of the men were who were reconstructing this building.

5 But ^athe eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until a report should come to Darius, and then a written reply be returned concerning it.

6 This is the copy of the letter which ^aTattenai, the governor of the province beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai and his colleagues ^bthe officials, who were beyond the River, sent to Darius the king.

7 They sent a report to him in which it was written thus: “To Darius the king, all peace.

8 “Let it be known to the king, that we have gone to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is being built with huge stones, and ¹beams are being laid in the walls; and this work is going on with great care and is succeeding in their hands.

9 “Then we asked those elders and said to them thus, ‘Who issued you a decree to rebuild this temple and to finish this structure?’

10 “We also asked them their names so as to inform you, and that we might write down the names of the men who were at their head.

11 “And thus they ¹answered us, saying, ‘We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, ^awhich a great king of Israel built and finished.

12 ‘But ^abecause our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this temple and deported the people to Babylon.

13 ‘However, ^ain the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to rebuild this house of God.

14 ‘And also ^athe gold and silver utensils of the house of God which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple ¹in Jerusalem, and brought them to the temple of Babylon, these King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to one ^bwhose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had appointed governor.

15 'And he said to him, "Take these utensils, go *and* deposit them in the temple ¹in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt in its place."

16 'Then that Sheshbazzar came *and* ^alaid the foundations of the house of God ¹in Jerusalem; and from then until now it has been under construction, and it is ^bnot yet completed.'

17 "And now, if it pleases the king ^alet a search be conducted in the king's treasure house, which is there in Babylon, if it be that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to rebuild this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send to us his decision concerning this *matter*."

CHAPTER 6

THEN King Darius issued a decree, and ^asearch was made in the ¹archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon.

2 And in ¹Ecbatana in the fortress, which is ^ain the province of Media, a scroll was found and there was written in it as follows: "Memorandum—

3 "^aIn the first year of King Cyrus, Cyrus the king issued a decree: 'Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the temple, the place where sacrifices are offered, be rebuilt and let its foundations be ¹retained, its height being 60 cubits and its width 60 cubits;

4 ^awith three layers of huge stones, and ¹one layer of timbers. And let the cost be paid from the ²royal treasury.

5 'And also let ^athe gold and silver utensils of the temple of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be returned and ¹brought to their places in the temple in Jerusalem; and you shall put *them* in the house of God.'

6 "Now therefore, ^aTattenai, governor of *the province* beyond the ¹River, Shethar-bozenai, and ²your colleagues, the officials of *the provinces* beyond the ¹River, ³keep away from there.

7 "Leave this work on the house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site.

8 "Moreover, ^aI issue a decree concerning what you are to do for these elders of Judah in the rebuilding of this house of God: the full cost is to be paid to these people from the royal treasury out of the taxes of *the provinces* beyond the River, and that without delay.

9 "And whatever is needed, both young bulls, rams, and lambs for a burnt offering to the God of heaven, and wheat, salt, wine, and anointing oil, as the priests in Jerusalem request, it is to be given to them daily without fail,

10 that they may offer ¹acceptable sacrifices to the God of heaven and ^apray for the life of the king and his sons.

11 "And I issued a decree that ^aany man who violates this edict, a timber shall be drawn from his house and he shall be impaled on it and ^bhis house shall be made a refuse heap on account of this.

12 "And may the God who ^ahas caused His name to dwell there overthrow any king or people who ¹attempts to change

15 ¹Lit., *that is in*

16 ¹Lit., *that is in*
^aEzra 3:8, 10 ^bEzra 6:15

17 ^aEzra 6:1, 2

¹ ¹Lit., *house of the books*
^aEzra 5:17

² ¹Aramaic, *Achmetha*
^a2 Kin. 17:6

³ ¹Or, *fixed, laid*
^aEzra 1:1; 5:13

⁴ ¹So Gk.; Aramaic, *a layer of new timber* ²Lit., *king's house*
^a1 Kin. 6:36

⁵ ¹Lit., *go*
^aEzra 1:7; 5:14

⁶ ¹i.e., Euphrates River, and so throughout the chap.
²Aram., *their* ³Lit., *be distant*
^aEzra 6:13

⁸ ^aEzra 6:4; 7:14-22

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *pleasing or sweet-smelling sacrifices*
^aEzra 7:23

¹¹ ^aEzra 7:26 ^bDan. 2:5; 3:29

¹² ¹Lit., *sends his hand*
^aDcut. 12:5, 11

**The Temple Is Finished and Dedicated.
The Passover Kept. Ezra Comes to Jerusalem.**

Ezra 6, 7

13 *Ezra 6:6

14 ¹Lit., *were building and succeeding* ²Lit., *built and finished*
*Ezra 5:1, 2 *Ezra 1:1 *Ezra 6:12 *Ezra 7:1

15 ¹Lit., *until*
*Esth. 3:7

16 ¹Lit., *sons of the captivity*
*2 Chr. 7:5

17 *Ezra 8:35

18 ¹Lit., *which is in*
*2 Chr. 35:5 ¹Chr. 23:6
*Num. 3:6; 8:9

19 *Ezra 1:11 *Ex. 12:6

20 *2 Chr. 29:34; 30:15
*2 Chr. 35:11

21 *Neh. 9:2; 10:28 *Ezra 9:11

22 ¹Lit., *strengthen their hands*
*Ex. 12:15 *Ezra 7:27 *Ezra 1:1; 6:1

1 *Chr. 6:4-14 *Ezra 7:12, 21; Neh. 2:1

6 ¹Lit., *his request*
*Ezra 7:11, 12, 21 *Ezra 7:9, 28

7 *Ezra 8:1-20

it, so as to destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have issued *this* decree, let *it* be carried out with all diligence!"

13 Then ^aTattenai, the governor of *the province* beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their colleagues carried out *the decree* with all diligence, just as King Darius had sent.

14 And ^athe elders of the Jews ¹were successful in building through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And ²they finished building according to the command of the God of Israel and the decree ^bof Cyrus, ^cDarius, and ^dArtaxerxes king of Persia.

15 And this temple was completed ¹on the third day of the ^amonth Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

16 And the sons of Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the ¹exiles, ^acelebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And they offered for the dedication of this temple of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel ^a12 male goats, corresponding to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 Then they appointed the priests to ^atheir divisions and the Levites in ^btheir orders for the service of God ¹in Jerusalem, ^cas it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And ^athe exiles observed the Passover on ^bthe fourteenth of the first month.

20 ^aFor the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure. Then ^bthey slaughtered the Passover *lamb* for all the exiles, both for their brothers the priests and for themselves.

21 And the sons of Israel who returned from exile and ^aall those who had separated themselves from ^bthe impurity of the nations of the land to *join* them, to seek the LORD God of Israel, ate *the Passover*.

22 And ^athey observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had caused them to rejoice, and ^bhad turned the heart of ^cthe king of Assyria toward them to ¹encourage them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAPTER 7

^a**N**OW after these things, in the reign of ^bArtaxerxes king of Persia, *there went up* Ezra son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah,

2 son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub,

3 son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth,

4 son of Zerahiah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki,

5 son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Elcazar, son of Aaron the chief priest.

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a ^ascribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all ¹he requested ^bbecause the hand of the LORD his God was upon him.

7 And ^asome of the sons of Israel and some of the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 For on the first of the first month ¹he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, ²because the good hand of his God was upon him.

10 For Ezra had set his heart to ¹study the law of the LORD, and to practice it, and ²to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

11 Now this is the copy of the decree which King Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, ¹learned in the words of the commandments of the LORD and His statutes to Israel:

12 ¹"Artaxerxes, ²king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*. And now

13 ¹I have issued a decree that any of the people of Israel and their priests and the Levites in my kingdom who are willing to go to Jerusalem, may go with you.

14 ¹"Forasmuch as you are sent ¹by the king and his ²seven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem according to the law of your God which is in your hand,

15 and to bring the silver and gold, which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, ²whose dwelling is in Jerusalem,

16 with ²all the silver and gold which you shall find in the whole province of Babylon, along ^bwith the freewill offering of the people and of the priests, who offered willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem;

17 with this money, therefore, you shall diligently buy bulls, rams, and lambs, ²with their grain offerings and their libations and ^boffer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

18 "And whatever seems good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and gold, you may do according to the will of your God.

19 "Also the utensils which are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver in full before the God of Jerusalem.

20 "And the rest of the needs for the house of your God, for which you may have occasion to provide, ²provide for it from the royal treasury.

21 "And I, even I King Artaxerxes, issue a decree to all the treasurers who are in the provinces beyond the ¹River, that whatever Ezra the priest, ²the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, may require of you, it shall be done diligently,

22 even up to 100 talents of silver, 100 ¹kors of wheat, 100 baths of wine, 100 baths of oil, and salt ²as needed.

23 "Whatever is ¹commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done with zeal for the house of the God of heaven, ²lest there be wrath against the kingdom of the king and his sons.

24 "We also inform you that ²it is not allowed to ¹impose tax, tribute or toll ^bon any of the priests, Levites, singers, doorkeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God.

25 "And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God which is in your hand, ²appoint magistrates and judges that they may judge all the people who are in the province beyond the River, even all those who know the laws of your God; and you may ^bteach anyone who is ignorant of them.

⁹ ¹Lit., was the foundation
²Ezra 7:6

¹⁰ ¹Lit., seek
²Ezra 7:25; Nch. 8:1

¹¹ ¹Lit., the scribe of

¹² ¹Ch. 7:12-26 is in Aramaic
²Ezek. 26:7; Dan. 2:37

¹³ ²Ezra 6:1

¹⁴ ¹Lit., from before
²Ezra 7:15, 28; 8:25

¹⁵ ²Ezra 6:12

¹⁶ ²Ezra 8:25 ^bEzra 1:4, 6

¹⁷ ¹Num. 15:4-13 ^bDeut. 12:5-11

²⁰ ²Ezra 6:4

²¹ ¹Euphrates River and so throughout the chap.
²Ezra 7:6

²² ¹One kor equals approx. ten bushels ²Lit., without prescription

²³ ¹Lit., from the decree of
²Ezra 6:10

²⁴ ¹Lit., throw on them
²Ezra 4:13, 20 ^bEzra 7:7

²⁵ ²Ex. 18:21; Deut. 16:18
^bEzra 7:10

26 ¹Lit., *rooting out*
²Ezra 6:11, 12

26 "And ^awhoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him strictly, whether for death or for ¹banishment or for confiscation of goods or for imprisonment."

27 Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, ^awho has put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to adorn the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,

27 ^aEzra 6:22

28 and ^ahas extended lovingkindness to me before the king and his counselors and before all the king's mighty princes. Thus I was strengthened according to the hand of the LORD my God upon me, and I gathered ¹leading men from Israel to go up with me.

CHAPTER 8

28 ¹Lit., *heads*
²Ezra 9:9

NOW these are the heads of their fathers' *households* and the genealogical enrollment of those who went up with me from Babylon in the reign of King Artaxerxes:

2 Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Hattush.

3 Of the sons of Shecaniah *who was* of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah and with him 150 males *who were* in the genealogical list.

14 ¹Or, *Zakkur* ²Or, *him*

4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerariah and 200 males with him.

5 Of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel and 300 males with him;

6 and of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan and 50 males with him;

15 ^aEzra 8:21, 31 ^bEzra 8:2;
7:7

7 and of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah and 70 males with him;

8 and of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael and 80 males with him.

9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel and 218 males with him;

10 and of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah and 160 males with him;

16 ¹Lit., *heads*

11 and of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai and 28 males with him;

12 and of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan and 110 males with him;

13 and of the sons of Adonikam, the last ones, these being their names, Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah and 60 males with them;

14 and of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and ¹Zabbud and 70 males with ²them.

17 ¹Lit., *head* ²Lit., *put words in their mouth to say*
³So Ck.; Heb., *Iddo his brother*
⁴Ezra 2:43

15 Now I assembled them at ^athe river that runs to Ahava, where we camped for three days; and when I observed the people and the priests, I ^bdid not find any Levites there.

16 So I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, ¹leading men, and for Joarib and Elnathan, teachers.

17 And I sent them to Iddo the ¹leading man at the place Casiphia; and I ²told them what to say to ³Iddo *and* his brothers, ^athe temple servants at the place Casiphia, *that is*, to bring ministers to us for the house of our God.

**Prayer for Safe Journey.
Gifts for the Temple.**

18 And ^aaccording to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of insight of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, and his sons and brothers, 18 men;

19 and Hashabiah and ¹Jeshaiah of the sons of Morari, with his brothers and their sons, 20 men;

20 and 220 of ^athe temple servants, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, all of them designated by name.

21 Then I proclaimed ^aa fast there at ^bthe river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a ¹safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.

22 For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to ¹protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, ^a"The hand of our God is ²favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but ^bHis power and His anger are against all those who forsake Him."

23 So we fasted and sought our God concerning this *matter*, and He ¹listened to our entreaty.

24 Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests besides ^aSherebiah, Hashabiah, and with them ten of their brothers;

25 and I ^aweighed out to them ^bthe silver, the gold, and the utensils, the offering for the house of our God which the king and ^chis counselors and his princes, and all Israel present *there*, had offered.

26 ^aThus I weighed into their hands 650 talents of silver, and silver utensils *worth* 100 talents, *and* gold talents,

27 and 20 gold bowls, *worth* 1,000 darics; and two utensils of fine shiny bronze, precious as gold.

28 Then I said to them, ^a"You are holy to the LORD, and the ^butensils are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD God of your fathers.

29 "Watch and keep *them* ^auntil you weigh *them* before the leading priests, the Levites, and the heads of the fathers' households of Israel at Jerusalem, *in* the chambers of the house of the LORD."

30 So the priests and the Levites ^aaccepted the weighed out silver and gold and the utensils, to bring *them* to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

31 Then we journeyed from ^athe river Ahava on ^bthe twelfth of the first month to go to Jerusalem; and ^cthe hand of our God was over us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the ambushes by the way.

32 ^aThus we came to Jerusalem and remained there three days.

33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the utensils ^awere weighed out in the house of our God into the hand of ^bMeremoth the son of Uriah the priest, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *were* the Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui.

34 Everything *was* numbered and weighed, and all the weight was recorded at that time.

35 ^aThe exiles who had come from the captivity offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: ^b12 bulls for all Israel, 96

18 ^aEzra 7:6

19 ¹So Gk.; Heb., *with him Jeshaiah*

20 ^aEzra 2:43; 7:7

21 ¹Lit., *straight way*
^a1 Sam. 7:6; 2 Chr. 20:3
^bEzra 8:15, 31

22 ¹Lit., *help* ²Lit., *upon all . . . for good*
^aEzra 7:6, 9, 28
^bJosh. 22:16

23 ¹Lit., *was entreated by us*

24 ^aEzra 8:18, 19

25 ^aEzra 8:33 ^bEzra 7:15, 16
^cEzra 7:14

26 ^aEzra 1:9-11

28 ^aLev. 21:6-8 ^bLev. 22:2, 3

29 ^aEzra 8:33, 34

30 ^aEzra 1:9

31 ^aEzra 8:15, 21 ^bEzra 7:9
^cEzra 8:22

32 ^aNeh. 2:11

33 ^aEzra 8:30 ^bNeh. 3:4, 21

35 ^aEzra 2:1 ^bEzra 6:17

36 ¹l.c. Euphrates River
^aEzra 7:21-24 ^bEzra 4:7; 5:6

1 ^aEzra 6:21; Neh. 9:2
^bLev. 18:24-30

2 ¹Lit., seed
^aEzra 10:2, 18 ^bEx. 22:31
^cNeh. 13:3

3 ^a2 Kin. 18:37 ^bNeh. 1:4

4 ^aEzra 10:3 ^bEx. 29:39

5 ¹Or, fasting ²Lit., palms
^aEx. 9:29

6 ¹Lit., multiplied over
the head
^aEzra 9:13, 15; 2 Chr. 28:9;
Rev. 18:5

7 ¹Lit., shame of faces
^a2 Chr. 29:6 ^bDan. 9:7

8 ^aEzra 9:13-15 ^bIs. 22:23

9 ^aNeh. 9:36 ^bEzra 7:28

11 ^aEzra 6:21

12 ^aEzra 9:2

rams, 77 lambs, 12 male goats for a sin offering, all as a burnt offering to the LORD.

36 Then ^athey delivered the king's edicts to ^bthe king's satraps, and to the governors *in the provinces* beyond the ¹River, and they supported the people and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

NOW when these things had been completed, the princes approached me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not ^aseparated themselves from the peoples of the lands, ^baccording to their abominations, *those* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 "For ^athey have taken some of their daughters *as wives* for themselves and for their sons, so that ^bthe holy ¹race has ^cintermingled with the peoples of the lands; indeed, the hands of the princes and the rulers have been foremost in this unfaithfulness."

3 And when I heard about this matter, I ¹ tore my garment and my robe, and pulled some of the hair from my head and my beard, and ^bsat down appalled.

4 Then ^aeveryone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles gathered to me, and I sat appalled until ^bthe evening offering.

5 But at the evening offering I arose from my ¹humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn, and I fell on my knees and ^astretched out my ²hands to the LORD my God;

6 and I said, "O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to Thee, my God, for our iniquities have ¹risen above our heads, and our ^aguilt has grown even to the heavens.

7 "^aSince the days of our fathers to this day *we have been* in great guilt, and on account of our iniquities we, our kings *and* our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder and to ^bopen shame, *as it is* this day.

8 "But now for a brief moment grace has been *shown* from the LORD our God, ^ato leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a ^bpeg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage.

9 "^aFor we are slaves; yet in our bondage, our God has not forsaken us, but ^bhas extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us reviving to raise up the house of our God, to restore its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

10 "And now, our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Thy commandments,

11 which Thou hast commanded by Thy servants the prophets, saying, "The land which you are entering to take possession of it is an unclean land with the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from end to end and ^awith their impurity.

12 "So now do not ^agive your daughters to their sons nor take their daughters to your sons, and never seek their peace or

their prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and ^bleave it as an inheritance to your sons forever.'

13 "And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and ^aour great guilt, since Thou our God hast requited us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us ^ban escaped remnant as this,

14 ^ashall we again break Thy commandments and intermarry with the peoples who commit these abominations? ^bWouldst Thou not be angry with us ¹to the point of destruction, until there is no remnant nor any who escape?

15 "O LORD God of Israel, ^aThou art righteous, for we have been left an escaped remnant, as it is this day; behold, we are before Thee in ^bour guilt, for ^cno one can stand before Thee because of this."

CHAPTER 10

NOW ^awhile Ezra was praying and making confession, weeping and prostrating himself ^bbefore the house of God, a very large assembly, men, women, and children, gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept bitterly.

2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, "^aWe have been unfaithful to our God, and have ¹married foreign women from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.

3 "So now ^alet us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives and ^{1b}their children, according to the counsel of ²my lord and of ^cthose who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done ^daccording to the law.

4 "Arise! For *this* matter is ¹your responsibility, but we will be with you; ^abe courageous and act."

5 Then Ezra rose and ^amade the leading priests, the Levites, and all Israel, take oath that they would do according to this ¹proposal; so they took the oath.

6 Then Ezra ^arose from before the house of God and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib. Although he went there, ^bhe did not eat bread, nor drink water, for he was mourning over the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

7 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the exiles, that they should assemble at Jerusalem,

8 and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the leaders and the elders, all his possessions should be forfeited and he himself excluded from the assembly of the exiles.

9 So all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days. It was the ninth month on the twentieth of the month, and all the people sat in the open square *before* the house of God, ^atrembling because of this matter and the heavy rain.

10 Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have been unfaithful and have married foreign wives adding to the guilt of Israel.

11 "Now, therefore, ^amake confession to the LORD God of

12 ^bProv. 13:22

13 ^aEzra 9:6, 7 ^bEzra 9:8

14 ¹Lit., *to destroy*
^aEzra 9:2 ^bDeut. 9:8, 14

15 ^aNeh. 9:33; Dan. 9:7
^bEzra 9:6 ^cJob 9:2

1 ^aDan. 9:4, 20 ^{b2} Chr. 20:9

2 ¹Lit., *given dwelling to*
^aEzra 9:2

3 ¹Lit., *that which is born of them* ²Or, *the Lord*
² Chr. 34:31 ^bEzra 10:44
^cEzra 9:4 ^dDeut. 7:2, 3

4 ¹Lit., *upon you*
^{a1} Chr. 28:10

5 ¹Lit., *word, thing*
^aNeh. 5:12; 13:25

6 ^aEzra 10:1 ^bDeut. 9:18

9 ^aEzra 10:3; 9:4

11 ^aLev. 26:40

11 ^bEzra 10:3

your fathers, and do His will; and ^bseparate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives."

12 Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, "That's right! As you have said, so it is ^lour duty to do.

13 "But there are many people, it is the rainy season, and we are not able to stand in the open. Nor can the task be done in one or two days, for we have transgressed greatly in this matter.

12 ^lLit., upon us

14 "Let our leaders ^lrepresent the whole assembly and let all those in our cities who have married foreign wives come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of each city, until the ^afierce anger of our God on account of this matter is turned away from us."

15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah ^lopposed this, with Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supporting them.

16 But the exiles did so. And Ezra the priest ^lselected men *who were heads of fathers' households* for each of their father's *households*, all of them by name. So they ²convened on the first day of the tenth month to investigate the matter.

14 ^lLit., stand for
²Chr. 29:10; 30:8

17 And they finished *investigating* all the men who had married foreign wives by the first of the first month.

18 And among the sons of the priests who had married foreign wives were found of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.

15 ^lLit., stood against

19 And they ^lpledged to put away their wives, and being guilty, ^b*they offered* a ram of the flock for their offense.

20 And of the sons of Immer *there were* Hanani and Zebadiah;

21 and of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziyah;

22 and of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 And of Levites *there were* Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

16 ^lHeb. reads, *there were set apart Ezra the priest, men...* ²Lit., sat

24 And of the singers *there was* Eliashib; and of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

25 And of Israel, of the sons of Parosh *there were* Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and Benaiah;

26 and of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah;

27 and of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza;

28 and of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai;

29 and of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth;

30 and of the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;

31 and of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah;

33 of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei;

34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,

19 ^lLit., gave their hand
²Kin. 10:15 ^bLev. 5:15; 6:6

- 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi,
 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu,
 38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,
 39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,
 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
 41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,
 42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph.
 43 Of the sons of Nebo *there were* Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, *and* Benaiah.
 44 All these had married foreign wives, and ^asome of them had wives by *whom* they had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah's Grief for Exiles.

THE words of ^aNehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in ^bthe month Chislev, ^c*in* the twentieth year, while I was in ^dSusa the ¹capitol,

2 that ^aHanani, one of my brothers, and ¹some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped *and* had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

3 And they said to me, "The remnant there in the ^aprovince who survived the captivity are in great distress and ^breproach, and ^cthe wall of Jerusalem is broken down and ^dits gates are burned with fire."

4 Now it came about when I heard these words, ^aI sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before ^bthe God of heaven.

5 And I said, "I beseech Thee, O LORD God of heaven, ^athe great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

6 ^alet Thine ear now be attentive and Thine eyes open to hear the prayer of Thy servant which I am praying before Thee now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Thy servants, ^bconfessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against Thee; ^cI and my father's house have sinned.

7 ^a"We have acted very corruptly against Thee and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances ^bwhich Thou didst command Thy servant Moses.

8 "Remember the word which Thou didst command Thy servant Moses, saying, ^aIf you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples;

9 ^abut if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I ^bwill gather them from there and will bring them ^cto the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell."

10 "And ^athey are Thy servants and Thy people whom

44 ^aEzra 10:3

¹ Or, *palace or citadel*
^aNeh. 10:1 ^bZech. 7:1 ^cNeh. 2:1 ^dEsth. 1:2; Dan. 8:2

² Lit., *he and some*
^aNeh. 7:2

³ ^aNeh. 7:6 ^bNeh. 2:17
^cNeh. 2:17 ^dNeh. 2:3

4 ^aEzra 9:3; 10:1 ^bNeh. 2:4

5 ^aNeh. 4:14; 9:32

6 ^aDan. 9:17 ^bEzra 10:1;
 Dan. 9:20 ^cChr. 29:6

7 ^aDan. 9:5 ^bDeut. 28:14

8 ^aLev. 26:33

9 ^aDeut. 30:2, 3 ^bDeut. 30:4 ^cDeut. 12:5

10 ^aEx. 32:11; Deut. 9:29

11 ¹Or, *fear*
^aNeh. 1:6 ^bNeh. 2:1; Gen.
 40:21

1 ^aNeh. 1:1 ^bEzra 7:1
^cNeh. 1:11

2 ^aProv. 15:13

3 ^aDan. 2:4 ^bNeh. 1:3

4 ^aNeh. 1:4

6 ^aNeh. 5:14; 13:6

7 ^aEzra 7:21; 8:36

8 ¹Lit., *house*
^aEccles. 2:5, 6 ^bNeh. 7:2
^cNeh. 2:18; Ezra 7:6

9 ^aNeh. 2:7 ^bEzra 8:22

10 ¹Lit., *servant*
^aNeh. 2:19; 4:1

12 ¹Lit., *heart*

13 ¹Lit., *Gate of Ash-heaps*
^aNeh. 3:13 ^bNeh. 1:3 ^cNeh.
 2:3, 17

14 ¹Lit., *the animal under*
me
^aNeh. 3:15 ^{b2} Kin. 20:20

Thou didst redeem by Thy great power and by Thy strong hand.

11 "O Lord, I beseech Thee, ^amay Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant and the prayer of Thy servants who delight to ¹revere Thy name, and make Thy servant successful today, and grant him compassion before this man."

Now I was the ^bcupbearer to the king.

CHAPTER 2

AND it came about in the month Nisan, ^ain the twentieth year of King ^bArtaxerxes, that wine was before him, and ^cI took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

2 So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? ^aThis is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid.

3 And I said to the king, "^aLet the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad ^bwhen the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?"

4 Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" ^aSo I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

6 Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and ^aI gave him a definite time.

7 And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me ^afor the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah,

8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's ^aforest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of ^bthe fortress which is by the ¹temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted *them* to me because ^cthe good hand of my God was on me.

9 Then I came to ^athe governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now ^bthe king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

10 And when ^aSanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite ^bofficial heard *about it*, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.

12 And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell any one what my God was putting into my ¹mind to do for Jerusalem and there was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding.

13 So I went out at night by ^athe Valley Gate in the direction of the Dragon's Well and *on* to the ¹Refuse Gate, inspecting the walls of Jerusalem ^bwhich were broken down and its ^cgates which were consumed by fire.

14 Then I passed on to ^athe Fountain Gate and ^bthe King's Pool, but there was no place for ¹my mount to pass.

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15 So I went up at night by the ravine and inspected the wall. Then I entered the Valley Gate again and returned.

17 ^aNeh. 1:3

16 And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; nor had I as yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the rest who did the work.

18 ^{a2} Sam. 2:7

17 Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that ^aJerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer be a reproach."

19 ¹Lit., *servant*
^aNeh. 6:6 ^bNeh. 4:1 ^cNeh. 6:6

18 And I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me, and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us arise and build." ^aSo they put their hands to the good work.

20 ^aNeh. 2:4

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite ¹official, and ^aGeshem the Arab heard it, ^bthey mocked us and despised us and said, "What is this thing you are doing? ^cAre you rebelling against the king?"

1 ¹Lit., *it*
^aNeh. 3:20; 13:28 ^bNeh. 3:32; 12:39 ^cNeh. 6:1; 7:1 ^dNeh. 12:39 ^eJer. 31:38

20 So I answered them and said to them, "^aThe God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right, or memorial in Jerusalem."

2 ¹Lit., *him*
^aNeh. 7:36

CHAPTER 3

THEN ^aEliashib the high priest arose with his brothers the priests and built ^bthe Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and ^chung its doors. They consecrated ¹the wall to ^dthe Tower of the Hundred and ^ethe Tower of Hananel.

3 ^aNeh. 12:39

2 And next to him ^athe men of Jericho built, and next to ¹them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

4 ¹Lit., *them*

3 Now the sons of Hassenaah built ^athe Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

5 ¹Lit., *them* ²Lit., *bring their neck to*

4 And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz made repairs. And next to him Meshullam the son of Berechiah the son of Meshezabel made repairs. And next to ¹him Zadok the son of Baana also made repairs.

6 ^aNeh. 12:39

5 Moreover, next to ¹him the Tekoites made repairs, but their nobles did not ²support the work of their masters.

6 And Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired ^athe Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and its bars.

7 ¹Or, *which was under the jurisdiction of the governor of the province beyond the River, also made repairs*
^aNeh. 2:7

7 Next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, ¹also ^amade repairs for the official seat of the governor of the province beyond the River.

8 ^aNeh. 31:32 ^bNeh. 12:38

8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah of the ^agoldsmiths made repairs. And next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs, and they restored Jerusalem as far as ^bthe Broad Wall.

9 ^aNeh. 3:12, 17

9 And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ^athe official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs.

10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah made repairs.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of

11 ^aNeh. 12:3812 ^aNeh. 3:913 ¹Lit., *Gate of Ash-heaps*
^aNeh. 2:1314 ¹Lit., *Gate of Ash-heaps*
^aJer. 6:1 ^bNeh. 2:1315 ^aNeh. 2:17 ^{b2} Kin. 25:4
^cNeh. 12:3716 ^aNeh. 3:9, 12, 17 ^{b2} Kin.
20:20; Is. 7:319 ¹Lit., *a second measure*,
so in v. 20, 21, 24, 30.
^aNeh. 3:15 ^{b2} Chr. 26:920 ^aNeh. 3:121 ¹Lit., *Eliashib's*22 ¹Lit., *circle*; i.e., lower
Jordan valley
^aNeh. 12:2823 ¹Lit., *him*24 ^aNeh. 3:1925 ^aJer. 32:226 ^aNeh. 7:46 ^bNeh. 11:21
^cNeh. 8:127 ^aNeh. 3:528 ^{a2} Kin. 11:16; 2 Chr.
23:15; Jer. 31:4029 ¹Lit., *him*

Paath-moab repaired another section and ^athe Furnace Tower.

12 And next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ^athe official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs, he and his daughters.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired ^athe Valley Gate. They built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall to the ¹Refuse Gate.

14 And Malchijah the son of Rechab, the official of the district of ^aBeth-haccherem repaired the ^{1b}Refuse Gate. He built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars.

15 Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, the official of the district of Mizpah, repaired ^athe Fountain Gate. He built it, covered it, and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah at ^bthe King's Garden as far as ^cthe steps that descend from the city of David.

16 After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ^aofficial of half the district of Beth-zur, made repairs as far as ^a a point opposite the tombs of David, and as far as ^bthe Artificial Pool and the House of the Mighty Men.

17 After him the Levites carried out repairs *under* Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, the official of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district.

18 After him their brothers carried out repairs *under* Bavvai the son of Henadad, official of *the other* half of the district of Keilah.

19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ^athe official of Mizpah, repaired ¹another section, in front of the ascent of the armory ^{ba}at the Angle.

20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the Angle to the doorway of the house of ^aEliashib the high priest.

21 After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz repaired another section, from the doorway of Eliashib's house even as far as the end of ¹his house.

22 And after him the priests, ^athe men of the ¹valley, carried out repairs.

23 After ¹them Benjamin and Hasshub carried out repairs in front of their house. After ¹them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah carried out repairs beside his house.

24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah as far as ^athe Angle and as far as the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzai *made repairs* in front of the Angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king, which is by ^athe court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh *made repairs*.

26 And ^athe temple servants living in ^bOphel *made repairs* as far as the front of ^cthe Water Gate toward the east and the projecting tower.

27 After him ^athe Tekoites repaired another section in front of the great projecting tower and as far as the wall of Ophel.

28 Above ^athe Horse Gate the priests carried out repairs, each in front of his house.

29 After ¹them Zadok the son of Immer carried out

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repairs in front of his house. And after him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, carried out repairs.

30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah carried out repairs in front of his own quarters.

31 After him Malchijah one of the goldsmiths, carried out repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, in front of the Inspection Gate and as far as the upper room of the corner.

32 And between the upper room of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants carried out repairs.

30 ¹Or, cell
²Neh. 13:7

31 ¹Lit., son of ²Or.
Mustering
²Neh. 3:8, 32

32 ²Neh. 3:1

¹Ch. 3:33 in Heb.
²Neh. 2:10

CHAPTER 4

NOW it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy men of Samaria and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble even the burned ones?"

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was near him and he said, "Even what they are building—if a fox should jump on it, he would break their stone wall down!"

4 Hear, O our God, how we are despised! Return their reproach on their own heads and give them up for plunder in a land of captivity.

5 Do not forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before Thee, for they have demoralized the builders.

6 So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

7 Now it came about when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry.

8 And all of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.

9 But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night.

10 Thus in Judah it was said,
"The strength of the burden bearers is failing,
Yet there is much rubbish;
And we ourselves are unable
To rebuild the wall."

11 And our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them, and put a stop to the work."

12 And it came about when the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, "They will come up against us from every place where you may turn,"

13 then I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears, and bows.

² Or, army ² Lit., heaps of dust
² Ezra 4:9, 10 ² Neh. 4:10

³ Lit., go up
² Lam. 5:18

⁴ Ps. 123:3, 4 ² Ps. 79:12

⁵ Lit., cover ² Lit.,
offended against
² Ps. 69:27, 28; Jer. 18:23

⁶ Lit., heart

⁷ Ch. 4:1 in Heb. ² Lit.,
healing

⁹ Neh. 4:11

¹⁰ Lit., Judah said ² Lit.,
dust

¹² Ck., Heb. omits
they... up

¹³ Lit., bare
² Neh. 4:17, 18

14 ^aNum. 14:9; Deut. 1:29;
³⁰ ^b2 Sam. 10:12

15 ^a2 Sam. 17:14

18 ¹Lit., he who sounded the trumpet

20 ¹lit., assemble yourselves
^aEx. 14:14; Deut. 1:30

21 ¹Lit., rising of the dawn
²Lit., came out

1 ^aLev. 25:35; Deut. 15:7

4 ^aEzra 4:13; 7:24

5 ¹Lit., there is not to the power in our hands
^aGen. 37:27 ^bLev. 25:39

7 ^aEx. 22:25; Lev. 25:36

8 ¹Lit., bought
^aLev. 25:48

14 When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

15 And it happened when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work.

16 And it came about from that day on, that half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows, and the breastplates; and the captains were behind the whole house of Judah.

17 Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took their load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon.

18 As for the builders, each wore his sword girded at his side as he built, while the trumpeter stood near me.

19 And I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another.

20 "At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

21 So we carried on the work with half of them holding spears from dawn until the stars appeared.

22 At that time I also said to the people, "Let each man with his servant spend the night within Jerusalem so that they may be a guard for us by night and a laborer by day."

23 So neither I, my brothers, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us removed our clothes, each took his weapon even to the water.

CHAPTER 5

Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers.

2 For there were those who said, "We, our sons and our daughters, are many; therefore let us get grain that we may eat and live."

3 And there were others who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses that we might get grain because of the famine."

4 Also there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards.

5 "And now our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers, our children like their children. Yet behold, we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters are forced into bondage already, and we are helpless because our fields and vineyards belong to others."

6 Then I was very angry when I had heard their outcry and these words.

7 And I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers and said to them, "You are exacting usury, each from his brother!" Therefore, I held a great assembly against them.

8 And I said to them, "We according to our ability have redeemed our Jewish brothers who were sold to the nations:

now would you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us?" Then they were silent and could not find a word to say.

9 Again I said, "The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of ^athe reproach of the nations, our enemies?"

10 "And likewise I, my brothers and my servants, are lending them money and grain. Please, let us leave off this usury.

11 "Please, give back to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money and of the grain, the new wine, and the oil that you are exacting from them."

12 Then they said, "We ^awill give it back and ^bwill require nothing from them; we will do exactly as you say." So I called the priests and ^ctook an oath from them that they would do according to this ¹promise.

13 I ^aalso shook out the ¹front of my garment and said, "Thus may God shake out every man from his house and from his possessions who does not fulfill this ²promise; even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And ^ball the assembly said, "Amen!" And they praised the LORD. Then the people did according to this ²promise.

14 Moreover, from the day that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from ^athe twentieth year to the ^bthirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, for twelve years, neither ^cI nor my ¹kinsmen have eaten the governor's food allowance.

15 But the former governors who were before me ¹laid burdens on the people and took from them bread and wine besides forty shekels of silver; even their servants domineered the people. But I did not do so ^abecause of the fear of God.

16 And I also ¹applied myself to the work on this wall; we did not buy any land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work.

17 Moreover, ^athere were at my table one hundred and fifty Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us.

18 Now ^athat which was prepared for each day was one ox and six choice sheep, also birds were prepared for me; and once in ten days all sorts of wine were furnished in abundance. Yet for all this ^bI did not demand the governor's food allowance, because the servitude was heavy on this people.

19 ^aRemember me, O my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

CHAPTER 6

Now it came about when it was reported to Sanballat, Tobiah, to Geshem the Arab, and to the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall, and *that* no breach remained in it ^aalthough at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates,

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together at ¹Chephirim in the plain of ^aOno." But they were planning to ²harm me.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

9 ^aNeh. 4:412 ¹Lit., word
^a2 Chr. 28:15 ^bNeh. 10:31
^cEzra 10:513 ¹Lit., bosom ²Lit., word
^aActs 18:6 ^bNeh. 8:614 ¹Lit., brothers
^aNeh. 1:1 ^bNeh. 13:6 ^cEzra 4:13, 1415 ¹Lit., made heavy
^aNeh. 5:916 ¹Or, held fast17 ^a1 Kin. 18:1918 ^a1 Kin. 4:22, 23
^b2 Thess. 3:819 ^aNeh. 13:14, 22, 311 ^aNeh. 3:1, 32 ¹Another reading is, one of the villages ²Lit., do evil to me
^a1 Chr. 8:12

6 ¹In v. 1 and elsewhere
Ceshem
²Nch. 2:19

7 ¹Lit., you, saying

8 ¹Lit., from your heart

9 ¹Lit., saying, ²Lit., Their hands will drop from

10 ¹Lit., shut up
²Jer. 36:5

11 ¹Lit., and live

12 ¹Lit., and behold God

13 ²Nch. 6:6

14 ²Nch. 13:29 ^bEzek. 13:17

15 ²Nch. 4:1, 2

16 ¹Lit., fell exceedingly in their own eyes ²Lit., from our God
²Nch. 2:10; 4:1, 7 ^bEx. 14:25

1 ²Nch. 6:1, 15

2 ²Nch. 1:2 ^bNch. 10:23

4 And they sent *messages* to me four times in this manner, and I answered them in the same way.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same manner a fifth time with an open letter in his hand.

6 In it was written, "It is reported among the nations, and ¹Cashmu says, that ²you and the Jews are planning to rebel; therefore you are rebuilding the wall. And you are to be their king, according to these reports.

7 "And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning ¹you, 'A king is in Judah!' And now it will be reported to the king according to these reports. So come now, let us take counsel together."

8 Then I sent *a message* to him saying, "Such things as you are saying have not been done, but you are inventing them ¹in your own mind."

9 For all of them were *trying* to frighten us, ¹thinking, "²They will become discouraged with the work and it will not be done." But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 And when I entered the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, ²who was ¹confined at home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you, and they are coming to kill you at night."

11 But I said, "Should a man like me flee? And could one such as I go into the temple ¹to save his life? I will not go in."

12 Then I perceived ¹that surely God had not sent him, but he uttered *his* prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 He was hired for this reason, ²that I might become frightened and act accordingly and sin, so that they might have an evil report in order that they could reproach me.

14 ²Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also Noadiah ^bthe prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were *trying* to frighten me.

15 So ²the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of *the month* Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 And it came about ²when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they ¹lost their confidence; for ^bthey recognized that this work had been accomplished ²with the help of our God.

17 Also in those days many letters went from the nobles of Judah to Tobiah, and Tobiah's *letters* came to them.

18 For many in Judah were bound by oath to him because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Moreover, they were speaking about his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. Then Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about when ²the wall was rebuilt and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 that I put ²Hanani my brother, and ^bHanaiah the

commander of the fortress, in charge of Jerusalem, for he was a faithful man and feared God more than many.

3 Then I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot, and while they are standing guard, let them shut and bolt the doors. Also appoint guards from the inhabitants of Jerusalem, each at his post, and each in front of his own house."

4 Now the city was large and spacious but the people in it were few and the houses were not built.

5 Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials, and the people to be enrolled by genealogies. Then I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up first ¹in which I found the following record:

6 ^aThese are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his city,

7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ¹Azariah, ²Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, ³Mispereth, Bigvai, ⁴Nehum, Baanah.

The number of men of the people of Israel:

8 The sons of Parosh, 2,172;

9 the sons of Shephatiah, 372;

10 the sons of Arah, 652;

11 the sons of Pahath-moab of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,818;

12 the sons of Elam, 1,254;

13 the sons of Zattu, 845;

14 the sons of Zaccai, 760;

15 the sons of ¹Binnui, 648;

16 the sons of Bebai, 628;

17 the sons of Azgad, 2,322;

18 the sons of Adonikam, 667;

19 the sons of Bigvai, 2,067;

20 the sons of Adin, 655;

21 the sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, 98;

22 the sons of Hashum, 328;

23 the sons of Bezai, 324;

24 the sons of ¹Hariph, 112;

25 the sons of ¹Gibeon, 95;

26 the men of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188;

27 the men of Anathoth, 128;

28 the men of ¹Beth-azmaveth, 42;

29 the men of ¹Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743;

30 the men of Ramah and Geba, 621;

31 the men of Michmas, 122;

32 the men of Bethel and Ai, 123;

33 the men of the other Nebo, 52;

34 the sons of the other Elam, 1,254;

35 the sons of Harim, 320;

36 the ¹men of Jericho, 345;

37 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721;

38 the sons of Senaah, 3,930.

39 The priests: The sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, 973;

2 ^cNeh. 2:8 ^dNeh. 13:13

5 ¹Lit., and I found written in it

6 ^aEzra 2:1-70

7 ¹In Ezra 2:2, *Seraiah* ²In Ezra 2:2, *Reeliah* ³In Ezra 2:2, *Mispar* ⁴In Ezra 2:2, *Rehum*

15 ¹In Ezra 2:10, *Bani*

24 ¹In Ezra 2:18, *Jorah*

25 ¹In Ezra 2:20, *Gibbar*

28 ¹In Ezra 2:24, *Azmareth*

29 ¹In Ezra 2:25, *Kiriath-arim*

36 ¹Lit., sons

- 43 ¹In Ezra 2:40, *Hodariah* 40 the sons of Immer, 1,052;
41 the sons of Pashhur, 1,247;
42 the sons of Harim, 1,017.
43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the sons of ¹Hodevah, 74.
- 47 ¹In Ezra 2:44, *Siaha* 44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 148.
45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, 138.
46 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
- 52 ¹In Ezra 2:50, *Nephtisim* 47 the sons of Keros, the sons of ¹Sia, the sons of Padon,
48 the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmai,
49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Cahar,
- 54 ¹In Ezra 2:52, *Bazluth* 50 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,
51 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,
52 the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of ¹Nephtishesim,
53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
54 the sons of ¹Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,
- 57 ¹In Ezra 2:55, *Hassophereth* ²In Ezra 2:55, *Peruda* 56 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.
57 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of ¹Sophereth, the sons of ²Perida,
58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
- 59 ¹In Ezra 2:57, *Ami* 59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of ¹Amon.
60 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants, *were* 392.
61 And these *were* they who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses or their ¹descendants, whether they were of Israel:
62 The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 642.
- 61 ¹Lit., *seed* 63 And of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai, the Gileadite, and was named after them.
64 These searched *among* their ancestral registration, but it could not be located; therefore they were considered unclean *and excluded* from the priesthood.
- 65 ¹Heb. *Tirshathah*, a Persian title
²Neh. 8:9; 10:1 65 And ^athe ¹governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest arose with Urim and Thummin.
66 The whole assembly together *was* 42,360,
67 besides their male and their female servants, ¹of whom *there were* 7,337; and they had 245 male and female singers.
68 ¹Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;
- 67 ¹Lit., *these*
- 68 ¹So with some ancient mss. and Ck.: Ezra 2:66

Ezra Reads the Law to the People.
"This Day Is Holy."

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69 *their* camels, 435; *their* donkeys, 6,720.

70 And some from among the heads of fathers' *households* gave to the work. The ^{1a}governor gave to the treasury 1,000 gold drachmas, 50 basins, 530 priests' garments.

71 And some of the heads of fathers' *households* gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 gold drachmas, and 2,200 silver minas.

72 And that which the rest of the people gave was 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,000 silver minas, and 67 priests' garments.

73 Now the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their cities.

^aAnd when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel *were* in their cities.

CHAPTER 8

AND all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of ^athe Water Gate, and they ¹asked ^bEzra the scribe to bring ^cthe book of the law of Moses which the LORD had ²given to Israel.

2 Then ^aEzra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women, and all who *could* listen with understanding, on ^bthe first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read from it before the square which was in front of ^athe Water Gate from ¹early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.

5 And Ezra opened ^athe book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God; and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" ^bwhile lifting up their hands; then ^cthey bowed low and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, explained the law to the people while the people *remained* in their place.

8 And they read from the book, from the law of God, ¹translating to give the sense so that they understood ¹the reading.

9 Then Nehemiah, who was the ^{1a}governor, and Ezra ^bthe priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not ^dmourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said to them, "Go; eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and ^asend portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

70 ¹Heb. *Tirshathah*, a Persian title
^aNeh. 7:65; 8:9

73 ^aEzra 3:1

¹Lit., *said to* ²Lit., *commanded*
^aNeh. 3:26 ^bEzra 7:6 ^c2 Chr. 34:15

²Neh. 8:9; Deut. 31:9-11
^bLev. 23:24

³Lit., *from the light*
^aNeh. 8:1

5 ^aNeh. 8:3

6 ^aNeh. 5:13 ^bGen. 14:22
^cEx. 4:31

8 ¹Or, *explaining*

9 ¹Heb., *Tirshatha*, a Persian title
^aNeh. 7:65, 70 ^bNeh. 12:26
^cNeh. 8:2 ^dDeut. 12:7, 12

10 ^aDeut. 26:11-13

12 ¹Lit., *make a great rejoicing*
²Neh. 8:10 ^bNeh. 8:7, 8

14 ^aLev. 23:34, 40, 42

15 ¹Lit., *and that they will cause to be heard* ²Hcb., *oil tree, species unknown*
³Lev. 23:4 ^bDeut. 16:16 ^cLev. 23:40

16 ^aJer. 32:29 ^bNeh. 8:1
^cNeh. 12:39; 2 Kin. 14:13

17 ¹Lit., *the booths*
²Chr. 7:8; 8:13 ^{b2}Chr. 30:21

18 ^aDeut. 31:11 ^bLev. 23:36
^cNum. 29:35

1 ^aNeh. 8:2 ^bEzra 8:23
^{c1}Sam. 4:12

2 ¹Lit., *seed*

3 ^aNeh. 8:4

4 ^aNeh. 8:7

6 ^aDeut. 6:4; 2 Kin. 19:15
^bGen. 1:1 ^cCol. 1:17

11 So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy, do not be grieved."

12 And all the people went away to eat, to drink, ^ato send portions and to ¹celebrate a great festival, ^bbecause they understood the words which had been made known to them.

13 Then on the second day the heads of fathers' households of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe that they might gain insight into the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law how the LORD had commanded through Moses that the sons of Israel ^ashould live in booths during the feast of the seventh month.

15 ^{1a}So they proclaimed and circulated a proclamation in all their cities and ^bin Jerusalem, saying, "^cGo out to the hills, and bring olive branches, and ²wild olive branches, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of other leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 So the people went out and brought *them* and made booths for themselves, each ^aon his roof, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at ^bthe Water Gate, and in the square at ^cthe Gate of Ephraim.

17 And the entire assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in ¹them. The sons of Israel ^ahad indeed not done so from the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day. And ^bthere was great rejoicing.

18 And ^ahe read from the book of the law of God daily, from the first day to the last day. And they ^bcelebrated the feast seven days, and on ^cthe eighth day *there was* a solemn assembly according to the ordinance.

CHAPTER 9

NOW on the twenty-fourth day of ^athis month the sons of Israel assembled ^bwith fasting, in sackcloth, and with ^cdirt upon them.

2 And the ¹descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 While ^athey stood in their place, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day; and for *another* fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.

4 ^aNow on the Levites' platform stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice to the LORD their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, "Arise, bless the LORD your God forever and ever!"

"O may Thy glorious name be blessed
And exalted above all blessing and praise!

6 ^a"Thou alone art the LORD.

^bThou hast made the heavens,
The heaven of heavens with all their host,
The earth and all that is on it,
The seas and all that is in them.

^cThou dost give life to all of them
And the heavenly host bows down before Thee.

- 7 "Thou art the LORD God,
 aWho chose Abram
 And brought him out from bUr of the Chaldees.
 And c gave him the name Abraham.
- 8 "And Thou didst find ahis heart faithful before Thee,
 And didst make a covenant with him
 To give him the land of the Canaanite,
 Of the Hittite and the Amorite,
 Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite—
 To give it to his ldescendants.
 And Thou bhast fulfilled Thy promise,
 For Thou art righteous.
- 9 "aThou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt,
 And didst bhear their cry by the lRed Sea.
- 10 "Then Thou didst perform signs and wonders against
 Pharaoh,
 Against all his servants and all the people of his land;
 For Thou didst know that athey acted arrogantly to-
 ward them,
 And b didst make a name for Thyself as it is this day.
- 11 "And aThou didst divide the sea before them,
 So they passed through the midst of the sea on dry
 ground;
 And btheir pursuers Thou didst hurl into the depths,
 Like a stone into lraging waters.
- 12 "And with a pillar of cloud aThou didst lead them by
 day,
 And with a pillar of fire by night
 To light for them the way
 In which they were to go.
- 13 "Then aThou didst come down on Mount Sinai,
 And didst bspeak with them from heaven;
 Thou didst give to them cjust ordinances and true laws,
 Good statutes and commandments.
- 14 "So Thou didst make known to them aThy holy
 sabbath,
 And didst lay down for them commandments, statutes,
 and law,
 Through Thy servant Moses.
- 15 "Thou didst aprovide bread from heaven for them for
 their hunger,
 Thou didst bbring forth water from a rock for them for
 their thirst,
 And Thou didst cstell them to enter in order to possess
 The land which Thou didst lswear to give them.
- 16 "But they, our fathers, aacted arrogantly;
 They lbecame stubborn and would not listen to Thy
 commandments.
- 17 "And they refused to listen,
 And adid not remember Thy wondrous deeds which
 Thou hadst performed among them;
 So they became stubborn and bappointed a leader to
 return to their slavery l in Egypt.

7 aGen. 12:1 bGen. 11:31
 cGen. 17:5

8 lLit., seed
 aGen. 15:6, 18:21 bJosh.
 21:43-45

9 lOr, Sea of Reeds
 aEx. 3:7 bEx. 14:10-12; 7:8
 14, 31

10 aEx. 5:2 bEx. 9:16

11 lLit., strong, mighty
 aEx. 14:21 bEx. 15:1, 5, 10

12 aEx. 13:21, 22

13 aEx. 19:11, 18-20 bEx.
 20:1 cPs. 19:7-9

14 aEx. 16:23; 20:8

15 lLit., lift up Thy hand
 aEx. 16:4, 14, 15 bEx. 17:6;
 Num. 20:7-13 cDeut. 1:8

16 lLit., stiffened their
 neck; so also v. 17.
 aNeh. 9:10 bNeh. 9:29; Deut.
 31:27

17 lSo Gk. and some Heb.
 mss.; Heb. reads, in their
 rebellion
 aPs. 78:11, 42-55 bNum. 14:4

17 ^cEx. 34:6, 718 ¹Lit., *acts of contempt*
²Ex. 32:4-8, 3119 ^aNeh. 9:27, 31 ^bNeh.
9:1220 ^aNeh. 9:30; Num. 11:17;
15. 63:11-1421 ^aDeut. 2:722 ¹Lit., *side, corner* ²So
the Gk. and the Latin. Heb.
reads, *and the land of the*
king of Heshbon
^aNum. 21:21-3523 ^aGen. 15:524 ¹Lit., *according to their*
desire
^aJosh. 21:43 ^bJosh. 18:125 ¹Lit., *fat*
^aDeut. 3:5 ^bNum. 13:20
^cDeut. 6:11 ^dDeut. 32:15
^e1 Kin. 8:6626 ¹Lit., *acts of contempt*
^aJudg. 2:11 ^b1 Kin. 14:9
^c2 Chr. 36:16 ^dNeh. 9:30
^eNeh. 9:1827 ^aJudg. 2:14 ^bDeut. 4:29

But Thou art a God ^cof forgiveness,
Gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness;
And Thou didst not forsake them.

18 “Even when they ^amade for themselves
A calf of molten metal
And said, ‘This is your God

Who brought you up from Egypt,’
And committed great ¹blasphemies,

19 “^aThou, in Thy great compassion,
Didst not forsake them in the wilderness;
^bThe pillar of cloud did not leave them by day,
To guide them on their way,
Nor the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way
in which they were to go.

20 “And ^aThou didst give Thy good Spirit to instruct them,
Thy manna Thou didst not withhold from their
mouth,

And Thou didst give them water for their thirst.

21 “Indeed, ^aforty years Thou didst provide for them in the
wilderness *and* they were not in want,
Their clothes did not wear out, nor did their feet swell.

22 “Thou didst also give them kingdoms and peoples,
And Thou didst allot *them* to them as a ¹boundary.
^aAnd they took possession of the land of Sihon ²the
king of Heshbon,

And the land of Og the king of Bashan.

23 “And Thou didst make their sons numerous as ^athe stars
of heaven,
And Thou didst bring them into the land
Which Thou hadst told their fathers to enter and
possess.

24 “^aSo their sons entered and possessed the land.
And ^bThou didst subdue before them the inhabitants
of the land, the Canaanites,
And Thou didst give them into their hand, with their
kings, and the peoples of the land,
To do with them ¹as they desire.

25 “And ^athey captured fortified cities and a ¹^bfertile land.
They took possession of ^chouses full of every good
thing,
Hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive groves,
Fruit trees in abundance.
So they ate, were filled, and ^dgrew fat,
And ^ereveled in Thy great goodness.

26 “^aBut they became disobedient and rebelled against
Thee,
And ^bcast Thy law behind their backs
And ^ckilled Thy prophets who had ^dadmonished them
So that they might return to Thee,
And ^ethey committed great ¹blasphemies.

27 “Therefore Thou didst ^adeliver them into the hand of
their oppressors who oppressed them,
But when they cried to Thee ^bin the time of their
distress,

<p>Thou didst hear from heaven, and according to Thy great compassion Thou didst give them deliverers who delivered them from the hand of their oppressors.</p>	<p>27 ^cJudg. 2:16</p>
<p>28 "But ^aas soon as they had rest, they did evil again before Thee; Therefore Thou didst abandon them to the hand of their enemies, so that they ruled over them. When they cried again to Thee, Thou didst hear from heaven, And ^bmany times Thou didst rescue them according to Thy compassion,</p>	<p>28 ^aJudg. 3:11 ^bPs. 106:43</p>
<p>29 "And ^aadmonished them in order to turn them back to Thy law. Yet ^bthey acted arrogantly and did not listen to Thy commandments but sinned against Thy ordinances, By ^cwhich if a man observes them he shall live. And they ^{1d}turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck, and would not listen.</p>	<p>29 ¹Lit., gave ^aNeh. 9:26, 30 ^bNeh. 9:10, 16 ^cLev. 18:5 ^dZech. 7:11</p>
<p>30 "However, Thou didst bear with them for many years, And ^badmonished them by ^cThy Spirit through Thy prophets, Yet they would not give ear. Therefore Thou didst give them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.</p>	<p>30 ^aPs. 95:10; Acts 13:18 ^bNeh. 9:26, 29 ^cNeh. 9:20</p>
<p>31 "Nevertheless in Thy great compassion Thou ^adidst not make an end of them or forsake them, For Thou art ^ba gracious and compassionate God.</p>	<p>31 ^aJer. 4:27 ^bNeh. 9:17</p>
<p>32 "Now therefore, our God, ^athe great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who dost keep covenant and lovingkindness, Do not let all the hardship seem insignificant before Thee, Which has come upon us, our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and on all Thy people, ^bFrom the days of the kings of Assyria to this day.</p>	<p>32 ^aNeh. 1:5 ^b2 Kin. 15:19</p>
<p>33 "However, ^aThou art just in all that hast come upon us; For Thou hast dealt faithfully, but we have acted wickedly.</p>	<p>33 ^aGen. 18:25; Jer. 12:1</p>
<p>34 "For our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Thy law Or paid attention to Thy commandments and Thy ¹admonitions with which Thou hast ²admonished them.</p>	<p>34 ¹Lit., testimonies ²Or, witnessed</p>
<p>35 "But ^athey, in their own kingdom, ^bWith Thy great goodness which Thou didst give them, With the broad and rich land which Thou didst set before them, Did not serve Thee or turn from their evil deeds.</p>	<p>35 ^aDeut. 28:47 ^bNeh. 9:25</p>
<p>36 "Behold ^awe are slaves today,</p>	<p>36 ^aDeut. 28:48</p>

37 ²Deut. 28:33

And as to the land which Thou didst give to our fathers
to eat of its fruit and its bounty,
Behold, we are slaves on it.

37 "And ²its abundant produce is for the kings
Whom Thou hast set over us because of our sins;
They also rule over our bodies
And over our cattle as they please,
So we are in great distress.

38 "Now because of all this
²We are making an agreement in writing;
And on the ^bsealed document *are the names of our*
leaders, our Levites *and* our priests."

38 ¹Ch. 10:1 in Heb.
^aNeh. 10:29 ^bNeh. 10:1

CHAPTER 10

¹ NOW on the ^asealed document *were the names of:* Nehemiah the ²governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,

4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the priests.

9 And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of
the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 also their brothers Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah,
Hanan,

11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The leaders of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab.

Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 Now ^athe rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the
gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and ^ball those
who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to
the law of God, their wives, their sons and their daughters, all
those who had knowledge and understanding,

29 are joining with their ¹kinsmen, their nobles, and are
^{2a}taking on themselves a curse and an oath to walk in God's
law, which was given through Moses, God's servant, and to
keep and to observe all the commandments of ³God our Lord,
and His ordinances and His statutes;

1 ¹Ch. 10:2 in Heb. ²Heb.
Tirshatha, a Persian title
^aNeh. 9:3828 ^aEzra 2:36-58 ^bNeh. 9:229 ¹Lit., *brothers* ²Lit.,
entering into a ³YHWH,
usually rendered LORD
^aNeh. 5:12

They Place Themselves Under Obligation. Heads of the Provinces.

30 and ^athat we will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.

31 As ^afor the peoples of the land who bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the sabbath or a holy day; and we will forego *the crops* the ^bseventh year and the ^cexaction of every debt.

32 We also ¹placed ourselves under obligation to contribute yearly ^aone third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God:

33 for the showbread, for the continual grain offering, for the continual burnt offering, the sabbaths, the new moon, for the appointed times, for the holy things and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

34 Likewise ^awe cast lots ^bfor the supply of wood *among* the priests, the Levites, and the people in order that they might bring it to the house of our God, according to our fathers' households, at fixed times annually, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God as it is written in the law;

35 and in order that they might bring the first fruits of our ground and ^athe first fruits of all the fruit of every tree to the house of the LORD annually,

36 and bring to the house of our God the first-born of our sons and of our cattle, and the first-born of our herds and our flocks ^aas it is written in the law, for the priests who are ministering in the house of our God.

37 ^aWe will also bring the first of our ¹dough, our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the new wine and the oil ^bto the priests at the chambers of the house of our God, and the ^ctithe of our ground to the Levites for the Levites are they who receive the tithes in all the rural towns.

38 And ^athe priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of ^bthe storehouse.

39 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the ^acontribution of the grain, the new wine and the oil, to the chambers; there are the utensils of the sanctuary, the priests who are ministering, the gatekeepers, and the singers. Thus ^bwe will not ¹neglect the house of our God.

CHAPTER 11

NOW ^athe leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, but the rest of the people ^bcast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem, ^cthe holy city, while nine-tenths *remained* in the *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.

3 ^aNow these are the heads of the provinces who lived in Jerusalem, but in the cities of Judah ^beach lived on his own property in their cities—the ¹Israelites, the priests, the Levites, the ^{2c}temple servants and the ^{3d}descendants of Solomon's servants.

4 And some of the sons of Judah and some of the sons of Benjamin lived in Jerusalem. From the sons of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah,

Nehemiah 10, 11

30 ^aEx. 34:16; Deut. 7:3

31 ^aNeh. 13:15-22 ^bEx. 23:10, 11 ^cDeut. 15:1, 2

32 ¹Lit., *imposed commandments on us*
^aEx. 30:11-16; Matt. 17:24

34 ^aNeh. 11:1 ^bNeh. 13:31

35 ^aEx. 23:19

36 ^aEx. 13:2

37 ¹Or, *coarse meal*
^aLev. 23:17 ^bNeh. 13:5, 9
^cLev. 27:30

38 ^aNum. 18:26 ^bNeh. 13:12, 13

39 ¹Lit., *forsake*
^aDeut. 12:6 ^bNeh. 13:10, 11

1 ^aNeh. 7:4 ^bNeh. 10:34
^cNeh. 11:18; Is. 48:2

3 ¹Lit., *Israel* ²Hcb.,
Nethanim ³Lit., *sons*
^a1 Chr. 9:2-34 ^bNeh. 11:20
^cEzra 2:43 ^dNeh. 7:57

9¹Lit., over

the son of Shephathiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the sons of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.

6 All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were 468 able men.

7 Now these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah;

8 and after him Gabbai and Sallai, 928.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second¹ in command of the city.

10 From the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin,

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraieth, the son of Ahitub, the leader of the house of God,

12 and their¹ kinsmen who performed the work of the² temple, 822; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,

13 and his kinsmen, heads of fathers' households, 242; and Amashsai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshilemoth, the son of Immer,

14 and their brothers, valiant warriors, 128. And their overseer was Zabdai, the son of¹ Haggadolim.

15 Now from the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni:

16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, from the¹ leaders of the Levites, who² were in charge of^a the outside work of the house of God;

17 and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of¹ Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the² leader in beginning the thanksgiving at prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and³ Abda the son of⁴ Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in^a the holy city were 284.

19 Also the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, who kept watch at the gates, were 172.

20 And the rest of Israel, of the priests, and of the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, each^a on his own inheritance.

21 But^a the temple servants were living in Ophel, and Zilha and Gishpa were¹ in charge of the temple servants.

22 Now^a the overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, from the sons of Asaph, who were the singers for the¹ service of the house of God.

23^a For there was a commandment from the king concerning them and a firm regulation for the song leaders^b day by day.

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was the king's¹ representative in all matters concerning the people.

25 Now as for the villages with their fields, some of the

12¹Lit., brothers, and so through the chap. ²Lit., house

14¹Or., the great ones

16¹Lit., heads ²Lit., over ¹Chr. 26:29

17¹In 1 Chr. 9:15, Zichri ²Lit., head ³In 1 Chr. 9:16, Obadiah ⁴In 1 Chr. 9:16, Shemaiah

18^aNeh. 11:1

20^aNeh. 11:3

21¹Lit., over ^aNeh. 3:26; 2 Chr. 27:3

22¹Or., work ^aNeh. 11:9, 14

23^aEzra 6:8; 7:20 ^bNeh. 12:47

24¹Lit., hand

Inhabitants of Other Places.

Priests and Levites Who Came with Zerubbabel.

sons of Judah lived in ^aKiriath-arba and its ¹towns, in ^bDibon and its ¹towns, and in Jekabzeel and its villages,

26 and in Jeshua, in Moladah and Beth-pelet,

27 and in Hazar-shual, in Beersheba and its towns

28 and in Ziklag, in Meconah and in its towns

29 and in En-rimmon, in Zorah and in Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullain, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its towns. So they encamped from Beersheba as far as the valley of Hinnom.

31 The sons of Benjamin also *lived* from Geba *onward*, at Michmash and Aija, at Bethel and its towns,

32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 And from the Levites, *some* divisions in Judah belonged to Benjamin.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these are ^athe priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah. These were the heads of the priests and their ¹kinsmen in the days of Jeshua.

8 And the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah *who was* ¹in charge of the songs of thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, stood opposite them ^ain *their* service divisions.

10 And Jeshua ¹became the father of Joiakim, and Joiakim ¹became the father of Eliashub, and Eliashub ¹became the father of Joiada,

11 and Joiada became the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan became the father of Jaddua.

12 Now in the days of Joiakim the priests, the heads of fathers' *households* were: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 of ¹Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

22 As for the Levites, the heads of fathers' *households* were registered in the days of Eliashub, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua; so *were* the priests in the reign of Darius the Persian.

Nehemiah 11, 12

25 ¹Lit., *daughters*, and so throughout the chap.
^aJosh. 14:15 ^bJosh. 13:9, 17

1 ^aEzra 2:1; 7:7

7 ¹Lit., *brothers*

8 ¹Lit., *over*

9 ^aNeh. 12:24

10 ¹Lit., *begot* and so in v. 11, 12

14 ¹In Neh. 12:2, *Malluch*

²⁴ ¹Lit., in the commandment of
^aNeh. 11:17 ^bNeh. 12:9

25 ^a1 Chr. 26:15

26 ^aNeh. 8:9

27 ^a1 Chr. 15:16, 28

28 ^a1 Chr. 9:16

30 ^aNeh. 13:22, 30

31 ¹Lit., thanksgiving
choirs ²Heb. reads and
processions to the
right . . . cf. v. 38
^aNeh. 12:38 ^bNeh. 2:13

36 ¹Lit., brothers
^aNeh. 12:24

37 ^aNeh. 2:14 ^bNeh. 3:15
^cNeh. 3:26

38 ¹Lit., thanksgiving choir
²Lit., front
^aNeh. 12:31 ^bNeh. 3:11
^cNeh. 3:8

39 ^aNeh. 8:16 ^bNeh. 3:6
^cNeh. 3:3 ^dNeh. 3:1 ^eNeh.
3:25

23 The sons of Levi, the heads of fathers' households, were registered in the Book of the Chronicles up to the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24 And the heads of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers opposite them, ^ato praise and give thanks, ¹as prescribed by David the man of God, ^bdivision corresponding to division.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers keeping watch at ^athe storehouses of the gates.

26 These served in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of ^aNehemiah the governor and of Ezra the priest and scribe.

27 Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem so that they might celebrate the dedication with gladness, with hymns of thanksgiving and with songs ^ato the accompaniment of cymbals, harps, and lyres.

28 So the sons of the singers were assembled from the district around Jerusalem, and from ^athe villages of the Nethophathites,

29 from Beth-gilgal, and from their fields in Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built themselves villages around Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites ^apurified themselves; they also purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I had the leaders of Judah come up on top of the wall, and I appointed two great ¹choirs, ^{2a}the first proceeding to the right on top of the wall toward ^bthe Refuse Gate.

32 Hoshaiiah and half of the leaders of Judah followed them,

33 with Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah,

35 and some of the sons of the priests with trumpets; and Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,

36 and his ¹kinsmen, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah and Hanani, ^awith the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them.

37 And at ^athe Fountain Gate they went directly up ^bthe steps of the city of David by the stairway of the wall above the house of David to ^cthe Water Gate on the east.

38 ^aThe second ¹choir proceeded to the ²left, while I followed them with half of the people on the wall, ^babove the Towers of the Furnaces, to ^cthe broad wall,

39 and above ^athe Gate of Ephraim, by ^bthe Old Gate, by the ^cFish Gate, ^dthe Tower of Hananel, and the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate, and they stopped at ^ethe Gate of the Guard.

40 Then the two choirs took their stand in the house of God. So did I and half of the officials with me;

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micahiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with the trumpets;

42 and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan,

**For the Temple Service.
Foreigners Excluded. Tobiah Expelled.**

Nehemiah 12, 13

Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers ¹sang, with Jezrahiah *their* leader,

43 and on that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because God had given them great joy, even the women and children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar.

44 On that day ^amen were also appointed over the chambers for the stores, the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions required by the law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ¹served.

45 For they performed the ¹worship of their God and the service of purification, together with the singers and the gatekeepers ^ain accordance with the command of David *and* of his son Solomon.

46 For in the days of David and ^aAsaph, in ancient times, *there were* ¹leaders of the singers, songs of praise and hymns of thanksgiving to God.

47 And so all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and Nehemiah gave the portions due the singers and the gatekeepers ^aas each day required, and ^bset apart the consecrated *portion* for the Levites, and the Levites set apart the consecrated *portion* for the sons of Aaron.

CHAPTER 13

ON that day ^athey read aloud from the book of Moses in the hearing of people; and there was found written in it that ^bno Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God,

2 because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and water, but ^ahired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 So it came about, that when they heard the law, ^athey excluded all foreigners from Israel.

4 Now prior to this, Eliashib the priest, ^awho was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, being ¹related to ^bTobiah,

5 had prepared a large ¹room for him, where formerly they put the grain offerings, the frankincense, the utensils, and the tithes of grain, wine and oil ^aprescribed for the Levites, the singers and the gatekeepers, and the ²contributions for the priests.

6 But during all this *time* I was not in Jerusalem, for in ^athe thirty-second year of ^bArtaxerxes king of Babylon I had gone to the king. After some time, however, I asked leave from the king,

7 and I came to Jerusalem and ¹learned about the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, ^aby preparing a ²room for him in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it was very displeasing to me, so I threw all of Tobiah's household goods out of the room.

9 Then I gave an order and ^athey cleansed the rooms; and I returned there the utensils of the house of God with the grain offerings and the frankincense.

10 I also ¹discovered that ^athe portions of the Levites had

⁴² ¹Lit., *caused their voices to be heard*

⁴⁴ ¹Lit., *stood* cf. 2 Chr. 29:11
^aNeh. 13:5, 12, 13

⁴⁵ ¹Lit., *service*
^a1 Chr. 25:1; 26:1

⁴⁶ ¹Lit., *heads*, cf. 1 Chr. 9:33
^a2 Chr. 29:30

⁴⁷ ^aNeh. 11:23 ^bNum. 18:21

¹ ^aNeh. 9:3 ^bNeh. 13:23; Deut. 23:3-5

² ^aNum. 22:3-11

³ ^aNeh. 9:2

⁴ ¹Lit., *close to*
^aEx. 12:38 ^bNeh. 12:44

⁵ ¹Or, *chamber* ²Lit., *heave offerings*
^aNeh. 2:10; 6:1, 17, 18

⁶ ^aNeh. 5:14 ^bEzra 6:22

⁷ ¹Or, *understood* ²Or, *chamber*, and so in v. 8, 9
^aNeh. 13:5

⁹ ^a2 Chr. 29:5, 15, 16

¹⁰ ¹Or, *knew*
^aNeh. 10:37

10²Lit., *fled*
^bNeh. 12:28, 29

11¹Or, *contended with*
^aNeh. 13:17, 25 ^bNeh. 10:39

12^aNeh. 10:37; 12:44

13¹Lit., *on them to* ²Lit.,
brothers
^aNeh. 7:2

14^aNeh. 13:22, 31; Neh.
5:19

15^aEx. 20:8; 34:21 ^bNeh.
10:31 ^cNeh. 13:21; 9:29

16¹Lit., *in it*

17¹Or, *contended with*
²Lit., *and*
^aNeh. 13:11, 25

18^aEzra 9:13; Jer. 17:21

19¹Lit., *and commanded*
^aLev. 23:32

21¹Lit., *witnessed against*
²Lit., *send a hand against*
^aNeh. 13:15

22^aNeh. 12:30; 1 Chr.
15:12 ^bNeh. 13:14, 31

23¹Lit., *given dwelling to*
^aNeh. 10:30; Ezra 9:2 ^bNeh.
4:7 ^cNeh. 13:1; Ezra 9:1

24¹Lit., *according to the*
tongue of people and people.

25^aNeh. 13:11, 17 ^bDeut.
25:2 ^cNeh. 10:29, 30

not been given *them*, so that the Levites and the singers who performed the service had ²gone away, ^beach to his own field.

11 So I ^{1a}reprimanded the officials and said, “^bWhy is the house of God forsaken?” Then I gathered them together and restored them to their posts.

12 All Judah then brought ^athe tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

13 And in charge of the storehouses I appointed Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and in addition to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for ^athey were considered reliable, and it was ¹their task to distribute to their ²kinsmen.

14 ^aRemember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out my loyal deeds which I have performed for the house of my God and its services.

15 In those days I saw in Judah some who were treading wine presses ^aon the sabbath, and bringing in sacks of grain and loading *them* on donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, ^band they brought *them* into Jerusalem on the sabbath day. So ^cI admonished *them* on the day they sold food.

16 Also men of Tyre were living ¹there *who* imported fish and all kinds of merchandise, and sold *them* to the sons of Judah on the sabbath, even in Jerusalem.

17 Then ^aI ¹reprimanded the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing you are doing, ²by profaning the sabbath day?

18 “^aDid not your fathers do the same so that our God brought on us, and on this city, all this trouble? Yet you are adding to the wrath on Israel by profaning the sabbath.”

19 ^aAnd it came about that just as it grew dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut ¹and that they should not open them until after the sabbath. Then I stationed some of my servants at the gates *that* no load should enter on the sabbath day.

20 Once or twice the traders and merchants of every kind of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem.

21 Then ^aI ¹warned them and said to them, “Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will ²use force against you.” From that time on they did not come on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that ^athey should purify themselves and come as gatekeepers to sanctify the sabbath day. For this also ^bremember me, O my God, and have compassion on me according to the greatness of Thy lovingkindness.

23 In those days I also saw that the Jews had ^{1a}married women from ^bAshdod, ^cAmmon, *and* Moab.

24 As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod, and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah, but ¹the language of his own people.

25 So ^aI contended with them and cursed them and ^bstruck some of them and pulled out their hair, and ^cmade them swear by God, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take of their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.

26 ^a“Did not Solomon king of Israel sin regarding these things? ^bYet among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless the foreign woman caused even him to sin.

26 ^{a1} Kin. 11:1 ^{b1} Kin. 3:13;
2 Chr. 1:12

27 ¹“Do we then hear about you that you have committed all this great evil ^aby acting unfaithfully against our God by ²marrying foreign women?”

27 ¹Or, *Is it reported* ²Lit.,
giving dwelling to
^aNeh. 13:23; Ezra 10:2

28 Even one of the sons of Joiada, the son Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-law of ^aSanballat the Horonite, so I drove him away from me.

28 ^aNeh. 2:10, 19

^a 29 ^aRemember them, O my God, ¹because they have defiled the priesthood and the ^bcovenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

29 ¹Lit., *for the defilings of*
^aNeh. 6:14 ^bNum. 25:13

30 ^aThus I purified them from everything foreign and appointed duties for the priests and the Levites, each in his task,

30 ^aNeh. 10:30

31 and I arranged ^afor the supply of wood at appointed times and for the first fruits. ^bRemember me, O my God, for good.

31 ^aNeh. 10:34 ^bNeh. 13:14,
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THE BOOK OF ESTHER

The Banquets of Ahasuerus.

NOW it took place in the days of ^aAhasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned ^bfrom India to ¹Ethiopia over ^c127 provinces,

2 in those days as King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne which was in ^aSusa the capital,

3 in the third year of his reign, ^ahe gave a banquet for all his princes and attendants, the army *officers* of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of his provinces being in his presence,

4 when he displayed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor of his great majesty for many days, 180 days.

5 And when these days were completed, the king gave a banquet lasting seven days for all the people who were present in Susa the capital, from the greatest to the least, in the court of ^athe garden of the king's palace.

6 *There were hangings of fine white and violet linen held by cords of fine purple linen on silver rings and marble columns, and couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of prophiry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones.*

7 Drinks were served in golden vessels of various kinds, and the royal wine was plentiful ^aaccording to the king's ¹bounty.

8 And the drinking was *done* according to the law, there was no compulsion, for so the king had given orders to each official of his household that he should do according to the desires of each person.

1 ¹Lit., *Cush*
^aEzra 4:6; Dan. 9:1 ^bEsth. 8:9
^cEsth. 9:30

2 ^aNeh. 1:1

3 ^aEsth. 2:8

5 ^aEsth. 7:7-8

6 ^aEzek. 23:41; Amos 6:4

7 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aEsth. 2:18

9 ¹Lit., royal house

10 ²Judg. 16:25

11 ²Esth. 2:17; 6:8

13 ⁴Jer. 10:7; Dan. 2:2
¹Chr. 12:32

14 ¹Lit., saw the face of the king
²Kin. 25:19; Matt. 18:10

15 ¹Lit., do

17 ¹Lit., go forth ²Lit., to despise . . . in their eyes

19 ¹Lit., word go forth from
²Lit., pass away ¹Lit., her neighbor
⁴Esth. 8:8; Dan. 6:8

20 ¹Lit., for great is it
⁴Ph. 5:22; Col. 3:18

21 ¹Lit., according to the word of

22 ²Esth. 3:12; 8:9

1 ²Esth. 7:10 ¹Esth. 1:19,
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9 Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the ¹palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was ²merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

11 to bring Queen Vashti before the king with *her* royal ³crown in order to display her beauty to the people and the princes, for she was beautiful.

12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him.

13 Then the king said to ²the wise men ¹who understood the times—for it was the custom of the king so to *speak* before all who knew law and justice,

14 and were close to him: Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media ²who ¹had access to the king's presence and sat in the first place in the kingdom—

15 “According to law, what is to be done with Queen Vashti, because she did not ¹obey the command of King Ahasuerus *delivered* by the eunuchs?”

16 And in the presence of the king and the princes Memucan said, “Queen Vashti has wronged not only the king but *also* all the princes and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

17 “For the queen's conduct will ¹become known to all the women causing them ²to look with contempt on their husbands by saying, ‘King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in to his presence, but she did not come.’

18 “And this day the ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's conduct will speak in *the same way* to all the king's princes, and there will be plenty of contempt and anger.

19 “If it pleases the king, let a royal ¹edict be issued by him and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media so ²that it cannot ²be repealed, that Vashti should come no more into the presence of King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal position to ³another who is more worthy than she.

20 “And when the king's edict which he shall make is heard throughout all his kingdom, ¹great as it is, then ²all women will give honor to their husbands, great and small.”

21 And *this* word pleased the king and the princes, and the king did ¹as Memucan proposed.

22 So he sent letters to all the king's provinces, ²to each province according to its script and to every people according to their language, that every man should be the master in his own house and the one who speaks in the language of his own people.

CHAPTER 2

AFTER these things ²when the anger of King Ahasuerus had subsided, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and ¹what had been decreed against her.

A Replacement for Vashti Is Sought. Esther Finds Favor.

2 Then the king's attendants, who served him, said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king.

³ ^aEsth. 1:1, 2 ^bEsth. 2:8, 15 ^cEsth. 2:9, 12

3 "And let the king appoint overseers in ^aall the provinces of his kingdom that they may gather every beautiful young virgin to Susa the capital, to the harem, into the custody of ^bHegai, the king's eunuch, who was in charge of the women; and ^clet their cosmetics be given *them*.

⁵ ^aEsth. 3:2

4 "Then let the young lady who pleases the king be queen in place of Vashti." And the matter pleased the king, and he did accordingly.

5 Now there was a Jew in Susa the capital whose name was ^aMordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjaminite,

⁶ ^a2 Kin. 24:14, 15

6 ^awho had been taken into exile from Jerusalem with the captives who had been exiled with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled.

7 And he was bringing up Hadassah, that is ^aEsther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and ¹face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

⁷ ¹Lit., *good of appearance*
^aEsth. 2:15

8 So it came about when the command and decree of the king were heard and ^amany young ladies were gathered to Susa the capital into the custody of ^bHegai, that Esther was taken to the king's ¹palace into the custody of Hegai, who was in charge of the women.

⁸ ¹Lit., *house*
^aEsth. 2:3 ^bEsth. 2:3, 15

9 Now the young lady pleased him and found favor with him. So he quickly provided her with her ^acosmetics and ¹food, gave her seven choice maids from the king's palace, and transferred her and her maids to the best place in the harem.

⁹ ¹Lit., *portions*
^aEsth. 2:3, 12

10 ^aEsther did not make known her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make *them* known.

11 And every day Mordecai walked back and forth in front of the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and how she fared.

¹⁰ ^aEsth. 2:20

12 Now when the turn of each young lady came to go in to King Ahasuerus, after the end of her twelve months under the regulations for the women—for the days of their beautification were completed as follows: six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and the cosmetics for women—

¹³ ¹Lit., *said*

13 the young lady would go in to the king in this way: anything that she ¹desired was given her to take with her from the harem to the king's palace.

14 In the evening she would go in and in the morning she would return to the second harem, to the ¹custody of Shaash-gaz, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the concubines. She would not again go in to the king unless the king delighted in her and she was summoned by name.

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *hand*

15 Now when the turn of Esther, ^athe daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king, she did not request anything except what ^bHegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women, ¹advised. And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *said*
^aEsth. 2:7; 9:29 ^bEsth. 2:3, 8

16 So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal

**Esther Is Crowned Queen. Mordecai Saves the King.
Refuses Homage to Haman.**

Esther 2, 3

17 ^aEsth. 1:11

18 ^aEsth. 1:3 ^bEsth. 1:7

19 ^aEsth. 2:3, 4 ^bEsth. 2:21;
3:2

20 ¹Lit., *the word of
Mordecai*
^aEsth. 2:10 ^bEsth. 2:7

21 ¹Lit., *send a hand
against*
^aEsth. 6:2

22 ¹Lit., *matter*, so also v.
23 ²Lit., *told*
^aEsth. 6:1, 2

23 ¹Lit., *tree*
^aEsth. 10:2

1 ¹Lit., *set his seat*
^aEsth. 5:11 ^bEsth. 3:10; 8:3
^cEsth. 5:11

2 ¹Lit., *and prostrated
themselves before*
^aEsth. 5:9

3 ^aEsth. 2:19 ^bEsth. 3:2

6 ¹Lit., *despised in his eyes*
²Lit., *send a hand against*

7 ¹Lit., *he cast
Pur . . . before* ²Ck., *and the
lot fell on the thirteenth day
of*
^aEsth. 9:24-26 ^bEzra 6:15

8 ^aEzra 4:12-15; Acts
16:20, 21

palace in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the virgins, so that ^ahe set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18 Then ^athe king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his princes and his servants; he also made a holiday for the provinces and gave gifts ^baccording to the king's bounty.

19 And ^awhen the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai ^bwas sitting at the king's gate.

20 ^aEsther had not yet made known her kindred or her people, even as Mordecai had commanded her, for Esther did ¹what Mordecai told her as she had done ^bwhen under his care.

21 In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, ^aBigthan and Teresh, two of the king's officials from those who guarded the door, became angry and sought to ¹lay hands on king Ahasuerus.

22 But the ¹plot became known to Mordecai, and ^ahe told Queen Esther, and Esther ²informed the king in Mordecai's name.

23 Now when the plot was investigated and found *to be* so, they were both hanged on a ¹gallows; and it was written in ^athe Book of the Chronicles in the king's presence.

CHAPTER 3

AFTER these events King Ahasuerus ^apromoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha ^bthe Agagite, and ^cadvanced him and ¹established his authority over all the princes who *were* with him.

2 And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down ¹and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him. But ^aMordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage.

3 Then the king's servants who were at ^athe king's gate said to Mordecai, ^b"Why are you transgressing the king's command?"

4 Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage.

6 But he ¹disdained to ²lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him *who* the people of Mordecai *were*; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

7 In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, ¹Pur, that is the lot, was ^acast before Haman from day to day and from month *to month*, ²until the twelfth month, that is ^bthe month Adar.

8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; ^atheir laws are different from

**Haman Gets Decree to Destroy Jews.
Esther Inquires of Mordecai.**

those of all other people, and they do not observe the king's laws, so it is not in the king's interest to let them remain.

9 "If it is pleasing to the king, let it be ¹decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the king's business, to put into the king's treasuries."

10 Then ^athe king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha ^bthe Agagite, the enemy of ^cthe Jews.

11 And the king said to Haman, "The silver is ¹yours, and the people also, to do with them as you please."

12 ^aThen the king's scribes were summoned on the thirtieth day of the first month, and it was written just as Haman commanded to ^bthe king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, and to the princes of each people, each province according to its script, each people according to its language, being written ^cin the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's signet ring.

13 And letters were sent by ^acouriers to all the king's provinces ^bto destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, ^cin one day, the thirtieth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to ^dseize their possessions as plunder.

14 ^aA copy of the edict to be ¹issued as law in every province was published to all the peoples so that they should be ready for this day.

15 The couriers went out impelled by the king's command while the decree was ¹issued in Susa the capital, and while the king and Haman sat down to drink, ^athe city of Susa was in confusion.

CHAPTER 4

WHEN Mordecai learned ^aall that had been done, ¹he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly.

2 And he went as far as the king's gate, for no one was to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth.

3 And in each and every province where the command and decree of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with ^afasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes.

4 Then Esther's maidens and her eunuchs came and told her, and the queen writhed in great anguish. And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai that he might remove his sackcloth from him, but he did not accept *them*.

5 Then Esther summoned Hathach from the king's eunuchs whom ¹the king had appointed to attend her and ordered him *to go* to Mordecai to learn what this *was* and why it *was*.

6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai to the city square in front of the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and ^athe exact amount of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews.

8 He also gave him ^aa copy of the text of the edict which

9 ¹Lit., *written*

10 ^aEsth. 8:2; Gen. 41:42
^bEsth. 3:1 ^cEsth. 7:6

11 ¹Lit., *given to you*

12 ^aEsth. 8:9 ^bEzra 8:36
^cEsth. 8:8, 10; 1 Kin. 21:8

13 ^aEsth. 8:10, 14; 2 Chr. 30:6
^bEsth. 7:4 ^cEsth. 8:12
^dEsth. 8:11; 9:10

14 ¹Lit., *given*
^aEsth. 8:13, 14

15 ¹Lit., *given*
^aEsth. 8:15

¹Lit., *Mordecai*
^aEsth. 3:8-10; 2 Sam. 1:11;
Jon. 3:5,6

3 ^aEsth. 4:16

5 ¹Lit., *he*

7 ^aEsth. 3:9

8 ^aEsth. 3:14

¹¹ ^aEsth. 5:1; 6:4 ^bDan. 2:9
^cEsth. 5:2; 8:4

16 ^aEsth. 5:1

¹ ¹Lit., *house* ²Lit., *royal house*
^aEsth. 4:16 ^bEsth. 4:11; 6:4

² ^aEsth. 2:9 ^bEsth. 4:11;
8:4

³ ^aEsth. 7:2; Mark 6:23

⁵ ¹Lit., *the word of Esther*
^aEsth. 6:14

⁶ ¹Lit., *at the banquet of wine*
^aEsth. 7:2 ^bEsth. 5:3

had been issued in Susa for their destruction that he might show Esther and inform her, and to order her to go in to the king to implore his favor and to plead with him for her people.

9 And Hathach came back and related Mordecai's words to Esther.

10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and ordered him to *reply* to Mordecai:

11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who ^acomes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, ^bhe has but one law, that he be put to death; unless the king holds out ^cto him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days."

12 And they related Esther's words to Mordecai.

13 Then Mordecai told *them* to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews.

14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

15 Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai,

16 "Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for ^athree days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish."

17 So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him.

CHAPTER 5

NOW it came about ^aon the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood ^bin the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's ¹rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the ²throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace.

2 And it happened when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, ^ashe obtained favor in his sight; and ^bthe king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.

3 Then the king said to her, "What is *troubling* you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? ^aEven to half of the kingdom it will be given to you."

4 And Esther said, "If it please the king, may the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

5 Then the king said, "^aBring Haman quickly that we may do ¹as Esther desires." So the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

6 And, ¹as they drank their wine at the banquet, ^athe king said to Esther, "^bWhat is your petition, for it shall be granted to you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done."

7 So Esther answered and said, "My petition and my request is:

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The King Plans to Honor Mordecai.**

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8 ^aIf I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition and do ¹what I request, may the king and Haman come to ^bthe banquet which I shall prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do ²as the king says.”

8 ¹Lit., *my request* ²Lit., *according to the word of the king*
^aEsth. 7:3; 8:5 ^bEsth. 6:14

9 Then Haman went out that day glad and pleased of heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai ^ain the king's gate, and ^bthat he did not stand up or ¹tremble before him, Haman was filled with anger against Mordecai.

9 ¹Or, *move for*
^aEsth. 2:19 ^bEsth. 3:5

10 Haman controlled himself, however, went to his house, and ¹sent for his friends and his wife ^aZeresh.

10 ¹Lit., *sent and brought*
^aEsth. 6:13

11 Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the ^{1a}number of his sons, and every *instance* where the king had magnified him, and how he had ^{2b}promoted him above the princes and servants of the king.

11 ¹Lit., *multitude* ²Lit., *lifted*
^aEsth. 9:7-10 ^bEsth. 3:1

12 Haman also said, “Even Esther the queen let no one but me come with the king to the banquet which she had prepared; and ^atomorrow also I am ¹invited by her with the king.

12 ¹Lit., *summoned to her*
^aEsth. 5:8

13 “Yet all of this ¹does not satisfy me every time I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at ^athe king's gate.”

13 ¹Lit., *is not suitable to me*
^aEsth. 5:9

14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, “^aHave a ¹gallows fifty cubits high made and in the morning ask the king to have Mordecai hanged on it, then go joyfully with the king to the banquet.” And the ²advice pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.

CHAPTER 6

^a**DURING** that night ¹the king ^bcould not sleep so he gave an order to bring ^cthe book of records, the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

14 ¹Lit., *tree* ²Lit., *thing*
^aEsth. 6:4; 7:9, 10

2 And it was found written what ^aMordecai had reported concerning Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who were doorkeepers, that they had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

1 ¹Lit., *the king's sleep fled*
^aEsth. 5:8 ^bDan. 6:18 ^cEsth. 2:23; 10:2

3 And the king said, “What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?” Then the king's servants who attended him said, “Nothing has been done for him.”

2 ^aEsth. 2:21, 22

4 So the king said, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had just ^aentered the outer court of the king's palace in order to speak to the king about ^bhanging Mordecai on the gallows which he had prepared for him.

4 ^aEsth. 4:11; 5:1 ^bEsth. 5:14

5 And the king's servants said to him, “Behold, Haman is standing in the court.” And the king said, “Let him come in.”

6 So Haman came in and the king said to him, “What is to be done for the man ^awhom the king desires to honor?” And Haman said ¹to himself, “Whom would the king desire to honor more than me?”

6 ¹Lit., *in his heart*
^aEsth. 6:7, 9, 11

7 Then Haman said to the king, “For the man whom the king desires to honor,

8 ^a1 Kin. 1:33 ^bEsth. 1:11; 2:17

8 let them bring a royal robe which the king has worn, and ^athe horse on which the king has ridden, and on whose head ^ba royal crown has been placed;

9 and let the robe and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble princes and let them array the man whom the king desires to honor and lead him on horseback

9^aGen. 41:43

10^aEsth. 5:5

12^{a2}Sam. 15:30

13¹Lit., *from the seed of the Jews*
^aEsth. 5:10

14^aEsth. 5:8

2¹Lit., *at the banquet of wine*
^aEsth. 5:6; 9:12 ^bEsth. 5:3

3^aEsth. 5:8; 8:5

4¹Or, *enemy could not compensate for the loss* ²Or, *damage*
^aEsth. 3:19 ^bEsth. 3:13

5¹Lit., *said and said to*
²Lit., *whose heart has been filled*

6^aEsth. 3:10

7¹Lit., *the banquet of wine*
^aEsth. 1:12 ^bEsth. 1:5

8¹Lit., *house of the banquet of wine*
^aEsth. 1:6

9^aEsth. 5:14

through the city square, ^aand proclaim before him, 'Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor.'

10 Then the king said to Haman, ^a'Take quickly the robes and the horse as you have said, and do so for Mordecai the Jew, who is sitting at the king's gate; do not fall short in anything of all that you have said.'

11 So Haman took the robe and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and led him *on horseback* through the city square, and proclaimed before him, 'Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor.'

12 Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried home, mourning, ^awith *his* head covered.

13 And Haman recounted ^ato Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, 'If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is ¹of Jewish origin, you will not overcome him, but will surely fall before him.'

14 While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hastily ^abrought Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

CHAPTER 7

NOW the king and Haman came to drink *wine* with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said to Esther on the second day also ¹as they drank their wine at the banquet, ^a'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? ^bEven to half of the kingdom it shall be done.'

3 Then Queen Esther answered and said, ^a'If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request;

4 for ^awe have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, ^bto be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the ¹trouble would not be commensurate with the ²annoyance to the king.'

5 Then King Ahasuerus ¹asked Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, ²who would presume to do thus?'

6 And Esther said, ^a'A foe and an enemy, is this wicked Haman!' Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen.

7 And the king arose ^ain his anger from ¹drinking wine *and went* into ^bthe palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king.

8 Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the ¹place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on ^athe couch where Esther was. Then the king said, 'Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?' As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9 Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who *were* before the king said, 'Behold indeed, ^athe gallows standing at Haman's house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for

Mordecai ^bwho spoke good on behalf of the king!" And the king said, "Hang him on it."

10 ^aSo they hanged Haman on the ¹gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai, ^band the king's anger subsided.

CHAPTER 8

ON that day King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the enemy of ^athe Jews, to Queen Esther; and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had disclosed ^bwhat he was to her.

2 ^aAnd the king took off his signet ring which he had taken away from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 Then Esther spoke again to the king, fell at his feet, wept, and implored him to avert the evil *scheme* of Haman the Agagite and his plot which he had devised against the Jews.

4 ^aAnd the king extended the golden scepter to Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king.

5 Then she said, "If it pleases the king and if I have found favor before him and the matter *seems* proper to the king and I am pleasing in his sight, let it be written to revoke the ^bletters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces.

6 "For ^ahow can I endure to see the calamity which shall befall my people, and how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?"

7 So King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Behold, ^aI have given the house of Haman to Esther, and him they have hanged on the gallows because he had stretched out his hands against the Jews.

8 "Now you write to the Jews ¹as you see fit, in the king's name, and ^aseal it with the king's signet ring; for a decree which is written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's signet ring ^bmay not be revoked."

9 ^aSo the king's scribes were called at that time in the third month (that is, the month Sivan), on the twenty-third ¹day; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces which *extended* ^bfrom India to ²Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to ^cevery province according to its script, and to every people according to their language, as well as to the Jews according to their script and their language.

10 And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on ^ahorses, riding on steeds sired by the royal stud.

11 ¹In them the king granted the Jews who were in each and every city *the right* ^ato assemble and to defend their lives, ^bto destroy, to kill, and to annihilate the entire army of any people or province which might attack them, including children and women, and ^cto plunder their spoil,

12 on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar).

13 ^aA copy of the edict to be ¹issued as law in each and every province, was published to all the peoples, so that the

9 ^bEsth. 2:22

10 ¹Lit., *tree*
^aPs. 7:16; 94:23 ^bEsth. 7:7, 8

1 ^aEsth. 7:6 ^bEsth. 2:7, 15

2 ^bEsth. 3:10

4 ^aEsth. 4:11; 5:2

5 ^aEsth. 5:8; 7:3 ^bEsth. 3:13

6 ^aEsth. 7:4; 9:1

7 ^aEsth. 8:1

8 ¹Lit., *according to the good in your eyes*
^aEsth. 8:10; 3:12 ^bEsth. 1:19

9 ¹Lit., *in it* ²Lit., *Cush*
^aEsth. 3:12 ^bEsth. 1:1 ^cEsth. 1:22; 3:12

10 ¹ Kin. 4:28

11 ¹Lit., *Which*
^aEsth. 9:2 ^bEsth. 3:13 ^cEsth. 9:10

13 ¹Lit., *given*
^aEsth. 3:14

15 ¹Or, violet
²Esth. 5:11; Gen. 41:42
^bEsth. 3:15

17 ¹Lit., good day
^aEsth. 9:19 ^bEsth. 9:27

1 ¹Lit., day in it ²Lit., drew near
^aEsth. 8:12 ^bEsth. 9:17 ^cEsth. 3:13

2 ^aEsth. 9:15-18; 8:11
^bEsth. 8:17

3 ¹Lit., lifted up
^aEzra 8:36

4 ²Sam. 3:1

5 ¹Lit., the stroke of
^aEsth. 3:13

10 ^aEsth. 5:11 ^bEsth. 8:11

11 ¹Lit., came

12 ^aEsth. 7:2

13 ^aEsth. 9:15; 8:11

Jews should be ready for this day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 The couriers, hastened and impelled by the king's command, went out, riding on the royal steeds; and the decree was given out in Susa the capital.

15 Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king ^ain royal robes of ¹blue and white, with a large crown of gold and ^ba garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced.

16 For the Jews there was light and gladness and joy and honor.

17 And in each and every province, and in each and every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree arrived there was gladness and joy for the Jews, a feast and a ¹holiday. And ^bmany among the peoples of the land became Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen on them.

CHAPTER 9

Now ^ain the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar), on ^bthe thirteenth ¹day ^cwhen the king's command and edict ²were about to be executed, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, it was turned to the contrary so that the Jews themselves gained the mastery over those who hated them.

2 ^aThe Jews assembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm; and no one could stand before them, ^bfor the dread of them had fallen on all the peoples.

3 Even all the princes of the provinces, ^athe satraps, the governors, and those who were doing the king's business ¹assisted the Jews, because the dread of Mordecai had fallen on them.

4 Indeed, Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai ^abecame greater and greater.

5 Thus ^athe Jews struck all their enemies with ¹the sword, killing and destroying; and they did what they pleased to those who hated them.

6 And in Susa the capital the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men,

7 and Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha,

10 ^athe ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy; but they did not lay their hands ^bon the plunder.

11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Susa the capital ¹was reported to the king.

12 And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men and the ten sons of Haman in Susa the capital. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? ^aNow what is your petition? It shall even be granted you. And what is your further request? It shall also be done."

13 Then said Esther, "If it pleases the king, ^alet tomorrow also be granted to the Jews who are in Susa to do according to

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the edict of today; and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."

14 So the king commanded that it should be done so; and an edict was issued in Susa, and Haman's ten sons were hanged.

15 And the Jews who were in Susa assembled also on the fourteenth day of the month Adar and killed ^athree hundred men in Susa, but they did not lay their hands ^bon the plunder.

16 Now ^athe rest of the Jews who *were* in the king's provinces assembled, to defend their lives and ¹rid themselves of their enemies, and kill 75,000 of those who hated them; but they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

17 *This was done* on ^athe thirteenth day of the month Adar, and ^bon the fourteenth ¹day they rested and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

18 But the Jews who were in Susa ^aassembled on the thirteenth and ^bthe fourteenth ¹of the same month, and they rested on the fifteenth ¹day and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

19 Therefore the Jews of the rural areas, who live in ^athe rural towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar ^a¹*holiday* for rejoicing and feasting and ^csending portions of food to one another.

20 Then Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,

21 obliging them to celebrate the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day ¹of the same month, annually,

22 because on those days the Jews ¹rid themselves of their enemies, and *it was a month* which was turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a ²holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and rejoicing and sending portions of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

23 Thus the Jews undertook what they had started to do, and what Mordecai had written to them.

24 For Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had schemed against the Jews to destroy them, and ^ahad cast Pur, that is the lot, to disturb them and destroy them.

25 But ^awhen it came ¹to the king's attention, he commanded by letter ^bthat his wicked scheme which he had ²devised against the Jews, ^cshould return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the ³gallows.

26 Therefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. ¹And ^abecause of the instructions in this letter, both what they had seen in this regard and what had happened to them,

27 the Jews established and ¹made a custom for themselves, and for their ²descendants, and for ^aall those who allied themselves with them, so that ³they should not fail ^bto celebrate these two days according to their ⁴regulation, and according to their appointed time annually.

28 So these days were to be remembered and celebrated throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and these days of Purim were not to ¹fail from

15 ^aEsth. 9:12 ^bEsth. 9:10

16 ¹Lit., *have rest from*
²Esth. 9:2

17 ¹Lit., *in it*
²Esth. 9:1 ^bEsth. 9:21

18 ¹Lit., *in it*
²Esth. 9:2; 8:11 ^bEsth. 9:21

19 ¹Lit., *good day*
²Deut. 3:5; Zech. 2:4 ^bEsth. 9:22 ^cNch. 8:10

21 ¹Lit., *in it*

22 ¹Lit., *had rest from* ²Lit., *good day*

24 ^aEsth. 3:7

25 ¹Lit., *before the king, he*
²Lit., *schemed* ³Lit., *tree*
⁴Esth. 7:4-10 ^bEsth. 3:6-15
^cPs. 7:16

26 ¹Lit., *Therefore because of all the words*
⁴Esth. 9:20

27 ¹Lit., *received* ²Lit., *seed*
³Lit., *it should not pass away*
⁴Lit., *writing*
²Esth. 8:17 ^bEsth. 9:20, 21

28 ¹Lit., *pass away*

28 ²Lit., end ¹Lit., seed

29 ^aEsth. 2:15 ^bEsth. 9:20,
21

30 ^aEsth. 1:1

31 ¹Lit., good ²Lit., words
^aEsth. 4:3

32 ¹Lit., words
^aEsth. 9:26

1 ^aIs. 11:11; 24:15

2 ¹Lit., doings ²Lit., made
him great
^aEsth. 8:15; 9:4 ^bEsth. 2:23

3 ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 41:43, 44 ^bNeh. 2:10

¹Jer. 25:20; Lam. 4:21
^bEzek. 14:14, 20; James 5:11
^cGen. 6:9; 17:1; Deut. 18:13
^dGen. 22:12; 42:18; Ex. 18:21
^eJob 28:28

2 ^aJob 42:13

3 ¹Lit., sons
^aJob 42:12 ^bJob 29:25; 31:37

5 ^aJob 42:8 ^bJob 8:4

6 ¹E., the adversary; so
through chaps. 1 & 2

among the Jews, or their memory ²fade from their ³descendants.

29 Then Queen Esther, ^adaughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm ^bthis second letter about Purim.

30 And he sent letters to all the Jews, ^ato the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, namely, words of peace and truth,

31 to establish these days of Purim at their appointed times, just as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had established for them, and just as they had established for themselves and for their ¹descendants with ²instructions ^afor their times of fasting and their lamentations.

32 And the command of Esther established these ¹customs for ^aPurim, and it was written in the book.

CHAPTER 10

NOW King Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land and on the ^acoastlands of the sea.

2 And all the ¹accomplishments of his authority and strength, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, ^ato which the king ²advanced him, are they not written in ^bthe Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was ^asecond *only* to King Ahasuerus and great among the Jews, and in favor with the multitude of his kinsmen, ^bone who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his whole nation.

THE BOOK OF JOB

Job's Character and Wealth.

THERE was a man in the land of ^aUz, whose name was ^bJob, and that man was ^cblameless, upright, ^dfearing God, and ^eturning away from evil.

2 ^aAnd seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

3 ^aHis possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was ^bthe greatest of all the ¹men of the east.

4 And his sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

5 And it came about, when the days of feasting had completed their cycle, that Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering ^aburnt offerings *according to the number of them all*; for Job said, "^bPerhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, ¹Satan also came among them.

**Satan Allowed to Test Job.
Job's Afflictions Multiply.**

7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

7 ^a1 Pet. 5:8

8 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you ¹considered ^aMy servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, ^ba blameless and upright man, ²fearing God and turning away from evil."

8 ¹Lit., *set your heart to*
²Or, *revering*
^aNum. 12:7; Josh. 1:2, 7; Job 7:8
^bJob 1:1

9 Then Satan answered the ¹LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

9 ¹Lit., *LORD and said*

10 "Hast Thou not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? ^bThou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his ^cpossessions have increased in the land.

11 "But put forth Thy hand now and ^btouch all that he has; he will surely curse Thee to Thy face."

10 ^aJob 29:2-6
^bJob 31:25
^cJob 1:3; 31:25

12 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your ¹power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

11 ^aJob 2:5
^bJob 19:21

13 Now it happened on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

12 ¹Lit., *hand*

14 that a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the ¹donkeys feeding beside them,

14 ¹Lit., *female donkeys*

15 and ¹the ^aSabeans ²attacked and took them. They also ³slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and ⁴I alone have escaped to tell you."

15 ¹Lit., *Sheba*
²Lit., *fell upon*
³Lit., *smote*
⁴Lit., *only I alone* so also v. 16, 17, 19
^aJob 6:19

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

16 ^aGen. 19:24; Lev. 10:2; Num. 11:1-3

17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The ^aChaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and ¹slew the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

17 ¹Lit., *smote*
^aGen. 11:28, 31

18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 ^aGen. 37:29, 34; Josh. 7:6

20 Then Job arose and ^atore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshipped.

21 And he said,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked I shall return there.

The ^bLORD gave and the LORD has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the LORD."

21 ^aEccles. 5:15
^bJob 2:10; 1 Sam. 2:7, 8

22 ^aThrough all this Job did not sin nor did he ¹blame God.

22 ¹Lit., *ascribe unseemliness to*
^aJob 2:10

CHAPTER 2

^aAGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

1 ^aJob 1:6-8

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come

³ ¹Lit., set your heart to
²Or, revering ¹Lit., swallow
him up

5 ^aJob 1:11

6 ¹Lit., hand

7 ^aJob 7:5; 13:28; 30:17, 18,
30; Deut. 28:35

8 ^aJob 42:6; Jer. 6:26; Jon.
3:6

10 ^aJob 1:21 ^bJob 1:22

11 ^aJob 6:19

12 ^aJob 1:20 ^bJosh. 7:6;
Lam. 2:10

13 ^aEzek. 3:15

1 ¹Lit., his day

2 ¹Lit., answered and said

3 ¹Lit., man-child
^aJer. 20:14-18

8 ¹Or, skillful
^aJob 41:25

from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth, and walking around on it."

3 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you ¹considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man ²fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to ³ruin him without cause."

4 And Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

5 ^a"However, put forth Thy hand, now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse Thee to Thy face."

6 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your ¹power only spare his life."

7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with ^asore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

8 And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while ^ahe was sitting among the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. ^aShall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" ^bIn all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the ^aTemanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes at a distance, and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them ^atore his robe, and they ^bthrew dust over their heads toward the sky.

13 ^aThen they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

CHAPTER 3

AFTERWARD Job opened his mouth and cursed ¹the day of his *birth*.

2 And Job ¹said:

3 ^a"Let the day perish on which I was to be born,
And the night *which* said, 'A ¹boy is conceived.'

4 "May that day be darkness;
Let not God above care for it,
Nor light shine on it.

5 "Let darkness and black gloom claim it;
Let a cloud settle on it;
Let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 "As for that night, let darkness seize it;
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
Let it not come into the number of the months.

7 "Behold, let that night be barren;
Let no joyful shout enter it.

8 "Let those curse it who curse the day,
Who are ¹prepared to ^arouse Leviathan.

- 9 "Let the stars of its twilight be darkened;
Let it wait for light but have none,
Neither let it see the ^{1a}breaking dawn;
- 10 "Because it did not shut the opening of my *mother's*
womb,
Or hide trouble from my eyes.
- 11 "^aWhy did I not die ^{1a}at birth,
Come forth from the womb and expire?
- 12 "Why did the knees receive me,
And why the breasts, that I should suck?
- 13 "For now I ^awould have lain down and been quiet;
I would have slept then, I would have been at rest,
- 14 With ^akings and *with* ^bcounselors of the earth,
Who rebuilt ^cruins for themselves;
- 15 Or with ^aprinces ^bwho had gold,
Who were filling their houses *with* silver.
- 16 "Or like a miscarriage which is ¹discarded, I would not
be,
As infants that never saw light.
- 17 "There the wicked cease from raging,
And there the ¹weary are at ^arest.
- 18 "The prisoners are at ease together;
They do not hear the voice of the taskmaster.
- 19 "The small and the great are there,
And the slave is free from his master.
- 20 "Why is light given to him who suffers,
And life to the bitter of soul;
- 21 Who ¹long for death, but there is none,
And dig for it more than for hidden treasures;
- 22 Who rejoice greatly,
They exult when they find the grave?
- 23 "Why is *light given* to a man ^awhose way is hidden,
And whom ^bGod has hedged in?
- 24 "For ^amy groaning comes at the sight of my food,
And ^bmy cries pour out like water.
- 25 "For ^{1a}what I fear comes upon me,
And what I dread befalls me.
- 26 "I ^aam not at ease, nor am I quiet,
And I am not at rest, but turmoil comes."

CHAPTER 4

- THEN Eliphaz the Temanite ¹answered,
- 2 "If one ventures a word with you, will you become
impatient?
But ^awho can refrain ¹from speaking?
- 3 "Behold, ^ayou have admonished many,
And you have strengthened weak hands.
- 4 "Your words have ¹helped the tottering to stand,
And you have strengthened ²feeble knees.
- 5 "But now it has come to you, and you ^aare impatient;
It ^btouches you, and you are dismayed.
- 6 "Is not your ^{1a}fear of God your confidence,
And the integrity of your ways your hope?

⁹ ¹Lit., *eyelids*
^aJob 41:18

¹¹ ¹Lit., *from the womb*
^aJob 10:18, 19

¹³ ^aJob 3:13-19; 7:8-10, 21;
10:21, 22; 14:10-15, 20-22;
16:22; 17:13-16; 19:25-27;
21:13, 23-26; 24:19, 20; 26:5,
6; 34:22

¹⁴ ^aJob 12:18 ^bJob 12:17
^cJob 15:28; Is. 58:12

¹⁵ ^aJob 12:21 ^bJob 27:16, 17

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *hidden*

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *weary of strength*
^aJob 17:16

²¹ ¹Lit., *wait*

²³ ^aJob 19:6, 8, 12 ^bJob
19:8; Ps. 88:8

²⁴ ^aJob 6:7; 33:20 ^bJob
30:16; Ps. 42:4

²⁵ ¹Lit., *the fear I fear and*
^aJob 9:28; 30:15

²⁶ ^aJob 7:13, 14

¹ ¹Lit., *answered and said*

² ¹Lit., *in words*
^aJob 32:18-20

³ ^aJob 4:3, 4; 29:15, 16, 21,
25

⁴ ¹Lit., *caused* ²Lit.,
bowing

⁵ ^aJob 6:14 ^bJob 19:21

⁶ ¹Or, *reverence*
^aJob 1:1

**Eliphaz Affirms Man's Insignificance.
"Man Is Born for Trouble."**

Job 4, 5

7 ^aJob 8:20; 36:6, 7; Ps. 37:25

8 ^aJob 15:31, 35; Prov. 22:8; Hos. 10:13; Gal. 6:7

9 ¹Lit., *wind*
^aJob 15:30; Is. 11:4; 30:33;
2 Thess. 2:8 ^bJob 40:11-13

10 ^aJob 5:15; Ps. 58:6

11 ^aJob 29:17 ^bJob 5:4;
20:10; 27:14

12 ^aJob 4:12-17; 33:15-18
^bJob 26:14

14 ¹Lit., *the multitude of*

15 ¹Or, *breath passed over*

17 ¹Lit., *from*
^aJob 9:2; 25:4 ^bJob 31:15;
32:22; 35:10; 36:3

18 ^aJob 15:15

19 ^aJob 10:9; 33:6 ^bJob
22:16; Gen. 2:7; 3:19

20 ^aJob 14:2 ^bJob 14:20;
20:7

21 ^aJob 8:22 ^bJob 18:21;
36:12

1 ^aJob 15:15

2 ^aProv. 12:16; 27:3

3 ^aJer. 12:2 ^bJob 24:18;
31:30

4 ¹Lit., *crushed*
^aJob 4:11

5 ¹Lit., *Whose* ²Ancient
versions read, *thirsty*
^aJob 18:9-10; 22:10

6 ^aJob 15:35

7 ^aJob 14:1

- 7 "Remember now, ^awho *ever* perished being innocent?
Or where were the upright destroyed?
- 8 "According to what I have seen, ^athose who plow
iniquity
And those who sow trouble harvest it.
- 9 "By ^athe breath of God they perish,
And ^bby the ¹blast of His anger they come to an end.
- 10 "The ^aroaring of the lion and the voice of the *fierce* lion,
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.
- 11 "The ^alion perishes for lack of prey,
And the ^bwhelps of the lioness are scattered.
- 12 "Now a word ^awas brought to me stealthily,
And my ear received a ^bwhisper of it.
- 13 "Amid disquieting thoughts from the visions of the
night,
When deep sleep falls on men,
Dread came upon me, and trembling,
And made ¹all my bones shake.
- 14 "Then a ¹spirit passed by my face;
The hair of my flesh bristled up.
- 15 "It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance;
A form *was* before my eyes;
There was silence, then I heard a voice:
- 16 'Can ^amankind be just ¹before God?
Can a man be pure ¹before his ^bMaker?
- 17 'He puts no trust even in His servants;
And against His angels He charges error.
- 18 'How much more those who dwell in ^ahouses of clay,
Whose ^bfoundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before the moth!
- 19 'Between morning and evening they are broken in
pieces;
Unobserved, they ^bperish forever.
- 20 'Is not their ^atent-cord plucked up within them?
They die, yet ^bwithout wisdom.'

CHAPTER 5

- "CALL now, is there anyone who will answer you?
And to which of the ^aholy ones will you turn?
- 2 "For ^avexation slays the foolish man,
And anger kills the simple.
- 3 "I have seen the ^afoolish taking root,
And I ^bcursed his abode immediately.
- 4 "His ^asons are far from safety,
They are even ¹oppressed in the gate,
Neither is there a deliverer.
- 5 "His harvest the hungry devour,
And take it to a *place* of thorns
And the ²schemer is eager for their wealth.
- 6 "For ^aaffliction does not come from the dust,
Neither does trouble sprout from the ground,
- 7 For ^aman is born for trouble,
As sparks fly upward.

- 8 “But as for me, I would ^aseek God,
And I would place my cause before God;
9 Who ^adoes great and unsearchable things,
¹Wonders without number.
10 “He ^agives rain on the earth,
And sends water on the fields,
11 So that ^aHe sets on high those who are lowly,
And those who mourn are lifted to safety.
12 “He ^afrustrates the plotting of the shrewd,
So that their hands cannot attain success.
13 “He ^acaptures the wise by their own shrewdness
And the advice of the cunning is quickly thwarted.
14 “By day they ^ameet with darkness,
And grope at noon as in the night.
15 “But He saves from ^athe sword of their mouth,
And ^bthe poor from the hand of the mighty.
16 “So the helpless has hope,
And ^aunrighteousness must shut its mouth.

17 “Behold, how ^ahappy is the man whom God reproveth,
So do not despise the ^bdiscipline of ¹the Almighty.
18 “For ^aHe inflicts pain, and ¹gives relief;
He wounds, and His hands *also* heal.
19 “¹From six troubles He will deliver you,
Even in seven evil will not touch you.
20 “In ^afamine He will redeem you from death,
And ^bin war from the power of the sword.
21 “You will be ^ahidden from the scourge of the tongue,
^bNeither will you be afraid of violence when it comes.
22 “You will ^alaugh at violence and famine,
^bNeither will you be afraid of ¹wild beasts.
23 “For you will be in league with the stones of the field;
And ^athe beasts of the field will be at peace with you.
24 “And you will know that your ^atent is secure,
For you will visit your abode and fear no loss.
25 “You will know also that your ^{1a}descendants will be
many,
And ^byour offspring as the grass of the earth.
26 “You will ^acome to the grave in full vigor,
Like the stacking of grain in its season.
27 “Behold this, we have investigated it, thus it is;
Hear it, and know for yourself.”

- 8 ^aJob 13:2, 3

9 ¹Or, *miracles*
^aJob 9:10; 37:14, 16; 42:3

10 ^aJob 36:27-29; 37:6-11;
38:26

11 ^aJob 22:29; 36:7

12 ^aPs. 33:10

13 ^aJob 37:24; 1 Cor. 3:19

14 ^aJob 12:25; 15:30; 18:18;
20:26; 24:13

15 ^aJob 4:10, 11; Ps. 35:10
^bJob 29:17; 34:28; 36:6, 15;
38:15

16 ^aPs. 107:42

17 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*, and so
throughout the chap.
^aPs. 94:12 ^bJob 36:15, 16;
Prov. 3:11; Heb. 12:5-11

18 ¹Lit., *binds*
^aDeut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6; Is.
30:26; Hos. 6:1

19 ¹Lit., *in*

20 ^aPs. 33:19; 37:19 ^bPs.
144:10

21 ^aJob 5:15; Ps. 31:20 ^bPs.
91:5, 6

22 ¹Lit., *beasts of the earth*
^aJob 8:21 ^bPs. 91:13; Ezek.
34:25; Hos. 2:18

23 ^aIs. 11:6-9; 65:25

24 ^aJob 8:6

25 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 112:2 ^bIs. 44:3, 4; 48:19

26 ^aJob 42:17

1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ^aJob 31:6

3 ^aJob 23:2

4 ¹Lit., *Whose*
^aJob 16:13; Ps. 38:2 ^bJob
20:16; 21:20 ^cJob 30:15

5 ^aJob 39:5-8

CHAPTER 6

- T**HEN Job ¹answered,
2 “^aOh that my vexation were actually weighed,
And laid in the balances together with my iniquity!
3 “For then it would be ^aheavier than the sand of the seas,
Therefore my words have been rash.
4 “For the ^aarrows of the Almighty are within me;
¹Their ^bpoison my spirit drinks;
The ^cterrors of God are arrayed against me.
5 “Does the ^awild donkey bray over *his* grass,
Or does the ox low over his fodder?”

- 1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ^aJob 31:6

3 ^aJob 23:2

4 ¹Lit., *Whose*
^aJob 16:13; Ps. 38:2 ^bJob
20:16; 21:20 ^cJob 30:15

5 ^aJob 39:5-8

Job 6

6 ¹Heb., *hallamuth*,
 meaning uncertain. Perhaps
 the juice of a plant.

7 ²Job 3:24; 33:20

9 ³Job 7:16; 9:21; 10:1;
 Num. 11:15; 1 Kin. 19:4

10 ¹Lit., *hidden*
⁴Job 22:22; 23:11, 12

11 ¹Lit., *prolong my soul*
⁴Job 21:4

13 ¹So ancient versions
⁴Job 26:2 ⁵Job 26:3

14 ¹Or, *reverence*
⁴Job 4:5 ⁵Job 1:5; 15:4

15 ¹Or, *brook*
⁴Jer. 15:18

16 ¹Lit., *hides itself*

17 ¹Or, *cease*
⁴Job 24:19

18 ¹Or, *caravans turn from
 their course, they go up into
 the waste and perish.*

19 ⁴Gen. 25:15; Is. 21:14;
 Jer. 25:23 ⁵Job 1:15

20 ¹Lit., *ashamed*
⁴Jer. 14:3

25 ¹Or, *in what way . . . ?*

26 ²Job 8:2; 15:2; 16:3

27 ²Joel 3:3; Nah. 3:10 ⁵Job
 22:9; 24:3, 9 ²Pet. 2:3

28 ⁴Job 27:4; 33:3; 36:4

29 ⁴Job 13:18; 19:6; 23:10;
 27:5, 6; 34:5; 42:1, 6

30 ¹Or, *words*
⁴Job 12:11

6 "Can something tasteless be eaten without salt,
 Or is there any taste in the ¹white of an egg?
 7 "My soul ²refuses to touch *them*;
 They are like loathsome food to me.

8 "Oh that my request might come to pass,
 And that God would grant my longing!
 9 "Would that God were ²willing to crush me;
 That He would loose His hand and cut me off!
 10 "But it is still my consolation,
 And I rejoice in unsparing pain,
 That I ²have not ¹denied the words of the Holy One.
 11 "What is my strength, that I should wait?
 And what is my end, that I should ^{1a}endure?
 12 "Is my strength the strength of stones,
 Or is my flesh bronze?
 13 "Is it that my ²help is not within me,
 And that ^{1b}deliverance is driven from me?

14 "For the ²despairing man *there should be* kindness from
 his friend;
 Lest he ^bforsake the ¹fear of the Almighty.
 15 "My brothers have acted ²deceitfully like a ¹wadi,
 Like the torrents of ¹wadis which vanish,
 16 Which are turbid because of ice,
 And into which the snow ¹melts.
 17 "When ²they become waterless, they ¹are silent,
 When it is hot, they vanish from their place.
 18 "The ¹paths of their course wind along,
 They go up into nothing and perish.
 19 "The caravans of ²Tema looked,
 The travelers of ^bSheba hoped for them.
 20 "They ²were ¹disappointed for they had trusted,
 They came there and were confounded.
 21 "Indeed, you have now become such,
 You see a terror and are afraid.
 22 "Have I said, 'Give me *something*,'
 Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth'?
 23 "Or, 'Deliver me from the hand of the adversary'?
 Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the tyrants'?

24 "Teach me, and I will be silent;
 And show me how I have erred.
 25 "Honest words are ¹not painful,
 But what does your argument prove?
 26 "Do you intend to reprove *my* words,
 When the ²words of one in despair belong to the wind?
 27 "You would even ²cast *lots* for ^bthe orphans,
 And ^cbarter over your friend.
 28 "And now please look at me,
 And *see* if I ²lie to your face.
 29 "Desist now, let there be no injustice;
 Even desist, ²my righteousness is yet in it.
 30 "Is there injustice on my tongue?
 Cannot ²my palate discern ¹calamities?

CHAPTER 7

- “¹IS not man ^aforced to labor on earth,
 And *are not* his days like the days of ^{ba} hired man?
 2 “As a slave who pants for the shade,
 And as a hired man who eagerly waits for his wages,
 3 So am I allotted months of vanity,
 And ^anights of trouble are appointed me.
 4 “When I ^alie down I say,
 ‘When shall I arise?’
 But the night continues,
 And I am ^lcontinually tossing until dawn.
 5 “My ^aflesh is clothed with worms and a crust of dirt;
 My skin hardens and runs.
 6 “My days are ^aswifter than a weaver’s shuttle,
 And come to an end ^bwithout hope.
- 7 “Remember that my life ^ais *but* breath,
 My eye will ^bnot again see good.
 8 “The ^aeye of him who sees me will behold me no more;
 Thine eyes *will be* on me, but ^bI will not be.
 9 “When a ^acloud vanishes, it is gone,
 So ^bhe who goes down to ^cSheol does not come up.
 10 “He will not return again to his house,
 Nor will ^ahis place know him any more.
- 11 “Therefore, ^aI will not restrain my mouth;
 I will speak in the anguish of my spirit,
 I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
 12 “Am I the sea, or ^athe sea monster,
 That Thou dost set a guard over me?
 13 “If I say, ‘^aMy bed will comfort me,
 My couch will ^lease my complaint,’
 14 Then Thou dost frighten me with dreams
 And terrify me by visions;
 15 So that my soul would choose suffocation,
 Death rather than my ^lpains.
 16 “I ^lwaste away; I will not live forever.
 Leave me alone, ^bfor my days are *but* a breath.
 17 “^aWhat is man that Thou dost magnify him,
 And that Thou ^lart concerned about him,
 18 That ^aThou dost examine him every morning,
 And try him every moment?
 19 “^aWilt Thou never turn Thy gaze away from me,
 Nor let me alone until I swallow my spittle?
 20 “^aHave I sinned? What have I done to Thee,
 O watcher of men?
 Why hast Thou set me as Thy target,
 So that I am a burden to myself?
 21 “Why then ^adost Thou not pardon my transgression
 And take away my iniquity?
 For now I will ^blie down in the dust;
 And Thou wilt seek me, ^cbut I will not be.”

¹ ^lLit., *Has not man compulsory labor*
^aJob 5:7; 10:17; 14:1, 14 ^bJob 14:6

³ ^aJob 16:7

⁴ ^lLit., *sated with*
^aJob 7:13, 14; Deut. 28:67

⁵ ^aJob 2:7

⁶ ^aJob 9:25 ^bJob 13:15;
 14:19; 17:15, 16; 19:10

⁷ ^aJob 7:16 ^bJob 9:25

⁸ ^aJob 8:18; 20:9 ^bJob 7:21

⁹ ^aJob 30:15 ^bJob 3:13-19
^cJob 11:8; 14:13; 17:13, 16

¹⁰ ^aJob 8:18; 20:9; 27:21, 23

¹¹ ^aJob 10:1; 21:4; 23:2

¹² ^aEzek. 32:2, 3

¹³ ^lLit., *bear*
^aJob 7:4; Ps. 6:6

¹⁵ ^lLit., *bones*

¹⁶ ^lOr, *loathe my life*
^aJob 6:9; 9:21; 10:1 ^bJob 7:7

¹⁷ ^lLit., *shouldst set Thy heart on*
^aJob 22:2; Ps. 8:4; 144:3;
 Heb. 2:6

¹⁸ ^aJob 14:3

¹⁹ ^lLit., *How long wilt Thou not*
^aJob 9:18; 10:20; 14:6

²⁰ ^aJob 35:3, 6

²¹ ^aJob 9:28; 10:14 ^bJob 10:9
^cJob 7:8

CHAPTER 8

1 ¹Lit., answered and said

2 ²Job 6:26

3 ³Heb., *Shaddai*
^aJob 34:10, 12; 36:23; 37:23;
Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4;
2 Chr. 19:7; Rom. 3:5

4 ⁴Lit., *hand*
^aJob 1:5, 18, 19

5 ⁵Heb., *Shaddai*
^aJob 5:17-27

6 ⁶Lit., *place*
^aJob 22:27; 34:28; Ps. 7:6
^bJob 5:24

7 ⁷Job 42:12

8 ⁸Job 15:18; 20:4; Deut.
4:32; 32:7

9 ⁹Job 14:2

12 ¹²Lit., *reed*

13 ^aPs. 9:17 ^bJob 11:20;
13:16; 15:34; 20:5; 27:8

14 ¹⁴Lit., *house*
^aIs. 59:5, 6

15 ¹⁵Lit., *leans on*
^aJob 8:22; 27:18; Ps. 49:11

16 ¹⁶Lit., *is lush*
^aPs. 37:35; Jer. 11:16 ^bPs.
80:11

17 ¹⁷Heb., *sees*

18 ¹⁸Lit., *swallowed up*
^aJob 7:10 ^bJob 7:8

19 ¹⁹Job 20:5

20 ²⁰Lit., *strengthen the
hand of*
^aJob 4:7 ^bJob 21:30

21 ^aJob 5:22; Ps. 126:1, 2
^bPs. 132:16

22 ^aPs. 132:18 ^bJob 8:15;
15:34; 18:14; 21:28

1 ¹Lit., answered and said

2 ²Lit., *with*
^aJob 4:17; 25:4

3 ^aJob 10:2; 13:19; 23:6;
40:2 ^bJob 15:32

THEN Bildad the Shuhite ¹answered,
2 "How long will you say these *things*,
And the ^awords of your mouth be a mighty wind?

3 "Does ^aGod pervert justice
Or does ¹the Almighty pervert what is right?

4 "If your sons sinned against Him,
Then He delivered them into the ¹power of their
transgression.

5 "If you would ^aseek God
And implore the compassion of ¹the Almighty,

6 "If you are pure and upright,
Surely now ^aHe would rouse Himself for you
And restore your righteous ¹bestate.

7 "Though your beginning was insignificant,
Yet your ^aend will increase greatly.

8 "Please ^ainquire of past generations,
And consider the things searched out by their fathers.

9 "For we are *only* of yesterday and know nothing,
Because ^aour days on earth are as a shadow.

10 "Will they not teach you *and* tell you,
And bring forth words from their minds?

11 "Can the papyrus grow up without marsh?
Can the rushes grow without water?

12 "While it is still green *and* not cut down,
Yet it withers before any *other* ¹plant.

13 "So are the paths of ^aall who forget God,
And the ^bhope of the godless will perish,

14 Whose confidence is fragile,
And whose trust a ^aspider's ¹web.

15 "He ¹trusts in his ^ahouse, but it does not stand;
He holds fast to it, but it does not endure.

16 "He ¹thrives before the sun,
And his ^bshoots spread out over his garden.

17 "His roots wrap around a rock pile,
He ¹grasps a house of stones.

18 "If he is ¹removed from ^ahis place,
Then it will deny him, *saying*, ^b"I never saw you."

19 "Behold, ^athis is the joy of His way;
And out of the dust others will spring.

20 "Lo, ^aGod will not reject a *man* of integrity,
Nor ^bwill He ¹support the evildoers.

21 "He will yet fill ^ayour mouth with laughter,
And your lips with ^bshouting.

22 "Those who hate you will be ^aclothed with shame;
And the ^btent of the wicked will be no more."

CHAPTER 9

THEN Job ¹answered,
2 "In truth I know that this is so,
But how can a ^aman be in the right ¹before God?

3 "If one wished to ^adispute with Him,
He could not ^banswer Him once in a thousand *times*.

- 4 "aWise in heart and bmighty in strength,
 Who has ^{1c}defied Him ²without harm?
- 5 "aWho removes the mountains, they know not *how*,
 When He overturns them in His anger;
- 6 Who ^ashakes the earth out of its place,
 And its ^bpillars tremble;
- 7 Who commands the ^asun ¹not to shine,
 And sets a seal upon the stars;
- 8 Who alone ^astretches out the heavens,
 And ^{1b}tramples down the waves of the sea;
- 9 Who makes the ^aBear, Orion, and the Pleiades,
 And the ^bchambers of the south;
- 10 Who ^adoes great things, ¹unfathomable,
 And wondrous works without number.
- 11 "Were He to pass by me, ^aI would not see Him;
 Were He to move past *me*, I would not perceive Him.
- 12 "Were He to snatch away, who could ^arestrain Him?
 Who could say to Him, ^b"What art Thou doing?"
- 13 "God will not turn back His anger;
 Beneath Him crouch the helpers of ^aRahab.
- 14 "How then can ^aI ¹answer Him,
 And choose my words ²before Him?
- 15 "For ^athough I were right, I could not ¹answer;
 I would have to ^bimplore the mercy of my Judge.
- 16 "If I called and He answered me,
 I could not believe that He was listening to my voice.
- 17 "For He ^abruises me with a tempest,
 And multiplies my wounds without cause.
- 18 "He will ^anot allow me to get my breath,
 But saturates me with ^bbitterness.
- 19 "If *it is a matter* of power, ^abehold, *He is* the strong one!
 And if *it is a matter* of justice, who can summon ¹Him?
- 20 "aThough I am righteous, my mouth will ^bcondemn me;
 Though I am guiltless, He will declare me guilty.
- 21 "I am ^aguiltless;
 I do not take notice of myself;
 I ^bdespise my life.
- 22 "It is *all* one; therefore I say,
 'He ^adestroys the guiltless and the wicked.'
- 23 "If the scourge kills suddenly,
 He ^amocks the despair of the innocent.
- 24 "The earth ^ais given into the hand of the wicked;
 He ^bcovers the faces of its judges.
 If *it is not He*, then who is it?
- 25 "Now ^amy days are swifter than a runner;
 They flee away, ^bthey see no good.
- 26 "They slip by like ^areed boats,
 Like an ^beagle that swoops on ¹its prey.
- 27 "Though I say, 'I will forget ^amy complaint,
 I will leave off my *sad* countenance and be cheerful,'
- 28 "I am ^aafraid of all my pains,
 I know that ^bThou wilt not acquit me.
- 29 "I am accounted ^awicked,
 Why then should I toil in vain?

⁴ ¹Lit., *stiffened his neck against* ²Lit., *and remained safe*
^aJob 11:6; 12:13; 28:23; 38:36, 37 ^bJob 9:19; 23:6
^c2 Chr. 13:12; Prov. 29:1

⁵ ^aJob 9:5-10; 26:6-14; 41:11

⁶ ^aIs. 2:19, 21; 13:13; Hag. 2:6 ^bPs. 75:3

⁷ ¹Lit., *and it does not shine*
^aIs. 13:10; Ezek. 32:7, 8

⁸ ¹Lit., *treads upon the heights of*
^aJob 37:18; Gen. 1:1; Ps. 104:2; Is. 40:22 ^bJob 38:16; Ps. 77:19

⁹ ^aJob 38:31, 32; Amos 5:8 ^bJob 37:9

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *until there is no searching out*
^aJob 5:9

¹¹ ^aJob 23:8, 9; 35:14

¹² ^aJob 10:7; 11:10 ^bIs. 45:9

¹³ ^aJob 26:12; Ps. 89:10; Is. 30:7; 51:9

¹⁴ ¹Or, *plead my case* ²Lit., *with*
^aJob 9:3, 32

¹⁵ ¹Or, *plead my case*
^aJob 9:20, 21; 10:15 ^bJob 8:5

¹⁷ ^aJob 16:12, 14; 30:22

¹⁸ ^aJob 7:19; 10:20 ^bJob 13:26; 27:2

¹⁹ ¹So with Gk. Heb., *me*
^aJob 9:4

²⁰ ^aJob 9:15 ^bJob 9:29; 15:6

²¹ ^aJob 1:1; 12:4; 13:18 ^bJob 7:16

²² ^aJob 10:7, 8

²³ ^aJob 24:12

²⁴ ^aJob 10:3; 12:6; 16:11 ^bJob 12:17

²⁵ ^aJob 7:6 ^bJob 7:7

²⁶ ¹Lit., *food*
^aIs. 18:2 ^bJob 39:29; Hab. 1:8

²⁷ ^aJob 7:11

²⁸ ^aJob 3:25 ^bJob 7:21; 10:14

²⁹ ^aJob 10:2; Ps. 37:33

30 ^aJer. 2:22 ^bJob 31:7

31 ^aJob 7:17

32 ¹Lit., *judgment*
^aJob 9:3

33 ^aJob 9:19; 1 Sam. 2:25;
 Is. 1:18

34 ^aJob 13:21

35 ^aJob 13:22

1 ¹Lit., *My soul*
^aJob 7:16 ^bJob 7:11

2 ^aJob 9:29

3 ¹Lit., *good* ²Lit., *you shine forth*
^aJob 9:22-24; 16:11; 19:6;
 27:2 ^bJob 10:8; 14:15; Ps.
 138:8; Is. 64:8 ^cJob 21:16;
 22:18

4 ^aJob 28:24; 34:21; 1 Sam.
 16:7

5 ^aJob 36:26

6 ^aJob 14:16

7 ^aJob 9:21; 13:18 ^bJob
 9:12; 23:13; 27:22

8 ¹Lit., *together round about*
^aJob 10:3 Ps. 119:73 ^bJob
 9:22

9 ^aJob 4:19; 33:6 ^bJob 7:21

12 ^aJob 33:4

13 ^aJob 23:13

14 ^aJob 7:20 ^bJob 7:21; 9:28

15 ¹Lit., *see*
^aJob 10:7 ^bJob 6:29

16 ^aIs. 38:13; Lam. 3:10;
 Hos. 13:7 ^bJob 5:9

17 ^aJob 16:8; Ruth 1:21
^bJob 7:1

30 "If I should ^awash myself with snow
 And cleanse ^bmy hands with lye,
 31 Yet Thou wouldst plunge me into the pit,
 And ^amy own clothes would abhor me.
 32 "For *He* is not a man as I am that ^aI may answer Him,
 That we may go to ¹court together.
 33 "There is no ^aumpire between us,
 Who may lay his hand upon us both.
 34 "Let Him ^aremove his rod from me,
 And let not dread of Him terrify me.
 35 "Then I ^awould speak and not fear Him;
 But I am not like that in myself.

CHAPTER 10

I LOATHE my own life;
 I will give full vent to ^bmy complaint;
 I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
 2 "I will say to God, ^a"Do not condemn me;
 Let me know why Thou dost contend with me.
 3 'Is it ¹right for Thee indeed to ^aoppress,
 To reject ^bthe labor of Thy hands,
 And ²to look favorably on ^cthe schemes of the wicked?
 4 'Hast Thou eyes of flesh?
 Or dost Thou ^asee as a man sees?
 5 'Are Thy days as the days of a mortal,
 Or ^aThy years as man's years,
 6 That ^aThou shouldst seek for my guilt,
 And search after my sin?
 7 'According to Thy knowledge ^aI am indeed not guilty;
 Yet there is ^bno deliverance from Thy hand.
 8 ^aThy hands fashioned and made me ¹altogether,
^bAnd wouldst Thou destroy me?
 9 'Remember now, that Thou hast made me as ^aclay;
 And wouldst Thou ^bturn me into dust again?
 10 'Didst Thou not pour me out like milk,
 And curdle me like cheese;
 11 'Clothe me with skin and flesh,
 And knit me together with bones and sinews?
 12 'Thou hast ^agranted me life and lovingkindness;
 And Thy care has preserved my spirit.
 13 'Yet ^athese things Thou hast concealed in Thy heart;
 I know that this is within Thee:
 14 'If I sin, then Thou wouldst ^atake note of me,
 And ^bwouldst not acquit me of my guilt.
 15 'If ^aI am wicked, woe to me!
 And ^bif I am righteous, I dare not lift up my head.
I am sated with disgrace and ¹conscious of my misery.
 16 'And should *my head* be lifted up, ^aThou wouldst hunt
 me like a lion;
 And again Thou wouldst show Thy ^bpower against me.
 17 'Thou dost renew ^aThy witnesses against me,
 And increase Thine anger toward me,
^bHardship after hardship is with me.

- 18 ^aWhy then hast Thou brought me out of the womb?
Would that I had died and no eye had seen me!
- 19 'I should have been as though I had not been,
Carried from womb to tomb.'
- 20 "Would He not let ^amy few days alone?
^bWithdraw from me that I may have a little cheer
- 21 Before I go—and I shall not return—
To the land of darkness and ^bdeep shadow;
- 22 The land of utter gloom as darkness *itself*,
Of deep shadow without order,
And which shines as the darkness."

CHAPTER 11

- THEN Zophar the Naamathite ¹answered,
- 2 "Shall a multitude of words go unanswered,
And a ^atalkative man be acquitted?
- 3 "Shall your boasts silence men?
And shall you ^ascoff and none rebuke?
- 4 "For ^ayou have said, 'My teaching is pure,
And ^bI am innocent in your eyes.'
- 5 "But would that God might speak,
And open His lips against you,
- 6 And show you the secrets of wisdom!
For sound wisdom ¹has two sides.
Know then that God ²forgets a part of ^byour iniquity.
- 7 "Can you discover the depths of God?
Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?
- 8 "It is ^ahigh as ¹the heavens, what can you do?
Deeper than ²Sheol, what can you know?
- 9 "Its measure is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.
- 10 "If He passes by or shuts up,
Or calls an assembly, ^awho can restrain Him?
- 11 "For ^aHe knows false men,
And He ^bsees iniquity ¹without investigating.
- 12 "And ¹aan idiot will become intelligent
When the ²foal of a ^bwild donkey is born a man.
- 13 "If you would ^bdirect your heart right,
And ^cspread out your hand to Him;
- 14 If iniquity is in your hand, ^aput it far away,
And do not let wickedness dwell in your tents.
- 15 "Then, indeed, you could ^alift up your face without *mor-*
al defect,
And you would be steadfast and ^bnot fear.
- 16 "For you would ^aforget *your* trouble,
As ^bwaters that have passed by, you would remember it.
- 17 "And your ¹life would be ²brighter than noonday;
Darkness would be like the morning.
- 18 "Then you would trust, because there is hope;
And you would look around and rest securely.
- 19 "You would ^alie down and none would disturb you,
And many would ^btreat your ¹favor.
- 20 "But the ^aeyes of the wicked will fail,

18 ^aJob 3:11-1320 ¹Lit., *Pur*
^aJob 14:1 ^bJob 7:1921 ^aJob 3:13-19; 16:22;
2 Sam. 12:23 ^bJob 10:22;
34:22; 38:171 ¹Lit., *answered and said*2 ^aJob 8:2; 15:2; 18:23 ^aJob 17:2; 21:34 ^aJob 6:10 ^bJob 10:76 ¹Lit., *is double* ²Lit.,
causes to be forgotten for
you
^aJob 9:4 ^bJob 15:5; 22:57 ^aJob 33:12, 13; 36:26;
37:5, 238 ¹Lit., *the heights of*
heaven ²i.e., *the nether*
world
^aJob 22:12; 35:5 ^bJob 26:6;
38:1710 ^aJob 9:1211 ¹Or, *even He does not*
consider
^aJob 34:21-23 ^bJob 24:23;
28:24; 31:412 ¹Lit., *a hollow man* ²Lit.,
donkey
^aPs. 39:5, 11; 62:9; 144:4;
Eccles. 1:2; 10:11 ^bJob 39:513 ^aJob 11:13-20; 5:17-27
^bPs. 78:8 ^cJob 22:27; Ps. 88:9;
143:614 ^aJob 22:2315 ^aJob 22:26 ^bPs. 27:3; 46:216 ^aIs. 65:16 ^bJob 22:1117 ¹Lit., *duration of life*
²Lit., *above noonday*
^aJob 22:2619 ¹Lit., *face*
^aLev. 26:6; Is. 17:2; Zeph.
3:13; Mic. 4:4 ^bIs. 45:1420 ^aJob 17:5; Deut. 28:65

**Job's Fourth Speech. He Chides His Accusers,
Again Speaks of Power of God.**

Job 11, 12

20 ¹Lit., *escape has perished from them* ²Lit., *the expiring of the soul*
^bJob 27:22; 34:22 ^cJob 8:13
^dJob 6:9

1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ^aJob 2:3; 16:1, 2; 17:10

3 ¹Lit., *with whom is there not like these?*
^aJob 13:2

4 ¹Lit., *his*
^aJob 17:6; 30:1, 9, 10; 34:7
^bJob 6:29

5 ¹Lit., *Contempt for calamity is the thought of him who is at ease*

6 ¹Or, *He who brings God into his hand*
^aJob 9:24; 21:9 ^bJob 24:23
^cJob 22:18

9 ^aIs. 41:20

10 ^aActs 17:28 ^bJob 27:3; 33:4

11 ¹Lit., *tastes food for itself*
^aJob 34:3

12 ¹Lit., *length of days*
^aJob 15:10; 32:7

13 ^aJob 9:4 ^bJob 9:4 ^cJob 11:6; 26:12; 32:8; 36:5; 38:36

14 ¹Lit., *shuts against* ²Lit., *it is not opened*
^aJob 19:10; Is. 25:2 ^bJob 37:7

15 ¹Lit., *overtum*
^aDeut. 11:17; 1 Kin. 8:35; 17:1 ^bGen. 7:11-24

16 ^aJob 13:7, 9

17 ¹Or, *stripped*
^aJob 3:14 ^bJob 19:9 ^cJob 9:24

18 ¹Or, *discipline*
^aPs. 116:16

19 ¹Or, *stripped*
^aJob 21:7; 22:8; 24:22; 34:24; 28; 35:9

20 ^aJob 17:4; 32:9

21 ^aJob 34:19; Ps. 107:40
^bJob 12:18

22 ^aDan. 2:22; 1 Cor. 4:5

23 ¹Or, *spreads out*
^aIs. 9:3; 26:15

And ¹there will ^bbe no escape for them;
And their ^chope is ^{2d}to breathe their last."

CHAPTER 12

THEN Job ¹responded,

2 "Truly then ^ayou are the people,
And with you wisdom will die.

3 "But ^aI have intelligence as well as you;
I am not inferior to you.

And ¹who does not know such things as these?

4 "I am a ^ajoke to ¹my friends.

The one who called on God, and He answered him;
The just *and* ^bblameless *man* is a joke.

5 "He who is at ease holds calamity in contempt,
As prepared for those whose feet slip.

6 "The ^atents of the destroyers prosper,
And those who provoke God ^bare secure,
¹Whom God brings ^cinto his power.

7 "But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you;
And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you.

8 "Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you;
And let the fish of the sea declare to you.

9 "Who among all these does not know
That ^athe hand of the LORD has done this,

10 ^aIn whose hand is the life of every living thing,
And ^bthe breath of all mankind?

11 "Does not ^athe ear test words,
As the palate ¹tastes its food?

12 "Wisdom is with ^aaged men,
With ¹long life is understanding.

13 "With Him are ^awisdom and ^bmight;
To Him belong counsel and ^cunderstanding.

14 "Behold, He ^atears down, and it cannot be rebuilt;
He ^bimprisons a man, and ²there can be no release.

15 "Behold, He ^arestrains the waters, and they dry up;
And He ^bsends them out, and they ¹inundate the earth.

16 "With Him are strength and sound wisdom,
The ^amisled and the misleader belong to Him.

17 "He makes ^acounselors walk ^{1b}barefoot,
And makes fools of ^cjudges.

18 "He ^aloosens the ¹bond of kings,
And binds their loins with a girdle.

19 "He makes priests walk ¹barefoot,
And overthrows ^athe secure ones.

20 "He deprives the trusted ones of speech,
And ^atakes away the discernment of the elders.

21 "He ^apours contempt on nobles,
And ^bloosens the belt of the strong.

22 "He ^areveals mysteries from the darkness,
And brings the deep darkness into light.

23 "He ^amakes the nations great, then destroys them;
He ¹enlarges the nations, then leads them away.

- 24 "He ^adeprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people,
And makes them wander in a pathless waste.
- 25 "They ^agrope in darkness with no light,
And He makes them ^bstagger like a drunken man.

CHAPTER 13

- “^aBEHOLD, my eye has seen all *this*,
My ear has heard and understood it.
- 2 “^aWhat you know I also know.
I am not inferior to you.
- 3 “But ^aI would speak to the ¹Almighty,
And I desire to ^bargue with God.
- 4 “But you ^asmear with lies;
You are all ^bworthless physicians.
- 5 “O that you would ^abe completely silent,
And that it would become your wisdom!
- 6 “Please hear my argument,
And listen to the contentions of my lips.
- 7 “Will you ^aspeak what is unjust for God,
And speak what is deceitful for Him?
- 8 “Will you ^ashow partiality for Him?
Will you contend for God?
- 9 “Will it be well when He examines you?
Or ^awill you deceive Him as one deceives a man?
- 10 “He will surely reprove you,
If you secretly ^ashow partiality.
- 11 “Will not ^aHis ¹majesty terrify you,
And the dread of Him fall on you?
- 12 “Your memorable sayings are ^aproverbs of ashes,
Your defenses are defenses of clay.
- 13 “^aBe silent before me so that I may speak;
Then let what may come on me.
- 14 “Why should I take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in my ¹hands.
- 15 “^aThough He slay me,
I ^bwill hope in Him.
Nevertheless I will argue my ways ¹before Him.
- 16 “This also will be my ^asalvation,
For ^ba godless man may not come before His presence.
- 17 “Listen carefully to my speech,
And let my declaration *fill* your ears.
- 18 “Behold now, I have ^aprepared my case;
I know that ^bI will be vindicated.
- 19 “Who will contend with me?
For then I would be silent and ^adie.
- 20 “Only two things do not do to me,
Then I will not hide from Thy face:
- 21 ^aRemove Thy ¹hand from me,
And let not the dread of Thee terrify me.
- 22 “Then call, and ^aI will answer;
Or let me speak, then reply to me.

24^aJob 12:2025^aJob 5:14 bIs. 24:201^aJob 12:92^aJob 12:33¹Heb., *Shaddai*
Job 13:22; 23:4 bJob 13:154^aPs. 119:69 bJer. 23:325^aJob 13:13; 21:57^aJob 27:48^aLev. 19:159^aJob 12:1610^aJob 13:8; 32:21; 34:1911¹Lit., *exaltation*
Job 31:2312^aJob 27:1; 29:113^aJob 13:514¹Lit., *palm*15¹Lit., *to His face*
Job 7:6 bJob 27:516^aJob 23:7 bJob 34:21-2318^aJob 6:29; 23:4 bJob 9:21;
10:7; 12:419^aJob 7:21; 10:821¹Lit., *palm*
Job 9:34; Ps. 39:1022^aJob 9:16; 14:15

Job 13, 14

23 ¹Or, *transgression*
^aJob 7:21

24 ^aPs. 13:1; 44:24; 88:14
^bJob 19:11; 33:10

25 ^aLev. 26:36 ^bJob 21:18

26 ^aJob 9:18

27 ¹Lit., *carve for*
^aJob 33:11

28 ¹Lit., *he*
^aJob 2:7

1 ¹Lit., *short of days*
^aJob 5:7

2 ^aPs. 90:5; 6; 103:15; Is.
40:6; 7 ^bJob 8:9

3 ¹So with some ancient
versions; M.T., *me*
^aPs. 8:4; 144:3

4 ^aJob 15:14; 25:4

5 ¹Lit., *made*
^aJob 21:21

6 ¹Lit., *cease* ²Lit., *makes*
acceptable
^aJob 7:19

7 ¹Or, *cease*

10 ^aJob 14:10-15; 3:13 ^bJob
13:9

11 ¹Lit., *disappears*
^aIs. 19:5

12 ¹Lit., *they* ²Lit., *their*.
^aJob 3:13

13 ¹Lit., *the nether world*
^aJob 3:13 ^bIs. 26:20

15 ^aJob 10:3

- 23 ^aHow many are my iniquities and sins?
Make known to me my ¹rebellion and my sin.
- 24 ^aWhy dost Thou ^ahide Thy face,
And consider me ^bThine enemy?
- 25 ^aWilt Thou cause a ^adriven leaf to tremble?
Or wilt Thou pursue the dry ^bchaff?
- 26 ^aFor Thou dost write ^abitter things against me,
And dost make me to inherit the iniquities of my
youth.
- 27 ^aThou ^adost put my feet in the stocks,
And dost watch all my paths;
Thou dost ¹set a limit for the soles of my feet,
- 28 While ¹I am decaying like a ^arotten thing,
Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAPTER 14

- “^aMAN, who is born of woman,
Is ¹short-lived and full of turmoil.
- 2 ^aLike a flower he comes forth and withers.
He also flees like ^ba shadow and does not remain.
- 3 ^aThou also dost ^aopen Thine eyes on him,
And bring ¹him into judgment with Thyself.
- 4 ^aWho can make the clean out of the unclean?
No one!
- 5 ^aSince his days are determined,
The ^anumber of his months is with Thee,
And his limits Thou hast ¹set so that he cannot pass.
- 6 ^aTurn your gaze from him that he may ¹rest,
Until he ²fulfills his day like a hired man.
- 7 ^aFor there is hope for a tree,
When it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
And its shoots will not ¹fail.
- 8 ^aThough its roots grow old in the ground,
And its stump dies in the dry soil,
- 9 At the scent of water it will flourish
And put forth sprigs like a plant.
- 10 ^aBut ^aman ^bdies and lies prostrate.
Man expires, and where is he?
- 11 ^aAs ^awater ¹evaporates from the sea,
And a river becomes parched and dried up,
So ^aman lies down and does not rise.
Until the heavens be no more,
¹He will not awake nor be aroused out of ²his sleep.
- 13 ^aOh that Thou wouldst ^ahide me in ¹Sheol,
That Thou wouldst conceal me ^buntil Thy wrath re-
turns to *Thee*,
That Thou wouldst set a limit for me and remember
me!
- 14 ^aIf a man dies, will he live *again*?
All the days of my struggle I will wait,
Until my change comes.
- 15 ^aThou wilt call, and I will answer Thee;
Thou wilt long for ^athe work of Thy hands.

**Eliphaz Speaks Again.
He Says Job Presumes Much.**

Job 14, 15

- 16 "For now Thou dost ^anumber my steps,
Thou dost not ^bobserve my sin.
17 "My transgression is ^asealed up in a bag,
And Thou dost ^lwrap up my iniquity.
18 "But the falling mountain ^lcrumbles away,
And the rock moves from its place;
19 Water wears away stones,
Its torrents wash away the dust of the earth;
So Thou dost ^adestroy man's hope.
20 "Thou dost forever overpower him and he ^adeparts;
Thou dost change his appearance and send him away.
21 "His sons achieve honor, but he does not know it;
Or they become insignificant, but he does not perceive
it.
22 "But his ^lbody pains him,
And he mourns only for himself."

16 ^aJob 31:4; 34:21 ^bJob 10:6

17 ^lLit., *plaster or glue together*
^aDeut. 32:32-34

18 ^lLit., *withers*

19 ^aJob 7:6

20 ^aJob 4:20; 20:7

22 ^lLit., *flesh*

^l ^lLit., *answered and said*

CHAPTER 15

- T**HEN Eliphaz the Temanite ^lresponded,
2 "Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge,
^aAnd fill ^lhimself with the east wind?
3 "Should he argue with useless talk,
Or with words which are not profitable?
4 "Indeed, you do away with ^lreverence,
And hinder meditation before God.
5 "For ^ayour guilt teaches your mouth,
And you choose the language of ^bthe crafty.
6 "Your ^aown mouth condemns you, and not I;
And your own lips testify against you.
7 "Were you the first man to be born,
Or ^awere you brought forth before the hills?
8 "Do you hear the ^asecret counsel of God,
And limit wisdom to yourself?
9 "^aWhat do you know that we do not know?
What do you understand that ^lwe do not?
10 "Both the ^agray-haired and the aged are among us,
Older than your father.
11 "Are ^athe consolations of God too small for you,
Even the ^bword *spoken* gently with you?
12 "Why does your ^aheart carry you away?
And why do your eyes flash,
13 That you should turn your spirit against God,
And allow *such* words to go out of your mouth?
14 "What is man, that ^ahe should be pure,
Or ^bhe who is born of a woman, that he should be
righteous?
15 "Behold, He puts no trust in His ^aholy ones,
And the ^bheavens are not pure in His sight;
16 How much less one who is ^adetestable and corrupt,
Man, who ^bdrinks iniquity like water!
17 "I will tell you, listen to me;
And what I have seen I will also declare;

^l ^lLit., *his belly*
^aJob 6:26

^l ^lLit., *fear*

^aJob 22:5 ^bJob 5:12, 13

^aJob 18:7

^aJob 38:4, 21

^aJob 29:4; Rom. 11:34

^l ^lLit., *is not within us?*
^aJob 12:3; 13:2

^aJob 12:12; 32:6, 7

^aJob 5:17-19; 36:15, 16
^bJob 6:10; 23:12

^aJob 11:13; 36:13

^aJob 14:4 ^bJob 25:4

^aJob 5:1 ^bJob 25:5

^aPs. 14:1 ^bJob 34:7

18 ^aJob 8:8; 20:4

20 ¹Lit., *the number of years are*
^aJob 15:24 ^bJob 24:1; 27:13

21 ¹Lit., *A sound of terrors*
^aJob 15:24; 18:11; 20:25;
24:17; 27:20 ^bJob 20:21;
1 Thess. 5:3

22 ^aJob 15:30 ^bJob 19:29;
27:14; 33:18; 36:12

23 ¹Lit., *ready at his hand*
^aJob 15:22, 30

25 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*
^aJob 36:9

26 ¹Lit., *with a stiff neck*
²Lit., *the thick-bossed shields*

27 ^aPs. 17:10; 73:7; 119:70

28 ¹Or, *heaps*
^aJob 3:14; Is. 5:8, 9

29 ^aJob 27:16, 17

30 ¹Lit., *turn aside*
^aJob 15:22; 5:14 ^bJob 15:34;
20:26; 22:20; 31:12 ^cJob 4:9

31 ¹Lit., *exchange*
^aJob 35:13; Is. 59:4

32 ^aJob 22:16; Ecces. 7:17
^bJob 18:16

33 ^aJob 14:2

34 ¹Lit., *bribe*
^aJob 8:13 ^bJob 8:22

35 ¹Or, *pain* ²Lit., *belly*
^aPs. 7:14; Is. 59:4

1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ¹Lit., *Comforters of trouble*
^aJob 13:4; 21:34

3 ^aJob 6:26

4 ¹Lit., *your soul were in place of my soul*
^aPs. 22:7; 109:25; Zeph. 2:15;
Matt. 27:39

6 ^aJob 9:27, 28

18 What wise men have told,
And have not concealed from ^atheir fathers,
19 To whom alone the land was given,
And no alien passed among them.
20 "The wicked man writhes ^ain pain all *his* days,
And ¹numbered are the years ^bstored up for the
ruthless.
21 "¹Sounds of ^aterror are in his ears,
^bWhile at peace the destroyer comes upon him.
22 "He does not believe that he will ^areturn from darkness,
And he is destined for ^bthe sword.
23 "He wanders about for food, saying, 'Where is it?'
He knows that a day of ^adarkness is ¹at hand.
24 "Distress and anguish terrify him,
They overpower him like a king ready for the attack,
25 Because he has stretched out his hand against God,
And conducts himself ^aarrogantly against ¹the Al-
mighty.
26 "He rushes ¹headlong at Him
With ²his massive shield.
27 "For he has ^acovered his face with his fat,
And made his thighs heavy with flesh.
28 "And he has ^alived in desolate cities,
In houses no one would inhabit,
Which are destined to become ¹ruins.
29 "He ^awill not become rich, nor will his wealth endure;
And his grain will not bend down to the ground.
30 "He will ^anot ¹escape from darkness;
The ^bflame will wither his shoots,
And by ^cthe breath of His mouth he will go away.
31 "Let him not ^atrust in emptiness, deceiving himself;
For emptiness will be his ¹reward.
32 "It will be accomplished ^abefore his time,
And his palm ^bbranch will not be green.
33 "He will drop off his unripe grape like the vine,
And will ^acast off his flower like the olive tree.
34 "For the company of ^athe godless is barren,
And fire consumes ^bthe tents of ¹the corrupt.
35 "They ^aconceive ¹mischiefs and bring forth iniquity,
And their ²mind prepares deception."

CHAPTER 16

THEN Job ¹answered,
2 "I have heard many such things;
^{1a}Sorry comforters are you all.
3 "Is there *no* limit to ^awindy words?
Or what plagues you that you answer?
4 "I too could speak like you,
If ¹I were in your place.
I could compose words against you,
And ^ashake my head at you.
5 "I could strengthen you with my mouth,
And the solace of my lips could lessen *your pain*.
6 "If I speak, ^amy pain is not lessened,
And if I hold back, what has left me?"

- 7 “But now He has ^aexhausted me;
Thou hast laid ^bwaste all my company.
- 8 “And Thou hast shriveled me up,
^aIt has become a witness;
And my ^bleanness rises up against me,
It testifies to my face.
- 9 “His anger has ^atorn me and ¹hunted me down,
He has ^bgnashed at me with His teeth;
My ^cadversary ²glares at me.
- 10 “They have ^agaped at me with their mouth,
They have ^{1b}slapped me on the cheek with contempt;
They have ^cmassed themselves against me.
- 11 “God hands me over to ruffians,
And tosses me into the hands of the wicked.
- 12 “I was at ease, but ^aHe shattered me,
And He has grasped me by the neck and shaken me to
pieces;
He has also set me up as His ^btarget.
- 13 “His ^aarrows surround me.
Without mercy He splits my kidneys open;
He pours out ^bmy gall on the ground.
- 14 “He ^abreaks through me with breach after breach;
He ^bruns at me like a warrior.
- 15 “I have sewed ^asackcloth over my skin,
And thrust my ^bhorn in the dust.
- 16 “My face is flushed from ^aweeping,
^bAnd deep darkness is on my eyelids,
- 17 Although there is no ^aviolence in my hands,
And ^bmy prayer is pure.
- 18 “O earth, do not cover my blood,
And let there be no place for my cry.
- 19 “Even now, behold, ^amy witness is in heaven,
And my ¹advocate is ^bon high.
- 20 “My ^afriends are my scoffers;
^bMy eye ¹weeps to God.
- 21 “O that a man might plead with God
As a man with his neighbor!
- 22 “For when a few years are past,
I shall go the way ^aof no return.

CHAPTER 17

- “MY spirit is broken, my days are extinguished,
The ^{1a}grave is ready for me.
- 2 “^aSurely mockers are with me,
And my eye ¹gazes on their provocation.
- 3 “Lay down, now, a pledge ^afor me with Thyself;
Who is there that will ^{1b}be my guarantor?
- 4 “For Thou hast ^{1a}kept their heart from understanding;
Therefore Thou wilt not exalt *them*.
- 5 “He who ^ainforms against friends for a share of the spoil,
The ^beyes of his children also shall languish.

⁷ Job 7:3 ^bJob 16:20;
19:13-15

⁸ Job 10:17 ^bJob 19:20;
Ps. 109:24

⁹ ¹Lit., borne a grudge
against me ²Lit., sharpens
his eyes
^aJob 19:11; Hos. 6:1 ^bPs.
35:16; Lam. 2:16; Acts 7:54
^cJob 13:24; 33:10

¹⁰ ¹Lit., struck
^aPs. 22:13 ^bIs. 50:6; Lam.
3:30; Acts 23:2 ^cJob 30:12;
Ps. 35:15

¹² ^aJob 9:17 ^bJob 7:20;
Lam. 3:12

¹³ ^aJob 6:4; 19:12; 25:3 ^bJob
20:25

¹⁴ ^aJob 9:17 ^bJoel 2:7

¹⁵ ^aJob 2:8; Gen. 37:34; Ps.
69:11 ^bJob 19:9; Lam. 2:3

¹⁶ ^aJob 16:20 ^bJob 24:17

¹⁷ ^aIs. 59:6; Jon. 3:8 ^bJob
27:4

¹⁹ ¹Or, witness
^aJob 19:25-27; Gen. 31:50;
Phil. 1:8 ^bJob 31:2

²⁰ ¹Or, drips
^aJob 16:7 ^bJob 17:7

²² ^aJob 3:13

¹ ¹Lit., graves
^aPs. 88:3,4

² ¹Lit., lodges
^aJob 17:6; 12:4

³ ¹Lit., strike hands with
me
^aPs. 119:122; Is. 38:14

⁴ ¹Lit., hidden
^aJob 12:20

⁵ ^aLev. 19:13, 16 ^bJob
11:20

**Job Feels Like One Split Upon. Bildad Speaks.
"The Light of the Wicked Goes Out."**

Job 17, 18

6 ¹Lit., a spitting to the faces
²Job 17:2 ^bJob 30:10

7 ^aJob 16:16 ^bJob 16:8

8 ^aJob 22:19

9 ^aProv. 4:18 ^bJob 22:30;
31:7

10 ¹With some ancient mss. and versions; M.T., *them*
²Job 12:2

11 ^aJob 7:6

13 ¹Lit., spread out
²Job 3:13

14 ^aJob 7:5 13:28; 30:18, 30
^bJob 21:26; 25:6

15 ^aJob 7:6

16 ¹So the Gk. Heb. possibly, *let my limbs sink down to Sheol, since there is rest in the dust for all.*
²Job 3:17; 21:33

1 ¹Lit., answered and said

3 ^aPs. 73:22

4 ¹Lit., he . . . tears himself . . . his

5 ¹Lit., spark
²Job 21:17; Prov. 13:9; 20:20;
24:20

6 ^aJob 12:25

7 ¹Lit., steps of his strength
²Job 15:6

8 ^aJob 22:10; Ps. 9:15; 35:8;
Is. 24:17, 18

11 ^aJob 15:21 ^bJob 18:18;
20:8

12 ^aIs. 8:21

13 ¹Heb., it eats parts of his skin ²Or, parts
³Zech. 14:12

14 ¹Lit., his tent his trust
²Or, you or she shall march
³Job 18:6; 8:22; 27:18 ^bJob
15:21

- 6 "But He has made me a ^abyword of the people,
And I am ¹one at whom men ^bspit.
- 7 "My eye has also grown ^adim because of grief,
And all my ^bmembers are as a shadow.
- 8 "The upright shall be appalled at this,
And the ^ainnocent shall stir up himself against the
godless.
- 9 "Nevertheless ^athe righteous shall hold to his way,
And ^bhe who has clean hands shall grow stronger and
stronger.
- 10 "But come again all of ¹you now,
For I ^ado not find a wise man among you.
- 11 "My ^adays are past, my plans are torn apart,
Even the wishes of my heart.
- 12 "They make night into day, *saying*,
'The light is near,' in the presence of darkness.
- 13 "If I look for ^aSheol as my home,
I ¹make my bed in the darkness;
- 14 If I call to the ^apit, 'You are my father';
To the ^bworm, 'my mother and my sister';
- 15 Where now is ^amy hope?
And who regards my hope?
- 16 "¹Will it go down with me to Sheol?
Shall we together ^ago down into the dust?"

CHAPTER 18

- T**HEN Bildad the Shuhite ¹responded,
- 2 "How long will you hunt for words?
Show understanding and then we can talk.
- 3 "Why are we ^aregarded as beasts,
As stupid in your eyes?
- 4 "O ¹you who tear yourself in your anger—
For your sake is the earth to be abandoned,
Or the rock to be moved from its place?
- 5 "Indeed, the ^alight of the wicked goes out,
And the ¹flame of his fire gives no light.
- 6 "The light in his tent is ^adarkened,
And his lamp goes out above him.
- 7 "His ¹vigorous stride is shortened,
And his ^aown scheme brings him down.
- 8 "For he is ^athrown into the net by his own feet,
And he steps on the webbing.
- 9 "A snare seizes *him* by the heel,
And a trap snaps shut on him.
- 10 "A noose for him is hid in the ground,
And a trap for him on the path.
- 11 "All around ^aterrors frighten him,
And ^bharry him at every step.
- 12 "His strength is ^afamished,
And calamity is ready at his side.
- 13 "¹His skin is devoured by disease,
The first-born of death ^adevours his ²limbs.
- 14 "He is ^atorn from ¹the security of his tent,
And ²they march him before the king of ^bterrors.

- 15 "There dwells in his tent nothing of his;
 aBrimstone is scattered on his habitation.
- 16 "His aroots are dried below,
 And his bbranch is cut off above.
- 17 "aMemory of him perishes from the earth,
 And he has no name abroad.
- 18 "He is driven from light ainto darkness,
 And bchased from the inhabited world.
- 19 "He has no aoffspring or posterity among his people,
 Nor any survivor where he sojourned.
- 20 "Those 1in the west are appalled at ahis 2fate,
 And those 3in the east are seized with horror.
- 21 "Surely such are the adwellings of the wicked,
 And this is the place of him who does not know God."

CHAPTER 19

- T**HEN Job 1responded,
 2 "How long will you torment 1me,
 And crush me with words?
- 3 "These ten times you have insulted me,
 You are not ashamed to wrong me.
- 4 "Even if I have truly erred,
 My error lodges with me.
- 5 "If indeed you avault yourselves against me,
 And prove my disgrace to me,
- 6 Know then that aGod has wronged me,
 And has closed bHis net around me.
- 7 "Behold, aI cry, 'Violence!' but I get no answer;
 I shout for help, but there is no justice.
- 8 "He has awalled up my way so that I cannot pass;
 And He has put bdarkness on my paths.
- 9 "He has astripped my honor from me,
 And removed the bcrown from my head.
- 10 "He abreaks me down on every side, and I am gone;
 And He has uprooted my bhope clike a tree.
- 11 "He has also akindled His anger against me,
 And bconsidered me as His enemy.
- 12 "His a troops come together,
 And bbuild up their 1way against me,
 And camp around my tent.
- 13 "He has aremoved my brothers far from me,
 And my bacquaintances are completely estranged from me.
- 14 "My relatives have failed,
 And my aintimate friends have forgotten me.
- 15 "Those who live in my house and my maids consider me
 a stranger.
 I am a foreigner in their sight.
- 16 "I call to my servant, but he does not answer,
 I have to implore him with my mouth.
- 17 "My breath is 1offensive to my wife,
 And I am loathsome to my own brothers.

15 ¹A suggested reading is, *fire dwells in his tent*
^aPs. 11:6

16 ^aIs. 5:24; Hos. 9:16;
^bAmos 2:9; Mal. 4:1 ^bJob
 15:30, 32

17 ^aJob 24:20; Ps. 34:16;
 Prov. 10:7

18 ¹Lit., *They drive him . . . And chase him*
^aJob 5:14, Is. 8:21; 15:30; 20:8
^bJob 27:21-23

19 ^aJob 27:14, 15; Is. 14:22

20 ¹Lit., *who come after*
²Lit., *day* ³Lit., *who have gone before*
^aPs. 37:13; Jer. 50:27; Obad. 12

21 ^aJob 21:28

1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ¹Lit., *mysoul*

5 ^aPs. 35:26; 38:16; 55:12

6 ^aJob 16:11; 27:2 ^bJob
 18:8-10; Ps. 66:11; Lam. 1:13

7 ^aJob 9:24; 30:20, 24;
 Hab. 1:2

8 ^aJob 3:23; Lam. 3:7, 9
^bJob 30:26

9 ^aJob 12:17, 19; Ps. 89:44
^bJob 16:15; Ps. 89:39; Lam. 5:16

10 ^aJob 12:14 ^bJob 7:6 ^cJob
 24:20

11 ^aJob 16:9 ^bJob 13:24;
 33:10

12 ¹Lit., *siege work*
^aJob 16:13 ^bJob 30:12

13 ^aJob 16:7; Ps. 69:8 ^bJob
 16:20; Ps. 88:8, 18

14 ^aJob 19:19

17 ¹Lit., *strange*

**“Those I Love Have Turned Against Me.”
“I Know My Redeemer Lives.”**

Job 19, 20

18 ¹Job 12:4

19 ¹Lit., *the men of my council*
²Ps. 38:11; 55:13

20 ¹Job 16:8; 33:21; Ps. 102:5; Lam. 4:8

21 ¹Job 1:11; Ps. 38:2

22 ¹Job 19:6; 13:24, 25; Ps. 69:26; 16:11

23 ¹Is. 30:8; Jer. 36:2

25 ¹Or, *Vindicator, defender*; lit., *kinsman* ²Or, *as the Last* ³Lit., *dust*
⁴Job 16:19; Ps. 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Is. 43; 14; Jer. 50:34

26 ¹Lit., *they are flayed thus*
²Ps. 17:15; Matt. 5:8; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 John 3:2

27 ¹Or, *on my side* ²Lit., *kidneys* ³Lit., *in my loins*
⁴Ps. 73:26

28 ¹Or, *the root of the matter is found in him*
²Job 19:22

29 ¹Job 15:22 ²Job 22:4; Ps. 1:5; 9:7; Eccles. 12:14

1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ¹Lit., *return* ²Lit., *haste within me*

3 ¹Job 19:3

4 ¹Job 8:8

5 ¹Job 8:12, 13; Ps. 37:35, 36 ²Job 8:13

6 ¹Lit., *goes up to*
²Is. 14:13, 14; Obad. 3:4

7 ¹Job 4:20; 14:20 ²Job 7:10; 8:18

8 ¹Ps. 73:20; 90:5 ²Job 18:18; 27:21-23

9 ¹Job 7:8; 8:18 ²Job 7:10

10 ¹Or, *seek the favor of*
²Job 5:4; 27:14 ³Job 20:18; 27:16, 17

11 ¹Lit., *on*
²Job 21:23, 24

12 ¹Job 15:16

13 ¹Lit., *has compassion on*
²Lit., *palate*
³Job 20:23; Num. 11:20, 33

18 “Even young children ²despise me;
I rise up and they speak against me.

19 “All ¹my ²associates abhor me,
And those I love have turned against me.

20 “My ²bone clings to my skin and my flesh,
And I have escaped *only* by the skin of my teeth.

21 “Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,
For the ²hand of God has struck me.

22 “Why do you ²persecute me as God *does*,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 “Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were ²inscribed in a book!

24 “That with an iron stylus and lead
They were engraved in the rock forever!

25 “And as for me, I know that ²my ¹Redeemer lives,
And ²at the last He will take His stand on the ³earth.

26 “Even after my skin ¹is flayed,
Yet without my flesh I shall ²see God;

27 “Whom I ¹myself shall behold,
And whom my eyes shall see and not another.
My ²heart ²faints ³within me.

28 “If you say, ‘How shall we ²persecute him?’
And ¹‘what pretext for a case against him can we find?’

29 “*Then* be afraid of ²the sword for yourselves,
For wrath *brings* the punishment of the sword,
So that you may know ²there is judgment.”

CHAPTER 20

THEN Zophar the Naamathite ¹answered,
2 “Therefore my disquieting thoughts make me ¹respond,
Even because of my ²inward agitation.
3 “I listened to ²the reproach which insults me,
And the spirit of my understanding makes me answer.
4 “Do you know this from ²of old,
From the establishment of man on earth,
5 That the ²triumphing of the wicked is short,
And ²the joy of the godless momentary?
6 “Though his loftiness ¹reaches the heavens,
And his head touches the clouds;
7 He ²perishes forever like his refuse;
Those who have seen him ²will say, ‘Where is he?’
8 “He flies away like a ²dream, and they cannot find him;
Even like a vision of the night he is ²chased away.
9 “The ²eye which saw him sees him no more,
And ²his place no longer beholds him.
10 “His ²sons ¹favor the poor,
And his hands ²give back his wealth.
11 “His ²bones are full of his youthful vigor,
But it lies down with him ¹in the dust.
12 “Though ²evil is sweet in his mouth,
And he hides it under his tongue,
13 *Though* he ¹desires it and will not let it go,
But holds it ²in his ²mouth,

- 14 Yet his food in his stomach is changed
To the ¹venom of cobras within him.
- 15 "He swallows riches,
But will ^avomit them up;
God will expel them out of his belly.
- 16 "He sucks ^athe poison of cobras;
The viper's tongue slays him.
- 17 "He does not look at ^athe streams,
The rivers flowing with honey and curds.
- 18 "He ^areturns what he has attained
And cannot swallow it;
As to the riches of his trading,
He cannot even enjoy *them*.
- 19 "For he has ^aoppressed *and* forsaken the poor;
He has seized a house which he has not built.
- 20 "Because he knew no quiet ¹within him
He does ^anot retain anything he desires.
- 21 "Nothing remains ¹for him to devour,
Therefore ^ahis prosperity does not endure.
- 22 "In ^athe fulness of his plenty he will be cramped;
The ^bhand of everyone who suffers will come *against*
him.
- 23 "When he ^afills his belly,
God will send His fierce anger on him
And will ^brain it on him ¹while he is eating.
- 24 "He may flee from the iron weapon,
But the bronze bow will pierce him.
- 25 "It is drawn forth and comes out of his back,
Even the glittering point from ^ahis gall.
^bTerrors come upon him,
- 26 Complete ^adarkness is held in reserve for his treasures.
And unfanned ^bfire will devour him;
It will consume the survivor in his tent.
- 27 "The ^aheavens will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
- 28 "The ^aincrease of his house will depart;
His possessions will flow away ^bin the day of His anger.
- 29 "This is the wicked man's ^aportion from God,
Even the heritage decreed to him by God."

- 14 ¹Lit., *gall*
- 15 ^aJob 20:10; 20:20, 21
- 16 ^aDeut. 32:24, 33
- 17 ^aJob 29:6; Deut. 32:13, 14
- 18 ^aJob 20:10, 15
- 19 ^aJob 24:2-4; 35:9
- 20 ¹Lit., *in his belly*
^aEccles. 5:13-15
- 21 ¹Or, *of what he devours*
^aJob 15:29
- 22 ^aJob 15:21 ^bJob 5:5
- 23 ¹Or, *as his food*
^aJob 20:13, 14 ^bNum. 11:20, 33; Ps. 78:30, 31
- 25 ^aJob 16:13 ^bJob 18:11, 14
- 26 ^aJob 18:18 ^bJob 15:30
- 27 ^aDeut. 31:28
- 28 ^aDeut. 28:31 ^bJob 20:15, 21:30
- 29 ^aJob 27:13; 31:2, 3
- 1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*
- 3 ^aJob 11:3; 17:2

CHAPTER 21

- T**HEN Job ¹answered,
- 2 "Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this be your *way of* consolation.
- 3 "Bear with me that I may speak.
Then after I have spoken, you may ^amock.
- 4 "As for me, is ^amy complaint ¹to man?
And ^bwhy should ²I not be impatient?
- 5 "Look at me, and be astonished,
And ^aput your hand over your mouth.
- 6 "Even when I remember I am disturbed,
And ^ahorror takes hold of my flesh.
- 7 "Why ^ado the wicked *still* live,
Continue on, also become very ^bpowerful?

- 4 ¹Or, *against* ²Lit., *my spirit*
^aJob 7:11 ^bJob 6:11
- 5 ^aJob 13:5; 29:9; 40:4;
Judg. 18:19
- 6 ^aPs. 55:5
- 7 ^aJob 9:24 Ps. 73:3; Jer. 12:1; Hab. 1:13 ^bJob 12:19

8 ¹Lit., *seed*
²Ps. 17:14

9 ¹Job 12:6

10 ¹Lit., *and does not fail*

12 ¹Lit., *lifted up the voice*

13 ¹So with most versions.
M.T., *are shattered by Sheol.* ²I.e., the nether world
³Job 21:23; 36:11

14 ¹Job 22:17

15 ¹Lit., *What* ²Heb.,
Shaddai
³Job 22:17; 34:9

16 ¹Job 22:18

17 ¹Lit., *He*
²Job 18:5, 6 ³Job 31:2, 3

18 ¹Job 13:25; Ps. 83:13 ²Ps.
1:4; 35:5; Is. 17:13; Hos. 13:3

19 ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *Him*
³Ex. 20:5; Jer. 31:29; Ezek.
18:2

20 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*
²Numb. 14:28-32; Jer. 31:30;
Ezek. 18:4 ³Ps. 60:3; Is.
51:17; Jer. 25:15; Rev. 14:10

21 ¹I.e., *after he dies*

22 ¹Job 35:11; 36:22; Is.
40:14; Rom. 11:34 ²Job 4:18;
15:15; Ps. 82:1

23 ¹Or, *quiet*
²Job 21:13; 20:11

24 ¹So with Syr.; Heb.
uncertain. Some render as,
his pails are full of milk
²Prov. 3:8

25 ¹Lit., *eating*

26 ¹Job 3:13; 20:11; Eccles.
9:2 ²Job 24:20; Is. 14:11

28 ¹Job 1:3; 31:37 ²Job 8:22;
18:21

29 ¹Lit., *signs*

30 ¹Job 20:29; Prov. 16:4;
2 Pet. 2:9 ²Job 17:20; 40:11

31 ¹Lit., *declare his way to*
his face

Job: "The Wicked Are Like Straw Before the Wind."

- 8 "Their ^{1a}descendants are established with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes,
Their houses ^{2a}are safe from fear,
Neither is the rod of God on them.
- 9 "His ox mates ¹without fail;
His cow calves and does not abort.
- 10 "They send forth their little ones like the flock,
And their children skip about.
- 11 "They ¹sing to the timbrel and harp
And rejoice at the sound of the flute.
- 12 "They ²spend their days in prosperity,
And ¹suddenly they go down to ²Sheol.
- 13 "And they say to God, ^{2a}Depart from us!
We do not even desire the knowledge of Thy ways.
- 14 "Who is ²the Almighty, that we should serve Him,
And ^{2a}what would we gain if we entreat Him?"
- 15 "Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand;
The ^{2a}counsel of the wicked is far from me.
- 16 "How often is ^{2a}the lamp of the wicked put out,
Or their ^bcalamity fall on them?
Does ¹God apportion destruction in His anger?"
- 17 "Are they as ^astraw before the wind,
And like ^bchaff which the storm carries away?"
- 18 "You say, ^{2a}God stores away ^{1a}a man's iniquity for his sons.
Let ²God repay him so that he may know it.
- 19 "Let his ^{2a}own eyes see his decay,
And let him ^bdrink of the wrath of ¹the Almighty.
- 20 "For what does he care for his household ^{1a}after him,
When the number of his months is cut off?"
- 21 "Can anyone ^ateach God knowledge,
In that He ^bjudges those on high?"
- 22 "One ^adies in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and ¹satisfied;
- 23 "His ¹sides are filled out with fat,
And the ^amarrow of his bones is moist,
- 24 "While another dies with a bitter soul,
Never even ¹tasting *anything* good.
- 25 "Together they ^alie down in the dust,
And ^bworms cover them.
- 26 "Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the plans by which you would wrong me.
- 27 "For you say, 'Where is the house of ^athe nobleman,
And where is the ^btent, the dwelling places of the wicked?'
- 28 "Have you not asked wayfaring men,
And do you not recognize their ¹witness?"
- 29 "For the ^awicked is reserved for the day of calamity;
They will be led forth at ^bthe day of fury.
- 30 "Who will ¹confront him with his actions,
And who will repay him for what he has done?"
- 31 "While he is carried to the grave,
Men will keep watch over *his* tomb.

- 33 "The ^aclods of the valley will ¹gently cover him;
Moreover, ^ball men will ²follow after him,
While countless ones go before him.
34 "How then will you vainly ^acomfort me,
For your answers remain *full of* ¹falsehood?"

CHAPTER 22

- T**HEN Eliphaz the Temanite ¹responded,
2 "Can a vigorous ^aman be of use to God,
Or a wise man be useful to himself?
3 "Is there any pleasure to ¹the Almighty if you are
righteous,
Or profit if you make your ways perfect?
4 "Is it because of your ¹reverence that He reproves you,
That He ^aenters into judgment against you?
5 "Is not ^ayour wickedness great,
And your iniquities without end?
6 "For you have ^ataken pledges of your brothers without
cause,
And ^bstripped ¹men naked.
7 "To the weary you have ^agiven no water to drink,
And from the hungry you have ^bwithheld bread.
8 "But the earth ^abelongs to the ^{1b}mighty man,
And ^cthe honorable man dwells in it.
9 "You have sent ^awidows away empty,
And the ¹strength of the ^borphans has been crushed.
10 "Therefore ^asnare surround you,
And sudden ^bbread terrifies you,
11 Or ^adarkness, so that you can not see,
And an ^babundance of water covers you.
12 "Is not God ^ain the height of heaven?
Look also at the ¹distant stars, how high they are!
13 "And you say, ^aWhat does God know?
Can He judge through the thick darkness?
14 ^aClouds are a hiding place for Him, so that He cannot
see;
And He walks on the ¹vault of heaven.
15 "Will you keep to the ancient path
Which ^awicked men have trod,
16 Who were snatched away ^abefore their time,
Whose ^bfoundations were ¹washed away by a river?
17 "They ^asaid to God, 'Depart from us!
And 'What can ¹the Almighty do to them?'
18 "Yet He ^afilled their houses with good *things*;
But ^bthe counsel of the wicked is far from me.
19 "The ^arighteous see and are glad,
And the innocent mock them,
20 *Saying*, 'Truly our adversaries are cut off,
And their ¹abundance ^athe fire has consumed.'
21 "^aYield now and be at peace with Him;
Thereby good will come to you.
22 "Please receive ^{1a}instruction from His mouth,
And establish His words in your heart.

- ³³ ¹Lit., *be sweet to him*
²Lit., *draw*
^aJob 3:22; 17:16 ^bJob 3:19;
24:24
³⁴ ¹Or, *faithlessness*
^aJob 16:2

1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ^aJob 35:7; Luke 17:10

3 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*

4 ¹Or, *fear*
^aJob 14:3; 19:29

5 ^aJob 11:6; 15:5

6 ¹Lit., *clothing of the
naked*
^aJob 24:3, 9; Ex. 22:26; Deut.
24:6, 17; Ezek. 18:16 ^bJob
31:19, 20

7 ^aJob 31:16, 17 ^bJob 31:31

8 ¹Lit., *man of arm*
^aJob 9:24 ^bJob 12:19 ^cIs. 3:3;
9:15

9 ¹Lit., *arms*
^aJob 24:3, 21; 29:13; 31:16, 18
^bJob 6:27

10 ^aJob 18:8 ^bJob 15:21

11 ^aJob 5:14 ^bJob 38:34; Ps.
69:2; 124:5; Lam. 3:54

12 ¹Lit., *head, top-most*
^aJob 11:7-9

13 ^aPs. 10:11; 59:7; 64:5;
94:7; Is. 29:15; Ezek. 8:12

14 ¹Lit., *circle*
^aJob 26:9

15 ^aJob 34:36

16 ¹Lit., *poured out*
^aJob 15:32; 21:13, 18 ^bJob
14:19; Ps. 90:5; Is. 28:2;
Matt. 7:26, 27

17 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*
^aJob 21:14, 15

18 ^aJob 12:6 ^bJob 21:16

19 ^aPs. 52:6; 58:10; 107:42

20 ¹Or, *excess*
^aJob 15:30

21 ¹Or, *Know intimately*
^aPs. 34:10

22 ¹Or, *law*
^aJob 6:10; 23:12; Prov. 2:6

23 ¹Heb. *Shaddai* ²Lit., *built up*
^aJob 8:5; 11:13; Is. 19:22; 31:6; Zech. 1:3 ^bJob 11:14

24 ¹Lit., *ore*
^aJob 31:24, 25

25 ¹i.e., *Shaddai* ²Lit., *ore*

26 ¹i.e., *Shaddai*
^aJob 27:10; Ps. 37:4; Is. 58:14

27 ^aJob 11:13; 33:26; Is. 58:9
^bJob 34:28

28 ^aJob 11:17; Ps. 112:4

29 ¹Lit., *they cast you down* ²Lit., *pride* ³Lit., *lowly of eyes*
^aJob 5:11; 36:7; Matt. 23:12; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5

30 ^aJob 42:7, 8; Ps. 18:20; 24:3, 4

1 ¹Lit., *answered and said*

2 ¹So with Gr. and Syr. M.T., *My*
^aJob 7:11 ^bJob 6:2, 3; Ps. 32:4

4 ^aJob 13:18

5 ¹Lit., *answer me*

6 ^aJob 9:4

7 ¹Or, *bring forth my justice forever*
^aJob 13:3 ^bJob 23:10; 13:16

8 ^aJob 9:11; 35:14

10 ¹Lit., *way with me*
^aJob 7:18; Ps. 7:9; 11:5; 66:10; Zech. 13:9; 1 Pet. 1:7

11 ^aJob 31:7; Ps. 17:5; 44:18

12 ¹Or, *with some versions, in my breast* ²Lit., *prescribed portion*
^aJob 6:10; 22:22

16 ^aJob 27:2; Deut. 20:3; Jer. 51:46

23 “If you ^areturn to ¹the Almighty, you will be ²restored; If you ^bremove unrighteousness far from your tent,

24 And ^aplace your ¹gold in the dust,
 And *the gold of Ophir* among the stones of the brooks,

25 Then ¹the Almighty will be your ²gold
 And choice silver to you.

26 “For then you will ^adelight in ¹the Almighty,
 And lift up your face to God.

27 “You will ^apray to Him, and ^bHe will hear you;
 And you will pay your vows.

28 “You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you;
 And ^alight will shine on your ways.

29 “When you are cast down, you will speak with ²confidence
 And the ³humble person He will save.

30 “He will deliver one who is not innocent,
 And he will be ^adelivered through the cleanness of your hands.”

CHAPTER 23

THEN Job ¹replied,

2 “Even today my ^acomplaint is rebellion;
¹His hand is ^bheavy despite my groaning.

3 “Oh that I knew where I might find Him,
 That I might come to His seat!

4 “I would ^apresent my case before Him
 And fill my mouth with arguments.

5 “I would learn the words *which* He would ¹answer,
 And perceive what He would say to me.

6 “Would He contend with me by ^athe greatness of His power?
 No, surely He would pay attention to me.

7 “There the upright would ^areason with Him;
 And I ¹would be ^bdelivered forever from my Judge.

8 “Behold, I go forward but He is not *there*,
 And backward, but I ^acannot perceive Him;

9 When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him;
 He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.

10 “But He knows the ¹way I take;
When He has ^atried me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 “My foot has ^aheld fast to His path;
 I have kept His way and not turned aside.

12 “I have not departed from the command of His lips;
 I have treasured the ^awords of His mouth ¹more than my ²necessary food.

13 “But He is unique and who can turn Him?
 And *what* His soul desires, that He does.

14 “For He performs what is appointed for me,
 And many such *decrees* are with Him.

15 “Therefore, I would be dismayed at His presence;
When I consider, I am terrified of Him.

16 “*It is God who* has made my ^aheart faint,
 And the Almighty *who* has dismayed me,

17 "But I ^aam not silenced by the darkness,
Nor ^bdeep gloom which covers me.

CHAPTER 24

"WHY are ¹times not stored up by the Almighty,
And why do those who know Him not see ^aHis days?

2 "Some ^aremove the landmarks;
They seize and ²devour flocks.

3 "They drive away the donkeys of the ^aorphans;
They take the ^bwidow's ox for a pledge.

4 "They push ^athe needy aside from the road;
The ^bpoor of the land are made to hide themselves
altogether.

5 "Behold as ^awild donkeys in the wilderness
They ^bgo forth seeking food in their activity,
As ¹bread for *their* children in the desert.

6 "They harvest their fodder in the field,
And they glean the vineyard of the wicked.

7 "They spend the night naked, without clothing,
And have no covering against the cold.

8 "They are wet with the mountain rains,
And they ^ahug the rock for want of a shelter.

9 "Others snatch the ^aorphan from the breast,
And against the poor they take a pledge.

10 "They cause *the* poor to go about naked without
clothing,
And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.

11 "Within the walls they produce oil;
They tread wine presses but thirst.

12 "From the city men groan,
And the souls of the wounded cry out;
Yet God ^adoes not pay attention to folly.

13 "Others have been with those who rebel against the
light;

They do not want to know its ways,
Nor abide in its paths.

14 "The murderer ^aarises at dawn;
He ^bkills the poor and the needy,
And at night he is as a thief.

15 And the eye of the ^aadulterer waits for the twilight,
Saying, 'No eye will see me.'

And he ¹disguises his face.

16 "In the dark they ^adig into houses,
They shut themselves up by day;
They do not know the light.

17 "For the morning is the same to him as thick darkness,
For he is familiar with the ^aterrors of thick darkness.

18 "They are ^{1a}insignificant on the surface of the water;
Their portion is ^bcursed on the earth.

They do not turn ²toward the vineyards.

19 "Drought and heat ^{1a}consume the snow waters,
So does ^{2b}Sheol *those who* have sinned.

20 "A ^{1a}mother will forget him;

17 ^aJob 10:18, 19 ^bJob 19:8

¹ ¹i.e., times of judgment
^aIs. 2:12; Jer. 46:10; Obad.
15; Zeph. 1:7

² ¹Lit., *They* ²Or, *pasture*
^aDeut. 19:14; 27:17

³ ^aJob 6:27 ^bJob 22:9

⁴ ^aJob 24:14; 29:16; 30:25;
31:19 ^bJob 29:12; Ps. 41:1;
Prov. 14:31; Amos 8:4

⁵ ¹Lit., *his bread*
^aJob 39:5-8 ^bPs. 104:23

⁸ ^aLam. 4:5

⁹ ¹Lit., *they*
^aJob 6:27

12 ^aJob 9:23, 24

13 ¹Lit., *they*

14 ^aMic. 2:1 ^bPs. 10:8

¹⁵ ¹Or, *puts a covering on
his face*
^aProv. 7:9

16 ^aEx. 22:2; Matt. 6:19

17 ^aJob 15:21

¹⁸ ¹Or, *light or swift* ²Lit.,
to the path of
^aJob 22:11, 16; 27:20 ^bJob 5:3
^cJob 24:6, 11

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *seize* ²i.e., *nether
world*
^aJob 6:16, 17 ^bJob 21:13

²⁰ ¹Lit., *womb*
^aIs. 49:15

20 ^bJob 21:26 ^cJob 18:17;
Ps. 34:16; Prov. 10:7 ^dJob
19:10; Dan. 4:14

21 ¹Lit., barren who does
not bear
²Job 22:9

22 ^aJob 9:4 ^bJob 18:20

23 ^aJob 12:6 ^bJob 10:4;
11:11

24 ^aPs. 37:10 ^bJob 14:21

25 ^aJob 6:28; 27:4

1 ¹Lit., answered and said

2 ¹Lit., are with Him
^aJob 9:4; 36:5, 22; 37:23; 42:2
^bJob 16:19; 31:2

3 ^aJob 16:13

4 ^aJob 4:17; 9:2 ^bJob 14:4

5 ^aJob 31:26 ^bJob 15:15

6 ^aJob 7:17 ^bJob 17:14

1 ¹Lit., responded and
said

2 ¹Lit., no power
^aJob 6:11, 12 ^bPs. 71:9

3 ¹Lit., made known

4 ¹Lit., breath has gone
forth

5 ¹Or, shades; Heb.,
Rephaim
^aJob 3:13, Ps. 88:10

6 ¹i.e., the nether world
²i.e., place of destruction
^aJob 26:6-14; 9:5-10; 38:17;
41:11 ^bJob 28:22; 31:12

7 ^aJob 9:8

8 ^aJob 37:11; Prov. 30:4

9 ¹Lit., covers ²Or, throne
^aJob 22:14; Ps. 97:2; 105:39

10 ^aJob 38:1-11; Prov. 8:29
^bJob 38:19, 20, 24

12 ^aIs. 51:15; Jer. 31:35 ^bJob
12:13 ^cJob 9:13

The ^bworm feeds sweetly till he is remembered ^cno
more.

And wickedness will be broken ^dlike a tree.

21 "He wrongs the ¹barren woman,
And does no good for ^athe widow.

22 "But He drags off the valiant by ^aHis power;
He rises, but ^bno one has assurance of life.

23 "He provides them ^awith security, and they are
supported;
And His ^beyes are on their ways.

24 "They are exalted a ^alittle while, then they are gone;
Moreover, they are ^bbrought low and like everything
gathered up;

Even like the heads of grain they are cut off.

25 "Now if it is not so, ^awho can prove me a liar,
And make my speech worthless?"

CHAPTER 25

THEN Bildad the Shuhite ¹answered,

2 "A ^aDominion and awe ¹belong to Him
Who establishes peace in ^bHis heights.

3 "Is there any number to ^aHis troops?
And upon whom does His light not rise?

4 "How then can a man be ^ajust with God?
Or how can he be ^bclean who is born of woman?

5 "If even ^athe moon has no brightness
And the ^bstars are not pure in His sight,

6 How much less ^aman, *that* ^bmaggot,
And the son of man, *that* worm!"

CHAPTER 26

THEN Job ¹responded,

2 "What a help you are to ^{1a}the weak!
How you have saved the arm ^bwithout strength!

3 "What counsel you have given to *one* without wisdom!
What helpful insight you have abundantly ¹provided!

4 "To whom have you uttered words?
And whose ¹spirit was expressed through you?

5 "The ^{1a}departed spirits tremble
Under the waters and their inhabitants.

6 "Naked is ^{1a}Sheol before Him
And ^{2b}Abaddon has no covering.

7 "He ^astretches out the north over empty space,
And hangs the earth on nothing.

8 "He ^awraps up the waters in His clouds;
And the cloud does not burst under them.

9 "He ^{1a}obscures the face of the ²full moon,
And spreads His cloud over it.

10 "He has inscribed a ^acircle on the surface of the waters,
At the ^bboundary of light and darkness.

11 "The pillars of heaven tremble,
And are amazed at His rebuke.

12 "He ^aquieted the sea with His power,
And by His ^bunderstanding He shattered ^cRahab.

- 13 "By His breath the ^aheavens are ^lcleared;
His hand has pierced ^bthe fleeing serpent.
14 "Behold, these are the fringes of His ways;
And how faint ^aa word we hear of Him!
But His mighty ^bthunder, who can understand?"

CHAPTER 27

- T**HEN Job ^lcontinued his ^adiscourse and said,
2 "As God lives, ^awho has taken away my right,
And the Almighty, ^bwho has embittered my soul,
3 For as long as ^llife is in me,
And the ^{2a}breath of God is in my nostrils,
4 My lips certainly will not speak unjustly,
Nor will ^amy tongue mutter deceit.
5 "Far be it from me that I should declare you right;
Till I die ^aI will not put away my integrity from me.
6 "I ^ahold fast my righteousness and will not let it go.
My heart does not reproach any of my days.
7 "May my enemy be as the wicked,
And ^lmy opponent as the unjust.
8 "For what is ^athe hope of the godless ^lwhen he is cut off,
When God requires ^bhis ²life?
9 "Will God ^ahear his cry,
When ^bdistress comes upon him?
10 "Will he take ^adelight in the Almighty,
Will he call on God at all times?
11 "I will instruct you in the ^lpower of God;
What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
12 "Behold, all of you have seen it;
Why then do you ^lact foolishly?
13 "This is ^athe portion of a wicked man from God,
And the inheritance *which* ^btyrants receive from the
Almighty.
14 "Though his sons are many, ^lthey are destined ^afor the
sword;
And his ^bdescendants will not be satisfied with bread.
15 "His survivors will be buried because of the plague,
And ^ltheir ^awidows will not be able to weep.
16 "Though he piles up silver like dust,
And prepares garments as *plentiful as the clay*;
17 He may prepare *it*, ^abut the just will wear *it*,
And the innocent will divide the silver.
18 "He has built his ^ahouse like the ^lspider's web,
Or as a hut *which* the watchman has made.
19 "He lies down rich, but never ^lagain;
He opens his eyes, and ^ait is no more.
20 "Terrors overtake him like a flood;
A tempest steals him away ^bin the night.
21 "The east ^awind carries him away, and he is gone,
For it whirls him ^baway from his place.
22 "For it will hurl at him ^awithout sparing;
He will surely try to ^bflee from its ^lpower.

¹³ ¹Lit., *made beautiful*
^aJob 9:8 ^bIs. 27:1

¹⁴ ^aJob 4:12 ^bJob 36:29;
37:4, 5

¹ ¹Or, *again took up*
^aJob 13:12; 29:1

² ^aJob 16:11; 34:5 ^bJob
9:18

³ ¹Lit., *breath* ²Or, *spirit*
^aJob 32:8; 33:4

⁴ ^aJob 6:28; 33:3

⁵ ^aJob 6:29

⁶ ^aJob 2:3; 13:18

⁷ ¹Lit., *he who rises up*
against me

⁸ ¹Or, *though he gains*
²Lit., *soul*
^aJob 8:13; 11:20 ^bJob 12:10

⁹ ^aJob 35:12, 13; Ps. 18:41;
Prov. 1:28; Is. 1:15; Jer.
14:12; Mic. 3:4 ^bProv. 1:27

¹⁰ ^aJob 22:26, 27; Ps. 37:4;
Is. 58:14

¹¹ ¹Lit., *hand*
^aJob 27:13

¹² ¹Or, *speak vanity*

¹³ ^aJob 20:29 ^bJob 15:20

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *the sword is for*
them
^aJob 15:22; 18:19 ^bJob 20:10

¹⁵ ¹So ancient versions;
Heb., *his*
^aPs. 78:64

¹⁷ ^aJob 20:18-21

¹⁸ ¹So ancient versions;
Heb., *moth*
^aJob 8:15; 18:14

¹⁹ ¹So ancient versions;
Heb., *will be gathered*
^aJob 7:8, 21; 20:7

²⁰ ^aJob 15:21 ^bJob 20:8;
34:20

²¹ ^aJob 21:18 ^bJob 7:10

²² ¹Lit., *hand*
^aJer. 13:14; Ezek. 5:11; 24:14
^bJob 11:20

23 ²Job 18:18; 20:8

¹ Or, source ² Lit., for gold they refine

⁴ Lit., breaks open ² Lit., sojourning

⁶ Or, place

⁸ Lit., sons of pride

⁹ Lit., roots

¹¹ Lit., weeping

¹² Job 28:23, 28

¹⁷ Prov. 8:10; 16:16

¹⁸ Prov. 8:11

¹⁹ Prov. 8:19

²⁰ Job 28:23, 28

²² I.e., Destruction
² Job 26:6; Prov. 8:22-36

²³ Job 9:4; Prov. 8:22-36

23 "Men will clap their hands at him,
And will hiss him from his place.

CHAPTER 28

- "SURELY there is a ¹mine for silver,
And a place ²where they refine gold.
- 2 "Iron is taken from the dust,
And from rock copper is smelted.
- 3 "Man puts an end to darkness
And to the farthest limit he searches out
The rock in gloom and deep shadow.
- 4 "He ¹sinks a shaft far from ²habitation,
Forgotten by the foot;
They hang and swing to and fro far from men.
- 5 "The earth, from it comes food,
And underneath it is turned up as fire.
- 6 "Its rocks are the ¹source of sapphires,
And its dust contains gold.
- 7 "The path no bird of prey knows,
Nor has the falcon's eye caught sight of it.
- 8 "The ¹proud beasts have not trodden it,
Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
- 9 "He puts his hand on the flint;
He overturns the mountains at the ¹base.
- 10 "He hews out channels through the rocks;
And his eye sees anything precious.
- 11 "He dams up the streams from ¹flowing;
And what is hidden he brings out to the light.
- 12 "But ²where can wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
- 13 "Man does not know its value,
Nor is it found in the land of the living.
- 14 "The deep says, 'It is not in me';
And the sea says, 'It is not with me.'
- 15 "Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for it,
Nor can silver be weighed as its price.
- 16 "It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
In precious onyx, or sapphire.
- 17 "Gold or glass cannot equal it,
Nor can it be exchanged for articles of fine gold.
- 18 "Coral and crystal are not to be mentioned;
And the acquisition of wisdom is above that of pearls.
- 19 "The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
Nor can it be valued in pure gold.
- 20 "Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?
- 21 "Thus it is hidden from the eyes of all living,
And concealed from the birds of the sky.
- 22 "Abaddon and Death say,
'With our ears we have heard a report of it.'
- 23 "God understands its way;
And He knows its place.

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Recalls Past Happiness.**

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- 24 "For He ^alooks to the ends of the earth,
And sees everything under the heavens.
25 When He imparted ^aweight to the wind,
And ^bmeted out the waters by measure,
26 "When He set a ^alimit for the rain,
And a course for the ^bthunderbolt,
27 Then He saw it and declared it;
He established it and also searched it out.
28 "And to man He said, 'Behold, the ^afear of the Lord,
that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is understanding.' "

24 ^aPs. 11:4; 33:13, 14; 66:7;
Prov. 15:3

25 ^aPs. 135:7 ^bJob 12:15;
38:8-11

26 ^aJob 37:6, 11, 12; 38:26-
28
^bJob 37:3; 38:25

28 ^aPs. 111:10; Prov. 1:7;
9:10

1 ^aJob 13:12; 27:1; Num.
23:7; 24:3

2 ^aJer. 31:28

3 ^aJob 11:17

4 ¹Lit., *the days of my
autumn* ²Lit., *counsel*
^aJob 15:8; Ps. 25:14; Prov.
3:32

5 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*

6 ^aJob 20:17; Deut. 32:14
^bDeut. 32:13

7 ¹Lit., *sat up*
^aJob 31:21

9 ^aJob 29:21 ^bJob 21:5

10 ¹Lit., *hidden*
^aJob 29:22

11 ^aJob 4:3, 4

12 ^aJob 24:4, 9; 34:28 ^bJob
31:17, 21

13 ^aJob 31:19 ^bJob 22:9

14 ^aJob 27:5, 6; Ps. 132:9; Is.
59:17; 61:10; Eph. 6:14

16 ^aJob 24:4

17 ^aPs. 3:7

18 ¹Lit., *said* ²Lit., *with*

19 ^aJer. 17:8 ^bHos. 14:5

20 ^aCen. 49:24; Ps. 18:34

21 ^aJob 29:9; 4:3

CHAPTER 29

AND Job again took up his ^adiscourse and said,

- 2 "Oh that I were as in months gone by,
As in the days when God ^awatched over me;
3 When His lamp shone over my head,
And ^aby His light I walked through darkness;
4 "As I was in ¹the prime of my days,
When the ^{2a}friendship of God was over my tent;
5 When ¹the Almighty was yet with me,
And my children were around me;
6 When my steps were bathed in ^abutter,
And the ^brock poured out for me streams of oil!
7 "When I went out to ^athe gate of the city,
When I ¹took my seat in the square;
8 The young men saw me and hid themselves,
And the old men arose and stood.
9 "The princes ^astopped talking,
And ^bput their hands on their mouths;
10 The voice of the nobles was ^{1a}hushed,
And their tongue stuck to their palate.
11 "For when ^athe ear heard, it called me blessed;
And when the eye saw, it gave witness of me,
12 Because I delivered ^athe poor who cried for help,
And the ^borphan who had no helper.
13 "The blessing of the one ^aready to perish came upon me,
And I made the ^bwidow's heart sing for joy.
14 "I ^aput on righteousness, and it clothed me;
My justice was like a robe and a turban.
15 "I was eyes to the blind,
And feet to the lame.
16 "I was a father to ^athe needy,
And I investigated the case which I did not know.
17 "And I ^abroke the jaws of the wicked,
And snatched the prey from his teeth.
18 "Then I ¹thought, 'I shall die ²in my nest,
And I shall multiply *my* days as the sand.
19 'My ^aroot is spread out to the waters,
And ^bdew lies all night on my branch.
20 'My glory is *ever* new with me,
And my ^abow is renewed in my hand.'
21 "To me ^athey listened and waited,
And kept silent for my counsel.

22 ^aJob 29:10 ^bDeut. 32:225 ^aJob 1:3; 31:37 ^bJob 4:4;
16:51 ^aJob 12:44 ¹I.e., plant of the salt
marshes (Job 24:24) cf. Job
30:46 ¹Or, *wadis*7 ¹Or, *bray*8 ¹Lit., *sons of fools* ²Lit.,
sons9 ¹Lit., *song*
^aJob 12:410 ¹Lit., *withhold spit from
my face*
^aJob 17:6; Num. 12:14;
Deut. 25:9; Is. 50:6; Matt.
26:6711 ¹Or, *they* ²Some mss.
read, *my* ³Or, *cord*
^aRuth 1:21; Ps. 88:7 ^bPs. 32:912 ¹Possibly *sprout* or
offspring
^aPs. 140:4, 5 ^bJob 19:1213 ¹Lit., *for*
^aIs. 3:1214 ¹Lit., *under*15 ¹Or, *nobility* ²Or,
welfare
^aJob 3:25; 31:23; Ps. 55:3-5
^bJob 7:9; Hos. 13:316 ¹Lit., *upon*
^aJob 3:24; Ps. 22:14; 42:4; Is.
53:1217 ¹Lit., *from upon*
^aJob 30:3018 ^aJob 2:722 "After my words they did not ^aspeak again,
And ^bmy speech dropped on them.23 "And they waited for me as for the rain,
And opened their mouth as for the spring rain.24 "I smiled on them when they did not believe,
And the light of my face they did not cast down.25 "I chose a way for them and sat as ^achief,
And dwelt as a king among the troops,
As one who ^bcomforted the mourners.

CHAPTER 30

BUT now those younger than I ^amock me,
Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my
flock.2 "Indeed, what *good* was the strength of their hands to
me?
Vigor had perished from them.3 "From want and famine they are gaunt
Who gnaw the dry ground by night in waste and
desolation,4 Who pluck ¹mallow by the bushes,
And whose food is the root of the broom shrub.5 "They are driven from the community;
They shout against them as *against* a thief,6 So that they dwell in dreadful ¹valleys,
In holes of the earth and of the rocks.7 "Among the bushes they ¹cry out;
Under the nettles they are gathered together.8 "¹Fools, even ²those without a name,
They were scourged from the land.9 "And now I have become their ¹taunt,
I have even become a byword to them.10 "They abhor me *and* stand aloof from me,
And they do not ¹refrain from ^aspitting at my face.11 "Because ¹He has loosed ²His ³bowstring and ^aafflicted
me,
They have cast off ^bthe bridle before me.12 "On the right hand their ¹brood arises;
They ^athrust aside my feet ^band build up against me
their ways of destruction.13 "They ^abreak up my path,
They profit ¹from my destruction,
No one restrains them.14 "As *through* a wide breach they come,
¹Amid the tempest they roll on.15 "^aTerrors are turned against me,
They pursue my ¹honor as the wind,
And my ²prosperity has passed away ^blike a cloud.16 "And now ^amy soul is poured out ¹within me;
Days of affliction have seized me.17 "At night it pierces ^amy bones ¹within me,
And my gnawing *pains* take no rest.18 "By a great force my garment is ^adistorted;
It binds me about as the collar of my coat.

- 19 "He has cast me into the mire,
And I have become like dust and ashes.
- 20 "I cry out to Thee for help, but Thou dost not answer me;
I stand up, and Thou dost turn Thy attention against me.
- 21 "Thou hast become cruel to me;
With the might of Thy hand Thou dost persecute me.
- 22 "Thou dost lift me up to the wind *and* cause me to ride;
And Thou dost dissolve me in a storm.
- 23 "For I know that Thou wilt bring me to death
And to the house of meeting for all living.
- 24 "Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand,
Or in his disaster therefore cry out for help?
- 25 "Have I not wept for the one whose life is hard?
Was not my soul grieved for the needy?
- 26 "When I expected good, then evil came,
When I waited for light, then darkness came.
- 27 "I am seething within, and cannot relax;
Days of affliction confront me.
- 28 "I go about mourning without comfort;
I stand up in the assembly *and* cry out for help.
- 29 "I have become a brother to jackals,
And a companion of ostriches.
- 30 "My skin turns black on me,
And my bones burn with fever.
- 31 "Therefore my sharp is turned to mourning,
And my flute to the sound of those who weep.

CHAPTER 31

- "I HAVE made a covenant with my eyes;
How then could I gaze at a virgin?
- 2 "And what is the portion of God from above
Or the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
- 3 "Is it not calamity to the unjust,
And disaster to those who work iniquity?
- 4 "Does He not see my ways,
And number all my steps?
- 5 "If I have walked with falsehood,
And my foot has hastened after deceit,
- 6 Let Him weigh me with accurate scales,
And let God know my integrity.
- 7 "If my step has turned from the way,
Or my heart followed my eyes,
Or if any spot has stuck to my hands,
- 8 Let me sow and another eat,
And let my crops be uprooted.
- 9 "If my heart has been enticed by a woman,
Or I have lurked at my neighbor's doorway,
- 10 May my wife grind for another,
And let others kneel down over her.

19 *Ps. 69:2, 14

20 *Job 19:7

21 ¹Lit., *turned to be*
*Job 10:3; 16:9, 14; 19:6, 22

22 *Job 9:17; 27:21

23 *Job 9:22; 10:8 *Job 3:19;
Eccles. 12:5

24 *Job 19:7

25 ¹Lit., *hard of day*
*Ps. 35:13, 14; Rom. 12:15
²Job 24:4

26 *Job 3:25, 26; Jer. 8:15
¹Job 19:8

27 ¹Lit., *My inward parts
are boiling*
*Lam. 2:11

28 ¹Or, *blackened, but not
by the heat of the sun*
*Job 30:30; Ps. 38:6; 42:9;
43:2 *Job 19:7

29 *Ps. 44:19; Mic. 1:8

30 ¹Lit., *from upon* ²Lit.,
heat
*Job 2:7 *Ps. 102:3

31 ¹Lit., *become*
*Is. 24:8

1 *Matt. 5:28

2 *Job. 20:29

3 *Job 18:12; 21:30 *34:22

4 *Job 24:23; 28:24; 34:21;
36:7; 2 Chr. 16:9; Prov. 5:21;
15:3 *Job 31:37; 14:16

5 *Job 15:31; Mic. 2:11

6 ¹Lit., *just*
*Job 6:2, 3 *Job 23:10; 27:5, 6

7 ¹Lit., *walked after*
*Job 23:11 *Job 9:30

8 ¹Or, *offspring*
*Job 20:18; Lev. 26:16; Mic.
6:15 *Job 31:12

9 *Job 31:1; 24:15

10 ¹i.e. *sexual relations*
*Judg. 16:21; Is. 47:2 *Deut.
28:30; Jer. 8:10

11 ^aLev. 20:10; Deut. 22:24
^bJob 31:28

12 ¹i.e., place of
destruction ²Or, yield
^aJob 15:30 ^bJob 26:6 ^cJob
31:8; 20:28

13 ^aDeut. 24:14, 15

15 ^aJob 10:3

16 ^aJob 5:16; 20:19 ^bJob
22:9; Ex. 22:22-24

17 ¹Lit., eaten from it
^aJob 22:7 ^bJob 29:12

18 ¹Lit., my mother's womb
²Cf. v. 16

19 ^aJob 22:6; 29:13 ^bJob
24:4

20 ¹Lit., blessed

21 ¹Lit., my help
^aJob 31:17; 29:12 ^bJob 29:7

22 ¹Lit., shoulder or back
²Lit., from the bone of the
upper arm
^aJob 38:15

23 ¹Lit., exaltation
^aJob 31:3 ^bJob 13:11

24 ^aJob 22:24; Mark 10:24

25 ^aJob 1:3, 10; Ps. 62:10

26 ¹Lit., light
^aDeut. 4:19; 17:3; Ezek. 8:16

27 ¹Lit., kissed my mouth

28 ¹Lit., judges
^aJob 31:11; Deut. 17:2-7
^bJosh. 24:27; Is. 59:13

29 ¹Lit., lifted myself up
^aProv. 17:5; 24:17; Obad. 12

30 ¹Lit., And ²Lit., given
my palate
^aPs. 7:4 ^bJob 5:3

31 ¹Lit., give
^aJob 22:7

32 ¹M.T., way

33 ¹Or, mankind
^aGen. 3:10; Prov. 28:13

- 11 "For that would be a ^ajustful crime;
Moreover, it would be ^ban iniquity *punishable* by
judges.
- 12 "For it would be ^afire that consumes to ^{1b}Abaddon,
And would ^cuproot all my ²increase.
- 13 "If I have ^adespised the claim of my male or female
slaves
When they filed a complaint against me,
- 14 What then could I do when God arises,
And when He calls me to account, what will I answer
Him?
- 15 "Did not ^aHe who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?
- 16 "If I have kept ^athe poor from *their* desire,
Or have caused the eyes of ^bthe widow to fail,
- 17 Or have ^aeaten my morsel alone,
And ^bthe orphan has not ¹shared it
- 18 (But from my youth he grew up with me as with a
father,
And from ¹infancy I guided ²her);
- 19 If I have seen anyone perish ^afor lack of clothing,
Or that ^bthe needy had no covering,
- 20 If his loins have not ¹thanked me,
And if he has not been warmed with the fleece of my
sheep;
- 21 If I have lifted up my hand against ^athe orphan,
Because I saw ¹I had support ^bin the gate,
- 22 Let my shoulder fall from the ¹socket,
And my ^aarm be broken off ²at the elbow.
- 23 "For ^acalamity from God is a terror to me,
And because of ^bHis ¹majesty I can do nothing.
- 24 "If I have put my confidence *in* ^agold,
And called fine gold my trust,
- 25 If I have ^agloated because my wealth was great,
And because my hand had secured so much;
- 26 If I have ^alooked at the ¹sun when it shone,
Or the moon going in splendor,
- 27 And my heart became secretly enticed,
And my hand ¹threw a kiss from my mouth,
- 28 That too would have been ^aan iniquity *calling for*
¹judgment,
For I would have ^bdenied God above.
- 29 "Have I ^arejoiced at the extinction of my enemy,
Or ¹exulted when evil befell him?
- 30 "No, ^aI have not ²allowed my mouth to sin
By asking for his life in ^{ba} a curse.
- 31 "Have the men of my tent not said,
'Who can ¹find one who has not been ^asatisfied with his
meat'?
- 32 "The alien has not lodged outside,
For I have opened my doors to the ¹traveler.
- 33 "Have I ^acovered my transgressions like ¹Adam,
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

- 34 Because I ^afeared the great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me,
And kept silent and did not go out of doors?
- 35 "Oh that I had one to hear me!
Behold, here is my ¹signature;
^aLet the Almighty answer me!
And the indictment which my ^badversary has written,
- 36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder;
I would bind it to myself like a crown.
- 37 "I would declare to Him ^athe number of my steps;
Like ^{ba} prince I would approach Him.
- 38 "If my ^aland cries out against me,
And its furrows weep together;
- 39 If I have ^aeaten its ¹fruit without money,
Or have ^bcaused ²its owners to lose their lives,
- 40 Let ^abriars ¹grow instead of wheat,
And stinkweed instead of barley."
The words of Job are ended.

CHAPTER 32

THEN these three men ceased answering Job, because he was ^arighteous in his own eyes.

2 But the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram burned; against Job his anger burned, ^abecause he justified himself ^{1b}before God.

3 And his anger burned against his three friends because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited ¹to speak to Job because they were years older than he.

5 And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men his anger burned.

6 So Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite ¹spoke out and said,

"I am young in years and you are ^aold;
Therefore I was shy and afraid to tell you ²what I think.

7 "I ¹thought ²age should speak,
And ³increased years should teach wisdom.

8 "But it is a spirit in man,
And the ^abreath of the Almighty gives them ^bunderstanding.

9 "The ¹abundant *in years* may not be wise,
Nor may ^aelders understand justice.

10 "So I ¹say, 'Listen to me,
I too will tell ²what I think.'

11 "Behold, I waited for your words,
I listened to your reasonings,
While you ¹pondered what to say.

12 "I even paid close attention to you,
¹Indeed, there was no one who refuted Job,
Not one of you who answered his words.

13 "¹Do not say,
'We have found wisdom;
God will ²rout him, not man.'

34 ^aEx. 23:2

35 ¹Lit., *mark*
^aJob. 19:7; 30:20, 24, 28;
35:14 ^bJob 27:7

37 ^aJob 31:4 ^bJob 1:3; 29:25

38 ^aJob 24:2

39 ¹Lit., *strength* ²Lit., *the soul of its owners to expire*
^aJob 24:6, 10-12; James 5:4
^{b1} Kin. 21:19

40 ¹Lit., *come forth*
^aIs. 5:6; Job 32:13

1 ^aJob 10:7; 13:18; 27:2;
31:6

2 ¹Or, *more than*
^aJob 27:5, 6 ^bJob 30:21

4 ¹Lit., *for Job with words, or possibly, while they were speaking with Job*

6 ¹Lit., *answered* ²Lit., *my knowledge*
^aJob 15:10

7 ¹Lit., *said* ²Lit., *days*
³Lit., *many*

8 ^aJob 33:4 ^bJob 38:36

9 ¹Or, *nobles*
^aJob 32:7

10 ¹Or, *said* ²Lit., *my knowledge*

11 ¹Lit., *searched out words*

12 ¹Lit., *Behold*

13 ¹Lit., *Lest you say* ²Lit., *drive away*

Job 32, 33

14 ¹Lit., words

15 ¹Lit., moved away from

16 ¹Lit., stand

21 ²Job 13:8, 10; 34:19; Lev. 19:15

2 ¹Lit., palate

3 ²Job 6:28; 27:4; 36:4

4 ¹Heb., Shaddai
²Job 10:3; 32:8 ³Job 27:3

5 ²Job 33:32

6 ¹Lit., cut out of
²Job 4:19

9 ²Job 6:10; 9:21; 10:7;
13:18; 16:17 ³Job 7:21; 13:23;
14:17 ⁴Job 10:14

10 ¹Lit., finds
²Job 13:24

11 ²Job 13:27

12 ¹Lit., answer

13 ²Job 40:2; Is. 45:9

14 ²Job 33:29; 40:5; Ps. 62:11

15 ²Job 33:15-18; 4:12-17

14 "For he has not arranged *his* words against me;
Nor will I reply to him with your ¹arguments.

15 "They are dismayed, they answer no more;
Words have ¹failed them.

16 "And shall I wait, because they do not speak,
Because they ¹stop *and* answer no more?

17 "I too will answer my share,
I also will tell my opinion.

18 "For I am full of words;
The spirit within me constrains me.

19 "Behold, my belly is like unvented wine,
Like new wineskins it is about to burst.

20 "Let me speak that I may get relief;
Let me open my lips and answer.

21 "Let me now ²be partial to no one;
Nor flatter *any* man.

22 "For I do not know how to flatter,
Else my Maker would soon take me away.

CHAPTER 33

"HOWEVER now, Job, please hear my speech,
And listen to all my words.

2 "Behold now, I open my mouth:
My tongue in my ¹mouth speaks.

3 "My words are *from* the uprightness of my heart;
And my lips speak ²knowledge sincerely.

4 "The ²Spirit of God has made me,
And the ³breath of ¹the Almighty gives me life.

5 "²Refute me if you can;
Array yourselves before me, take your stand.

6 "Behold, I belong to God like you;
I too have been ¹formed out of the ²clay.

7 "Behold, no fear of me should terrify you,
Nor should my pressure weigh heavily on you.

8 "Surely you have spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the sound of *your* words:

9 "I am ²pure, ³without transgression;
I am innocent and there ⁴is no guilt in me.

10 "Behold, He ¹invents pretexts against me;
He ²counts me as His enemy.

11 "He ²puts my feet in the stocks;
He watches all my paths."

12 "Behold, let me ¹tell you, you are not right in this.
For God is greater than man.

13 "Why do you ²complain against Him,
That He does not give an account of all His doings?

14 "Indeed ²God speaks once,
Or twice, *yet* no one notices it.

15 "In a ²dream, a vision of the night,
When sound sleep falls on men,
While they slumber in their beds,

**Elihu: "Man Is Chastened."
"Choose for Ourselves What Is Right."**

Job 33, 34

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| 16 | Then ^a He opens the ears of men,
And seals their instruction,
17 That He may turn man aside <i>from his</i> conduct,
And ¹ keep man from pride;
18 He ^a keeps back his soul from the pit,
And his life from ¹ passing over ^b into Sheol. | 16 ^a Job 36:10, 15

17 ¹ Lit., <i>hide</i>

18 ¹ M.T., <i>perishing by the sword</i>
^a Job 33:22, 24, 28, 30 ^b Job 15:22 |
| 19 | " ¹ Man is also chastened with ^a pain on his bed,
And with unceasing complaint in his bones;
20 So that his life ^a loathes bread,
And his soul favorite food.
21 "His ^a flesh wastes away from sight,
And his ^b bones which were not seen stick out.
22 "Then ^a his soul draws near to the pit,
And his life to those who bring death. | 19 ¹ Lit., <i>He</i>
^a Job 30:17

20 ^a Job 3:24; 6:7; Ps. 107:18

21 ^a Job 16:8 ^b Job 19:20; Ps. 22:17 |
| 23 | "If there is an angel <i>as</i> ^a mediator for him,
One out of a thousand,
To remind a man what is ¹ right for him,
24 Then let him be gracious to him, and say,
'Deliver him from ^a going down to the pit,
I have found a ^b ransom';
25 Let his flesh become fresher than in youth,
Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor;
26 Then he will ^a pray to God, and He will accept him,
That ^b he may see His face with joy,
And He may restore His righteousness to man.
27 "He will ^a sing to men and say,
'I ^b have sinned and perverted what is right,
And it is not ^c proper for me.
28 'He has redeemed my soul from going to the pit,
And my life shall ^a see the light.' | 22 ^a Job 33:18, 28

23 ¹ Lit., <i>his uprightness</i>
^a Gen. 40:8

24 ^a Job 33:18, 28; Is. 38:17
^b Job 36:18; Ps. 49:7

26 ^a Job 22:27; 34:28 ^b Job 22:26

27 ^a Job 8:21 ^b 2 Sam. 12:13; Luke 15:21 ^c Rom. 6:21 |
| 29 | "Behold, God does ^a all these ¹ oftentimes with men,
30 To ^a bring back his soul from the pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of life.
31 "Pay attention, O Job, listen to me;
Keep silent and let me speak.
32 "Then if ¹ you have anything to say, answer me;
Speak, for I desire to justify you.
33 "If not, listen to me;
Keep silent, and I will teach you wisdom." | 28 ^a Job 22:28

29 ¹ Lit., <i>twice, three times</i>
^a Eph. 1:11; Phil. 2:13

30 ^a Job 33:18

32 ¹ Lit., <i>there are words</i>

3 ^a Job 12:11

5 ^a Job 13:18 ^b Job 27:2

6 ¹ Or, <i>Although I am right I am accounted a liar</i> |

CHAPTER 34

- T**HEN Elihu answered and said,
2 "Hear my words, you wise men,
And listen to me, you who know.
3 "For ^athe ear tests words,
As the palate tastes food.
4 "Let us choose for ourselves what is right;
Let us know among ourselves what is good.
5 "For Job has said, "¹I am righteous,
But God has taken away my right;
6 ¹Should I lie concerning my right?"

6 ²Lit., *arrow*
^aJob 6:4

7 ^aJob 15:16

8 ^aJob 22:15

9 ¹Or, *takes delight in*
 God
^aJob 21:15; 35:3; Ps. 50:18

10 ^aJob 34:12; 8:3

11 ¹Lit., *a man*
^aJob 34:25; Ps. 62:12; Prov.
 24:12; Jer. 32:19; Ezek.
 33:20; Matt. 16:27; Rom.
 2:6; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12

12 ^aJob 34:10

13 ^aJob 38:4 ^bJob 38:5

14 ¹Lit., *set His mind on*
 Himself
^aJob 12:10; Ps. 104:29

15 ^aJob 9:22; Gen. 7:21
^bJob 10:9; Gen. 3:19

17 ^aJob 34:30; 2 Sam. 23:3
^bJob 40:8

19 ^aLev. 19:15; Deut. 10:17;
 2 Chr. 19:7; Acts 10:34;
 Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph.
 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17
^bJob 10:3

20 ^aJob 34:25; Job 36:20;
 Ex. 12:29 ^bJob 12:19

21 ^aJob 29:23; 31:4; Prov.
 5:21; 15:3; Jer. 16:17

22 ^aPs. 139:11, 12; Amos
 9:2, 3

23 ^aJob 11:11

24 ^aJob 12:19

25 ^aJob 34:11 ^bJob 34:20

26 ¹Lit., *in the place of the*
ones seeing
^aPs. 9:5; 11:5

27 ¹ Sam. 15:11 ^bJob 21:14

28 ^aJob 35:9 ^bJob 22:27; Ex.
 22:23

My ²wound is incurable, *though I am* without
 transgression.'

7 "What man is like Job,
 Who ^adrinks up derision like water,
 8 Who goes ^ain company with the workers of iniquity,
 And walks with wicked men?

9 "For he has said, ^a'It profits a man nothing
 When he ¹is pleased with God.'

10 "Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding.
 Far be it from God to ^ado wickedness,
 And from the Almighty to do wrong.

11 "For He pays a man according to ^ahis work,
 And makes ¹him find it according to his way.

12 "Surely, ^aGod will not act wickedly,
 And the Almighty will not pervert justice.

13 "Who ^agave Him authority over the earth?
 And who ^bhas laid on *Him* the whole world?

14 "If He should ¹determine to do so,
 If He should ^agather to Himself His spirit and His
 breath,

15 All ^aflesh would perish together,
 And man would ^breturn to dust.

16 "But if *you have* understanding, hear this;
 Listen to the sound of my words.

17 "Shall ^aone who hates justice rule?
 And ^bwill you condemn a righteous mighty one,

18 Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,'
 To nobles, 'Wicked ones';

19 Who shows no ^apartiality to princes,
 Nor regards the rich above the poor,
 For they all are the ^bwork of His hands?

20 "In a moment they die, and ^aat midnight
 People are shaken and pass away,
 And ^bthe mighty are taken away without a hand.

21 "For ^aHis eyes are upon the ways of a man,
 And He sees all his steps.

22 "There is ^ano darkness or deep shadow,
 Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 "For He does not ^aneed to consider a man further,
 That he should go before God in judgment.

24 "He breaks in pieces ^amighty men without inquiry,
 And sets others in their place.

25 "Therefore He ^aknows their works,
 And ^bHe overthrows *them* in the night,
 And they are crushed.

26 "He ^astrikes them like the wicked
¹In a public place,

27 Because they ^aturned aside from following Him,
 And ^bhad no regard for any of His ways;

28 So that they caused ^athe cry of the poor to come to
 Him,

29 "When He might ^bhear—the cry of the afflicted—
 And that He might ^bhear—the cry of the afflicted—

- And when He hides His face, who then can behold Him
That is, in regard to both nation and man?—
- 30 So that ^agodless men should not rule,
Nor be snares of the people.
- 31 “For has any one said to God,
‘I have ^aborne *chastisement*;
I will not offend *any more*;
- 32 Teach Thou me what I do not see;
I will do it no more’?
If I have ^adone iniquity,
- 33 “Shall He ^arecompense on your terms, because you have
rejected it?
For you must choose, and not I;
Therefore declare what you know.
- 34 “Men of understanding will say to me,
And a wise man who hears me,
- 35 ‘Job ^aspeaks without knowledge,
And his words are without wisdom.
- 36 ‘Job ought to be tried ¹to the limit,
Because he answers ^alike wicked men.
- 37 ‘For he adds ^arebellion to his sin;
He ^bclaps his hands among us,
And multiplies his words against God.’ ”

30 ^aJob 34:17; 5:15; 20:5

31 ^aJob 33:27

32 ^aJob 33:27

33 ^aJob 41:11

35 ^aJob 35:16

36 ¹Or, *to the end*
^aJob 22:15

37 ^aJob 23:2 ^bJob 27:23

2 ^aJob 27:2

3 ¹Or, *you*
^aJob 34:9 ^bJob 9:30, 31

CHAPTER 35

- THEN Elihu answered and said,
- 2 “Do you think this is according to ^ajustice?
Do you say, ‘My righteousness is more than God’s’?”
- 3 “For you say, ‘^aWhat advantage will it be to ¹You?
^bWhat profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?’
- 4 “I will answer you,
And your friends with you.
- 5 “^aLook at the heavens and see;
And behold ^bthe clouds—they are higher than you.
- 6 “If you have sinned, ^awhat do you accomplish against
Him?
And if your transgressions are many, what do you do to
Him?
- 7 “If you are righteous, ^awhat do you give to Him?
Or what does He receive from your hand?
- 8 “Your wickedness is for a man like yourself,
And your righteousness is for a son of man.
- 9 “Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry for help because of the arm ^aof the mighty.
- 10 “But ^ano one says, ‘Where is God my Maker,
Who ^bgives songs in the night,
11 Who ^ateaches us more than the beasts of the earth,
And makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?’
- 12 “There they cry out, but He does not answer
Because of the pride of evil men.
- 13 “Surely ^aGod will not listen to ¹an empty cry,
Nor will the Almighty regard it.

5 ^aGen. 15:5; Ps. 8:3 ^bJob 22:12

6 ^aJob 7:20; Prov. 8:36; Jer. 7:19

7 ^aJob 22:2, 3; Prov. 9:12; Luke 17:10

9 ^aJob 12:19

10 ^aJob 24:14; 27:10; 36:13
^bJob 4:21; Ps. 42:8; 77:6;
149:5; Acts 16:25

11 ^aJob 36:22; Ps. 94:12; Jer. 32:33

13 ¹Or, *falsehood*
^aJob 27:9; Prov. 15:29; Is. 1:15; Jer. 11:11; Mic. 3:4

14 ^aJob 9:11; 23:8, 9 ^bJob 31:35

15 ¹Or, *arrogance*

16 ¹Lit., *vainly*
^aJob 34:35

2 ¹Lit., *are yet words for God*

3 ^aJob 8:3; 37:23

4 ^aJob 33:3 ^bJob 37:16

5 ^aPs. 22:24; 69:33; 102:17
^bJob 12:13

6 ^aJob 8:22; 34:26 ^bJob 5:15

7 ^aPs. 33:18; 34:15 ^bJob 5:11; Ps. 113:8

8 ^aJob 36:15, 21

9 ^aJob 15:25

10 ^aJob 36:15; 33:16 ^bJob 36:21; 2 Kin. 17:13; Jon. 3:8

12 ¹Lit., *pass away*
^aJob 15:22 ^bJob 4:21

14 ¹Or, *Their soul dies*
^aDeut. 23:17

15 ¹Lit., *his* ²Or, *in adversity*
^aJob 36:8, 21 ^bJob 36:10

16 ¹Or, *nch food*
^aHos. 2:14

17 ^aJob 22:5, 10, 11

18 ^aJob 34:33; Jon. 4:4, 9
^bJob 33:24

19 ¹Or, *cry*

20 ¹Lit., *go up*
^aJob 34:20, 25

- 14 "How much less when ^ayou say you do not behold Him,
The ^bcase is before Him, and you must wait for Him!
15 "And now, because He has not visited *in* His anger,
Nor has He acknowledged ¹transgression well,
16 So Job opens his mouth ¹emptily;
He multiplies words ^awithout knowledge."

CHAPTER 36

- T**HEN Elihu continued and said,
2 "Wait for me a little, and I will show you
That there ¹is yet more to be said in God's behalf.
3 "I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And I will ascribe ^arighteousness to my Maker.
4 "For truly ^amy words are not false;
One who is ^bperfect in knowledge is with you.
5 "Behold, God is mighty but does not ^adespise *any*;
He is ^bmighty in strength of understanding.
6 "He does not ^akeep the wicked alive,
But gives justice to ^bthe afflicted.
7 "He does not ^awithdraw His eyes from the righteous;
But ^bwith kings on the throne
He has seated them forever, and they are exalted.
8 "And if they are bound in fetters,
And are caught in the cords of ^aaffliction,
9 Then he declares to them their work
And their transgressions, that they have ^amagnified
themselves.
10 "And ^aHe opens their ear to instruction,
And ^bcommands that they return from evil.
11 "If they hear and serve *Him*,
They shall end their days in prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.
12 "But if they do not hear, they shall ¹perish ^aby the sword,
And they shall ^bdie without knowledge.
13 "But the godless in heart lay up anger;
They do not cry for help when He binds them.
14 "They die in youth,
And their life *perishes* among the ^acult prostitutes.
15 "He delivers the afflicted in ¹their ^aaffliction,
And ^bopens their ear ²in *time of* oppression.
16 "Then indeed, He ^aenticed you from the mouth of
distress,
Instead of it, a broad place with no constraint;
And that which was set on your table was full of
¹fatness.
17 "But you were full of ^ajudgment on the wicked;
Judgment and justice take hold *of you*.
18 "*Beware* lest ^awrath entice you to scoffing;
And do not let the greatness of the ^bransom turn you
aside.
19 "Will your ¹riches keep you from distress,
Or all the forces of *your* strength?
20 "Do not long for ^athe night,
When people ¹vanish in their place.

- 21 "Be careful, do ^anot turn to evil;
For you have preferred this to ^baffliction.
- 22 "Behold, God is exalted in His power;
Who is a ^ateacher like Him?
- 23 "Who has appointed Him His way,
And who has said, '^aThou hast done wrong'?
- 24 "Remember that you should exalt His work,
Of which men have ^asung.
- 25 "All men have seen it;
Man beholds from afar.
- 26 "Behold, God is ^aexalted, and we do not know *Him*;
The ^bnumber of His years is unsearchable.
- 27 "For ^aHe draws up the drops of water,
They distill rain from ¹the ²mist,
- 28 Which the clouds pour down,
They drip upon man abundantly.
- 29 "Can anyone understand the ^aspreading of the clouds,
The ^bthundering of His ¹pavilion?
- 30 "Behold, He spreads His ¹lightning about Him,
And He covers the depths of the sea.
- 31 "For by these He ^ajudges peoples;
He ^bgives food in abundance.
- 32 "He covers *His* hands with the ¹lightning,
And ^acommands it to strike the mark.
- 33 "Its ^anoise declares ¹His presence;
The cattle also, concerning what is coming up.

CHAPTER 37

- "**A**T this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.
- 2 "Listen closely to the ^athunder of His voice,
And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.
- 3 "Under the whole heaven He lets it loose,
And His ¹lightning to the ^aends of the earth.
- 4 "After it, a voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic voice;
And He does not restrain ¹*the lightnings* when His
voice is heard.
- 5 "God ^athunders with His voice wondrously,
Doing ^bgreat things which we cannot comprehend.
- 6 "For to ^athe snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,'
And to the ¹downpour and the rain, 'Be strong.'
- 7 "He ^aseals the hand of every man,
That all men may know His work.
- 8 "Then the beast goes into its ^alair,
And remains in its ¹den.
- 9 "Out of the ^{1a}south comes the storm,
And out of the ²north the cold.
- 10 "From the breath of God ^aice is made,
And the expanse of the waters is frozen.
- 11 "Also with moisture He ^aloads the thick cloud;
He ^bdisperses ^cthe cloud of His ¹lightning.
- 12 "And it changes direction, turning around by His
guidance,

21 ^aJob 36:10; Ps. 31:6;
66:18 ¹Job 36:8, 15

22 ^aJob 35:11

23 ^aJob 8:3

24 ^aEx. 15:1; Judg. 5:1;
1 Chr. 16:9; Ps. 59:16; 138:5

26 ^aJob 11:7-9; 37:23 ^bJob
10:5; Ps. 90:2; 102:24; 27

27 ¹Lit., *its* ²Or, *flood*
^aJob 36:26-29; 5:10; 37:6, 11;
38:28; Ps. 147:8

29 ¹Lit., *booth*
^aJob 37:11, 16 ^bJob 26:14

30 ¹Lit., *light*

31 ^aJob 37:13 ^bPs. 104:27;
136:25; Acts 14:17

32 ¹Lit., *light*
^aJob 37:11, 12, 15

33 ¹Lit., *concerning Him*
^aJob 37:2

2 ^aJob 36:33; 37:4, 5; Ps.
29:3-9

3 ¹Lit., *light*
^aJob 37:12; 28:24; 38:13

4 ¹Lit., *them*

5 ^aJob 26:14 ^bJob 37:14,
16, 23; 5:9

6 ¹Lit., *shower of rain and
shower of rains*
^aJob 38:22 ^bJob 36:27

7 ^aJob 12:14

8 ¹Lit., *dens*
^aJob 38:40; Ps. 104:22

9 ¹Lit., *chamber* ²Lit.,
scattering winds
^aJob 9:9

10 ^aJob 38:29; Ps. 147:17

11 ¹Lit., *light*
^aJob 36:27 ^bJob 36:29 ^cJob
37:15

**Elihu Exhorts Job to Consider the Wonders of God.
God Speaks to Job's Ignorance.**

Job 37, 38

12 ¹Lit., they ²Lit., them
^aJob 36:32; Ps. 148:8 ^bIs.
14:21; 27:6

13 ¹Lit., rod ²Lit., be found
^aEx. 9:18, 23; 1 Sam. 12:18;
19 ^bJob 38:26, 27 ^c1 Kin.
18:45

15 ¹Lit., light

16 ^aJob 37:5, 14, 23 ^bJob
36:4

18 ^aJob 9:8; Ps. 104:2; Is.
45:12; Jer. 10:12; Zech. 12:1

19 ^aJob 9:14; Rom. 8:26

20 ¹Or, If a man speak,
surely he shall be swallowed
up

21 ¹Lit., they

23 ^aJob 11:7, 8; Rom. 11:13;
1 Tim. 8:16 ^bJob 9:4; 36:5
^cIs. 63:9; Nah. 1:12; Lam.
3:33 ^dJob 8:3

24 ^aJob 5:13; 1 Cor. 1:26

1 ^aJob 40:6

2 ^aJob 35:16; 42:3

3 ^aJob 40:7 ^bJob 42:4

4 ¹Lit., know
understanding
^aJob 15:7; Ps. 104:5; Prov.
30:4

5 ^aProv. 8:29; Is. 40:12

6 ^aJob. 26:7

7 ^aJob 1:6

10 ¹Lit., broke My decree
on it
^aGen. 1:9; Ps. 33:7; 104:9;
Prov. 8:29; Jer. 5:22

- That ¹it may do whatever He ^acommands ²it
On the ^bface of the inhabited earth.
- 13 “Whether for ^{1a}correction, or for ^bHis world,
Or for ^clovingkindness, He causes it to ²happen.
- 14 “Listen to this, O Job,
Stand and consider the wonders of God.
- 15 “Do you know how God disciplines them,
And makes the ¹lightning of His cloud to shine?
- 16 “Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,
The ^awonders of one ^bperfect in knowledge,
- 17 You whose garments are hot,
When the land is still because of the south wind?
- 18 “Can you, with Him, ^aspread out the skies,
Strong as a molten mirror?
- 19 “Teach us what we shall say to Him;
We ^acannot arrange *our case* because of darkness.
- 20 “Shall it be told Him that I would speak?
¹Or should a man say that he would be swallowed up?

- 21 “And now ¹men do not see the light which is bright in
the skies;
But the wind has passed and cleared them.
- 22 “Out of the north comes golden *splendor*;
Around God is awesome majesty.
- 23 “The Almighty—^awe cannot find Him;
He is ^bexalted in power;
And ^cHe will not do violence ^dto justice and abundant
righteousness.
- 24 “Therefore men fear Him;
He does not ^aregard any who are wise of heart.”

CHAPTER 38

- T**HEN the LORD ^aanswered Job out of the whirlwind and
said,
- 2 “Who is this that ^adarkens counsel
By words without knowledge?
- 3 “Now ^agird up your loins like a man,
And ^bI will ask you, and you instruct Me!
- 4 “Where were you ^awhen I laid the foundation of the
earth!
Tell Me, if you ¹have understanding,
- 5 “Who set its ^ameasurements, since you know?
Or who stretched the line on it?
- 6 “On what ^awere its bases sunk?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
- 7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 “Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors,
When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;
- 9 When I made a cloud its garment,
And thick darkness its swaddling band,
- 10 And I ^{1a}placed boundaries on it,
And I set a bolt and doors,

- 11 And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther;
And here shall your proud waves stop?'
- 12 "Have you ¹ever in your life commanded the morning,
And caused the dawn to know its place;
- 13 That it might take hold of ^athe ends of the earth,
And ^bthe wicked be shaken out of it?
- 14 "It is changed like clay *under* the seal;
And they stand forth like a garment.
- 15 "And ^afrom the wicked their light is withheld,
And the ^buplifted arm is broken.
- 16 "Have you entered into ^athe springs of the sea?
Or have you walked ¹in the recesses of the deep?
- 17 "Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Or have you seen the gates of ^adeep darkness?
- 18 "Have you understood the ¹expanse of ^athe earth?
Tell Me, if you know all this.
- 19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where is its place,
- 20 That you may take it to ^aits territory,
And that you may discern the paths to its ¹home?
- 21 "You know, for ^ayou were born then,
And the number of your days is great!
- 22 "Have you entered the storehouses ^aof the snow,
Or have you seen the storehouses of the ^bhail,
- 23 Which I have reserved for the time of distress,
For the day of war and battle?
- 24 "Where is the way that ^athe light is divided,
Or the east wind scattered on the earth?
- 25 "Who has cleft a channel for the flood,
Or a way for the thunderbolt;
- 26 To bring ^arain on a land without ¹people,
On a desert without a man in it,
- 27 To ^asatisfy the waste and desolate land,
And to make the ¹seeds of grass to sprout?
- 28 "Has ^athe rain a father?
Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
- 29 "From whose womb has come the ^aice?
And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth?
- 30 "Water ¹becomes hard like stone,
And the surface of the deep is imprisoned.
- 31 "Can you bind the chains of the ^aPleiades,
Or loose the cords of Orion?
- 32 "Can you lead forth a ¹constellation in its season,
And guide the Bear with her ²satellites?
- 33 "Do you know the ^aordinances of the heavens,
Or fix their rule over the earth?
- 34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
So that an ^aabundance of water may cover you?
- 35 "Can you ^asend forth lightnings that they may go,
And say to you, 'Here we are?'
- 12 ¹Lit., *from your days*
- 13 ^aJob 28:24; 37:3 ^bJob 34:25, 26; 36:6
- 15 ^aJob 5:14 ^bNum. 15:30; Ps. 10:15; 37:17
- 16 ¹Or, *in search of*
^aGen. 7:11; 8:2; Prov. 8:24, 28
- 17 ^aJob 10:21; 26:6; 34:22
- 18 ¹Or, *width*
^aJob 28:24
- 20 ¹Lit., *house*
^aJob 26:10
- 21 ^aJob 15:7
- 22 ^aJob 37:6 ^bEx. 9:18; Josh. 10:11; Is. 30:30; Ezek. 13:11, 13; Rev. 16:21
- 24 ^aJob 26:10
- 26 ¹Lit., *man*
^aJob 36:27
- 27 ¹Or, *growth*
^aPs. 104:13, 14
- 28 ^aJob 36:27, 28; Ps. 147:8; Jer. 14:22
- 29 ^aJob 37:10; Ps. 147:17
- 30 ¹Lit., *hides itself*
- 31 ^aJob 9:9; Amos 5:8
- 32 ¹Lit., *Mazzaroth* ²Lit., *sons*
- 33 ^aPs. 148:6; Jer. 31:35, 36
- 34 ^aJob 38:37; 22:11; 36:27, 28
- 35 ^aJob 36:32; 37:3

36 ¹Or, *cock*
^aJob 9:4; Ps. 51:6; Eccles.
 2:26 ^bJob 32:8

37 ^aJob 38:34

39 ^aPs. 104:21

40 ^aJob 37:8

41 ^aPs. 147:9; Matt 6:26;
 Luke 12:24

¹ Lit., *goats of the rock*
^aDeut. 14:5; 1 Sam. 24:2; Ps.
 104:18 ^bPs. 29:9

⁵ ^aJob 6:5; 11:12; 24:5; Ps.
 104:11

⁶ ^aJob 24:5; Jer. 2:24; Hos.
 8:9

⁹ ^aNum. 23:22; Deut.
 33:17; Ps. 22:21; 29:6; 92:10;
 Is. 34:7

10 ¹ Lit., *his rope*

12 ¹ Lit., *seed*

13 ¹ Or, *a stork*

15 ¹ Lit., *it*

16 ¹ Lit., *without fear*
^aLam. 4:3

- 36 "Who has ^aput wisdom in the innermost being,
 Or has given ^bunderstanding to the ¹mind?
 37 "Who can count the clouds by wisdom,
 Or ^atip the water jars of the heavens,
 38 When the dust hardens into a mass,
 And the clods stick together?
 39 "Can you hunt the ^aprey for the lion,
 Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
 40 When they ^acrouch in *their* dens,
 And lie in wait in *their* lair?
 41 "Who prepares for ^athe raven its nourishment,
 When its young cry to God,
 And wander about without food?

CHAPTER 39

- "Do you know the time the ^{1a}mountain goats give birth?
 Do you observe the calving of the ^bdeer?
 2 "Can you count the months they fulfill,
 Or do you know the time they give birth?
 3 "They kneel down, they bring forth their young,
 They get rid of their labor pains.
 4 "Their offspring become strong, they grow up in the
 open field;
 They leave and do not return to them.
 5 "Who sent out the ^awild donkey free?
 And who loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,
 6 To whom I gave ^athe wilderness for a home,
 And the salt land for his dwelling place?
 7 "He scorns the tumult of the city,
 The shoutings of the driver he does not hear.
 8 "He explores the mountains for his pasture,
 And he searches after every green thing.
 9 "Will the ^awild ox consent to serve you?
 Or will he spend the night at your manger?
 10 "Can you bind the wild ox in a furrow with ¹ropes?
 Or will he harrow the valleys after you?
 11 "Will you trust him because his strength is great
 And leave your labor to him?
 12 "Will you have faith in him that he will return your
¹grain,
 And gather *it* from your threshing floor?
 13 "The ostriches' wings flap joyously
 With the pinion and plumage of ¹love?
 14 "For she abandons her eggs to the earth,
 And warms them in the dust,
 15 And she forgets that a foot may crush ¹them,
 Or that a wild beast may trample ¹them.
 16 "She treats her young ^acruelly, as if *they* were not hers;
 Though her labor be in vain, *she* is ¹unconcerned;
 17 Because God has made her forget wisdom,
 And has not given her a share of understanding.

- 18 "When she lifts herself ¹on high,
She laughs at the horse and his rider.
- 19 "Do you give the horse *his* might?
Do you clothe his neck with a mane?
- 20 "Do you make him ^aleap like the locust?
His majestic ^bsnorting is terrible.
- 21 "¹He paws in the valley, and rejoices in *his* strength;
He ^agoes out to meet the weapons.
- 22 "He laughs at fear and is not dismayed;
And he does not turn back from the sword.
- 23 "The quiver rattles against him,
The flashing spear and javelin.
- 24 "With shaking and rage he ¹races over the ground;
And he does not stand still at the voice of the trumpet.
- 25 "As often as the trumpet *sounds* he says, 'Ha!'
And he scents the battle from afar,
And thunder of the captains, and the war cry.
- 26 "Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars,
Stretching his wings toward the south?
- 27 "Is it at your ¹command that the eagle mounts up,
And makes ^ahis nest on high?
- 28 "On the cliff he dwells and lodges,
Upon the rocky crag, an inaccessible place.
- 29 "From there he ^aspies out food;
His eyes see *it* from afar.
- 30 "His young ones also suck up blood;
And ^awhere the slain are, there is he."

18 ¹Or, *to flee*

20 ^aJoel 2:5 ^bJer. 8:16

21 ¹Lit., *they paw*
^aJer. 8:6

24 ¹Or, *swallows up*

27 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aJer. 49:16; Obad. 4

29 ^aJob 9:26

30 ^aMatt. 24:28; Luke 17:37

2 ^aJob 9:3; 10:2; 33:13 ^bJob
13:3; 23:4; 31:35

4 ^aJob 21:5; 29:9

CHAPTER 40

- T**HEN the LORD answered Job and said,
2 "Will the faultfinder ^acontend with the Almighty?
Let him who ^breproves God answer it."
- 3 Then Job answered the LORD and said,
4 "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to Thee?
I ^alay my hand on my mouth.
- 5 "Once I have spoken, and ^aI will not answer;
Even twice, and I will add no more."
- 6 Then the ^aLORD answered Job out of the storm, and
said,
7 "Now ^agird up your loins like a man;
I will ^bask you, and you instruct Me.
- 8 "Will you really annul My judgment?
Will you ^acondemn Me ^bthat you may be justified?
- 9 "Or do you have an arm like God,
And can you ^athunder with a voice like His?
- 10 "Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity;
And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.
- 11 "Pour out ^athe overflowings of your anger;
And look on everyone who is ^bproud, and make him
low.

5 ^aJob 9:3, 15

6 ^aJob 38:1

7 ^aJob 38:3 ^bJob 38:3; 42:4

8 ^aJob 10:3, 7; 16:11; 19:6;
27:2 ^bJob 13:18; 27:6

9 ^aJob 37:5

11 ^aIs. 42:25; Nah. 1:6, 8 ^bIs.
2:12; Dan. 4:37

12 ¹Lit., *under them*
¹Sam. 2:7; Is. 13:11 ^bIs.
 63:3

13 ¹Or, *their faces*
^aIs. 2:10-12

14 ¹Or, *praise you*

15 ¹Or, *the hippopotamus*
²Lit., *with*
^aJob 40:19

18 ¹Lit., *bones*

19 ^aJob 41:33 ^bJob 40:15

20 ^aPs. 104:26

22 ¹Lit., *his shade*

23 ¹Or, *oppresses*

24 ¹Lit., *in his eyes* ²Lit.,
snares

1 ¹Ch. 40:25 in Heb. ²Or,
the crocodile
^aJob 3:8; Ps. 74:14; 104:26; Is.
 27:1

2 ¹Lit., *a rope of rushes*
²Or, *thorn, or ring*
^a2 Kin. 19:28 Is. 37:29

6 ¹Lit., *partners*

8 ¹Lit., *do not add*

9 ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *he*

10 ^aJob 3:8

11 ¹Lit., *anticipated*
^aJob 9:5-10; 26:6-14; 28:24;
 Ex. 19:5; Deut. 10:14; Ps.
 24:1; 50:12; 1 Cor. 10:26

12 ¹Or, *graceful*

12 "Look on everyone who is proud, *and* ^ahumble him;
 And ^btread down the wicked ¹where they stand.

13 ^a"Hide them in the dust together;

Bind ¹them in the hidden *place*.

14 "Then I will also ¹confess to you,
 That your own right hand can save you.

15 "Behold now, ¹Behemoth, which ^aI made ²as well as you;
 He eats grass like an ox.

16 "Behold now, his strength in his loins,
 And his power in the muscles of his belly.

17 "He bends his tail like a cedar;
 The sinews of his thighs are knit together.

18 "His bones are tubes of bronze;
 His ¹limbs are like bars of iron.

19 "He is the ^afirst of the ways of God;
 Let his ^bmaker bring near his sword.

20 "Surely the mountains bring him food,
 And all the beasts of the field ^aplay there.

21 "Under the lotus plants he lies down,
 In the covert of the reeds and the marsh.

22 "The lotus plants cover him with ¹shade;
 The willows of the brook surround him.

23 "If a river ¹rages, he is not alarmed;
 He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his
 mouth.

24 "Can anyone capture him ¹when he is on watch,
 With ²barbs can anyone pierce *his nose*?

CHAPTER 41

^a1 CAN you draw out ^{2a}Leviathan with a fishhook?
 Or press down his tongue with a cord?

2 "Can you ^aput a ¹rope in his nose?
 Or pierce his jaw with a ²hook?

3 "Will he make many supplications to you?
 Or will he speak to you soft words?

4 "Will he make a covenant with you?
 Will you take him for a servant forever?

5 "Will you play with him as with a bird?
 Or will you bind him for your maidens?

6 "Will the ¹traders bargain over him?
 Will they divide him among the merchants?

7 "Can you fill his skin with harpoons,
 Or his head with fishing spears?

8 "Lay your hand on him;
 Remember the battle; ¹you will not do it again!

9 "Behold, ¹your expectation is false;
 Will ²you be laid low even at the sight of him?

10 "No one is so fierce that he dares to ^aarouse him;
 Who then is he that can stand before Me?

11 "Who has ¹given to Me that I should repay *him*?
Whatever is ^aunder the whole heaven is Mine.

12 "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
 Or his mighty strength, or his ¹orderly frame.

- 13 "Who can ¹strip off his outer armor?
Who can come within his double ²mail?
- 14 "Who can open the doors of his face?
Around his teeth there is terror.
- 15 "His ¹strong scales are *his* pride,
Shut up *as with* a tight seal,
- 16 "One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.
- 17 "They are joined one to another;
They clasp each other and cannot be separated.
- 18 "His sneezes flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the ^aeyelids of the morning.
- 19 "Out of his mouth go burning torches;
Sparks of fire leap forth.
- 20 "Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth,
As *from* a boiling pot and *burning* rushes.
- 21 "His breath kindles coals,
And a flame goes forth from his mouth.
- 22 "In his neck lodges strength,
And dismay leaps before him.
- 23 "The folds of his flesh are joined together,
Firm on him and immovable.
- 24 "His heart is as hard as a stone;
Even as hard as a lower millstone.
- 25 "When he raises himself up, the ¹mighty fear;
Because of the crashing they are bewildered.
- 26 "The sword that reaches him cannot avail;
Nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
- 27 "He regards iron as straw,
Bronze as rotten wood.
- 28 "The ¹arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones are turned into stubble for him.
- 29 "Clubs are regarded as stubble;
He laughs at the rattling of the javelin.
- 30 "His underparts are *like* sharp potsherds;
He ¹spreads out *like* a threshing sledge on the mire.
- 31 "He makes the depths boil like a pot;
He makes the sea like a jar of ointment.
- 32 "Behind him he makes a wake to shine;
One would think the deep to be gray-haired.
- 33 "^aNothing on ¹earth is like him,
One made without fear.
- 34 "¹He looks on everything that is high;
He is king over all the ^asons of pride."

13 ¹Lit., *uncover the face of his garment* ²So Gk.; Heb., *bridle*

15 ¹Lit., *rows of shields*

18 ^aJob 3:9

25 ¹or, *gods*

28 ¹Lit., *son of the bow*

30 ¹Or, *moves across*

33 ¹Lit., *dust*
^aJob 40:19

34 ¹Job 41:26 in Heb.
^aJob 28:8

³ ^aJob 38:2 ^bPs. 40:5;
131:1; 139:6

CHAPTER 42

- THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,
2 "I know that Thou canst do all things,
And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.
3 "Who is this that ^ahides counsel without knowledge?"
"Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,
Things ^btoo wonderful for me, which I did not know.
4 "Hear, now, and I will speak;
I will ^aask you, and you instruct Me."

4 ^aJob 38:3; 40:7

**Job: "Now My Eye Sees Thee."
God Condemns the Friends, Restores Job to Prosperity.**

5 ^aJob 26:14 ^bIs. 6:5

5 "I have ^aheard of Thee by the hearing of the ear;
But now my ^beye sees Thee;
6 Therefore I retract,
And I repent in dust and ashes."

7 ^aJob 42:1-6; 40:3-5

7 And it came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, then the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right ^aas My servant Job has.

8 ¹Lit., *lift up his face*
^aJob 1:5 ^bJob 22:30

8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a ^aburnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you. ^bFor I will ¹accept him so that I may not do with you *according to your folly*, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, ^aas My servant Job has."

9 ¹Lit., *lifted up the face of*

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD told them; and the LORD ¹accepted Job.

10 ^aDeut. 30:3; Ps. 14:7;
85:1-3; 126:1-6

10 And the LORD ^arestored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

11 ¹Lit., *Qesitah*
^aJob 19:13 ^bJob 2:11

11 Then all his ^abrothers, and all his sisters, and all who had known him before, came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they ^bconsoled him and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one ¹piece of money, and each a ring of gold.

12 ^aJob 1:10 ^bJob 1:3

12 ^aAnd the LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning, ^band he had 14,000 sheep, and 6,000 camels, and 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

13 ^aJob 1:2

13 And ^ahe had seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he named the first Jemimah, and the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

17 ^aJob 5:26; Gen. 15:15;
25:8; 38:29

15 And in all the land no women were found so fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

16 And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his grandsons, four generations.

17 ^aAnd Job died, an old man and full of days.

THE PSALMS

Book 1

PSALM 1

The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted.

- H**ow blessed is the man who ^adoes not walk in the ^bcounsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the ^{1c}path of sinners,
Nor ^dsit in the seat of scoffers!
- 2 But his ^adelight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates ^bday and ^cnight.
- 3 And he will be like ^aa tree firmly planted by ¹streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season,
And its ²leaf does not wither;
And ³in whatever he does, ^bhe prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
But they are like ^achaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore ^athe wicked will not stand in the ^bjudgment,
Nor sinners in ^cthe assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD ^{1a}knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of ^bthe wicked will perish.

PSALM 2

The Reign of the LORD'S Anointed.

- W**HY are ^athe ¹nations in an uproar,
And the peoples ^bdevising a vain thing?
- 2 The ^akings of the earth take their stand,
And the rulers take counsel together
^bAgainst the LORD and against His ¹Anointed:
- 3 "Let us ^atear their fetters apart,
And cast away their cords from us!"
- 4 He who ¹sits in the heavens ^alaughs,
The Lord ^bscoffs at them.
- 5 Then He will speak to them in His ^aanger,
And ^bterrify them in His fury:
- 6 "But as for Me, I have ¹installed ^aMy King
Upon Zion, ^bMy holy mountain."
- 7 "I will surely tell of the ¹decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, 'Thou art ^aMy Son,
Today I have begotten Thee.
- 8 'Ask of Me, and ^aI will surely give ^bthe ¹nations as Thy inheritance,
And the very ^cends of the earth as Thy possession.
- 9 'Thou shalt ^{1a}break them with a ²rod of iron,
Thou shalt ^bshatter them like ³earthenware.' "
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, ^ashow discernment;
Take ^bwarning, O ¹judges of the earth.

¹ Or, way
^aProv. 4:14 ^bPs. 5:9, 10; 10:2-11; 36:1-4 ^cPs. 17:4; 119:104
^dPs. 26:5; Jer. 15:17

² ^aPs. 119:14, 16 ^bPs. 25:5
^cPs. 63:5, 6

³ Or, canals ²Or, foliage
¹Or, all that he does prospers
^aPs. 92:12-14; Jer. 17:8; Ezek. 19:10 ^bGen. 39:2, 3, 23; Ps. 128:2

⁴ ^aPs. 35:5; Is. 17:13; Job 21:18

⁵ ^aPs. 5:5 ^bPs. 9:7, 8, 16
^cPs. 89:5, 7

⁶ Or, approves; or, has regard to
^aNah. 1:7; John 10:14;
2 Tim. 2:19 ^bPs. 9:5, 6; 11:6

¹ Or, Gentiles
^aPs. 46:6; 83:2-5; Acts 4:25,
26 ^bPs. 21:11

² Or, Messiah
^aPs. 48:4-6 ^bPs. 74:18, 23

³ Jer. 5:5

⁴ Or, is enthroned
^aPs. 37:13 ^bPs. 59:8

⁵ ^aPs. 21:8, 9; 76:7 ^bPs. 78:49, 50

⁶ Or, consecrated
^aPs. 45:6 ^bPs. 48:1, 2

⁷ Or, ... decree: The LORD said ...
^aActs 13:33; Heb. 1:5; 5:5

⁸ Or, Gentiles
^aPs. 21:1, 2 ^bPs. 22:27 ^cPs. 65:2; 67:7

⁹ Another reading is: rule
²Or, scepter; or, staff ¹Lit.,
potter's ware
^aPs. 110:5, 6; Rev. 2:37; 12:5;
19:15 ^bPs. 28:5; 52:5; 72:4

¹⁰ Or, leaders
^aProv. 8:15; 27:11 ^bPs. 32:8

Psalms 2, 3, 4

11 ¹Or, *Serve* ²Or, *fear*
^aPs. 5:7 ^bPs. 119:119, 120

12 ¹Lit., *Kiss*; some ancient versions read, *Do homage purely*, or, *Lay hold of instruction* ²Or, *quickly, suddenly, easily*
^aPs. 2:7 ^bPs. 5:11; 34:22

^c2 Sam. 15:13-17, 29

1 ^aPs. 69:4; 2 Sam. 15:12

2 ¹Or, *to* ²Or, *salvation*
³*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 22:7, 8; 71:11

3 ^aPs. 5:12 ^bPs. 62:7 ^cPs. 9:13; 27:6

4 ¹Or, *hill*
^aPs. 4:3 ^bPs. 2:6; 15:1; 43:3

5 ¹Or, *As for me, I*
^aPs. 4:8; Prov. 3:24

6 ^aPs. 23:4; 27:3 ^bPs. 118:10-13

7 ¹Or, *dost smite* ²Or, *jaw*
³Or, *dost shatter*
^aPs. 7:6 ^bPs. 6:4; 22:21 ^cJob 16:10 ^dPs. 57:4; 58:6

8 ¹Or, *deliverance* ²Or, *is*
^aPs. 28:8; 35:3 ^bPs. 29:11

^fI.e., Belonging to the choir director's anthology

1 ¹I.e., *who maintainest my right* ²Lit., *made room for*
^aPs. 3:4; 17:6 ^bPs. 18:6 ^cPs. 18:18, 19 ^dPs. 25:16 ^ePs. 17:6; 39:12

2 ¹Or, *glory* ²*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 3:3 ^bPs. 69:7-10, 19, 20 ^cPs. 12:2; 31:6 ^dPs. 31:18

3 ¹Another reading is, *dealt wonderfully with*
^aPs. 135:4 ^bPs. 31:23; 50:5; 79:2 ^cPs. 6:8, 9; 17:6

4 ¹I.e., *with anger or fear* ²Or, *but* ³Lit., *speak*
^aPs. 99:1 ^bPs. 119:11; Eph. 4:26 ^cPs. 77:6

11 ¹Worship the LORD with ^{2a}reverence,
 And rejoice with ^btrembling.

12 ¹Do homage to ⁴the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way,
 For His wrath may ²soon be kindled.
 How blessed are all who ^btake refuge in Him!

PSALM 3

Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David, when ^fhe fled from Absalom his son.

- O** LORD, how ^amy adversaries have increased!
 Many are rising up against me.
- 2 Many are saying ¹of my soul,
 "There is no ^{2a}deliverance for him in God." [³*Selah*.]
- 3 But Thou, O LORD, art ^aa shield about me,
 My ^bglory, and the One who ^clifts my head.
- 4 I was crying to the LORD with my voice,
 And He ^aanswered me from ^bHis holy ¹mountain.
 [³*Selah*.]
- 5 ¹I ^alay down and slept;
 I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.
- 6 I will ^anot be afraid of ten thousands of people
 Who have ^bset themselves against me round about.
- 7 ^aArise, O LORD; ^bsave me, O my God!
 For Thou ¹hast ^csmitten all my enemies on the ²cheek;
 Thou ³hast ^dshattered the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 ^{1a}Salvation belongs to the LORD;
 Thy ^bblessing ²be upon Thy people! [³*Selah*.]

PSALM 4

Evening Prayer of Trust in God.

^fFor the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

- A**NSWER me when ^bI call, O God ¹of my righteousness!
 Thou hast ²relieved me in my distress;
 Be ^dgracious to me and ^chear my prayer.
- 2 O sons of men, how long will ^amy ¹honor become ^{ba}reproach?
How long will you love ^cwhat is worthless and aim at ^ddeception?
 [²*Selah*.]
- 3 But know that the LORD has ^{1a}set apart the ^bgodly man for Himself;
 The LORD ^chears when I call to Him.
- 4 ^{1a}Tremble, ^{2b}and do not sin;
^{3c}Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still.
 [³*Selah*.]

- 5 Offer ¹the ^asacrifices of righteousness,
And ^btrust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, “^aWho will show us *any* good?”
^bLift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, O
LORD!
- 7 Thou hast put ^agladness in my heart,
More than ^bwhen their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will ¹both ^alie down and sleep,
For Thou alone, O LORD, dost make me to ^bdwell in
safety.

PSALM 5

Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.

For the choir director; for ^fflute
accompaniment. A Psalm of David.

- ^a**G**IVE ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my ¹groaning.
- 2 Heed ^athe sound of my cry for help, ^bmy King and my
God,
For to Thee do I pray.
- 3 In the morning, O LORD, ¹Thou wilt hear my voice;
In the ^amorning I will order *my* ²prayer to Thee and
eagerly ^bwatch.
- 4 For Thou art not a God ^awho takes pleasure in
wickedness;
^bNo evil ¹dwells with thee.
- 5 The ^aboastful shall not ^bstand before Thine eyes;
Thou ^cdost hate all who do iniquity.
- 6 Thou ^adost destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors ^bthe man of bloodshed and deceit.
- 7 But as for me, ^aby Thine abundant lovingkindness I
will enter Thy house,
¹At Thy holy temple I will ^bbow in ^creverence for Thee.
- 8 O LORD, ^alead me ^bin Thy righteousness ^cbecause of
¹my foes;
Make Thy way ²straight before me.
- 9 There is ^anothing ^breliable in ²what they say;
Their ^binward part is destruction *itself*;
Their ^cthroat is an open grave;
They ³flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Hold them guilty, O God;
^aBy their own devices let them fall!
In the multitude of their transgressions ^bthrust them
out,
For they are ^crebellious against Thee.
- 11 But let all who ^atake refuge in Thee ^bbe glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And ¹mayest Thou ^cshelter them,
That those who ^dlove Thy name may exult in Thee.

⁵ ¹Or, *righteous sacrifices*
^aPs. 51:19; Deut. 33:19 ^bPs.
37:3, 5; 62:8

⁶ ^aJob 7:7; 9:25 ^bNum.
6:26; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19

⁷ ^aPs. 97:11, 12 ^bPs.
119:14, 72

⁸ ¹Or, *at the same time*
^aJob 11:19; Ps. 3:5 ^bDeut.
12:10; Ps. 16:9

^f Heb., *Nehiloth*

¹ ¹Or, *meditation*
^aPs. 54:2 ^bPs. 104:34

² ^aPs. 140:6 ^bPs. 84:3

³ ¹Or, *mayest Thou hear*
²Or, *sacrifice*
^aPs. 88:13 ^bPs. 130:5

⁴ ¹Lit., *sojourns*
^aPs. 11:5; 34:16 ^bPs. 92:15

⁵ ^aPs. 73:3; 75:4 ^bPs. 1:5
^cPs. 11:5; 45:7

⁶ ^aPs. 52:4, 5 ^bPs. 55:23

⁷ ¹Or, *Toward*
^aPs. 69:13 ^bPs. 138:2 ^cPs.
115:11, 13

⁸ ¹Or, *those who lie in*
wait for me ²Or, *smooth*
^aPs. 31:3 ^bPs. 31:1 ^cPs. 27:11

⁹ ¹Or, *true* ²Lit., *his*
mouth ³Or, *make their*
tongue smooth
^aPs. 52:3 ^bPs. 7:14 ^cRom.
3:13

¹⁰ ^aPs. 9:16 ^bPs. 36:12 ^cPs.
107:10, 11

¹¹ ¹Or, *Thou dost shelter*
^aPs. 2:12 ^bPs. 33:1; 64:10 ^cPs.
12:7 ^dPs. 69:36

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12 ^aPs. 29:11 ^bPs. 32:7, 10

^cOr, according to a lower octave (Heb., *Sheminith*)

1 ^aPs. 38:1; Ps. 118:18

2 ^aPs. 102:4, 11 ^bPs. 41:4; 147:3 ^cPs. 22:14; 31:10

3 ^aPs. 88:3; John 12:27 ^bPs. 90:13

4 ¹Or, *life*
^aPs. 17:13

5 ¹Or, *remembrance* ²I.e., the nether world
^aPs. 30:9; 88:10-12; 115:17; Eccles. 9:10; Is. 38:18

6 ^aPs. 69:3 ^bPs. 42:3

7 ^aPs. 31:9; 38:10

8 ^aPs. 119:115 ^bPs. 28:6

9 ^aPs. 116:1 ^bPs. 66:19, 20

10 ¹Or, *again be ashamed suddenly*
^aPs. 71:24 ^bPs. 73:19

¹I.e., Dithyrambic rhythm, or, wild passionate song
^aOr, *concerning the words of*

1 ^aPs. 31:1; 71:1 ^bPs. 31:15

2 ¹Or, *me* ²Or, *Rending it in pieces, while*
^aPs. 57:4

3 ^a1 Sam. 24:11

4 ¹Lit., *him who was at peace with me* ²Or, *my adversary without cause*
^aPs. 109:4, 5 ^b1 Sam. 24:7; 26:9

5 ¹Or, *me* ²Or, *me*

- 12 For it is Thou who dost ^abless the righteous man, O LORD,
Thou dost ^bsurround him with favor as with a shield.

PSALM 6

Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments, ^cupon an eight-stringed *lyre*.
A Psalm of David.

- O LORD, ^ado not rebuke me in Thine anger,
Nor chasten me in Thy wrath.
2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I *am* ^apinning away;
^bHeal me, O LORD, for ^cmy bones are dismayed.
3 And my ^asoul is greatly dismayed;
But Thou, O LORD — ^bhow long?
4 Return, O LORD, ^arescue my ¹soul;
Save me because of Thy lovingkindness.
5 For ^athere is no ¹mention of Thee in death;
In ²Sheol who will give Thee thanks?
6 I am ^awearied with my sighing;
Every night I make my bed swim,
I dissolve my couch with ^bmy tears.
7 My ^aeye has wasted away with grief;
It has become old because of all my adversaries.
8 ^aDepart from me, all you who do iniquity,
For the LORD ^bhas heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The LORD ^ahas heard my supplication,
The LORD ^breceives my prayer.
10 All my enemies shall ^abe ashamed and greatly
dismayed;
They shall ¹turn back, they shall ^bsuddenly be ashamed.

PSALM 7

The LORD Implored to Defend the Psalmist against the Wicked.

A ^cShiggaion of David, which he sang to the
Lord ^aconcerning Cush, a Benjamite.

- O LORD my God, ^ain Thee have I taken refuge;
Save me from all those who pursue me, and ^bdeliver
me,
2 Lest he tear ¹my soul ^alike a lion,
²Dragging me away, while there is none to deliver.
3 O LORD my God, if I have done this,
If there is ^ainjustice in my hands,
4 If I have ^arewarded evil to ¹my friend,
Or have ^bplundered ²him who without cause was my
adversary,
5 Let the enemy pursue ¹my soul and overtake ²it;

And let him trample my life down to the ground,
And lay my glory in the dust. [³Selah.]

⁵ *3Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude

- 6** ^aArise, O LORD, in Thine anger;
^bLift up Thyself against ^cthe rage of my adversaries,
And ^aarouse Thyself ^lfor me; Thou hast appointed
judgment.
- 7** And let the assembly of the ^apeoples encompass Thee;
And over ^lthem return Thou on high.
- 8** The LORD ^ajudges the peoples;
^bVindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteous-
ness and my integrity that is in me.
- 9** O let ^athe evil of the wicked come to an end, but
^bestablish the righteous;
For the righteous God ^ctries the hearts and ^lminds.
- 10** My ^ashield is ^lwith God,
Who ^bsaves the upright in heart.
- 11** God is a ^arighteous judge,
And a God who has ^bindignation every day.
- 12** If ^aa man ^adoes not repent, He will ^bsharpen His sword;
He has ^cbent His bow and ²made it ready.
- 13** He has also prepared ^lfor Himself deadly weapons;
He makes His ^aarrows fiery shafts.
- 14** Behold, he travails with wickedness,
And he ^aconceives mischief, and brings forth falsehood.
- 15** He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,
And has ^afallen into the hole which he made.
- 16** His ^amischief will return upon his own head,
And his ^bviolence will descend upon ^lhis own pate.
- 17** I will give thanks to the LORD ^aaccording to His
righteousness,
And will ^bsing praise to the name of the LORD Most
High.

⁶ *1*One ancient version
reads, *O my God*
^aPs. 3:7 ^bPs. 94:2 ^cPs. 138:7
^dPs. 35:23

⁷ *1*Lit., *it*
^aPs. 22:27

⁸ *1*Lit., *Judge*
^aPs. 96:13; ^b98:9 ^cPs. 26:1;
^d35:24; 43:1

⁹ *1*Lit., *kidneys, figurative*
for inner man
^aPs. 34:21; ^b94:23 ^cPs. 37:23;
^d40:2 ^ePs. 11:4, 5; Jer. 11:20

¹⁰ *1*Lit., *upon*
^aPs. 18:2, 30 ^bPs. 97:10, 11

¹¹ ^aPs. 50:6 ^bPs. 90:9

¹² *1*Lit., *he* ²Lit., *fixed it*
^aPs. 58:4, 5 ^bDeut. 32:41 ^cPs.
64:7

¹³ *1*Or, *His deadly*
weapons
^aPs. 18:14; 45:5

¹⁴ ^aJob 15:35; Is. 59:4;
James 1:15

¹⁵ ^aPs. 57:6

¹⁶ *1*E.g., the crown of his
own head
^aPs. 140:9 ^bPs. 140:11

¹⁷ ^aPs. 71:15, 16 ^bPs. 9:2;
66:1, 2, 4

¹ *1*Or, *set*
^aPs. 57:5, 11; 148:13

² *1*Or, *a bulwark*
^aMatt. 21:16 ^bPs. 29:1;
118:14 ^cPs. 44:16

³ *1*Or, *see* ²Or, *appointed,*
fixed
^aPs. 89:11; 144:5 ^bPs. 136:9

⁴ *1*Or, *dost remember him*
^aJob 7:17; Ps. 144:3; Heb.
2:6-8

⁵ *1*Or, *the angels; Heb.,*
Elohim
^aPs. 82:6 ^bGen. 1:26 ^cPs.
103:4 ^dPs. 21:3

PSALM 8

The LORD'S Glory and Man's Dignity.

For the choir director; on the Gittith.

A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Thy name in all the earth,
Who hast ^ldisplayed Thy splendor above the heavens!
- 2** ^aFrom the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou
hast established ^lstrength,
Because of Thine adversaries,
To make ^cthe enemy and the revengeful cease.
- 3** When I ^lconsider ^aThy heavens, the work of Thy
fingers,
The ^bmoon and the stars, which Thou hast ²ordained;
- 4** ^aWhat is man, that Thou ^ldost take thought of him?
And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?
- 5** Yet Thou hast made him a ^llittle lower than ¹God,
And ^bdost crown him with ^cglory and majesty!

Psalms 8, 9

6 ^aGen. 1:26, 28 ^{b1} Cor. 15:27

7 ¹Or, *animals*

⁴ I.e., "Death to the Son"

1 ¹Or, *miracles*
^aPs. 86:12 ^bPs. 26:7

2 ^aPs. 104:34 ^bPs. 66:2, 4
^cPs. 92:1

3 ^aPs. 27:2

4 ¹Lit., *my right and my cause* ²Or, *a righteous Judge*
^aPs. 140:12 ^bPs. 50:6

5 ^aPs. 119:21 ^bPs. 69:28

6 ¹Or, *O enemy, desolations are finished forever; And their cities Thou hast plucked up.*
^aPs. 40:15 ^bPs. 34:16

7 ¹Or, *sits as king*
^aPs. 10:16 ^bPs. 89:14

8 ^aPs. 96:13; 98:9

9 ¹Or, *Let the LORD also be*
^aPs. 59:9, 16, 17

10 ¹Or, *let those . . . name put*
^aPs. 91:14 ^bPs. 37:28; 94:14

11 ^aPs. 76:2 ^bPs. 105:1

12 ¹I.e., *avenges bloodshed*
^aPs. 72:14; Gen. 9:5 ^bPs. 9:18

13 ^aPs. 38:19 ^bPs. 30:3; 86:13

14 ¹Or, *deliverance*
^aPs. 106:2 ^bPs. 13:5; 20:5; 35:9; 51:12

15 ^aPs. 7:15

- 6 Thou dost make him to ^arule over the works of Thy hands;
Thou hast ^bput all things under his feet,
7 All sheep and oxen,
And also the ¹beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.

For the choir director; on ⁴Muth-labben.

A Psalm of David.

- I WILL give thanks to the LORD with all ^amy heart;
I will ^btell of all Thy ¹wonders.
2 I will be glad and ^aexult in Thee;
I will ^bsing praise to Thy name, O ^cMost High.
3 When my enemies turn back,
They stumble and ^aperish before Thee.
4 For Thou hast ^amaintained ¹my just cause;
Thou dost sit on the throne ^{2b}judging righteously.
5 Thou hast ^arebuked the nations, Thou hast destroyed
the wicked;
Thou hast ^bblotted out their name forever and ever.
6 ¹The enemy has come to an end in ^aperpetual ruins,
And Thou hast uprooted the cities;
The very ^bmemory of them has perished.
7 But the ^aLORD ¹abides forever;
He has established His ^bthrone for judgment,
8 And He will ^ajudge the world in righteousness;
He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.
9 ¹The LORD also will be a ^astronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble,
10 And ¹those who ^aknow Thy name will put their trust in
Thee;
For Thou, O LORD, hast not ^bforsaken those who seek
Thee.
11 Sing praises to the LORD, who ^adwells in Zion;
^bDeclare among the peoples His deeds.
12 For ^aHe who ¹requires blood remembers them;
He does not forget ^bthe cry of the afflicted.
13 Be gracious to me, O LORD;
Behold my affliction from those ^awho hate me,
Thou who ^bdost lift me up from the gates of death;
14 That I may tell of ^aall Thy praises,
That in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may ^brejoice in Thy ¹salvation.
15 The nations have sunk down ^ain the pit which they
have made;

In the ^bnet which they hid, their own foot has been caught.

- 16 The LORD has made Himself known;
He has ^aexecuted judgment.
In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared. [¹Higgaion ²Selah.]

- 17 The wicked will ^{1a}return to ²Sheol,
Even all the nations who ^bforget God.

- 18 For the ^aneedy will not always be forgotten,
Nor the ^bhope of the afflicted perish forever.

- 19 ^aArise, O LORD, do not let man prevail;
Let the nations be ^bjudged before Thee.

- 20 Put them ^ain fear, O LORD;
Let the nations know that they are ^bbut men. [Selah.]

PSALM 10

A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked.

- WHY ^adost Thou stand afar off, O LORD?
Why ^bdost Thou hide ¹Thyself in times of trouble?
- 2 In ^apride the wicked ¹hotly pursues the afflicted;
²Let them be ^bcaught in the plots which they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked ^aboasts of his ^bheart's desire,
And ¹the greedy man curses *and* ^cspurns the LORD.
- 4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance,
^adoes not seek *Him*.
All his ¹thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways ^{1a}prosper at all times;
Thy judgments are on high, ^bout of his sight;
As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.
- 6 He says to himself, "I shall not be moved;
¹Throughout all generations I shall not be in adversity."
- 7 His ^amouth is full of curses and deceit and ^boppression;
^cUnder his tongue is mischief and wickedness.
- 8 He sits in the ^alurking places of the villages;
In the hiding places he ^bkills the innocent;
His eyes ¹stealthily watch for the ^{2c}unfortunate.
- 9 He lurks in a hiding place as ^aa lion in his ¹lair;
He ^blurks to catch ^cthe afflicted;
He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his ^dnet.
- 10 He ¹crouches, he ²bows down,
And the ³unfortunate fall ⁴by his mighty ones.
- 11 He ^asays to himself, "God has forgotten;
He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, ^alift up Thy hand.
^bDo not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why has the wicked ^aspurned God?
He has said to himself, "Thou wilt not require it."

15 ^bPs. 57:6

16 ¹Perhaps, resounding music, or meditation ²Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 9:4

17 ¹Or, *turn* ²*l. e.*, the nether world
^aPs. 49:14 ^bPs. 50:22

18 ^aPs. 9:12 ^bPs. 62:5; 71:519 ^aNum. 10:35 ^bPs. 9:520 ^aPs. 14:5 ^bPs. 62:9

¹ Or, *Thine eyes*
^aPs. 22:1 ^bPs. 13:1; 55:1

² Lit., *burns* ²Or, *They will be caught*
^aPs. 73:6, 8 ^bPs. 9:16

³ Or, *blesses the greedy man*
^aPs. 49:6; 94:3, 4 ^bPs. 112:10
^cPs. 10:13

⁴ Or, *plots*
^aPs. 10:13; ^bPs. 36:2 ^bPs. 14:1; 36:1

⁵ Lit., *are strong*
^aPs. 52:7 ^bPs. 28:5

⁶ Lit., *To*
^aPs. 49:11

⁷ ^aRom. 3:14 ^bPs. 73:8 ^cPs. 140:3; Job 20:12

⁸ Lit., *lie in wait* ²Or, *poor*
^aPs. 11:2 ^bPs. 94:6 ^cPs. 72:12

⁹ Or, *thicket*
^aPs. 17:12 ^bPs. 59:3; Mic. 7:2
^cPs. 10:2 ^dPs. 140:5

¹⁰ Or, *is crushed* ²Or, *is bowed down* ³Or, *poor* ⁴Or, *into his claws*

11 ^aPs. 10:4

12 ^aPs. 17:7; Mic. 5:9 ^bPs. 9:12

13 ^aPs. 10:3

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14 ¹Lit., *put, give* ²Or, *poor*
aPs. 10:7 bPs. 22:11 cPs. 68:5

15 ¹Or, *Mayest Thou seek*
aPs. 37:17 bPs. 140:11

16 aPs. 29:10 bDeut. 8:20

17 ¹Or, *afflicted*
aPs. 9:18 b¹ Chr. 29:18 cPs.
34:15

18 ¹Lit., *judge*
aPs. 146:9 bPs. 9:9; 74:21 cIs.
29:20

1 aPs. 2:12 bPs. 121:1

2 ¹Or, *fixed*
aPs. 7:12; 37:14 bPs. 64:3 cPs.
64:4

3 aPs. 87:1; 119:152

4 ¹Lit., *LORD, His throne*
aPs. 18:6; Mic. 1:2; Hab. 2:20
bPs. 103:19; Is. 66:1; Matt.
5:34; Rev. 4:2 cPs. 34:15, 16

5 aPs. 34:19; Gen. 22:1;
James 1:12 bPs. 5:5

6 ¹Or, *coals of fire*
aPs. 18:13, 14 bGen. 19:24;
Ezek. 38:22 cJer. 4:11, 12 dPs.
75:8

7 ¹Or, *righteous deeds*
aPs. 7:9, 11 bPs. 33:5
cPs. 16:11; 17:15

¹Or, *according to a lower
octave* (Heb., *Sheminith*)

1 aIs. 57:1; Mic. 7:2

2 ¹Or, *emptiness* ²Lit., *lip*
aPs. 41:6 bPs. 28:3; 55:21; Jer.
9:8; Rom. 16:18

3 aDan. 7:8; Rev. 13:5

- 14 Thou hast seen *it*, for Thou hast beheld ^amischief and vexation to ¹take it into Thy hand.
The ²unfortunate commits *himself* to Thee;
Thou hast been the ^chelper of the orphan.
- 15 ^aBreak the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,
^{1b}Seek out his wickedness until Thou dost find none.

- 16 The LORD is ^aKing forever and ever;
^bNations have perished from His land.
- 17 O LORD, Thou hast heard the ^adesire of the ¹humble;
Thou wilt ^bstrengthen their heart, ^cThou wilt incline
Thine ear
- 18 To ¹vindicate the ^aorphan and the ^boppressed,
That man who is of the earth may cause ^cterror no
more.

PSALM 11

The LORD a Refuge and Defense.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- I**N the LORD I ^atake refuge;
How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your
^bmountain;
- 2 For, behold, the wicked ^abend the bow,
They ^{1b}make ready their arrow upon the string,
To ^cshoot in darkness at the upright in heart;
- 3 If the ^afoundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?"
- 4 The LORD is in His ^aholy temple, the ¹LORD's ^bthrone is
in heaven;
His ^ceyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.
- 5 The LORD ^atests the righteous and ^bthe wicked,
And the one who loves violence His soul hates.
- 6 Upon the wicked He will ^arain ¹snare;
^bFire and brimstone and ^cburning wind will be the por-
tion of ^dtheir cup.
- 7 For the LORD is ^arighteous; ^bHe loves ¹righteousness;
The upright will ^cbehold His face.

PSALM 12

God a Helper against the Treacherous.

For the choir director; ¹upon an eight-stringed
lyre. A Psalm of David.

- H**ELP, LORD, for ^athe godly man ceases to be,
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of
men.
- 2 They ^aspeak ¹falsehood to one another;
With ^bflattering ²lips and with a double heart they
speak.
- 3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that ^aspeaks great things;

- 4 Who ^ahave said, "With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips are ^lour own; who is ^lord over us?"
- 5 "Because of the ^adevastation of the afflicted, because of
the groaning of the needy,
Now ^bI will arise," says the LORD; "I will ^cset him in the
safety for which he longs."
- 6 The ^awords of the LORD are pure words;
As silver ^btried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven
times.
- 7 Thou, O LORD, wilt keep them;
Thou wilt ^apreserve him from this generation forever.
- 8 The ^awicked strut about on every side,
When ^lbvileness is exalted among the sons of men.

PSALM 13

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- How long, O LORD? Wilt Thou ^aforget me forever?
How long ^bwilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
- 2 How long shall I ^atake counsel in my soul,
Having ^bsorrow in my heart all the day?
How long will my enemy be exalted over me?
- 3 ^aConsider *and* answer me, O LORD, my God;
^bEnlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death*,
- 4 Lest my enemy ^asay, "I have overcome him,"
Lest ^bmy adversaries rejoice when I am shaken.
- 5 But I have ^atrusted in Thy lovingkindness;
My heart shall ^brejoice in Thy salvation.
- 6 I will ^asing to the LORD,
Because He has ^bdealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- THE fool has ^asaid in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they have committed abominable
^ldeeds;
- There is ^bno one who does good.
- 2 The LORD has ^alooked down from heaven upon the
sons of men,
To see if there are any who ^lbunderstand,
Who ^cseek after God.
- 3 They have all ^aturned aside; together they have become
corrupt;
There is ^bno one who does good, not even one.
- 4 Do all the workers of wickedness ^anot know,
Who ^bbeat up My people *as* they eat bread,
And ^cdo not call upon the Lord?

⁴ ^lLit., *with us*
^aPs. 73:8, 9

⁵ ^aPs. 9:9; 10:18 ^bIs. 33:10
^cPs. 34:6; 35:10

⁶ ^aPs. 119:140; 19:8, 10
^bProv. 30:5

⁷ ^aPs. 37:28; 97:10

⁸ ^lOr, *worthlessness*
^aPs. 55:10, 11 ^bIs. 32:5

¹ ^aPs. 44:24 ^bPs. 89:46

² ^aPs. 42:4 ^bPs. 42:9

³ ^aPs. 5:1 ^bPs. 18:28;
^lSam. 14:29; Ezra 9:8; Job
33:30

⁴ ^aPs. 12:4 ^bPs. 25:2; 38:16

⁵ ^aPs. 52:8 ^bPs. 9:14

⁶ ^aPs. 96:1, 2 ^bPs. 116:7;
119:17; 142:7

¹ ^lLit., *doing*
^aPs. 10:4; 53:1 ^bPs. 14:1-3;
Rom. 3:10-12; Ps. 130:3

² ^lOr, *act wisely*
^aPs. 33:13, 14; 102:19 ^bPs.
92:6 ^c1 Chr. 22:19

³ ^aPs. 58:3 ^bPs. 143:2

⁴ ^aPs. 82:5 ^bPs. 27:2; Jer.
10:25; Amos 8:4; Mic. 3:3
^cPs. 79:6; Is. 64:7

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5^aPs. 73:15; 112:2

6^aPs. 42:3, 10^bPs. 40:17;
46:1; 142:5

7¹Or, *restores the fortunes of his people*
^aPs. 53:6^bPs. 85:1, 2

1¹Lit., *sojourn*
^aPs. 27:5, 6; 61:4^bPs. 24:3

2^aPs. 24:4; Is. 33:15
^bZech. 8:16; Eph. 4:25

3¹Lit., *according to*
^aPs. 50:20^bPs. 28:3^cEx. 23:1

4¹Lit., *his*²Lit., *he*
^aPs. 53:5; ^bPs. 73:20^cActs
28:10^dJudg. 11:35

5¹i.e., to a fellow
Israelite. Ex. 22:25; Deut.
23:20
^aEx. 22:25; Lev. 25:36; Ezek.
18:8^bEx. 23:8; Deut. 16:19

^fPossibly, *Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm*

1^aPs. 17:8^bPs. 7:1

2¹Or, *O my soul, you said*
²Or, *the Lord*
^aPs. 73:25

3¹Lit., *holy ones; i.e., the
godly*²Lit., *And the majestic
ones . . . delight*
^aPs. 101:6^bPs. 119:63

4¹i.e., sorrows due to
idolatry²Or, *hastened to*
^aPs. 32:10^bPs. 106:37, 38
^cEx. 23:13; Josh. 23:7

5^aPs. 73:26; 119:57; 142:5;
Lam. 3:24^bPs. 23:5^cPs.
125:3

6^aPs. 78:55^bJer. 3:19

7¹Lit., *kidneys, figurative
for inner man*
^aPs. 73:24^bPs. 77:6

8^aPs. 16:8-11; Acts 2:25-28
^bPs. 27:8; 123:1, 2^cPs. 73:23;
110:5; 121:5^dPs. 112:6

9^aPs. 4:7; 13:5^bPs. 30:12;
57:8; 108:1^cPs. 4:8

- 5 There they are in great dread,
For God is with the ^arighteous generation.
- 6 You would ^aput to shame the counsel of the afflicted,
But the LORD is his ^brefuge.
- 7 O that ^athe salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD ¹restores His captive people,
Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

PSALM 15

Description of a Citizen of Zion.

A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, who may ¹abide ^ain Thy tent?
Who may dwell on Thy ^bholy hill?
- 2 He who ^awalks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And ^bspeaks truth in his heart.
 - 3 He ^adoes not slander ¹with his tongue,
Nor ^bdoes evil to his neighbor,
Nor ^ctakes up a reproach against his friend;
 - 4 In ¹whose eyes a ^areprobate is despised,
But ²who ^bhonors those who fear the LORD;
He ^cswears to his own hurt, and does not change;
 - 5 He ^adoes not put out his money ¹at interest,
Nor ^bdoes he take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things will never be shaken.

PSALM 16

The LORD the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.

^aMikhtam of David.

- P**RESERVE me, O God, for ^bI take refuge in Thee.
- 2 ¹I said to the LORD, "Thou art ²my LORD;
I ^ahave no good besides Thee."
 - 3 As for the ¹asaints who are in the earth,
²They are the majestic ones ^bin whom is all my delight.
 - 4 The ¹asorrows of those who have ²bartered for another
god will be multiplied;
I shall not pour out their drink offerings of ^bblood,
Nor shall I ^ctake their names upon my lips.
 - 5 The LORD is the ^aportion of my inheritance and my
^bcup;
Thou dost support my ^clot.
 - 6 The ^alines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage is ^bbeautiful to me.
 - 7 I will bless the LORD who has ^acounseled me;
Indeed, my ^bmind instructs me in the night.
 - 8 ^aI have ^bset the LORD continually before me;
Because He is ^cat my right hand, ^dI will not be shaken.
 - 9 Therefore ^amy heart is glad, and ^bmy glory rejoices;
My flesh also will ^cdwell securely.

- 10 For Thou ^awilt not abandon my soul to ¹Sheol;
Neither wilt Thou ²allow Thy ³Holy One to ⁴see the
pit.
- 11 Thou wilt make known to me ^athe path of life;
In ^bThy presence is fulness of joy;
In Thy right hand there are ^cpleasures forever.

PSALM 17

Prayer for Protection against Oppressors.

A Prayer of David.

- HEAR ^ajust cause, O LORD, ^bgive heed to my cry;
^cGive ear to my prayer, which is not from ^ddeceitful
lips.
- 2 Let ^amy ¹judgment come forth from Thy presence;
Let Thine eyes look with ^bequity.
- 3 Thou hast ^atried my heart;
Thou hast visited *me* by night;
Thou hast ^btested me and ^cdost find ¹nothing;
I have ^dpurposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- 4 As for the deeds of men, ^aby the word of Thy lips
I have kept from the ^bpaths of the violent.
- 5 My ^asteps have held fast to Thy ¹paths.
My ^bfeet have not slipped.
- 6 I have ^acalled upon Thee, for Thou wilt answer me,
O God;
^bIncline Thine ear to me, hear my speech.
- 7 ^aWondrously show Thy lovingkindness,
O ^bSavior of those who take refuge ¹at Thy right hand
From those who rise up *against them*.
- 8 Keep me as ¹the ^aapple of the eye;
Hide me ^bin the shadow of Thy wings,
- 9 From the ^awicked who despoil me,
My ^bdeadly enemies, who surround me.
- 10 They have ^aclosed their ¹unfeeling *heart*;
With their mouth they ^bspeak proudly.
- 11 They have now ^asurrounded us in our steps;
They set their eyes ^bto cast *us* down to the ground.
- 12 He is ^alike a lion that is eager to tear,
And as a young lion ^blurking in hiding places.
- 13 ^aArise, O LORD, confront him, ^bbring him low;
^cDeliver my soul from the wicked with ^dThy sword,
- 14 From men with ^aThy hand, O LORD,
From men ¹of the world, ^bwhose portion is in *this* life;
And whose belly Thou ^cdost fill with Thy treasure;
They are satisfied with children,
And leave their abundance to their babes.
- 15 As for me, I shall ^abehold Thy face in righteousness;
I will be satisfied ¹with Thy ^blikeness when I awake.

¹⁰ ¹l.e., the nether world
²Lit., give ³Or, godly one
⁴Or, undergo decay
^aPs. 49:15; 86:13 ^bActs 13:35

¹¹ ^aPs. 139:24; Matt. 7:14
^bPs. 21:6; 43:4 ^cPs. 36:7, 8;
46:4

¹ ^aPs. 9:4 ^bPs. 61:1; 142:6
^cPs. 88:2 ^dIs. 29:13

² ¹l.e., vindication
^aPs. 103:6 ^bPs. 98:9; 99:4

³ ¹Or, no evil device in
me; My mouth
^aPs. 26:1, 2 ^bPs. 66:10; Zech.
13:9; 1 Pet. 1:7 ^cJer. 50:20
^dPs. 39:1

⁴ ^aPs. 119:9, 101 ^bPs. 10:5-
11

⁵ ¹Lit., tracks
^aJob 23:11; Ps. 44:18 ^bPs.
18:36; 37:31

⁶ ^aPs. 86:7 ^bPs. 88:2

⁷ ¹Or, from those who rise
up . . . at Thy right hand
^aPs. 31:21 ^bPs. 20:6

⁸ ¹Lit., the pupil, the
daughter of the eye
^aDeut. 32:10; Zech. 2:8
^bRuth 2:12; Ps. 36:7; 57:1;
61:4; 63:7; 91:1, 4

⁹ ^aPs. 31:20 ^bPs. 27:12

¹⁰ ¹Lit., fat
^aPs. 73:7; Job 15:27 ^b1 Sam.
2:3; Ps. 31:18; 73:8

¹¹ ^aPs. 88:17 ^bPs. 37:14

¹² ^aPs. 7:2 ^bPs. 10:9

¹³ ^aPs. 3:7 ^bPs. 55:23 ^cPs.
22:20 ^dPs. 7:12

¹⁴ ¹Or, whose portion in
life is of the world
^aPs. 17:7 ^bPs. 73:3-7; Luke
16:25 ^cPs. 49:6

¹⁵ ¹Or, with beholding
^aPs. 11:7; 16:11; 140:13
^bNum. 12:8

The LORD Praised for Giving Deliverance.

For the choir director. A *Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD, ²who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said,

- I LOVE Thee, O LORD,
^amy strength.”
- 2 The LORD is ^amy ¹rock and ^bmy fortress and my ^cdeliverer,
 My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
 My ^dshield and the ^ehorn of my salvation, my ^fstronghold.
- 3 I call upon the LORD, who is ^aworthy to be praised,
 And I am ^bsaved from my enemies.
- 4 The ^acords of death encompassed me,
 And the ^btorrents of ¹ungodliness ²terrified me.
- 5 The ^acords of ¹Sheol surrounded me;
 The snares of death confronted me.
- 6 In my ^adistress I called upon the LORD,
 And cried to my God for help;
 He heard my voice ^bout of His temple,
 And my ^ccry for help before Him came into His ears.
- 7 Then the ^aearth shook and quaked;
 And the ^bfoundations of the mountains were trembling
 And were shaken, because He was angry.
- 8 Smoke went up ¹out of His nostrils,
 And ^afire from His mouth devoured;
 Coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He ^abowed the heavens also, and came down
 With thick ^bdarkness under His feet.
- 10 And He rode upon a ^acherub and flew;
 And He sped upon the ^bwings of the wind.
- 11 He made ^adarkness His hiding place, His ¹canopy
 around Him,
 Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 From the ^abrightness before Him passed His thick
 clouds,
 Hailstones and ^bcoals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also ^athundered in the heavens,
 And the Most High uttered His voice,
 Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 And He ^asent out His arrows, and scattered them,
 And lightning flashes in abundance, and ¹routed them.
- 15 Then the ^achannels of water appeared,
 And the foundations of the world were ¹laid bare,
 At Thy ^brebuke, O LORD,
 At the blast of the ^cbreath of Thy nostrils.
- 16 He ^asent from on high, He took me;
 He drew me out of ^bmany waters.

¹ 2 Sam. 22:1-51

¹ Ps. 59:17

² ¹Lit., *crag*
^aPs. 18:31, 46; Deut. 32:18;
 1 Sam. 2:2; Ps. 28:1; 31:3;
 42:9; 71:3; 78:15 ^bPs. 144:2
^cPs. 19:14 ^dPs. 28:7; 33:20;
 59:11; 84:9, 11; Prov. 30:5
^ePs. 75:10 ^fPs. 59:9

³ ^aPs. 48:1; 96:4; 145:3 ^bPs.
 34:6

⁴ ¹Or, *destruction*; Heb.,
Belial ²Or, *were assailing, or*
terrifying
^aPs. 116:3 ^bPs. 69:2; 124:3, 4

⁵ ¹i.e., the nether world
^aPs. 116:3

⁶ ^aPs. 50:15; 120:1 ^bPs. 3:4
^cPs. 34:15

⁷ ^aPs. 68:7, 8; Judg. 5:4; Is.
 13:13; Hag. 2:6 ^bPs. 114:4, 6

⁸ ¹Or, *in His wrath*
^aPs. 50:3

⁹ ^aPs. 144:5 ^bPs. 97:2

¹⁰ ^aPs. 80:1; 99:1 ^bPs. 104:3

¹¹ ¹Or, *pavilion*
^aDeut. 4:11

¹² ^aPs. 104:2 ^bPs. 140:10;
 Hab. 3:5

¹³ ^aPs. 29:3; 104:7

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *confused*
^aPs. 144:6; Hab. 3:11

¹⁵ ¹Or, *uncovered*
^aPs. 106:9 ^bPs. 76:6 ^cPs. 18:8

¹⁶ ^aPs. 144:7 ^bPs. 32:6

- 17 He ^adelivered me from my strong enemy,
And from those who hated me, for they were ^btoo
mighty for me.
- 18 They confronted me in ^athe day of my calamity,
But ^bthe LORD was my stay.
- 19 He brought me forth also into a ^abroad place;
He rescued me, because ^bHe delighted in me.
- 20 The LORD has ^arewarded me according to my righ-
teousness;
According to the ^bcleanness of my hands He has recom-
pensed me.
- 21 For I have ^akept the ways of the LORD,
And have ^bnot wickedly departed from my God.
- 22 For all ^aHis ordinances were before me,
And I did not put away His ^bstatutes from me.
- 23 I was also ^{1a}blameless with Him,
And I ^bkept myself from my iniquity.
- 24 Therefore the LORD has ^arecompensed me according to
my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
- 25 With ^athe kind Thou dost show Thyself kind;
With the ^{1b}blameless ^bThou dost show Thyself blame-
less;
- 26 With the pure thou dost show Thyself ^apure;
And with the crooked ^bThou dost show Thyself ^{1a}s-
tute.
- 27 For Thou dost ^asave an afflicted people;
But ^bhaughty eyes Thou dost abase.
- 28 For Thou dost ^alight my lamp;
The LORD my God ^billuminates my darkness.
- 29 For by Thee I can ^{1a}run upon a troop;
And by my God I can ^bleap over a wall.
- 30 As for God, His way is ^{1a}blameless;
The ^bword of the LORD is tried;
He is a ^cshield to all who take refuge in Him.
- 31 For ^awho is God, but the LORD?
And who is a ^brock, except our God,
- 32 The God who ^agirds me with strength,
And ¹makes my way ^{2b}blameless?
- 33 He ^amakes my feet like hinds' feet,
And sets me upon my high places.
- 34 He ^atrains my hands for battle,
So that my arms can ^bbend a bow of bronze.
- 35 Thou hast also given me ^athe shield of Thy salvation,
And Thy ^bright hand upholds me;
And ^cThy ¹gentleness makes me great.
- 36 Thou dost ^aenlarge my steps under me,
And my ^{1b}feet have not slipped.
- 37 I ^apursued my enemies and overtook them,
And I did not turn back ^buntil they were consumed.
- 38 I shattered them, so that they were ^anot able to rise;
They fell ^bunder my feet.
- 17 ^aPs. 59:1 ^bPs. 35:10;
142:6
- 18 ^aPs. 59:16 ^bPs. 16:8
- 19 ^aPs. 4:1; 31:8; 118:5 ^bPs.
37:23; 41:11
- 20 ^aPs. 7:8; Job 33:26 ^bPs.
24:4; Job 22:30
- 21 ^aPs. 37:34; 119:33; Prov.
8:32 ^bChr. 34:33; Ps.
119:102
- 22 ^aPs. 119:30 ^bPs. 119:83
- 23 ¹Lit., complete; or,
having integrity; or, perfect
^aPs. 18:32 ^bPs. 19:12, 13;
25:11; 66:18
- 24 ^aPs. 18:20
- 25 ¹Note v. 23
^aPs. 62:12; Matt. 5:7 ^bPs.
18:30
- 26 ¹Lit., twisted
^aJob 25:5; Hab. 1:13 ^bLev.
26:23, 24; Prov. 3:34
- 27 ^aPs. 72:12 ^bPs. 101:5;
Prov. 6:17
- 28 ¹1 Kin. 15:4; Job 18:6;
Ps. 132:17 ^bPs. 27:1
- 29 ¹Or, crush a troop
^aPs. 118:10-12 ^bPs. 18:33; Ps.
40:2
- 30 ¹Note v. 23
^aPs. 19:7; 145:17 ^bPs. 12:6
^cPs. 91:4
- 31 ^aPs. 86:8-10; Is. 45:5 ^bPs.
18:2; 62:2; Deut. 32:31
- 32 ¹Or, has made ²Lit.,
complete; or, having
integrity
^aPs. 18:39; Is. 45:5 ^bPs. 18:23
- 33 ^aHab. 3:19
- 34 ^aPs. 144:1 ^bJob 29:20
- 35 ¹Or, condescension
^aPs. 33:20 ^bPs. 63:8; 119:117
^cPs. 138:6
- 36 ¹Lit., ankles
^aPs. 18:33 ^bPs. 66:9
- 37 ^aPs. 44:5 ^bPs. 37:20
- 38 ^aPs. 36:12 ^bPs. 47:3

39 ¹Lit., *caused to bow down*
^aPs. 18:32 ^bPs. 18:47

40 ¹Or, *silenced*
^aPs. 21:12 ^bPs. 94:23

41 ^aPs. 50:22 ^bJob 27:9;
 Prov. 1:28

42 ^aPs. 83:13

43 ^aPs. 35:1; 2 Sam. 3:1;
 19:9 ^bPs. 89:27 ^cIs. 55:5

44 ¹Lit., *deceive me*; i.e.,
 give feigned obedience
^aPs. 66:3

45 ¹Lit., *fastnesses*
^aPs. 37:2 ^bMic. 7:17

46 ^aJob 19:25 ^bPs. 18:2 ^cPs.
 51:14

47 ^aPs. 94:1 ^bPs. 18:43; 47:3;
 144:2

48 ^aPs. 3:7 ^bPs. 27:6 ^cPs.
 11:5

49 ^aRom. 15:9 ^bPs 108:1

50 ¹i.e., *victories*; lit.,
salvations ²Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 21:1 ^bPs. 28:8 ^cPs. 89:4

1 ^aPs. 8:1; 50:6; Rom. 1:19,
 20 ^bCen. 1:6, 7

2 ^aPs. 74:16 ^bPs. 139:12

4 ¹Another reading is,
sound
^aRom. 10:18 ^bPs. 104:2

6 ¹Lit., *the* ²Lit., *the ends*
^aPs. 113:3

7 ¹i.e., *blameless*
^aPs. 119:160 ^bPs. 23:3

- 39 For Thou hast ^agirded me with strength for battle;
 Thou hast ^{1b}subdued under me those who rose up
 against me.
- 40 Thou hast also made my enemies ^aturn their backs to
 me,
 And I ^{1b}destroyed those who hated me.
- 41 They cried for help, but there was ^anone to save,
Even to the LORD, but ^bHe did not answer them.
- 42 Then I beat them fine as the ^adust before the wind;
 I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.
- 43 Thou hast delivered me from the ^acontentions of the
 people;
 Thou hast placed me as ^bhead of the nations;
 A ^cpeople whom I have not known serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear, they obey me;
 Foreigners ^{1a}submit to me.
- 45 Foreigners ^afade away,
 And ^bcome trembling out of their ¹fortresses.
- 46 The LORD ^alives, and blessed be ^bmy rock;
 And exalted be ^cthe God of my salvation,
- 47 The God who ^aexecutes vengeance for me,
 And ^bsubdues peoples under me.
- 48 He ^adelivers me from my enemies;
 Surely Thou ^bdost lift me above those who rise up
 against me;
 Thou dost rescue me from the ^cviolent man.
- 49 Therefore I will ^agive thanks to Thee among the na-
 tions, O LORD,
 And I will ^bsing praises to Thy name.
- 50 He gives great ^{1a}deliverance to His king,
 And shows lovingkindness to ^bHis anointed,
 To David and ^chis ²descendants forever.

PSALM 19

The Works and the Word of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- T**HE ^aheavens are telling of the glory of God;
 And the ^bfirmament is declaring the work of His hands.
- 2 Day to ^aday pours forth speech,
 And ^bnight to night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
 Their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their ^{1a}line has gone out through all the earth,
 And their utterances to the end of the world.
 In them He has ^bplaced a tent for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
 It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its ^arising is from ¹one end of the heavens,
 And its circuit to the ²other end of them;
 And there is nothing hid from its heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is ^{1a}perfect, ^brestoring the soul;

- The testimony of the LORD is ^csure, making ^dwise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are ^aright, ^brejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is ^cpure, ^denlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are ^atrue; they are ^bbrighteous altogether.
- 10 They are more desirable than ^agold, yes, than much fine gold;
^bSweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them ^aThy servant is warned;
In keeping them there is great ^breward.
- 12 Who can ^adiscern *his* errors? ^bAcquit me of ^chidden faults.
- 13 Also keep back thy servant ^afrom presumptuous sins;
Let them not ^brule over me;
Then I shall be ^{1c}blameless,
And I shall be acquitted of ^dgreat transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and ^athe meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight,
O LORD, ^bmy rock and my ^credeemer.

PSALM 20

Prayer for Victory over Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- MAY** the LORD answer you ^ain the day of trouble!
May the ^bname of the ^cGod of Jacob set you *securely* on high!
- 2 May He send you help ^afrom the sanctuary,
And ^bsupport you from Zion!
- 3 May He ^aremember all your meal offerings,
And ^bfind your burnt offering ¹acceptable! [²Selah.]
- 4 May He grant you your ^aheart's desire,
And ^bfulfill all your ¹counsel!
- 5 ¹We will ^asing for joy over your ²victory,
And in the name of our God we will ^bset up our banners.
May the LORD ^cfulfill all your petitions.
- 6 Now ^aI know that the LORD saves His anointed;
He will ^banswer him from His holy heaven,
With the ^{1c}saving strength of His right hand.
- 7 Some ¹boast in chariots, and some in ^ahorses;
But ^bwe ²will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.
- 8 They have ^abowed down and fallen;
But we have ^brisen and stood upright.
- 9 ^{1a}Save, O LORD;
May the ^bKing answer us in the day we call.

7 ^cPs. 93:5 ^dPs. 119:98-1008 ^aPs. 119:128 ^bPs. 119:14
^cPs. 12:6 ^dPs. 36:99 ^aPs. 119:142 ^bPs. 119:13810 ^aPs. 119:72, 127 ^bPs.
119:10311 ^aPs. 17:4 ^bPs. 24:5, 6;
Prov. 29:1812 ^aPs. 40:12; 139:6 ^bPs.
51:1, 2 ^cPs. 90:8; 139:23, 2413 ¹Lit., complete
^aNum. 15:30 ^bPs. 119:133
^cPs. 18:32 ^dPs. 25:1114 ^aPs. 104:34 ^bPs. 18:2 ^cPs.
31:51 ^aPs. 50:15 ^bPs. 91:14 ^cPs.
46:7, 112 ^aPs. 3:4 ^bPs. 110:23 ¹Lit., *fat* ²Selah may
mean: *Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude*
^aActs 10:4 ^bPs. 51:194 ¹Or, *purpose*
^aPs. 21:2 ^bPs. 145:195 ¹Or, *Let us sing* ²Or,
salvation
^aPs. 9:14 ^bPs. 60:4 ^c1 Sam.
1:176 ¹Or, *mighty deeds of the
victory of His right hand*
^aPs. 41:11 ^bIs. 58:9 ^cPs. 28:87 ¹Or, *praise chariots, or,
trust, or, are strong through*
²Lit., *make mention of; or,
praise the name*
^aPs. 33:17 ^b2 Chr. 32:88 ^aIs. 2:11, 17 ^bPs. 37:24;
Mic. 7:89 ¹Or, *O LORD, save the
king; answer us . . .*
^aPs. 3:7 ^bPs. 17:6

1 ¹Or, *victory*
^aPs. 59:16, 17

2 ¹*Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 20:4; 37:4

3 ^aPs. 59:10 ^{b2} Sam. 12:30

4 ^aPs. 61:6; 133:3 ^bPs.
 91:16

5 ¹Or, *victory*
^aPs. 9:14; 20:5 ^bPs. 8:5; 96:6

6 ¹Lit., *blessings*
^a1 Chr. 17:27 ^bPs. 43:4

7 ^aPs. 125:1 ^bPs. 112:6

8 ^aIs. 10:10

9 ¹Or, *of your presence*
^aMal. 4:1 ^bLam. 2:2 ^cPs. 50:3

10 ¹Lit., *fruit* ²Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 37:28

11 ¹Lit., *stretched out*
^aPs. 2:1-3 ^bPs. 10:2

12 ¹Lit., *make ready*
^aPs. 18:40 ^bPs. 7:12, 13

13 ^aPs. 59:16; 81:1

[£]Lit., *the hind of the*
morning

1 ¹Or, *Why art Thou so*
far from helping me, and
from the words of my
groaning? ²Lit., *roaring*
^aMatt. 27:46; Mark 15:34
^bPs. 10:1 ^cPs. 6:6; 32:3; 38:8;
 Job 3:24

2 ¹Lit., *there is no silence*
for me
^aPs. 42:3; 88:1

3 ¹Or, *dost inhabit the*
praises
^aPs. 99:9 ^bPs. 148:14

4 ^aPs. 78:53 ^bPs. 107:6

PSALM 21

Praise for Deliverance.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, in Thy strength the king will ^abe glad,
 And in Thy ¹salvation how greatly he will rejoice!
 2 Thou hast ^agiven him his heart's desire,
 And Thou hast not withheld the request of his lips.
 3 For Thou ^adost meet him with the blessings of good
 things; ^[1Selah.]
 Thou dost set a ^bcrowns of fine gold on his head.
 4 He asked life of Thee,
 Thou ^adidst give it to him,
^bLength of days forever and ever.
 5 His ^aglory is great through Thy ¹salvation,
^bSplendor and majesty Thou dost place upon him.
 6 For Thou dost make him ¹most ^ablessed forever;
 Thou dost make him joyful ^bwith gladness in Thy
 presence.
 7 For the king ^atrusts in the LORD,
 And through the lovingkindness of the Most High ^bhe
 will not be shaken.
 8 Your hand will ^afind out all your enemies;
 Your right hand will find out those who hate you.
 9 You will make them ^aas a fiery oven in the time ¹of
 your anger;
 The LORD will ^bswallow them up in His wrath,
 And ^cfire will devour them.
 10 Their ¹offspring Thou wilt destroy from the earth,
 And their ²descendants from among the sons of men.
 11 Though they ¹intended evil against Thee,
 And ^bdevised a plot,
 They will not succeed.
 12 For Thou wilt ^amake them turn their back;
 Thou wilt ¹aim ^bwith Thy bowstrings at their faces.
 13 Be Thou exalted, O LORD, in Thy strength;
 We will ^asing and praise Thy power.

PSALM 22

A Cry of Anguish and a Song of Praise.

For the choir director; upon ^fajjeleth
 hashshahar. A Psalm of David.

- M**y God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
¹^bFar from my deliverance are the words of my
²groaning.
 2 O my God, I ^acry by day, but Thou dost not answer;
 And by night, but ¹I have no rest.
 3 Yet ^aThou art holy,
 O Thou who ¹art enthroned upon ^bthe praises of Israel.
 4 In Thee our fathers ^atrusted;
 They trusted, and Thou didst ^bdeliver them.

- 5 To Thee they cried out, and were delivered;
In Thee they trusted, and were not ¹disappointed.
- 6 But I am a ^aworm, and not a man,
A ^breproach of men, and ^cdespised by the people.
- 7 All who see me ¹asneer at me;
They ²separate with the lip, they ^bwag the head, *saying*,
- 8 “¹Commit *thyself* to the LORD; ^alet Him deliver him;
Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.”
- 9 Yet Thou art He who ^adidst bring me forth from the
womb;
Thou didst make me trust *when* upon my mother’s
breasts.
- 10 Upon Thee I was cast ^afrom ¹birth;
Thou hast been my God from my mother’s womb.
- 11 ^aBe not far from me, for ¹trouble is near;
For there is ^bnone to help.
- 12 Many ^abulls have surrounded me;
Strong *bulls* of ^bBashan have encircled me.
- 13 They ^aopen wide their mouth at me,
As a ravening and a roaring ^blion.
- 14 I am ^apoured out like water,
And all my ^bbones are out of joint;
My ^cheart is like wax;
It is melted within ¹me.
- 15 My ^astrength is dried up like a potsherd,
And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
And Thou dost ^bblay me ¹in the dust of death.
- 16 For ^adogs have surrounded me;
A ¹band of evildoers has encompassed me;
²They ^bpierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I can count all my bones.
They look, they stare at me;
- 18 They ^adivide my garments among them,
And for my clothing they cast lots.
- 19 But Thou, O LORD, ^abe not far off;
O Thou my help, ^bhasten to my assistance.
- 20 Deliver my ¹soul from ^athe sword,
My ^bonly *life* from the ²power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the ^alion’s mouth;
And from the horns of the ^bwild oxen Thou dost
^canswer me.
- 22 I will ^atell of Thy name to my brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee.
- 23 ^aYou who fear the LORD, praise Him;
All you ¹descendants of Jacob, ^bglorify Him,
And ^cstand in awe of Him, all you ¹descendants of
Israel.
- 24 For He has ^anot despised nor abhorred the affliction of
the afflicted;
Neither has He ^bhid His face from him;
But ^cwhen he cried to Him for help, He heard.

5 ¹Or, *ashamed*

6 ^aJob 25:6; Is. 41:14 ^bPs. 31:11 ^cIs. 49:7

7 ¹Or, *mock me* ²Lit., *make mouths at me* ^aPs. 79:4; Is. 53:3 ^bMatt. 27:39; Mark 15:29

8 ¹Lit., *Roll*; another reading is, *He committed himself* ^aMatt. 27:43

9 ^aPs. 71:5, 6

10 ¹Lit., *a womb* ^aIs. 46:3; 49:1

11 ¹Or, *distress* ^aPs. 71:12 ^b2 Kin. 14:26; Ps. 72:12; Is. 63:5

12 ^aPs. 22:21; 68:30 ^bDeut. 32:14; Amos 4:1

13 ^aPs. 35:21; Job 16:10; Lam. 2:16; 3:46 ^bPs. 10:9; 17:12

14 ¹Lit., *my inward parts* ^aJob 30:16 ^bPs. 31:10; Dan. 5:6 ^cPs. 73:26; Josh. 7:5; Job 23:16; Nah. 2:10

15 ¹Lit., *to* ^aPs. 38:10 ^bPs. 104:29

16 ¹Or, *assembly* ²Another reading is, *Like a lion*, *my . . .* ^aPs. 59:6, 7 ^bMatt. 27:35; Jobn 20:25

18 ^aMatt. 27:35; Luke 23:34; John 19:24

19 ^aPs. 22:11 ^bPs. 70:5

20 ¹Or, *life* ²Lit., *paw* ^aPs. 37:14 ^bPs. 35:17

21 ^aPs. 22:13 ^bPs. 22:12 ^cPs. 34:4; 118:5; 120:1

22 ^aPs. 40:10; Heb. 2:12

23 ¹Lit., *seed* ^aPs. 135:20 ^bPs. 86:12 ^cPs. 33:8

24 ^aPs. 69:33 ^bPs. 27:9; 69:17; 102:2 ^cPs. 31:22; Heb. 5:7

25 ^aPs. 35:18; 40:9, 10 ^bPs. 61:8

26 ¹Or, *poor*
^aPs. 107:9 ^bPs. 40:16 ^cPs. 69:32

27 ¹Some versions read, *Him*
^aPs. 2:8; 82:8 ^bPs. 86:9

28 ^aPs. 47:7; Obad. 21;
Zech. 14:9 ^bPs. 47:8

29 ¹Lit., *fat ones* ²Or, *did not*
^aPs. 17:10; Is. 10:16; Hab. 1:16 ^bPs. 28:1 ^cPs. 89:48

30 ¹Lit., *A seed*
^aPs. 102:28 ^bPs. 102:18

31 ^aPs. 40:9; 71:18 ^bPs. 78:6

1 ¹Or, *do*
^aPs. 78:52; 80:1; Is. 40:11; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:11-13; John 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:25 ^bPs. 34:9, 10

2 ¹Lit., *waters of rest*
^aPs. 65:11-13; Ezek. 34:14
^bPs. 36:8; 46:4

3 ¹Lit., *tracks*
^aPs. 19:7 ^bPs. 5:8; 31:3 ^cPs. 85:13; Prov. 4:11; 8:20

4 ¹Or, *valley of deep darkness* ²Or, *harm*
^aPs. 107:14 ^bPs. 27:1 ^cPs. 16:8; Is. 43:2 ^dMic. 7:14

5 ¹Or, *dost anoint*
^aPs. 78:19 ^bPs. 92:10; Luke 7:46 ^cPs. 16:5

6 ¹Or, *Only* ²Another reading is, *return* ³Lit., *for length of days*
^aPs. 25:7, 10 ^bPs. 27:4-6

1 ¹Lit., *its fulness*
^a1 Cor. 10:26 ^bPs. 89:11

2 ^aPs. 104:3, 5; 136:6

- 25 From Thee *comes* ^amy praise in the great assembly;
I shall ^bpay my vows before those who fear Him.
- 26 The ¹afflicted shall eat and ^abe satisfied;
Those who seek Him will ^bpraise the LORD.
Let your ^cheart live forever!
- 27 All the ^aends of the earth will remember and turn to
the LORD,
And all the ^bfamilies of the nations will worship before
¹Thee.
- 28 For the ^akingdom is the LORD's,
And He ^brules over the nations.
- 29 All the ^{1a}prosperous of the earth will eat and worship,
All those who ^bgo down to the dust will bow before
Him,
Even he who ^{2c}cannot keep his soul alive.
- 30 ^{1a}Posterity will serve Him;
It will be told of the Lord to ^bthe coming generation.
- 31 They will come and ^awill declare His righteousness
To a people ^bwho will be born, that He has performed
it.

PSALM 23

The LORD, the Psalmist's Shepherd.

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE LORD is my ^ashepherd,
I ¹shall ^bnot want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in ^agreen pastures;
He leads me beside ^{1b}quiet waters.
- 3 He ^arestores my soul;
He ^bguides me in the ^{1c}paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I ^awalk through the ¹valley of the shadow
of death,
I ^bfear no ²evil; for ^cThou art with me;
Thy ^drod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou dost ^aprepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies;
Thou ¹hast ^banointed my head with oil;
My ^ccup overflows.
- 6 ¹Surely ^agoodness and lovingkindness will follow me all
the days of my life,
And I will ^{2b}dwell in the house of the LORD ³forever.

PSALM 24

The King of Glory Entering Zion.

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE ^aearth is the LORD's, and ¹all it contains,
The ^bworld, and those who dwell in it.
- 2 For He has ^afounded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the rivers.

- 3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
And who may stand in His holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood,
And has not sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive a blessing from the LORD
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Thy face—even Jacob. [Selah.]
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates,
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!
- 8 Who is the King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates,
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!
- 10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory. [Selah.]

PSALM 25

Prayer for Protection, Guidance and Pardon.

A Psalm of David.

- TO Thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in Thee I trust,
Do not let me be ashamed;
Do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, none of those who wait for Thee will be
ashamed;
Those who deal treacherously without cause will be
ashamed.
- 4 Make me know Thy ways, O LORD;
Teach me Thy paths.
- 5 Lead me in Thy truth and teach me,
For Thou art the God of my salvation;
For Thee I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember, O LORD, Thy compassion and Thy
lovingkindnesses,
For they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
According to Thy lovingkindness remember Thou me,
For Thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;
Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in justice,
And He teaches the humble His way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth
To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

3 aPs. 15:1 bPs. 2:6 cPs.
65:4; Deut. 12:54 Or, in vain
aPs. 26:6; Job 17:9; 22:30 bPs.
51:10; 73:1; Matt. 5:8 cEzek.
18:15 dPs. 15:45 I.e., as vindicated
aPs. 115:13 bPs. 36:106 Or, Such Selah may
mean: Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
aPs. 27:4, 87 Lit., everlasting
aPs. 118:20; Is. 26:2 bPs. 29:2,
9:97:6; Acts 7:2; 1 Cor. 2:88 aPs. 96:7; Deut. 4:34 bPs.
76:3-6; Ex. 15:3, 69 Lit., everlasting
aPs. 26:8; 57:1110 aGen. 32:2; Josh. 5:14;
2 Sam. 5:10; Neh. 9:6

1 aPs. 86:4; 143:8

2 aPs. 31:1 bPs. 25:20; 31:1
cPs. 41:113 Or, Let those . . . be
ashamed
aPs. 37:9; 40:1; Is. 49:23 bPs.
119:158; Is. 21:2; Hab. 1:13

4 aPs. 27:11; 86:11

5 aPs. 25:10; 43:3 bPs. 79:9
cPs. 40:16 Or, everlasting
aPs. 98:3 bPs. 103:177 aJob 13:26; 20:11 bPs.
51:1 cPs. 31:198 aPs. 86:5 bPs. 92:15 cPs.
32:89 Or, afflicted
aPs. 23:3 bPs. 27:11

10 aPs. 40:11 bPs. 103:18

Psalms 25, 26

11 ^aPs. 79:9 ^bEx. 34:9

12 ^aPs. 31:19 ^bPs. 25:8

13 ¹Lit., *good* ²Lit., *seed*
¹Or, *earth*
²Prov. 1:33; Jer. 23:6 ^bPs.
37:11; 69:36

14 ¹Or, *counsel, or,
intimacy* ²Or, *And His
covenant, to make them
know it.*
^aJob 29:4; Prov. 3:32 ^bGen.
17:1, 2

15 ¹Lit., *bring out*
^aPs. 123:2 ^bPs. 31:4; 124:7

16 ^aPs. 69:16 ^bPs. 143:4

17 ¹Some commentators
read, *Relieve the troubles of
my heart*
^aPs. 40:12 ^bPs. 107:6

18 ¹Lit., *toil*
^aPs. 31:7 ^bPs. 103:3

19 ^aPs. 3:1 ^bPs. 9:13

20 ^aPs. 86:2 ^bPs. 25:2

21 ^aPs. 41:12 ^bPs. 25:3

22 ^aPs. 130:8

1 ¹Lit., *Judge* ²Lit., *I do
not slide*
^aPs. 7:8 ^bProv. 20:7 ^cPs. 13:5
^dHeb. 10:23

2 ¹Lit., *kidneys, figurative
for inner man*
^aPs. 139:23 ^bPs. 7:9

3 ^aOr, *faithfulness*
^aPs. 48:9 ^bPs. 86:11

4 ¹Or, *worthless men; lit.,
men of falsehood* ²Or,
dissemblers, hypocrites
^aPs. 1:1 ^bPs. 28:3

5 ^aPs. 31:6; 139:21

6 ^aPs. 73:13 ^bPs. 43:3, 4

7 ¹Or, *miracles*
^aPs. 9:1

8 ¹Lit., *of the tabernacle
of Thy glory*
^aPs. 27:4 ^bPs. 24:7

9 ¹Lit., *gather*
^aPs. 139:19

10 ^aPs. 37:7 ^bPs. 15:5

11 ^aPs. 26:1 ^bPs. 44:26;
69:18

11 For ^aThy name's sake, O LORD,
^bPardon my iniquity, for it is great.

12 Who is the man who ^afears the LORD?
He will ^binstruct him in the way he should choose.

13 His soul will ^aabide in ¹prosperity,
And his ²descendants will ^binherit the ³land.

14 The ^{1a}secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
²And He will ^bmake them know His covenant.

15 My ^aeyes are continually toward the LORD,
For He will ^bpluck my feet out of the net.

16 ^aTurn to me and be gracious to me,
For I am ^blonely and afflicted.

17 ¹The ^atroubles of my heart are enlarged;
Bring me ^bout of my distresses.

18 Look upon my ^aaffliction and my ¹trouble,
And ^bforgive all my sins.

19 Look upon my enemies, for they ^aare many;
And they ^bhate me with violent hatred.

20 ^aGuard my soul and deliver me;
Do not let me ^bbe ashamed, for I take refuge in Thee.

21 Let ^aintegrity and uprightness preserve me,
For ^bI wait for Thee.

22 ^aRedeem Israel, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

Protestation of Integrity and Prayer for Protection.

A Psalm of David.

1a **V**INDICATE me, O LORD, for I have ^bwalked in my integrity;

And I have ^ctrusted in the LORD ^{2d}without wavering.

2 ^aExamine me, O LORD, and try me;
^bTest my ¹mind and my heart.

3 For Thy ^alovingkindness is before my eyes,
And I have ^bwalked in Thy ¹truth.

4 I do not ^asit with ¹deceitful men,
Nor will I go with ^{2b}pretenders.

5 I ^ahate the assembly of evildoers,
And I will not sit with the wicked.

6 I shall ^awash my hands in innocence,
And I will go about ^bThine altar, O LORD,

7 That I may proclaim with the voice of ^athanksgiving,
And declare all Thy ¹wonders.

8 O LORD, I ^alove the habitation of Thy house,
And the place ¹where Thy ^bglory dwells.

9 Do not ¹take my soul away *along* with sinners,
Nor my life with ^amen of bloodshed,

10 In whose hands is a ^awicked scheme,
And whose right hand is full of ^bbribes.

11 But as for me, I shall ^awalk in my integrity;
^bRedeem me, and be gracious to me.

- 12 My foot stands on a ^alevel place;
In the ^bcongregations I shall bless the LORD.

PSALM 27

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

A Psalm of David.

- THE LORD is my ^alight and my ^bsalvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the ^{1c}defense of my life;
^dWhom shall I dread?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to ^adevour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they ^bstumbled and
fell.
- 3 Though a ^ahost encamp against me,
My heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me,
In *spite of* this I ¹shall be ^bconfident.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall
seek;
That I may ^adwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life,
To behold ^bthe ¹beauty of the LORD,
And to ^{2c}meditate in His temple.
- 5 For in the ^aday of trouble He will ^bconceal me in His
¹tabernacle;
In the secret place of His tent He will ^chide me;
He will ^dlift me up on a rock.
- 6 And now ^amy head will be lifted up above my enemies
around me;
And I will offer in His tent ^bsacrifices ¹with shouts of
joy;
I will ^csing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
- 7 ^aHear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,
And be gracious to me and ^banswer me.
- 8 *When Thou didst say, "aSeek My face,"* my heart said
to Thee,
"Thy face, O LORD, ^bI shall seek."
- 9 ^aDo not hide Thy face from me,
Do not turn Thy servant away in ^banger;
Thou hast been ^cmy help;
^dDo not abandon me nor ^eforsake me,
O God of my salvation!
- 10 ¹For my father and ^amy mother have forsaken me,
But ^bthe LORD will take me up.
- 11 ^aTeach me Thy way, O LORD,
And lead me in a ^blevel path,
Because of ¹my foes.
- 12 Do not deliver me over to the ^{1a}desire of my
adversaries;
For ^bfalse witnesses have risen against me,
And such as ^cbreathe out violence.

12 ^aPs. 27:11 ^bPs. 22:22

¹ ¹Or, *refuge*
^aPs. 18:28; Is. 60:20; Mic. 7:8
^bPs. 62:7; 118:14; Ex. 15:2; Is.
33:2; Jonah 2:9 ^cPs. 28:8 ^dPs.
118:6

2 ^aPs. 14:4 ^bPs. 9:3

³ ¹Lit., *am confident*
^aPs. 3:6 ^bJob 4:6

⁴ ¹Lit., *delightfulness*
²Lit., *inquire*
^aPs. 23:6 ^bPs. 90:17 ^cPs. 18:6

⁵ ¹Or, *shelter*
^aPs. 50:15 ^bPs. 31:20 ^cPs. 17:8
^dPs. 40:2

⁶ ¹Lit., *of shouts*
^aPs. 3:3 ^bPs. 107:22 ^cPs. 13:6

7 ^aPs. 4:3; 61:1 ^bPs. 13:3

⁸ ^aPs. 105:4; Amos 5:6 ^bPs.
34:4

⁹ ^aPs. 69:17 ^bPs. 6:1 ^cPs.
40:17 ^dPs. 94:14 ^ePs. 37:28

¹⁰ ¹Or, *If my
father . . . forsake me, Then
the LORD*
^aIs. 49:15 ^bIs. 40:11

¹¹ ¹Or, *those who lie in
wait for me*
^aPs. 25:4; 86:11 ^bPs. 5:8;
26:12

¹² ¹Lit., *soul*
^aPs. 41:2 ^bPs. 35:11; Deut.
19:18; Matt. 26:60 ^cActs 9:1

13 ¹Or, *Surely I believed*
^aPs. 31:19 ^bPss. 52:5; 116:9;
 142:5; Job 28:13; Is. 38:11;
 Jer. 11:19

14 ^aPs. 25:3; 37:34; 40:1;
 62:5; 130:5; Prov. 20:22; Is.
 25:9 ^bPs. 31:24

1 ^aPs. 18:2 ^bPss. 35:22;
 39:12; 83:1 ^cPs. 88:4; 143:7;
 Prov. 1:12

2 ¹Lit., *the innermost*
place of Thy sanctuary
^aPs. 140:6 ^bPss. 134:2; 141:2;
 Lam. 2:19; 1 Tim. 2:8 ^cPs.
 5:7; 138:2 ^d1 Kin. 6:5

3 ^aPs. 26:9 ^bPss. 12:2; 55:21;
 62:4; Jer. 9:8

4 ¹Or, *dealings*
^aPs. 62:12; 2 Tim. 4:14

5 ^aIs. 5:12

6 ^aPs. 28:2

7 ^aPs. 59:17 ^bPss. 3:3 ^cPs.
 13:5; 112:7 ^dPs. 16:9 ^ePs.
 40:3; 69:30

8 ¹A few mss. and ancient
 versions read, *the strength of*
His people ²Or, *refuge of*
salvation
^aPs. 89:17 ^bPss. 27:1; 140:7

9 ^aPs. 106:47 ^bPss. 33:12;
 106:40; Deut. 9:29; 32:9;
 1 Kin. 8:51 ^cPs. 80:1 ^dDeut.
 1:31; Is. 40:11; 46:3; 63:9

1 ¹Or, *sons of gods*
^a1 Chr. 16:28, 29; Ps. 96:7-9

2 ¹Lit., *of His name* ²Or,
the majesty of holiness
^a2 Chr. 20:21; Ps. 110:3

3 ¹Or, *great*
^aPs. 104:7 ^bJob 37:4; 5; Ps.
 18:13 ^cPs. 18:16; 107:23

- 13 ¹I would have despaired unless I had believed that I
 would see the ^agoodness of the LORD
 In the ^bland of the living.
- 14 ^aWait for the LORD;
 Be ^bstrong, and let your heart take courage;
 Yes, wait for the LORD.

PSALM 28

A Prayer for Help, and Praise for Its Answer.

A Psalm of David.

- TO Thee, O LORD, I call;
 My ^arock, do not be deaf to me,
 Lest, if Thou ^bbe silent to me,
 I become like those who ^cgo down to the pit.
- 2 Hear the ^avoice of my supplications when I cry to Thee
 for help,
 When I ^blift up my hands ^ctoward ¹Thy holy ^dsanc-
 tuary.
- 3 ^aDo not drag me away with the wicked
 And with those who work iniquity;
 Who ^bspeak peace with their neighbors,
 While evil is in their hearts.
- 4 Requite them ^aaccording to their work and according
 to the evil of their practices;
 Requite them according to the deeds of their hands;
 Repay them their ¹recompense.
- 5 Because they ^ado not regard the works of the LORD
 Nor the deeds of His hands,
 He will tear them down and not build them up.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD,
 Because He ^ahas heard the voice of my supplication.
- 7 The LORD is my ^astrength and my ^bshield;
 My heart ^ctrusts in Him, and I am helped;
 Therefore ^dmy heart exults,
 And with ^emy song I shall thank Him.
- 8 The LORD is ¹their ^astrength,
 And He is a ²saving defense to His anointed.
- 9 ^aSave Thy people, and bless ^bThine inheritance;
 Be their ^cshepherd also, and ^dcarry them forever.

PSALM 29

The Voice of the LORD in the Storm.

A Psalm of David.

- ^aASCRIBE to the LORD, O ¹sons of the mighty,
 Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹due to His name;
 Worship the LORD ^ain ²holy array.
- 3 The ^avoice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 The God of glory ^bthunders,
 The LORD upon ^{1c}many waters.

- 4 The voice of the LORD is ^apowerful,
The voice of the LORD is majestic.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces ^athe cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 And He makes them ^askip like a calf,
Lebanon and ^bSirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD hews out ¹flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD ¹shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the wilderness of ^aKadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes ^athe deer to calve,
And strips the forests bare,
And ^bin His temple everything says, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sat as King at the ^aflood;
Yes, the LORD sits as ^bKing forever.
- 11 ¹The LORD will give ^astrength to His people;
²The LORD will bless His people with ^bpeace.

PSALM 30

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. A Psalm of David.

- I WILL ^aextol Thee, O LORD, for Thou hast ^blifted me up,
And hast not let my ^cenemies rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God,
I ^acried to Thee for help, and Thou didst ^bheal me.
- 3 O LORD, Thou hast ^abrought up my soul from ¹Sheol;
Thou hast kept me alive, ²that I should not ^bgo down to the pit.
- 4 ^aSing praise to the LORD, you ^bHis godly ones,
And ^cgive thanks to His holy ¹dname.
- 5 For ^aHis anger is but for a moment,
His ^bfavor is for a lifetime;
Weeping may ^clast for the night,
But a shout of joy *comes* in the morning.
- 6 Now as for me, ^aI said in my prosperity,
"I will ^bnever be moved."
- 7 O LORD, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong;
Thou didst ^ahide Thy face, I was dismayed.
- 8 To Thee, O LORD, I called,
And to the LORD I made supplication:
- 9 "What profit is there in my blood, if I ^ago down to the pit?
Will the ^bdust praise Thee? Will it declare Thy faithfulness?"
- 10 "^aHear, O LORD, and be gracious to me;
O LORD, be Thou my ^bhelper."
- 11 Thou hast turned for me ^amy mourning into dancing;
Thou hast ^bbloused my sackcloth and girded me with ^cgladness;

4*Ps. 68:33

5*Ps. 104:16; Judg. 9:15;
1 Kin. 5:6; Is. 2:13; 14:86*Ps. 114:4, 6 ^bDeut. 3:97 ¹I.e., lightning8 ¹Or, *causes . . . to whirl*
^aNum. 13:269*Job 39:1 ^bPs. 26:810*Gen. 6:17 ^bPs. 10:1611 ¹Or, *May the LORD give . . .* ²Or, *May the LORD bless . . .*
^aPs. 28:8; 68:35; Is. 40:29 ^bPs. 37:111*Ps. 118:28; 145:1 ^bPs. 3:3
^cPs. 25:2; 35:19, 242*Ps. 88:13 ^bPs. 6:2; 103:33 ¹I.e., the nether world
²Some mss. read, *from among those who go down*
^aPs. 86:13 ^bPs. 28:14 ¹Lit. *memorial*
^aPs. 149:1 ^bPs. 50:5 ^cPs. 97:12
4Ex. 3:15; Ps. 135:13; Hos. 12:55*Ps. 103:9; Is. 26:20; 54:7,
8 ^bPs. 118:1 ^cPs. 126:5; 2 Cor. 4:176*Job 29:18 ^bPs. 10:6;
62:2, 6

7*Ps. 104:29; 143:7; Deut. 31:17

9*Ps. 28:1 ^bPs. 6:510*Ps. 4:1; 27:7 ^bPs. 27:9;
54:411 ^aPs. 6:8; Eccles. 3:4; Jer. 31:4, 13 ^bIs. 20:2 ^cPs. 4:7

¹² ¹Lit., *glory*
^aPs. 16:9; 37:8; 108:1 ^bPs.
 44:8

¹ ^aPs. 31:1-3; 71:1-3 ^bPs.
 25:2 ^cPs. 143:1

² ¹Or, *refuge, protection*
^aPs. 17:6; 86:1; 102:2 ^bPs.
 18:2; 71:3

³ ¹Or, *crag*
^aPs. 18:2 ^bPs. 25:11

⁴ ^aPs. 25:15 ^bPs. 46:1

⁵ ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^aLuke 23:46; Acts 7:59 ^bPs.
 55:18; 71:23 ^cPs. 71:22; Deut.
 32:4

⁶ ¹Lit., *empty vanities*
^aPs. 144:11; Jonah 2:8 ^bPs.
 52:8

⁷ ^aPs. 90:14 ^bPs. 10:14

⁸ ^aDeut. 32:30; Ps. 37:33
^bPs. 4:1

⁹ ^aPs. 66:14; 69:17 ^bPs. 6:7
^cPs. 63:1

¹⁰ ¹Or, *bones, substance*
^aPs. 13:2 ^bPs. 39:11 ^cPs. 32:3;
 38:3; 102:3

¹¹ ^aPs. 69:19 ^bPs. 38:11;
 88:8, 18; Job 19:13

¹² ^aPs. 88:5

¹³ ¹Lit., *whispering*
^aPs. 50:20; Jer. 20:10 ^bPs.
 62:4; Matt. 27:1 ^cPs. 41:7

¹⁴ ^aPs. 140:6

¹⁵ ^aJob 14:5; 24:1 ^bPs. 143:9

12 That *my* ^{1a}soul may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent.
 O LORD my God, I will ^bgive thanks to Thee forever.

PSALM 31

A Psalm of Complaint and of Praise.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

^aIN Thee, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
 Let me never ^bbe ashamed;
^cIn Thy righteousness deliver me.

2 ^aIncline Thine ear to me, rescue me quickly;
 Be Thou to me a ^brock of ¹strength,
 A stronghold to save me.

3 For Thou art my ¹rock and ^amy fortress;
 For ^bThy name's sake Thou wilt lead me and guide me.

4 Thou wilt ^apull me out of the net which they have
 secretly laid for me;
 For Thou art my ^bstrength.

5 ^aInto Thy hand I commit my spirit;
 Thou hast ^bransomed me, O LORD, ^cGod of ¹truth.

6 I hate those who ^aregard ¹vain idols;
 But I ^btrust in the LORD.

7 I will ^arejoice and be glad in Thy lovingkindness,
 Because Thou hast ^bseen my affliction;
 Thou hast known the troubles of my soul,

8 And Thou hast not ^agiven me over into the hand of the
 enemy;
 Thou hast set my feet ^bin a large place.

9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for ^aI am in distress;
 My ^beye is wasted away from grief, ^cmy soul and my
 body *also*.

10 For my life is spent with ^asorrow,
 And my years with sighing;
 My ^bstrength has failed because of my iniquity,
 And ^cmy ¹body has wasted away.

11 Because of all my adversaries, I have become a
^areproach,
 Especially to my ^bneighbors,
 And an object of dread to my acquaintances;
 Those who see me in the street flee from me.

12 I am ^aforgotten as a dead man, out of mind,
 I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the ^{1a}slander of many,
 Terror is on every side,
 While they ^btook counsel together against me,
 They ^cschemed to take away my life.

14 But as for me, I trust in Thee, O LORD,
 I say, "aThou art my God."

15 My ^atimes are in Thy hand;
^bDeliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from
 those who persecute me.

- 16 Make Thy ^aface to shine upon Thy servant;
^bSave me in Thy lovingkindness.
- 17 Let me not be ^aput to shame, O LORD, for I call upon
 Thee;
 Let the ^bwicked be put to shame, let them ^cbe silent in
¹Sheol.
- 18 Let the ^alying lips be dumb,
 Which ^bspeak arrogantly against the righteous,
 With ^cpride and contempt.
- 19 How great is Thy ^agoodness,
 Which Thou hast stored up for those who fear Thee,
 Which Thou hast wrought for those who ^btake refuge
 in Thee,
^cBefore the sons of men!
- 20 Thou dost hide them in the ^asecret place of Thy pres-
 ence from the ^bconspiracies of man;
 Thou dost keep them secretly in a ¹shelter from the
^cstrife of tongues.
- 21 ^aBlessed be the LORD,
 For He has made ^bmarvelous His lovingkindness to me
 in a ^cbesieged city.
- 22 As for me, ^aI said in my alarm,
 I am ^bcut off from before Thine eyes;
 Nevertheless Thou didst ^chear the voice of my
 supplications
 When I cried to Thee.
- 23 O love the LORD, all you ^aHis godly ones!
 The LORD ^bpreserves the faithful,
 And fully ^crecompenses the proud doer.
- 24 ^aBe strong, and let your heart take courage,
 All you who ¹hope in the LORD.

PSALM 32

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David. A ¹Maskil.

- ^a**H**OW blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
 Whose sin is covered!
- 2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD ^adoes not
 impute iniquity,
 And in whose spirit there is ^bno deceit!
- 3 When ^aI kept silent *about my sin*, ^bmy ¹body wasted
 away
 Through my ²groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night ^aThy hand was heavy upon me;
 My ¹vitality was drained away *as with the fever-heat of
 summer.* [²Selah.
- 5 I ^aacknowledged my sin to Thee,
 And my iniquity I ^bdid not hide;
 I said, "^cI will confess my transgressions to the LORD";
 And Thou ^ddidst forgive the ¹guilt of my sin. [²Selah.

16 ^aPs. 4:6; 80:3; Num. 6:25
^bPs. 6:417 ¹I.e., the nether world
^aPs. 25:20 ^bPs. 25:3 ^cPs.
 94:17; 115:17; 1 Sam. 2:918 ^aPs. 109:2; 120:2 ^b1 Sam.
 2:3; Jude 15 ^cPs. 94:419 ^aPs. 65:4; 145:7; Rom.
 2:4; 11:22 ^bPs. 5:11 ^cPs. 23:520 ¹Or, *pavilion*
^aPs. 27:5 ^bPs. 37:12 ^cPs.
 31:13; Job 5:2121 ^aPs. 28:6 ^bPs. 17:7 ^cPs.
 67:5; 1 Sam. 23:722 ^aPs. 116:11 ^bPs. 88:5; Is.
 38:11, 12; Lam. 3:54 ^cPs.
 18:6; 66:19; 145:1923 ^aPs. 30:4; 37:28; 50:5 ^bPs.
 145:20; Rev. 2:10 ^cPs. 94:2;
 Deut. 32:4124 ¹Or, *wait for*
^aPs. 27:14¹ Possibly, *Contemplative,*
 or *Didactic, or Skillful*
*Psalm*1 ^aPs. 85:2; 103:3; Rom.
 4:7, 82 ^a2 Cor. 5:19 ^bJohn 1:473 ¹Or, *bones, substance*
²Lit., *roaring*
^aPs. 39:2, 3 ^bPs. 31:10 ^cPs.
 38:84 ¹Lit., *life juices were*
turned into the drought of
summer ²Selah may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 38:2; 39:10; 1 Sam. 5:6;
 Job 23:2; 33:7 ^bPs. 22:155 ¹Or, *iniquity*
^aLev. 26:40 ^bJob 31:33 ^cPs.
 38:18; Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9
^dPs. 103:12

6 ¹Lit., in a time of finding out
^aPs. 69:13 ^bPs. 46:1-3; 69:1;
 124:5; 144:7; Is. 43:2

7 ¹Or, shouts
^aPs. 31:20; 91:1; 119:114 ^bPs.
 121:7 ^cPs. 40:3; Ex. 15:1;
 Judg. 5:1

8 ^aPs. 25:8 ^bPs. 33:18

9 ^aProv. 26:3

10 ^aPs. 16:4; Prov. 13:21;
 Rom. 2:9 ^bPs. 5:11, 12

11 ^aPs. 64:10; 68:3; 97:12
^bPs. 7:10; 64:10

1 ^aPs. 32:11; Phil. 3:1; 4:4
^bPs. 92:1; 147:1

2 ^aPs. 71:22; 147:7 ^bPs.
 144:9

3 ^aPs. 40:3; 96:1; 98:1;
 144:9; Is. 42:10; Rev. 5:9 ^bPs.
 98:4

4 ^aPs. 19:8 ^bPs. 119:90

5 ^aPs. 11:7; 37:28 ^bPs.
 119:64

6 ^aPs. 148:5; Gen. 1:6;
 Heb. 11:3 ^bPs. 104:30 ^cGen.
 2:1

7 ¹Some versions read, in a
 water skin; i.e., container
^aPs. 78:13; Ex. 15:8; Josh.
 3:16

8 ^aPs. 67:7 ^bPs. 96:9

9 ¹Or, stood farth
^aGen. 1:3; Ps. 148:5

10 ^aPs. 2:1-3; Is. 8:10; 19:3

11 ^aJob 23:13; Prov. 19:21
^bPs. 40:5; 92:5; 139:17; Is.
 55:8

12 ^aPs. 144:15 ^bPs. 28:9;
 Deut. 7:6

13 ^aPs. 14:2; Job 28:24 ^bPs.
 11:4

6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to Thee ^{1a}in
 a time when Thou mayest be found;
 Surely ^{bin} a flood of great waters they shall not reach
 him.

7 Thou art ^amy hiding place; Thou ^{bdost} preserve me
 from trouble;
 Thou dost surround me with ^{1c}songs of deliverance.
 [Selah.]

8 I will ^ainstruct you and teach you in the way which you
 should go;
 I will counsel you ^bwith My eye upon you.

9 Do not be ^aas the horse or as the mule which have no
 understanding;
 Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in
 check,
Otherwise they will not come near to you.

10 Many are the ^asorrows of the wicked;
 But ^bhe who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall
 surround him.

11 Be ^aglad in the LORD and rejoice you righteous ones,
 And shout for joy all you who are ^bupright in heart.

PSALM 33

Praise to the Creator and Preserver.

^a**SING** for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones;
 Praise is ^bbecoming to the upright.

2 Give thanks to the LORD with the ^alyre;
 Sing praises to Him with a ^bharp of ten strings.

3 Sing to Him a ^anew song;
 Play skillfully with ^{ba} shout of joy.

4 For the word of the LORD ^ais upright;
 And all His work is ^{done bin} faithfulfulness.

5 He ^aloves righteousness and justice;
 The ^bearth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

6 By the ^aword of the LORD the heavens were made,
 And ^bby the breath of His mouth ^call their host.

7 He gathers the ^awaters of the sea together ^{1a}as a heap;
 He lays up the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let ^aall the earth fear the LORD;
 Let all the inhabitants of the world ^bstand in awe of
 Him.

9 For ^aHe spoke, and it was done;
 He commanded, and it ¹stood fast.

10 The LORD ^anullifies the counsel of the nations;
 He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

11 The ^acounsel of the LORD stands forever,
 The ^bplans of His heart from generation to generation.

12 Blessed is the ^anation whose God is the LORD,
 The people whom He has ^bchosen for His own in-
 heritance.

13 The LORD ^alooks from heaven;
 He ^bsees all the sons of men;

- 14 From ^aHis dwelling-place He looks out
On all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 He who ^afashions ¹the hearts of them all,
He who ^bunderstands all their works.
16 ^aThe king is not saved by a mighty army;
A warrior is not delivered by great strength.
17 A ^ahorse is a false hope for victory;
Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 18 Behold, ^athe eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who ^{1b}hope for His lovingkindness;
19 To ^adeliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive ^bin famine.
20 Our soul ^awaits for the LORD;
He is our ^bhelp and our shield.
21 For our ^aheart rejoices in Him,
Because we trust in His holy name.
22 Let Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we have ¹hoped in Thee.

PSALM 34

The LORD a Provider and Deliverer.

A Psalm of David; when he ^ffeigned madness
before ^aAbimelech, who drove him away and
he departed.

- I WILL ^abless the LORD at all times;
His ^bpraise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall ^amake its boast in the LORD;
The ^bhumble shall hear it and rejoice;
3 O ^amagnify the LORD with me,
And let us ^bexalt His name together.
- 4 I ^asought the LORD, and He answered me,
And ^bdelivered me from all my fears.
5 They ¹looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces shall ^bnever be ashamed.
6 This ¹poor man cried and ^athe LORD heard him;
And saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The ^aangel of the LORD encamps around those who
fear Him,
And rescues them.
- 8 O ^ataste and see that the LORD is good;
How ^bblessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
9 O fear the LORD, you ^aHis saints;
For to those who fear Him, there is ^bno want;
10 The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;
But they who seek the LORD shall ^anot be in want of
any good thing.
- 11 ^aCome, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you ^bthe fear of the LORD.
12 ^aWho is the man who desires life,
And loves length of days that he may ^bsee good?

14 ^aPs. 102:19; 1 Kin. 8:39,
43

15 ¹Or, their heart together
^aPs. 119:73; Job 10:8 ^{b2} Chr.
16:9; Job 34:21

16 ^aPs. 44:6; 60:11

17 ^aPs. 20:7; 147:10; Prov.
21:31

18 ¹Or, wait
^aPs. 32:8; 34:15; Job 36:7;
1 Pet. 3:12 ^bPs. 32:10; 147:11

19 ^aPs. 56:13; Acts 12:11
^bPs. 37:19; Job 5:20

20 ^aPs. 62:1; 130:6; Is. 8:17
^bPs. 115:9

21 ^aPs. 13:5; 28:7; Zech.
10:7; John 16:22

22 ¹Or, waited for

^fOr, changed his behavior
^aPossibly a title of King
Achish of Gath. See 1 Sam.
21:10-15

1 ^aEph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18
^bPs. 71:6

2 ^aPs. 44:8; Jer. 9:24;
1 Cor. 1:31 ^bPs. 69:32

3 ^aPs. 35:27; 69:30; Luke
1:46 ^bPs. 18:46

4 ^aPs. 9:10; 2 Chr. 15:2;
Matt. 7:7 ^bPs. 34:6, 17, 19

5 ^aPs. 36:9; Is. 60:5 ^bPs.
25:3

6 ¹Or, afflicted
^aPs. 34:4

7 ^aPs. 91:11; Dan. 6:22

8 ^aPs. 119:103; Heb. 6:5;
1 Pet. 2:3 ^bPs. 2:12

9 ^aPs. 31:23 ^bPs. 23:1

10 ^aPs. 84:11

11 ^aPs. 66:16 ^bPs. 111:10

12 ^aPs. 34:12, 16; 1 Pet.
3:10-12 ^bEccles. 3:13

13 ^aPs. 141:3; Prov. 13:3;
James 1:26 ^{b1} Pet. 2:22

14 ^aPs. 37:27; Is. 1:16, 17
^bRom. 14:19; Heb. 12:14

15 ^aPs. 33:18

16 ^aJer. 44:11; Amos 9:4
^bPs. 9:6; Ps. 109:15; Job 18:17

17 ^aPs. 34:6

18 ¹Or. *conrite*
^aPs. 145:18 ^bPs. 147:3; Is.
61:1 ^cPs. 51:17; Is. 57:15

19 ^aPs. 71:20; 2 Tim. 3:11,
12 ^bPs. 34:4, 6, 17

21 ¹Or. *held guilty*
^aPs. 94:23; 140:11; Prov.
24:16

22 ¹Note, v. 21
^aPs. 71:23 ^bPs. 37:40

1 ^aPs. 18:43; Is. 49:25 ^bPs.
56:2

2 ¹l.c., *small shield*
^aPs. 91:4 ^bPs. 44:26

3 ¹Or. *close up the path*
against those
^aPs. 62:2

4 ¹Or. *soul*
^aPs. 70:2 ^bPs. 40:14; 129:5

5 ^aPs. 83:13; Job 21:18; Is.
29:5

6 ^aPs. 73:18; Jer. 23:12

7 ¹It has been transposed
from line above
^aPs. 69:4; 109:3; 140:5

8 ^aPs. 55:23; Is. 47:11;
1 Thess. 5:3 ^bPs. 9:15 ^cPs.
73:18

9 ^aIs. 61:10 ^bPs. 9:14; 13:5;
Luke 1:47

10 ^aPs. 51:8 ^bEx. 15:11; Ps.
86:8; Mic. 7:18 ^cPs. 18:17

13 Keep ^ayour tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking ^bdeceit.

14 ^aDepart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and ^bpursue it.

15 The ^aeyes of the LORD are toward the righteous,
And His ears are *open* to their cry.

16 The ^aface of the LORD is against evil doers,
To ^bcut off the memory of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* ^acry and the LORD hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD ^ais near to the ^bbrokenhearted,
And saves those who are ^ccrushed in spirit.

19 Many are the ^aafflictions of the righteous;
But the LORD ^bdelivers him out of them all.

20 He keeps all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.

21 ^aEvil shall slay the wicked;
And those who hate the righteous will be ¹condemned.

22 The LORD ^aredeems the soul of His servants;
And none of those who ^btake refuge in Him will be
¹condemned.

PSALM 35

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

A Psalm of David.

CONTEND, O LORD, with those who ^acontend with me;
Fight against those who ^bfight against me.

2 Take hold of ^{1a}buckler and shield,
And rise up for ^bmy help.

3 Draw also the spear and ¹the battle-axe to meet those
who pursue me;

Say to my soul, "I am ^ayour salvation."

4 Let those be ^aashamed and dishonored who seek my
¹life;

Let those be ^bturned back and humiliated who devise
evil against me.

5 Let them be ^alike chaff before the wind,
With the angel of the LORD driving *them* on.

6 Let their way be dark and ^aslippery,
With the angel of the LORD pursuing them.

7 For ^awithout cause they hid their net for me;
Without cause they dug ¹a pit for my soul.

8 Let ^adestruction come upon him unawares;
And ^blet the net which he hid catch himself;
Into that very ^cdestruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall ^arejoice in the LORD;
It shall ^bexult in His salvation.

10 All my ^abones will say, "LORD, ^bwho is like Thee,
Who delivers the afflicted from him ^cwho is too strong
for him,

<p>And ^dthe afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?"</p>	<p>10 ^dPs. 37:14; 109:16</p>
<p>11 ^aMalicious witnesses rise up; They ask me of things that I do not know.</p>	<p>11 ^aPs. 27:12</p>
<p>12 They ^arepay me evil for good, To the bereavement of my soul.</p>	<p>12 ^aPs. 38:20; 109:5; Jer. 18:20; John 10:32</p>
<p>13 But as for me, ^awhen they were sick, my ^bclothing was sackcloth; I ^chumbled my soul with fasting; And my ^dprayer kept returning to my bosom.</p>	<p>13 ^aJob 30:25 ^bPs. 69:11 ^cPs. 69:10 ^dMatt. 10:13; Luke 10:6</p>
<p>14 I went about as though it were my friend or brother; I ^abowed down ¹mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother.</p>	<p>14 ¹Or, <i>dressed in black</i> ^aPs. 38:6</p>
<p>15 But ^aat my ¹stumbling they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; The ^{2b}smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me, They ^{3c}slandered me without ceasing.</p>	<p>15 ¹Or, <i>limping</i> ²Or, <i>smitten ones</i> ³Lit., <i>tore</i> ^aObad. 12 ^bJob 30:1, 8, 12 ^cPs. 7:2</p>
<p>16 Like godless jesters at a feast, They ^agnashed at me with their teeth.</p>	<p>16 ^aJob 16:9; Ps. 37:12; Lam. 2:16</p>
<p>17 Lord, ^ahow long wilt Thou look on? Rescue my soul ^bfrom their ravages, My ^conly <i>life</i> from the lions.</p>	<p>17 ^aPs. 13:1; Hab. 1:13 ^bPs. 35:7 ^cPs. 22:20, 21</p>
<p>18 I will ^agive Thee thanks in the great congregation; I will ^bpraise Thee among a mighty throng.</p>	<p>18 ^aPs. 22:22 ^bPs. 22:25</p>
<p>19 ^aDo not let those who are wrongfully ^bmy enemies rejoice over me; Neither let those ^cwho hate me without cause ^{1d}wink maliciously.</p>	<p>19 ¹Or, <i>wink the eye</i> ^aPs. 13:4; 30:1, 38, 16 ^bPs. 38:19; 69:4; 119:78 ^cJohn 15:25 ^dProv. 6:13; 10:10</p>
<p>20 For they do not speak peace, But they devise ^adeceitful words against those who are quiet in the land.</p>	<p>20 ^aPs. 55:21; Jer. 9:8; Mic. 6:12</p>
<p>21 And they ^aopened their mouth wide against me; They said, "^bAha, aha, our eyes have seen it."</p>	<p>21 ^aPs. 22:13; Job 16:10 ^bPs. 40:15; 70:3</p>
<p>22 ^aThou hast seen it, O LORD, ^bdo not keep silent; O Lord, ^cdo not be far from me.</p>	<p>22 ^aPs. 10:14; Ex. 3:7 ^bPs. 28:1 ^cPs. 10:1; 22:11; 38:21; 71:12</p>
<p>23 ^aStir up Thyself, and awake to my right, And to my cause, my God and my Lord.</p>	<p>23 ^aPs. 7:6; 44:23; 59:4; 80:2</p>
<p>24 ^aJudge me, O LORD my God, according to Thy righteousness; And ^bdo not let them rejoice over me.</p>	<p>24 ^aPs. 9:4; 26:1; 43:1 ^bPs. 35:19</p>
<p>25 Do not let them say in their heart, "^aAha, our desire!" Do not let them say, "^bWe have ^cswallowed him up!"</p>	<p>25 ^aPs. 35:21 ^bPs. 56:1; 124:3; Prov. 1:12; Lam. 2:16</p>
<p>26 Let ^athose be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress; Let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who ^bmagnify themselves over me.</p>	<p>26 ^aPs. 40:14 ^bPs. 38:16; Job 19:5</p>
<p>27 Let them ^ashout for joy and rejoice, who favor ^bmy vindication; And ^clet them say continually, "The LORD^c be magnified, Who ^ddelights in the prosperity of His servant."</p>	<p>27 ^aPs. 32:11 ^bPs. 9:4 ^cPs. 40:16; 70:4 ^dPs. 147:11; 149:4</p>

28 *Ps. 51:14; 71:15, 24

1 ¹Another reading is, *my heart*
*Rom. 3:18

2 ¹Or, *he flatters himself*
*Deut. 29:19; Ps. 10:11; 49:18

3 ¹Or, *understand to do good*
*Ps. 10:7; 12:2 *Ps. 94:8; Jer. 4:22

4 *Prov. 4:16; Mic. 2:1 *Is. 65:2 *Ps. 52:3; Rom. 12:9

5 ¹Lit., *is in*
*Ps. 57:10; 103:11; 108:4

6 ¹Or, *mighty mountains*
*Ps. 71:19 *Ps. 77:19; Job 11:8; Rom 11:33 *Ps. 104:14, 15; 145:16; Neh. 9:6

7 *Ps. 40:5; 139:17 *Ps. 57:1; 91:4; Ruth 2:12

8 ¹Lit., *fatness*
*Ps. 63:5; Is. 25:6; Jer. 31:12-14 *Ps. 46:4; Job 20:17; Rev. 22:1

9 *Jer. 2:13

10 *Jer 22:16 *Ps. 24:5

12 *Ps. 140:10; Is. 26:14

1 *Prov. 23:17; 24:19 *Ps. 73:3; Prov. 3:31

2 *Job 14:2; Ps. 90:6; 92:7 *Ps. 129:6

3 ¹Or, *feed securely; or, feed on His faithfulness*
*Ps. 62:8 *Deut. 30:20 *Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:13, 14

4 *Ps. 94:19; Job 22:26; Is. 58:14 *Ps. 21:2; 145:19; Matt. 7:7, 8

5 *Ps. 55:22; Prov. 16:3; 1 Pet. 5:7

28 And ^amy tongue shall declare Thy righteousness
And Thy praise all day long.

PSALM 36

Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God.

For the choir Director. A Psalm of David
the servant of the LORD.

- T**RANSGRESSION speaks to the ungodly within ¹his heart;
There is ^ano fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 For ¹it ^aflatters him in his *own* eyes,
Concerning the discovery of his iniquity *and* the hatred
of it.
- 3 The ^awords of his mouth are wickedness and deceit;
He has ^bceased to ¹be wise *and* to do good.
- 4 He ^aplans wickedness upon his bed;
He sets himself on a ^bpath that is not good;
He ^cdoes not despise evil.
- 5 Thy ^alovingkindness, O LORD, ¹extends to the heavens,
Thy faithfulness *reaches* to the skies.
- 6 Thy ^arighteousness is like the ¹mountains of God;
Thy ^bjudgments are *like* a great deep.
O LORD, Thou ^cpreservest man and beast.
- 7 How ^aprecious is Thy lovingkindness, O God!
And the children of men ^btake refuge in the shadow of
Thy wings.
- 8 They ^adrink their fill of the ¹abundance of Thy house;
And Thou dost give them to drink of the ^briver of Thy
delights.
- 9 For with Thee is the ^afountain of life;
In Thy light we see light.
- 10 O continue Thy lovingkindness to ^athose who know
Thee,
And Thy ^brighteousness to the upright in heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of pride come upon me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There the doers of iniquity have fallen;
They have been thrust down and ^acannot rise.

PSALM 37

Security of Those Who Trust in the LORD, and Insecurity of the Wicked.

A Psalm of David.

- F**RET not yourself because of evildoers,
Be not ^benvious toward wrongdoers.
- 2 For they will ^awither quickly like the grass,
And ^bfade like the green herb.
- 3 ^aTrust in the LORD, and do good;
^bDwell in the land and ¹cultivate faithfulness.
- 4 ^aDelight yourself in the LORD;
And He will ^bgive you the desires of your heart.
- 5 ^aCommit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.

- 6 And He will bring forth ^ayour righteousness as the light,
And your judgment ^bas the noonday.
- 7 ^{1a}Rest in the LORD and ^bwait ²patiently for Him;
^cFret not yourself because of him who ^dprosperes in his
way,
Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
- 8 Cease from anger, and ^aforsake wrath;
Fret not yourself, *it leads* only to evildoing.
- 9 For ^aevildoers will be cut off,
But those who wait for the LORD, they will ^binherit the
land.
- 10 Yet ^aa little while and the wicked man will be no more;
And you will look carefully for ^bhis place, and he will
not be *there*.
- 11 But ^athe humble will inherit the land,
And will delight themselves in ^babundant prosperity.
- 12 The wicked ^aplots against the righteous,
And ^bgnashes at him with his teeth.
- 13 The LORD ^alaughs at him;
For He sees ^bhis day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn the sword and ^abent their bow,
To cast down the ^bafflicted and the needy,
To ^cslay those who are upright in conduct.
- 15 Their sword will enter their own heart,
And their ^abows will be broken.
- 16 ^aBetter is the little of the righteous
Than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the ^aarms of the wicked will be broken;
But the LORD ^bsustains the righteous.
- 18 The LORD ^aknows the days of the ¹blameless;
And their ^binheritance will be forever.
- 19 They will not be ashamed in the time of evil;
And ^ain the days of famine they will have abundance.
- 20 But the ^awicked will perish;
And the enemies of the LORD will be ^blike the ¹glory of
the pastures,
They vanish—^clike smoke they vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows and does not pay back,
But the righteous ^ais gracious and gives.
- 22 For those blessed by Him will ^ainherit the land;
But those ^bcursed by Him will be cut off.
- 23 ^aThe steps of a man are established by the LORD;
And He ^bdelights in his way.
- 24 When ^ahe falls, he shall not be hurled headlong;
Because ^bthe LORD is the One ¹who holds his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now I am old;
Yet ^aI have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Or ^bhis ¹descendants begging bread.
- 26 All day long ^ahe is gracious and lends;
And ^bhis ¹descendants are a blessing.
- 27 ^aDepart from evil, and do good,
¹So you will abide ^bforever.

6 ^aPs. 97:11; Is. 58:8, 10;
Mic. 7:9 ^bJob 11:17

7 ¹Or, *Be still* ²Or,
longingly
^aPs. 62:5 ^bPs. 40:1 ^cPs. 37:1, 8
^dJer. 12:1

8 ^aEph. 4:31; Col. 3:8

9 ^aPs. 37:2, 22 ^bPs. 25:13;
Prov. 2:21; Is. 60:21

10 ^aJob 24:24 ^bPs. 37:35, 36;
Job 7:10

11 ^aMatt. 5:5 ^bPs. 72:7

12 ^aPs. 31:13, 20 ^bPs. 35:16

13 ^aPs. 2:4 ^b1 Sam. 26:10;
Job 18:20

14 ^aPs. 11:2; Lam. 2:4 ^bPs.
35:10; 86:1 ^cPs. 11:2

15 ^aPs. 46:9; 1 Sam. 2:4

16 ^aPs. 4:7; Prov. 15:16; 16:8

17 ^aPs. 10:15; Job 38:15;
Ezek. 30:21 ^bPs. 71:6; 145:14

18 ¹Lit., *complete*; or,
perfect
^aPs. 1:6; 31:7 ^bPs. 37:27, 29

19 ^aPs. 33:19; Job 5:20

20 ¹i.e., *flowers*
^aPs. 73:27 ^bLev. 3:11 ^cPs.
68:2; 102:3

21 ^aPs. 112:5

22 ^aPs. 37:9 ^bJob 5:3

23 ^aPs. 40:2; 66:9; 119:5;
1 Sam. 2:9 ^bPs. 147:11

24 ¹Or, *who sustains him
with His hand*
^aPs. 145:14; Prov. 24:16; Mic.
7:8 ^bPs. 147:6

25 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 37:28; Is. 41:17; Heb.
13:5 ^bPs. 109:10

26 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 37:21 ^bPs. 147:13

27 ¹Or, *And dwell forever*
^aPs. 34:14 ^bPs. 37:18; 102:28

Psalms 37, 38

28 ¹Lit., *judgment*
^aPs. 11:7; 33:5 ^bPs. 37:25 ^cPs.
 31:23 ^aPs. 37:9; Ps. 21:10;
 Prov. 2:22; Is. 14:20

29 ^aPs. 37:9 ^bPs. 37:18

30 ^aPs. 49:3; Prov. 10:13
^bPs. 101:1; 119:13

31 ^aPs. 40:8; 119:11; Deut.
 6:6; Is. 51:7; Jer. 31:33 ^bPs.
 37:23; 26:1

32 ^aPs. 10:8; 17:11 ^bPs.
 37:14

33 ^aPs. 31:8; 2 Pet. 2:9 ^bPs.
 34:22; 109:31

34 ^aPs. 37:9; 27:14 ^bPs. 52:5,
 6; 91:8

35 ¹Lit., *native*, Heb.,
obscure
^aJob 5:3; Jer. 12:2 ^bJob 8:16

36 ¹Ancient versions read, *I*
passed by
^aPs. 37:10; Job 20:5

37 ¹Lit., *complete*; or,
perfect ²Lit., *end*
^aPs. 37:18 ^bPs. 7:10 ^cIs. 57:1,
 2

38 ¹Lit., *end*
^aPs. 37:20, 28 ^bPs. 37:9; 73:17

39 ^aPs. 3:8; 62:1 ^bPs. 37:19;
 9:9

40 ^aPs. 54:4 ^bPs. 22:4; Dan.
 3:17; 6:23 ^cPs. 34:22

1 ^aPs. 6:1

2 ^aJob 6:4 ^bPs. 32:4

3 ^aIs. 1:6 ^bPs. 102:10 ^cPs.
 6:2; 31:10; Job 33:19

4 ^aPs. 40:12; Ezra 9:6

5 ¹Or, *stripes*
^aPs. 69:5

6 ^aPs. 35:14 ^bPs. 42:9; 43:2;
 Job 30:28

7 ^aPs. 102:3 ^bPs. 38:3

8 ¹Or, *greatly* ²Lit., *roar*
¹Lit., *growling*
^aLam. 1:13; 5:17 ^bPs. 22:1;
 32:3; Job 3:24

- 28 For the LORD ^aloves ¹justice,
 And ^bdoes not forsake His godly ones;
 They are ^cpreserved forever;
 But the ^dseed of the wicked will be cut off.
- 29 The righteous will ^ainherit the land,
 And ^bdwell in it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous ^autters wisdom,
 And his tongue ^bspeaks justice.
- 31 The ^aLaw of his God is in his heart;
 His ^bsteps do not slip.
- 32 The ^awicked spies upon the righteous,
 And ^bseeks to kill him.
- 33 The LORD will ^anot leave him in his hand,
 Or ^blet him be condemned when he is judged.
- 34 ^aWait for the LORD, and keep His way,
 And He will exalt you to inherit the land;
 When the ^bwicked are cut off, you will see it.

- 35 I have ^aseen a violent, wicked man
 Spreading himself like a ^bluxuriant ¹tree in its native
 soil.
- 36 Then ¹he passed away, and lo, he ^awas no more;
 I sought for him, but he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the ^{1a}blameless man, and behold the ^bupright;
 For the man of peace will have a ^{2c}posteriority.
- 38 But transgressors will be altogether ^adestroyed;
 The ¹posteriority of the wicked will be ^bcut off.
- 39 But the ^asalvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
 He is their strength ^bin time of trouble.
- 40 And ^athe LORD helps them, and delivers them;
 He ^bdelivers them from the wicked, and saves them,
 Because they ^ctake refuge in Him.

PSALM 38

Prayer of a Suffering Penitent.

A Psalm of David, for a memorial.

- O** LORD, ^arebuke me not in Thy wrath;
 And chasten me not in Thy burning anger.
- 2 For Thine ^aarrows have sunk deep into me,
 And ^bThy hand has pressed down on me.
- 3 There is ^ano soundness in my flesh ^bbecause of Thine
 indignation;
 There is no health ^cin my bones because of my sin.
- 4 For my ^ainiquities are gone over my head;
 As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.
- 5 My ¹wounds grow foul *and* fester.
 Because of ^amy folly,
- 6 I am bent over and ^agreatly bowed down;
 I ^bgo mourning all day long.
- 7 For my loins are filled with ^aburning;
 And there is ^bno soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I am ^abenumbed and ¹badly crushed;
 I ^{2b}groan because of the ³agitation of my heart.

- 9 Lord, all ^amy desire is ¹before Thee;
And my ^bsighing is not hidden from Thee.
- 10 My heart throbs, ^amy strength fails me;
And the ^bblight of my eyes, even ¹that ²has gone from me.
- 11 My ^{1a}loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague;
And my kinsmen ^bstand afar off.
- 12 Those who ^aseek my life ^blay snares for me;
And those who ^cseek to injure me have ^{1d}threatened destruction,
And they ^cdevisе treachery all day long.
- 13 But I, like a deaf man, do not hear;
And I am like a ^adumb man who does not open his mouth.
- 14 Yes, I am like a man who does not hear,
And in whose mouth are no arguments.
- 15 For ^aI ¹hope in Thee, O LORD;
Thou ^bwilt answer, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, "May they not rejoice over me,
Who, when my foot slips, ^awould magnify themselves against me."
- 17 For I am ^aready to fall,
And ^bmy ¹sorrow is continually before me.
- 18 For I ^{1a}confess my iniquity;
I am full of ^banxiety because of my sin.
- 19 But my ^aenemies are vigorous and ¹strong;
And many are those who ^bhate me wrongfully.
- 20 And those who ^arepay evil for good,
They ^boppose me, because I follow what is good.
- 21 Do not forsake me, O LORD;
O my God, ^ado not be far from me!
- 22 Make ^ahaste to help me,
O Lord, ^bmy salvation!

PSALM 39

The Vanity of Life.

For the choir director, for ^fJeduthun.

A Psalm of David.

- I SAID, "I will ^aguard my ways,
That I ^bmay not sin with my tongue;
I will guard ^cmy mouth as with a muzzle,
While the wicked are in my presence."
- 2 I was ^adumb ¹and silent,
I ²refrained even from good;
And my ³sorrow grew worse.
- 3 My ^aheart was hot within me;
While I was musing the fire burned;
Then I spoke with my tongue:
- 4 "LORD, make me to know ^amy end,
And what is the extent of my days,
Let me know how ^btransient I am.
- 5 "Behold, Thou hast made ^amy days as handbreadths,

9 ¹Or, known to Thee
^aPs. 10:17 ^bPs. 6:6; 102:510 ¹Lit., they ²Lit. is not with me
^aPs. 31:10 ^bPs. 6:7; 69:3; 88:911 ¹Or, lovers
^aPs. 31:11; 88:18 ^bLuke 23:4912 ¹Lit., spoken
^aPs. 54:3 ^bPs. 140:5 ^cPs. 35:4
^dEccles. 10:13; Mic. 7:3 ^ePs. 35:2013 ^aPs. 39:2, 915 ¹Or, wait for
^aPs. 39:7 ^bPs. 17:616 ^aPs. 35:2617 ¹Lit., pain
^aPs. 35:15 ^bPs. 13:218 ¹Or, declare
^aPs. 32:5 ^{b2} Cor. 7:9, 1019 ¹Or, numerous
^aPs. 18:17 ^bPs. 35:1920 ^aPs. 35:12 ^bPs. 109:4;
1 John 3:1221 ^aPs. 22:19; 35:2222 ^aPs. 40:13, 17 ^bPs. 27:1^f 1 Chr. 16:411 ^aPs. 119:9; 1 Kin. 2:4;
2 Kin. 10:31 ^bPs. 34:13; Job 2:10; James 3:5-12 ^cPs. 141:3;
James 3:22 ¹Lit., with silence ²Lit. kept silence ³Lit., pain
^aPs. 38:133 ^aPs. 32:4; Jer. 20:9; Luke 24:324 ^aPs. 90:12; 119:84; Job 6:11 ^bPs. 78:39; 103:145 ^aPs. 89:47

Psalms 39, 40

5 ¹Lit. *standing firm* ²Or, *altogether vanity* ³*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^bPs. 144:4 ^cPs. 62:9; Job 14:2; Eccles. 6:12

6 ¹Lit. *image*
^a1 Cor. 7:31; James 1:10, 11; 1 Pet. 1:24 ^bPs. 127:2; Eccles. 5:17 ^cPs. 49:10; Eccles. 2:26; 5:14; Luke 12:20

7 ^aPs. 38:15

8 ^aPs. 51:9, 14; 79:9 ^bPs. 44:13; 79:4; 119:22

9 ^aPs. 39:2 ^b2 Sam. 16:10; Job 2:10

10 ¹Or, *wasting away*
^aJob 9:34; 13:21 ^bPs. 32:4

11 ^aEzek. 5:15; 2 Pet. 2:16 ^bPs. 90:7; Job 13:28; Is. 50:9 ^cPs. 39:5

12 ^aPs. 102:1; 143:1 ^bPs. 56:8; 2 Kin. 20:5 ^cLev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 119:19; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11

13 ¹Or, *become cheerful*
^aPs. 102:24; Job 7:19; 14:6

1 ¹Or, *intently*
^aPs. 25:5; 27:14; 37:7 ^bPs. 34:15

2 ¹Lit. *mud of the mire*
^aPs. 69:2; Jer. 38:6 ^bPs. 27:5 ^cPs. 37:23

3 ^aPs. 32:7; 33:3 ^bPs. 52:6; 64:9

4 ¹Lit. *regard*
^aPs. 84:12 ^bJob 37:24 ^cPs. 125:5

5 ^aPs. 136:4; Job 5:9 ^bPs. 139:17; Is. 55:8 ^cPs. 71:15; 139:18

6 ¹i.e., *Blood sacrifice*
²Lit. *avg.* or possibly *pierced*
^aPs. 51:16; 1 Sam. 15:22; Is. 1:11; Jer. 6:20; 7:22, 23; Amos 5:22; Mic. 6:6-8; Heb. 10:5-7

And my ^blifetime as nothing in Thy sight,
 Surely every man ¹at his best is ²a mere ^cbreath. [³*Selah*.
 6 "Surely every man ^awalks about as a ¹phantom;
 Surely they make an ^buproar for nothing;
 He ^camasses *riches*, and does not know who will gather them.

7 "And now, Lord, for what do I wait?
 My ^ahope is in Thee.
 8 "^aDeliver me from all my transgressions;
 Make me not the ^breproach of the foolish.
 9 "I have become ^adumb, I do not open my mouth,
 Because it is ^bThou who hast done it.
 10 "^aRemove Thy plague from me;
 Because of ^bthe opposition of Thy hand, I am ¹perishing.
 11 "With ^areproofs Thou dost chasten a man for iniquity;
 Thou dost ^bconsume as a moth what is precious to him;
 Surely ^cevery man is a mere breath. [*Selah*.]

12 "^aHear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
 Do not be silent ^bat my tears;
 For I am ^ca stranger with Thee,
 A sojourner like all my fathers.
 13 "^aTurn Thy gaze away from me, that I may ¹smile *again*,
 Before I depart and am no more."

PSALM 40

God Sustains His Servant. — *the Yehuda Selah*
 For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

I ^aWAITED ¹patiently for the LORD;
 And He inclined to me, and ^bheard my cry.
 2 He brought me up out of the ^cpit of destruction, out of the ¹mire clay;
 And ^bHe set my feet upon a rock ^cmaking my footsteps firm.
 3 And He put a ^anew song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
 And will ^bsee and fear,
 And will trust in the LORD.
 4 How ^ablessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust,
 And ^bhas not ¹turned to the proud, nor to those who ⁽²⁾lapse into falsehood;
 5 Many, O LORD my God, are ^athe wonders which Thou hast done,
 And Thy ^bthoughts toward us — Israel!
 There is none to compare with Thee;
 If I would declare and speak of them,
 They ^cwould be too numerous to count:
 6 ⁽¹⁾ ^aSacrifice and meal offering Thou hast not desired;
 My ears Thou hast ²opened;
⁽²⁾ ^aBurnt offering and sin offering, Thou hast not required.

The expression "I have said"

- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; *in the master's call [severe]*
In the scroll of the book it is written of me; *the right course of conduct [minimizing]*
- 8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God; *willing obedience*
^aThy Law is within my heart. *inward parts [Deut. 6:6 - one who has the Law written on his heart]*
- 9 I have ^aproclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; *the crowd of Jews just before*
Behold, I will ^bnot restrain my lips, *no more will*
O LORD, ^cThou knowest. *appreciate the commandment*
- 10 I have ^anot hidden Thy righteousness within my heart; I have ^bspoken of Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation; I have not concealed Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth from the great congregation.
- 11 Thou, O LORD, wilt not withhold Thy compassion from me;
¹Thy ^alovingkindness and Thy truth will continually preserve me.
- 12 For evils beyond number have ^asurrounded me; My ^biniquities have overtaken me; so that I am not able to see; *the consequences of personal sin*
They are ^cmore numerous than the hairs of my head; And my ^dheart has ¹failed me. *In the midst of my afflictions, the prayer for speedy help*
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; Make ^ahaste, O LORD, to help me.
- 14 Let those be ^aashamed and humiliated together Who ^bseek my ¹life to destroy it; Let those be turned back and dishonored Who delight ²in my hurt.
- 15 Let those ^abe ¹appalled because of their shame Who ^bsay to me, "Aha, aha."
- 16 Let all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; Let those who love Thy salvation ^asay continually, "The LORD be magnified!"
- 17 Since ^aI am afflicted and needy, *present help is at hand*
¹Let the Lord be mindful of me; Thou art my help and my deliverer; *confession of past sin*
Do not delay, O my God.

7¹ Or, prescribed for
8^a Ps. 37:31; 2 Cor. 3:3
9^a Ps. 22:25 bPs. 119:13
^cPs. 139:4; Josh. 22:22
MANT, PART
10^a Acts 20:20, 27 bPs. 89:1
- MERCY
- PEACE
11¹ Or, May ... preserve
^aPs. 43:3; 57:3; 61:7; Prov. 20:28
12¹ Lit., forsaken
^aPs. 18:5; 116:3 bPs. 38:4; 65:3 cPs. 69:4 dPs. 73:26
DIPATIE
13^a Ps. 22:19; 71:12
14¹ Or, soul² Or, to injure me
^aPs. 35:4, 26; 70:2; 71:13 bPs. 63:9
15¹ Or, desolated
^aPs. 70:3 bPs. 35:21; 70:3
16^a Ps. 35:27
The goal of Jesus' teaching
17¹ Or, The Lord is mindful
^aPs. 70:5; 86:1; 109:22 bPs. 40:5; 1 Pet. 5:7
1¹ Or, poor² Or, evil
^aPs. 82:3, 4; Prov. 14:21 bPs. 27:5; 37:19

PSALM 41

The Psalmist in Sickness Complains of Enemies and False Friends.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- How blessed is he who ^aconsiders the ¹helpless;
The LORD will deliver him ^bin a day of ²trouble.
- 2 The LORD will ^aprotect him, and keep him alive, And he shall ¹be called ^bblessed upon the earth; And ^cdo not give him over to the desire of his enemies.
 - 3 The LORD will sustain him upon his ^asickbed; In his illness, Thou dost ¹restore him to health.
 - 4 As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; ^aHeal my soul, for ^bI have sinned against Thee."

2¹ Or, be blessed
^aPs. 37:28 bPs. 37:22 cPs. 27:12
3¹ Lit., dost turn all his bed
^aPs. 6:6
4^a Ps. 6:2; 103:3; 147:3 bPs. 51:4

5 *Ps. 38:12

6 ¹Or, *if he* ²Or, *emptiness*
^aPs. 12:2; 62:4; Prov. 26:24-26

7 *Ps. 56:5

8 ¹Or, *within*
^aPs. 71:10, 11

9 ^aJob 19:13, 19; Ps. 55:12, 13, 20; Jer. 20:10; Mic. 7:5; John 13:18

10 *Ps. 3:3

11 *Ps. 37:23; 147:11 ^bPs. 25:2

12 *Ps. 18:32; 37:17; 63:8
^bPs. 21:6; Job 36:7

13 *Ps. 72:18, 19; 89:52; 106:48; 150:6

^f Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm*

1 ¹Lit., *longs for*
^aPs. 119:131

2 ¹Some mss. read, *see the face of God*
^aPs. 63:1; 84:2; 143:6 ^bPs. 84:2; Josh. 3:10; Jer. 10:10; Dan. 6:26; Matt. 26:63; Rom. 9:26; 1 Thess. 1:9 ^cPs. 43:4; 84:7; Ex. 23:17

3 *Ps. 80:5; 102:9 ^bPs. 79:10; 115:2; Joel 2:17; Mic. 7:10

4 ¹Or, *move slowly with them*
^aPs. 62:8; 1 Sam. 1:15; Job 30:16; Lam. 2:19 ^bPs. 55:14; 122:1; Is. 30:29 ^cPs. 100:4

5 ¹Or, *sunk down* ²Or, *wait for* ³Or, *still* ⁴Some ancient versions read, *Him, the help of my countenance and my God* ⁵Or, *saving acts of*
^aPs. 38:6; Matt. 26:38 ^bPs. 77:3 ^cPs. 71:14; Lam. 3:24 ^dPs. 44:3

6 ¹Or, *sunk down* ²Lit., *Hermons*
^aPs. 61:2 ^b2 Sam. 17:22 ^cDeut. 3:8

- 5 My enemies ^aspeak evil against me, "When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 And ¹when he comes to see *me*, he ^aspeaks ²falsehood; His heart gathers wickedness to itself; When he goes outside, he tells it.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they ^adevise my hurt, *saying*
- 8 "A wicked thing is poured out ¹upon him, That when he lies down, he will ^anot rise up again."
- 9 Even my ^aclose friend, in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.
- 10 But Thou, O LORD, be gracious to me, and ^araise me up, That I may repay them.
- 11 By this I know that ^aThou art pleased with me, Because ^bmy enemy does not shout in triumph over me.
- 12 As for me, ^aThou dost uphold me in my integrity, And Thou dost set me ^bin Thy presence forever.
- 13 ^aBlessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

BOOK 2

PSALM 42

Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.

For the choir director. A ^fMaskil of the sons of Korah.

- As the deer ¹pants for the water brooks, ²So my soul ^{1a}pants for Thee, O God.
- 2 My soul ^athirsts for God, for the ^bliving God. When shall I come and ^{1c}appear before God?
- 3 My ^atears have been my food day and night, While *they* ^bsay to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
- 4 These things I remember, and I ^apour out my soul within me. For I ^bused to go along with the throng and ^clead them in procession to the house of God, With the voice of ^djoy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival!
- 5 Why are you ^{1a}in despair, O my soul? And *why* have you become ^bdisturbed within me? ^{2c}Hope in God, for I shall ³again praise ⁴Him. For the ^dhelp of His presence.
- 6 O my God, my soul is ^{1b}in despair within me; Therefore I ^aremember Thee from ^bthe land of the Jordan, And the ²peaks of ^cHermons from Mount Mizar.

7 [Deep calls to deep at the sound of Thy waterfalls;
 All Thy breakers and Thy waves have rolled over me.
 8 The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the
 daytime] *And of the God of redemption*
 And His song will be with me in the night,
 A prayer to the God of my life. *El who is*

9 I will say to God my rock, "Why hast Thou forgotten me?
 Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

10 As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me,
 While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" *Elchim*

11 Why are you in despair, O my soul?
 And why have you become disturbed within me?
 Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, *Elchim*
 The help of my countenance, and my God. *Elchim*

PSALM 43

Prayer for Deliverance.

VINDICATE me, O God, and plead my case against an
 ungodly nation;

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

2 For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou
 rejected me? *Elchim, my fortress*
 Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me;
 Let them bring me to Thy holy hill, *the place here to*
 And to Thy dwelling places. *the place here to*

4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
El To God my exceeding joy; *square or fountain here and joy*
 And upon the lyre I shall praise Thee, O God, my
 God. *Elchim El*

5 Why are you in despair, O my soul?
 And why are you disturbed within me?
 Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him;
 The help of my countenance, and my God. *Elchim*

PSALM 44

Former Deliverances and Present Troubles.

For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons
 of Korah.

O GOD, we have heard with our ears,
 Our fathers have told us,
 The work that Thou didst in their days,
 In the days of old.

7 Ps. 69:1, 2; 88:7; Jonah 2:3
Or, "The land is in tumult, and the soul of the just is troubled because of the roaring of the waves."

8 Ps. 57:3; 133:3 bPs. 16:7; 63:6; 77:6; 149:5; Job 35:10
 cEccles. 5:18; 8:15
Or, "I will praise Thee, O God, in the night, as I follow by a night of peace."

9 Or, while the enemy oppresses
 Ps. 18:2 bPs. 38:6 cPs. 17:9

10 Ps. 42:3

11 Or, sunk down Or, Wait for Or, saving acts of
 Ps. 42:5

1 Or, Mayest Thou
 Ps. 26:1; 35:24 b1 Sam. 24:15 cPs. 5:6; 38:12
Or, "The end of all sense of guilt."

2 Or, while the enemy oppresses
 Ps. 18:1; 28:7; 31:4 bPs. 44:9; 88:14 cPs. 42:9
Or, "The sound of the lyre shall bring me joy because of the square of the lyre."

3 Ps. 36:9 bPs. 2:6; 42:4; 46:4 cPs. 44:1
Or, "The lyre shall bring me joy because of the square of the lyre."

4 Lit, the gladness of my joy
 Ps. 26:6 bPs. 21:6 cPs. 33:2; 49:4; 57:8; 71:22
Or, "The lyre shall bring me joy because of the square of the lyre."

5 Or, sunk down Or, Wait for Or, still Or, saving acts of
 Ps. 42:11
Or, "The lyre shall bring me joy because of the square of the lyre."

1 Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm

1 Ps. 78:3; Ex. 12:26, 27; Deut. 6:20; Judg. 6:13 bPs. 78:12 cPs. 77:5; Deut. 32:7; Is. 51:9; 63:9

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2 ^aPs. 78:55; 80:8; Josh. 3:10; Neh. 9:24 ^bEx. 15:17; 2 Sam. 7:10; Jer. 24:6; Amos 9:15 ^cPs. 135:10-12 ^dPs. 80:9, 11; Zech. 2:6

3 ^aJosh. 24:12 ^bPs. 77:15 ^cPs. 4:6; 89:15 ^dPs. 106:4; Deut. 4:37; 7:7, 8; 10:15

4 ¹Lit., *salvation*
^aPs. 74:12 ^bPs. 42:8

5 ^aPs. 60:12; Deut. 33:17; Dan. 8:4 ^bPs. 108:13; Zech. 10:5

6 ^aPs. 33:16; 1 Sam. 17:47; Hos. 1:7

7 ^aPs. 136:24 ^bPs. 53:5

8 ¹*Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 34:2 ^bPs. 10:12

9 ^aPs. 43:2; 60:1, 10; 74:1; 89:38; 108:11 ^bPs. 69:19 ^cPs. 60:10; 108:11

10 ^aPs. 89:43; Lev. 26:17; Josh. 7:8, 12 ^bPs. 89:41

11 ¹Lit., *for food*
^aPs. 44:22 ^bPs. 106:27; Lev. 26:33; Deut. 4:27; 28:64; Ezek. 20:23

12 ¹Lit., *for no wealth* ²Or, *set a high price on them*
^aDeut. 32:30; Judg. 2:14; 3:8; Jer. 15:13

13 ^aPs. 79:4; 89:41 ^bPs. 80:6; Ezek. 23:32

14 ¹Lit., *shaking of the head*
^aPs. 69:11; Job 17:6; Jer. 24:9 ^bPs. 109:25; 2 Kin. 19:21

15 ¹Lit., *the shame of my face has covered me*
^aPs. 69:7; 2 Chr. 32:21

16 ^aPs. 74:10 ^bPs. 8:2

17 ^aPs. 78:7; 119:61, 83, 109, 141, 153, 176 ^bPs. 78:57

18 ^aPs. 78:57 ^bPs. 119:51, 157; Job 23:11

19 ^aPs. 51:8; 94:5 ^bJob 30:29; Is. 13:22; Jer. 9:11 ^cJob 3:5

20 ¹Lit., *palms*
^aPs. 78:11 ^bPs. 81:9

21 ^aPs. 139:1, 2; Jer. 17:10

- 2 Thou with Thine own hand didst ^adrive out the nations;
Then Thou didst ^bplant them;
Thou didst ^cafflict the peoples,
Then Thou didst ^dspread them abroad.
- 3 For by their own sword they ^adid not possess the land;
And their own arm did not save them;
But Thy right hand, and Thy ^barm, and the ^clight of Thy presence,
For Thou didst ^dfavor them.
- 4 Thou art ^amy King, O God;
^bCommand ⁱvictories for Jacob.
- 5 Through Thee we will ^apush back our adversaries;
Through Thy name we will ^btrample down those who rise up against us.
- 6 For I will ^anot trust in my bow,
Nor will my sword save me.
- 7 But Thou ^ahast saved us from our adversaries,
And Thou hast ^bput to shame those who hate us.
- 8 In God we have ^aboasted all day long,
And we will ^bgive thanks to Thy name forever. [¹*Selah*.]
- 9 Yet Thou ^ahast rejected us and brought us to ^bdishonor,
And ^cdost not go out with our armies.
- 10 Thou dost cause us to ^aturn back from the adversary;
And those who hate us ^bhave taken spoil for themselves.
- 11 Thou dost give us as ^asheep ¹to be eaten,
And hast ^bscattered us among the nations.
- 12 Thou dost ^asell Thy people ¹cheaply,
And hast not ²profited by their sale.
- 13 Thou dost make us a ^areproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and a ^bderision to those around us.
- 14 Thou dost make us ^aa byword among the nations,
A ¹blaughingstock among the peoples.
- 15 All day long my dishonor is before me,
And ¹my ^ahumiliation has overwhelmed me,
- 16 Because of the voice of the him who ^areproaches and reviles,
Because of the presence of the ^benemy and the avenger.
- 17 All this has come upon us, but we have ^anot forgotten Thee,
And we have not ^bdealt falsely with Thy covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not ^aturned back,
And our steps ^bhave not deviated from Thy way,
- 19 Yet Thou hast ^acrushed us in a place of ^bjackals,
And covered us with ^cthe shadow of death.
- 20 If we had ^aforgotten the name of our God,
Or extended our ¹hands to ^ba strange god;
- 21 Would not God ^afind this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.

- 22 But ^afor Thy sake we are killed all day long;
We are considered as ^bsheep to be slaughtered.
- 23 ^aArouse Thyself, why ^bdost Thou sleep, O Lord?
Awake, ^cdo not reject us forever.
- 24 Why dost Thou ^ahide Thy face,
And ^bforget our affliction and our oppression?
- 25 For our ^asoul has sunk down into the dust;
Our body cleaves to the earth.
- 26 ^aRise up, be our help,
And ^bredeem us for the sake of Thy lovingkindness.

PSALM 45

A Song Celebrating the King's Marriage.

For the choir director; according to the
⁴Shoshannim. A ^aMaskil of the sons of Korah.
A Song of Love.

- My** heart ¹overflows with a good theme;
I ²address my ³verses to the ⁴King;
My tongue is the pen of ^aa ready writer.
- 2 Thou art fairer than the sons of men;
Grace is poured ¹upon Thy lips;
Therefore God has ^ablessed Thee forever.
- 3 Gird Thy sword on *Thy* thigh, O ^{1a}Mighty One,
In Thy splendor and Thy majesty!
- 4 And in Thy majesty ride on victoriously,
For the cause of truth and ^ameekness *and*
righteousness;
Let Thy ^bright hand teach Thee ¹awesome things.
- 5 Thy ^aarrows are sharp;
The ^bpeoples fall under Thee;
Thy arrows are ^cin the heart of the King's enemies.
- 6 ^aThy throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of ^buprightness is the scepter of Thy
kingdom.
- 7 Thou hast ^aloved righteousness, and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, Thy God, has ^banointed Thee
With the oil of joy above Thy fellows.
- 8 All Thy garments are fragrant with ^amyrrh and aloes
and cassia;
Out of ivory palaces ^bstringed instruments have made
Thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among ^aThy noble ladies;
At Thy ^bright hand stands the queen in ^cgold from
Ophir.
- 10 Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear;
^aForget your people and your father's house;
- 11 Then the King will desire your beauty;
Because He is your ^aLord, ^bbow down to Him.
- 12 And the daughter of ^aTyre *will come* with a gift;
The ^brich among the people will entreat your favor.

22 ^aRom. 8:36 ^bIs. 53:7; Jer. 12:3

23 ^aPs. 7:6 ^bPs. 78:65 ^cPs. 77:7

24 ^aPs. 88:14; Job 13:24 ^bPs. 42:9; Lam. 5:20

25 ^aPs. 119:25

26 ^aPs. 35:2 ^bPs. 6:4; 25:22

¹ Or possibly, *Lilies*
² Possibly, *Contemplative,*
or Didactic, or Skillful
Psalm

¹ Lit., *is astir* ² Lit., *am saying* ³ Lit., *works* ⁴ Probably refers to Solomon as a type of Christ.
^a Ezra 7:6

² ¹ Or, *through*
^a Ps. 21:6

³ ¹ Or, *warrior*
^a Is. 9:6

⁴ ¹ Or, *fearful*
^a Zeph. 2:3 ^b Ps. 21:8

⁵ ^a Ps. 18:14; 120:4; Is. 5:28; 7:13 ^b Ps. 92:9 ^c 2 Sam. 18:14

⁶ ^a Ps. 93:2; Heb. 1:8, 9 ^b Ps. 98:9

⁷ ^a Ps. 11:7; 33:5 ^b Ps. 2:2

⁸ ^a Song of Sol. 4:14; John 19:39 ^b Ps. 150:4

⁹ ^a Song of Sol. 6:8 ^b 1 Kin. 2:19 ^c 1 Kin. 9:28; Is. 13:12

¹⁰ ^a Deut. 21:13; Ruth 1:16, 17

¹¹ ^a Cen. 18:12; 1 Pet. 3:6 ^b Eph. 5:33

¹² ^a Ps. 87:4 ^b Ps. 22:29; 68:29; 72:10, 11

13 ^aEx. 39:2, 3

14 ^aSong of Sol. 1:4 ^bJudg. 5:30; Ezek. 16:10 ^cPs. 45:9

17 ^aMal. 1:11 ^bPs. 138:4

^f Possibly, for soprano voices

1 ¹Or, *Abundantly available for help* ²Or, *tight places*
^aPs. 14:6; 62:7, 8 ^bPs. 145:18; Deut. 4:7 ^cPs. 9:9

2 ¹Lit., *seas*
^aPs. 23:4; 27:1 ^bPs. 82:5 ^cPs. 18:7

3 ¹*Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 93:3, 4; Jer. 5:22

4 ^aPs. 36:8; 65:9; Is. 8:6; Rev. 22:1 ^bPs. 48:1; 87:3; 101:8; Is. 60:14; Rev. 3:12 ^cPs. 43:3

5 ¹Lit., *at the turning of the morning*
^aDeut. 23:14; Is. 12:6; Ezek. 43:7, 9; Hos. 11:9; Joel 2:27; Zech. 2:5 ^bPs. 37:40; Is. 41:14; Luke 1:54

6 ¹Or, *Gentiles* ²Lit., *gave forth*
^aPs. 2:1, 2 ^bPs. 18:13; 68:33; Jer. 25:30; Joel 2:11; Amos 1:2 ^cAmos 9:5; Mic. 1:4; Nah. 1:5

7 ^aNum. 14:9; 2 Chr. 13:12 ^bPs. 9:9; 48:3

8 ¹Or, *Which He has wrought as desolations*
^aPs. 66:5 ^bIs. 61:4; Jer. 51:43

9 ^aIs. 2:4; Mic. 4:3 ^bPs. 76:3; 1 Sam. 2:4 ^cIs. 9:5; Ezek. 39:9

10 ¹Or, *Let go, relax* ²Or, *Gentiles*
^aPs. 100:3 ^bIs. 2:11, 17

- 13 The King's daughter is all glorious within;
Her clothing is ^ainterwoven with gold.
14 She will be ^aled to the King ^bin embroidered work;
The ^cvirgins, her companions who follow her,
Will be brought to Thee.
15 They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing;
They will enter into the King's palace.

- 16 In place of Thy fathers will be Thy sons;
Thou shalt make them princes in all the earth.
17 I will cause ^aThy name to be remembered in all generations;
Therefore the peoples ^bwill give Thee thanks forever and ever.

PSALM 46

God the Refuge of His People.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah, ²set to Alamoth. A Song.

- GOD** is our ^arefuge and strength,
¹A very ^bpresent help ^cin ²trouble.
2 Therefore we will ^anot fear, though ^bthe earth should change,
And though ^cthe mountains slip into the heart of the ¹sea;
3 Though its ^awaters roar *and* foam,
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. [¹Selah.]
4 There is a ^ariver whose streams make glad the ^bcity of God,
The holy ^cdwelling places of the Most High.
5 God is ^ain the midst of her, she will not be moved;
God will ^bhelp her ¹when morning dawns.
6 The ¹nations ^amade an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;
He ²raised His voice, the earth ^cmelted.
7 The LORD of hosts ^ais with us;
The God of Jacob is ^bour stronghold. [Selah.]
8 Come, ^abehold the works of the LORD,
¹Who has wrought ^bdesolations in the earth.
9 He ^amakes wars to cease to the end of the earth;
He ^bbreaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He ^cburns the chariots with fire.
10 ¹"Cease *striving* and ^aknow that I am God;
I will be ^bexalted among the ²nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. [Selah.]

PSALM 47

God the King of the Earth.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- O ^aCLAP your hands, all peoples;
Shout to God with the voice of ^{1b}joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be ^afeared,
A ^bgreat King over all the earth.
- 3 He ^asubdues peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our ^ainheritance for us,
The ^bglory of Jacob whom He loves. [1Selah.
- 5 God has ^aascended ¹with a shout,
The LORD, ¹with the ^bsound of a trumpet.
- 6 ^aSing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to ^bour King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the ^aKing of all the earth;
Sing praises ^bwith a ¹skillful psalm.
- 8 God ^areigns over the nations,
God ¹sits on ^bHis holy throne.
- 9 The ^{1a}princes of the people have assembled themselves
as the ^bpeople of the God of Abraham;
For the ^cshields of the earth belong to God;
He ²is ^dhighly exalted.

PSALM 48

The Beauty and Glory of Zion.

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- ^aGREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
In the ^bcity of our God, His ^choly mountain.
- 2 ^aBeautiful in elevation, ^bthe joy of the whole earth,
Is Mount Zion in the far north,
The ^ccity of the great King.
- 3 God, in her palaces,
Has made Himself known as a ^astronghold.
- 4 For, lo, the ^akings assembled themselves,
They passed by together.
- 5 They saw it, then they were amazed;
They were ^aterrified, they ¹fled in alarm.
- 6 ¹Panic seized them there,
Anguish, as of ^aa woman in childbirth.
- 7 With the ^aeast wind
Thou ^bdost break the ^cships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God;
God will ^aestablish her forever. [1Selah.
- 9 We have thought on ^aThy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of Thy temple.
- 10 As is Thy ^aname, O God,

1 ¹Or, *a ringing cry*
^aPs. 98:8 ^bPs. 106:472 ^aPs. 66:3, 5; 68:35; Deut. 7:21; Neh. 1:5 ^bMal. 1:143 ^aPs. 18:474 ¹Selah may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^a1 Pet. 1:4 ^bAmos 6:8; 8:7; Nah. 2:25 ¹Or, *amid*
^aPs. 68:18, 25 ^bPs. 98:6 [1Selah.

6 ^aPs. 68:4 ^bPs. 89:18

7 ¹Heb., *Mashil*
^aZech. 14:9 ^b1 Cor. 14:15

8 ¹Or, *has taken His seat*
^aPs. 22:28; 1 Chr. 16:31 ^bPs. 97:2

9 ¹Or, *nobles* ²Lit., *has greatly exalted Himself*
^aPs. 72:11; 102:22; Is. 49:7, 23
^bRom. 4:11, 12 ^cPs. 89:18
^dPs. 97:9

1 ^aPs. 96:4; 145:3; 1 Chr. 16:25 ^bPs. 46:4 ^cPs. 2:6; 87:1; Is. 2:3; Mic. 4:1; Zech. 8:3

2 ^aPs. 50:2 ^bLam. 2:15
^cMatt. 5:35

3 ^aPs. 46:7

4 ^a2 Sam. 10:6-19

5 ¹Lit., *were hurried away*
^aEx. 15:15

6 ¹Lit., *Trembling*
^aIs. 13:8

7 ^aJer. 18:17 ^b1 Kin. 22:48
^c1 Kin. 10:22; Ezek. 27:25

8 ¹Selah may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 87:5

9 ^aPs. 26:3; 40:10

10 ^aDeut. 28:58; Josh. 7:9; Mal. 1:11

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10 ^bPs. 65:1, 2; 100:1 ^cIs. 41:10

11 ^aPs. 97:8

12 ^aNeh. 3:1, 11, 25-27

13 ^aPs. 122:7 ^bPs. 78:5-7

14 ¹Lit., *this* ²Lit., *upon*.
Some mss. and the Greek
version read, *forever*.
^aPs. 23:4; Is. 58:11

1 ^aPs. 78:1; Is. 1:2; Mic. 1:2
^bPs. 33:8

2 ^aPs. 62:9

3 ^aPs. 37:30 ^bPs. 119:130

4 ¹Lit., *open up*
^aPs. 78:2 ^{b2} Kin. 3:15 ^cNum. 12:8

5 ¹Lit., *supplanters*
^aPs. 23:4; 27:1

6 ^aPs. 52:7; Job 31:24;
Prov. 11:28; Mark 10:24

7 ^aMatt. 25:8, 9 ^bJob 36:18, 19

8 ¹Lit., *their*

9 ¹Or, *undergo decay*
^aPs. 22:29 ^bPs. 16:10; 89:48

10 ^aEccles. 2:16 ^bPs. 92:6;
94:8 ^cPs. 39:6; Eccles. 2:18,
21; Luke 12:20

11 ¹Some versions read,
graves are their houses
^aPs. 64:6 ^bPs. 10:6 ^cDeut. 3:14

12 ¹Lit., *honor* ²Or,
animals ¹Lit., *are destroyed*
^aPs. 49:20

13 ¹*Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aJer. 17:11 ^bPs. 49:18

14 ¹*E.e., the nether world*
^aPs. 9:17 ^bDan. 7:18; Mal. 4:3; 1 Cor. 6:2; Rev. 2:26

So is Thy ^bpraise to the ends of the earth;
Thy ^cright hand is full of righteousness.

- 11 Let Mount ^aZion be glad,
Let the ^adaughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of Thy judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go around her;
Count her ^atowers;
- 13 Consider her ^aramparts;
Go through her palaces;
That you may ^btell it to the next generation.
- 14 For ¹such is God,
Our God forever and ever;
He will ^aguide us ²until death.

PSALM 49

The Folly of Trusting in Riches.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah.

- ^aHEAR this, all peoples;
Give ear, all ^binhabitants of the world.
- 2 Both ^alow and high,
Rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth will ^aspeak wisdom;
And the meditation of my heart *will be* ^bunder-
standing.
- 4 I will incline my ear to ^aa proverb;
^bI will ¹express my ^criddle on the harp.
- 5 Why should I ^afear in days of adversity,
When the iniquity of my ¹foes surrounds me,
- 6 Even those who ^atrust in their wealth,
And boast in the abundance of their riches?
- 7 No man can by any means ^aredeem *his* brother,
Or give to God a ^bransom for him—
- 8 For the redemption of ¹his soul is costly,
And he should cease *trying* forever—
- 9 That he should ^alive on eternally;
That he should not ^{1b}see the pit.
- 10 For he sees *that even* ^awise men die;
The ^bstupid and the senseless alike perish,
And ^cleave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their ^{1a}inner thought is, *that* their houses ^bare forever,
And their dwelling places to all generations;
They have ^ccalled their lands after their own names.
- 12 But ^aman in *his* ¹pomp will not endure;
He is like the ²beasts that ³perish.
- 13 This is the ^away of those who are foolish,
And of those after them who ^bapprove their words.
[¹*Selah*.
- 14 As sheep they are appointed ^afor ¹Sheol;
Death shall be their shepherd;
And the ^bupright shall rule over them in the morning;

And their form shall be for ¹Sheol ^cto consume,
²So that they have no habitation.
 15 But God will ^aredeem my soul from the ¹power of
²Sheol;
 For ^bHe will receive me. [Selah.]
 16 Do not be afraid ^awhen a man becomes rich,
 When the ¹glory of his house is increased;
 17 For when he dies he will ^acarry nothing away;
 His ¹glory will not descend after him.
 18 Though while he lives he ^acongratulates ¹himself—
 And though *men* praise you when you do well for your-
 self—
 19 ¹He shall ^ago to the generation of his fathers;
 They shall never see ^bthe light.
 20 ^aMan in *his* ¹pomp, yet without understanding,
 Is like the ²beasts that ³perish.

14 ¹I.e., the nether world
²Lit., Away from his
 habitation
^cJob 24:19
 15 ¹Lit., hand ²I.e., the
 nether world
^aPs. 16:10; 56:13; Hos. 13:14
^bPs. 16:11; 73:24; Gen. 5:24
 16 ¹Or, wealth
^aPs. 37:7
 17 ¹Or, wealth
^aPs. 17:14; 1 Tim. 6:7
 18 ¹Lit., his soul
^aPs. 10:3, 6; Deut. 29:19;
 Luke 12:19
 19 ¹Lit., You, or, It
^aGen. 15:15 ^bPs. 56:13; Job
 33:30
 20 ¹Lit., honor ²Or,
 animals ³Lit., are destroyed
^aPs. 49:12

PSALM 50

God the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

THE Mighty One, God, the LORD has spoken,
 And summoned ^bthe earth ^bfrom the rising of the sun to
 its setting.
 2 Out of Zion, ^athe perfection of beauty, ¹the LORD
 God ^bhas shone forth.
 3 ^aMay our God ^bcome and not keep silence;
^bFire devours before Him,
 And it is very ^ftempestuous ^aaround Him.
 4 He ^asummons the heavens above,
 And the earth; to judge His people:
 5 "Gather ^{My} ^agodly ones to Me,
 Those who have made a ^bcovenant with Me by
^csacrifice.
 6 And the ^aheavens declare His righteousness,
 For ^bGod Himself is judge.
 7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak;
 O Israel, and I will testify ^aagainst you,
 I am God, ^byour God.
 8 "I do ^anot reprove you for your sacrifices,
 And your burnt offerings are continually before Me.
 9 "I shall take no ^ayoung bull out of your house,
 Nor male goats out of your folds.
 10 "For ^aevery beast of the forest is Mine,
 The cattle on a thousand hills.
 11 "I know every ^abird of the mountains,
 And everything that moves in the field is ¹Mine.
 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
 For the ^aworld is Mine, and ¹all it contains.
 13 "Shall I eat the flesh of ¹bulls,
 Or drink the blood of male goats?
 14 "Offer to God ^aa sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 And ^bpay your vows to the Most High;

1 ^aPs. 22:22 ^bPs. 113:3
 2 ^aPs. 48:2; Lam. 2:15 ^bPs.
 80:1; 94:1; Deut. 33:2
 3 ^aPs. 96:13 ^bPs. 97:3; Lev.
 10:2; Num. 16:35; Dan. 7:10
^cPs. 18:12, 13 ¹The perfection
 of Zion is Jerusalem
 4 ^aDeut. 4:26; 31:28; 32:1;
 Is. 1:2
 5 ^aPs. 30:4; 37:28; 52:9,
^bPs. 25:10; Ex. 24:7; 2 Chr.
 6:11 ^cPs. 50:8
 6 ¹Selah may mean:
 Pause, Crescendo or
 Musical interlude
^aPs. 89:5; 97:6 ^bPs. 96:13
 7 ¹Or, to
^aPs. 49:1; 81:8 ^bPs. 48:14; Ex.
 20:2
 8 ^aPs. 40:6; 51:16; Is. 1:11;
 Hos. 6:6
 9 ^aPs. 69:31
 10 ^aPs. 104:24
 11 ¹Or, in My mind, lit.,
 with Me ²Ps. 139:7-12
^aMatt. 6:26
 12 ¹Lit., its fullness
^aPs. 24:1; Ex. 19:5; Deut.
 10:14
 13 ¹Lit., strong ones
^aPs. 50:9
 14 ^aPs. 27:6; 69:30; 107:22;
 116:17; Hos. 14:2; Rom.
 12:1; Heb. 13:15 ^bPs. 22:25;
 56:12; 61:8; 65:1; 76:11;
 Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21

Psalms 50, 51

15 *Ps. 91:15; 107:6, 13;
Zech. 13:9 *Ps. 81:7 *Ps.
22:23

16 *Is. 29:13
Wicked *SINNERS*

17 *Prov. 5:12; 12:1; Rom.
2:21, 22 *1 Kin. 14:9; Neh.
9:26

18 ¹Some ancient versions
read, *run together* ²Lit., your
part is with

*Rom. 1:32 *1 Tim. 5:22

19 ¹Lit., send
*Ps. 10:7 *Ps. 36:3; 52:2

20 *Job 19:18; Matt. 10:21

21 *Eccles. 8:11; Is. 42:14;
57:11 *Ps. 90:8

22 *Job 8:13; Ps. 9:17 *Ps.

23 ¹Lit., sets
*Ps. 50:14 *Ps. 85:13 *Ps.
91:16

*2 Sam. 12:1
Prayer for Judah

1 *Ps. 4:1; 109:26 *Ps.
69:16; 106:45 *Ps. 51:9; Is.
43:25; 44:22; Acts 3:19; Col.
2:14

2 *Ps. 51:7; Is. 1:16; 4:4;
Jer. 4:14; Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5
*Jer. 33:8; Ezek. 36:33; Heb.
9:14; 1 John 1:7,9

3 ¹Or, *I myself know*
*Is. 59:12

4 ¹Or, *mayest be in the
right* ²Many mss. read, in
Thy words ³Lit., pure
*Ps. 41:4; Gen. 20:6; 39:9;
2 Sam. 12:13 *Luke 15:21
[Rom. 3:4]

5 *Ps. 58:3; Job 14:4; 15:14;
Eph. 2:3

6 ¹Or, *inward parts*
*Ps. 15:2; Job 38:36 *Prov.
2:6; Eccles. 2:26; James 1:5

7 ¹Or, *Mayest Thou
purify... that I may be
clean* ²Or, *Mayest Thou
wash*
*Ex. 12:22; Lev. 14:4; Num.
19:18; Heb. 9:19 *Is. 1:18

8 ¹Or, *Mayest Thou make*
*Is. 35:10; Joel 1:16 *Ps.
35:10

9 *Jer. 16:17

15 "And ^acall upon Me in the day of trouble;
I shall ^brescue you, and you will ^chonor Me."

16 But to the wicked God says,
"What right have you to tell of My statutes;
And to take ^aMy covenant in your mouth?"

17 "For you ^ahate discipline,
And you ^bcast My words behind you.

18 "When you see ^aa thief, you ¹are pleased with him,
And ²you ^bassociate with adulterers;

19 "You ¹let your mouth loose in evil,
And your ^btongue frames deceit.

20 "You sit and ^aspeak against your brother;
You slander your own mother's son.

21 "These things you have done, and ^aI kept silence;
I thought that I was just like you;
I will ^bimprove you, and state the case in order before
your eyes.

22 "Now consider this, you who ^aforget God,
Lest I ^btear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 "He who ^aoffers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me;
And to him who ^borders his way aright
I shall ^cshow the salvation of God."

PSALM 51

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David,
when ^eNathan the prophet came to him, after
he had gone in to Bathsheba

^aBE gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness;
According to the greatness of ^bThy compassion blot
out my transgressions;

2 ^aWash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And ^bcleanse me from my sin;

3 For I ^aknow my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.

4 ^aAgainst Thee, Thee only, I have sinned,
And done what is ^bevil in Thy sight,
So that ^cThou ¹art justified ²when Thou dost speak,
And ³blameless when Thou dost judge.

5 Behold, I was ^abrought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me;

6 Behold, Thou dost desire ^atruth in the innermost
being,
And in the hidden part Thou wilt ^bmake me know
wisdom.

7 ¹Purify me ^bwith hyssop, and I shall be clean;
²Wash me, and I shall be ^bwhiter than snow;

8 ¹Make me to hear ^ajoy and gladness,
Let the ^bbones which Thou hast broken rejoice.

9 ^aHide Thy face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.

- 10 ^{Ekhem} Create ¹in me a ^bclean heart, O ^cGod,
And renew ^{2a} a ^csteadfast spirit within me.
- 11 ^aDo not cast me away from Thy presence,
And do not take Thy ^bHoly Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the ^ajoy of Thy salvation,
And sustain me with a ^bwilling spirit.
- 13 *Then* I will ^ateach transgressors Thy ways,
And sinners will ^{1b} be ^bconverted to Thee.
- 14 Deliver me from ^abloodguiltiness, O ^{Ekhem} God, Thou ^bGod
of my salvation;
Then my ^ctongue will joyfully sing of Thy right-
eousness.
- 15 O LORD, ^{1a}open my lips, ^{1b} ^{1c} ^{1d} ^{1e} ^{1f} ^{1g} ^{1h} ¹ⁱ ^{1j} ^{1k} ^{1l} ^{1m} ¹ⁿ ^{1o} ^{1p} ^{1q} ^{1r} ^{1s} ^{1t} ^{1u} ^{1v} ^{1w} ^{1x} ^{1y} ^{1z}
That my mouth may ^bdeclare Thy praise.
- 16 For Thou ^adost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I
would give it;
Thou art not pleased with burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a ^abroken spirit; ^{Ekhem} ^{1b} ^{1c} ^{1d} ^{1e} ^{1f} ^{1g} ^{1h} ¹ⁱ ^{1j} ^{1k} ^{1l} ^{1m} ¹ⁿ ^{1o} ^{1p} ^{1q} ^{1r} ^{1s} ^{1t} ^{1u} ^{1v} ^{1w} ^{1x} ^{1y} ^{1z}
A broken and a contrite heart, O ^cGod, Thou wilt not
despise. ^{Ekhem}
- 18 ^aBy Thy favor do good to Zion;
^{1b}Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 *Then* Thou wilt delight in ^{1a}righteous sacrifices,
In ^bburnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then ²young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.

PSALM 52

Futility of Boastful Wickedness.

For the choir director. A ¹Maskil of David,
^awhen Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul,
and said to him, "David has come to the house
of Ahimelech."

- W**HY do you ^aboast in evil, O mighty man?
The ^blovingkindness of God *endures* all day long.
- 2 Your tongue devises ^adestruction,
Like a ^bsharp razor, ^cO worker of deceit.
- 3 You ^alove evil more than good,
^bFalsehood more than speaking what is right. [¹Selah.]
- 4 You love all words that devour,
O ^adeceitful tongue.
- 5 ¹But God will break you down forever;
He will snatch you up, and ^atear you away from your
tent,
And ^buproot you from the ^cland of the living. [¹Selah.]
- 6 And the righteous will ^asee and fear,
And will ^blaugh at him, *saying*,
- 7 "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,
But ^atrusted in the abundance of his riches,
And ^bwas strong in ¹his *evil* desire."

10 ¹Lit. *for* ²Or, *an upright*
^aEph. 2:10 ^bPs. 24:4; Matt.
5:8; Acts 15:9 ^cPs. 78:37

11 ^a2 Kin. 13:23; 24:20; Jer.
7:15 ^bIs. 63:10, 11

12 ^aPs. 13:5 ^bPs. 110:3

13 ¹Or, *turn back*
^aActs 9:21, 22 ^bPs. 22:27

14 ^aPs. 26:9; 2 Sam. 12:9
^bPs. 25:5 ^cPs. 35:28; 71:15

15 ¹Or, *mayest Thou open*
^aEx. 4:15 ^bPs. 9:14

16 ^aPs. 40:6

17 ^aPs. 34:18

18 ¹Or, *Mayest Thou build*
^aPs. 69:35; Is. 51:3 ^bPs.
102:16; 147:2

19 ¹Or, *sacrifices of*
righteousness ²Lit., *they will*
offer young bulls
^aPs. 4:5 ^bPs. 66:13, 15

¹ Possibly, *Contemplative,*
or Didactic, or Skillful
Psalm • 1 Sam. 22:9

1 ^aPs. 94:4 ^bPs. 52:8

2 ^aPs. 5:9 ^bPs. 57:4; 59:7
^cPs. 101:7

3 ¹ *Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 36:4 ^bPs. 58:3; Jer. 9:5

4 ^aPs. 120:3

5 ¹Or, *Also*
^aIs. 22:18, 19 ^bProv. 2:22 ^cPs.
27:13

6 ^aPs. 37:34; 40:3 ^bJob
22:19

7 ¹Or, *his destruction*
^aPs. 49:6 ^bPs. 10:6

8 ^aPs. 92:12; 128:3; Jer. 11:16 ^bPs. 13:5

9 ^aPs. 30:12 ^bPs. 54:6

^f I.e., sickness, a sad tone
^e Possibly, *Contemplative*,
or *Didactic*, or *Skillful*
Psalms

1 ^aPs. 53:1-6; Ps. 14:1-7

2 ¹Or, *acts wisely*

5 ¹Or, *dread* ²Or possibly,
those
^a Lev. 26:17, 36; Prov. 28:1
^bPs. 141:7; Jer. 8:1, 2; Ezek.
6:5 ^cPs. 44:7 ^d2 Kin. 17:20;
Jer. 6:30; Lam. 5:22

6 ¹Or, *restores the*
fortunes of His people ²Or,
Jacob will rejoice, Israel will
be glad

^f Possibly, *Contemplative*,
or *Didactic*, or *Skillful*
Psalms • 1 Sam. 23:19

1 ¹Lit., *judge*
^aPs. 20:1 ^b2 Chr. 20:6

2 ^aPs. 17:6; 55:1 ^bPs. 5:1

3 ¹Or, *soul* ²*Selah* may
mean: *Pause, Crescendo* or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 86:14 ^bPs. 18:48; 86:14;
140:1, 4, 11 ^c1 Sam. 20:1;
25:29; Ps. 40:14; 63:9; 70:2
^dPs. 36:1

4 ¹Lit., *as those who*
sustain
^aPs. 30:10; 37:40; 118:7 ^bPs.
37:17, 24; 41:12; 51:12;
145:14; Is. 41:10

- 8 But as for me, I am like a ^agreen olive tree in the house of God;
I ^btrust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.
9 I will ^agive Thee thanks forever, because Thou hast done it,
And I will wait on Thy name, ^bfor it is good, in the presence of Thy godly ones.

PSALM 53

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director; according to ^f*mahalath*.

A ^a*Maskil* of David.

- T**HE fool has said in his heart, "There is no God,"
They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice;
There is no one who does good.
2 God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men,
To see if there is anyone who ¹understands,
Who seeks after God.
3 Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
There is no one who does good, not even one.
4 Have the workers of wickedness no knowledge,
Who eat up My people *as though* they ate bread,
And have not called upon God?
5 There they were in great ¹fear ^a*where* no ¹fear had been;
For God ^bscattered the bones of ²him who encamped against you;
You ^cput *them* to shame, because ^dGod had rejected them.
6 O that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When God ¹restores His captive people,
²Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

PSALM 54

Prayer for Defense against Enemies.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments.

A ^f*Maskil* of David, "when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Is not David hiding himself among us?"

- S**AVE me, O God, by ^aThy name,
And ¹vindicate me by ^bThy power.
2 ^aHear my prayer, O God;
^bGive ear to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers have ^arisen against me,
And ^bviolent men have ^csought my ¹life;
They have ^dnot set God before them. [²*Selah*.]
4 Behold, ^aGod is my helper;
The Lord is ¹the ^bsustainer of my soul.

- 5 ¹He will ^arecompense the evil to ²my foes;
^{3b}Destroy them ^cin Thy ⁴faithfulness.
- 6 ^{1a}Willingly I will sacrifice to Thee;
 I will give ^bthanks to Thy name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For ¹He has ^adelivered me from all ²trouble;
 And my eye has ^blooked *with satisfaction* upon my
 enemies.

PSALM 55

Prayer for the Destruction of the Treacherous.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments.

A ⁴Maskil of David.

- ^a**G**IVE ear to my prayer, O God;
 And ^bdo not hide Thyself from my supplication.
- 2 Give ^aheed to me, and answer me;
 I am restless in my ^bcomplaint and ^{1c}am surely
 distracted,
- 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
 Because of the ^apressure of the wicked;
 For they ^bbring down ¹trouble upon me,
 And in anger they ^cbear a grudge against me.
- 4 My ^aheart is in anguish within me,
 And the terrors of ^bdeath have fallen upon me.
- 5 Fear and ^atrembling come upon me;
 And ^{1b}horror has overwhelmed me.
- 6 And I said, "O that I had wings like a dove!
 I would fly away and ^{1a}be at rest.
- 7 "Behold, I would wander far away,
 I would ^alodge in the wilderness. [¹Selah.
- 8 "I would hasten to my place of refuge
 From the ^astormy wind *and* tempest."
- 9 ¹Confuse, O Lord, ^adivide their tongues,
 For I have seen ^bviolence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls;
 And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.
- 11 ^aDestruction is in her midst;
^bOppression and deceit do not depart from her ¹streets.
- 12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me,
 Then I could bear *it*;
 Nor is it one who hates me who ^ahas exalted himself
 against me,
 Then I could hide myself from him.
- 13 But it is you, a man ¹my equal,
 My companion and my ^{2a}familiar friend.
- 14 We who had sweet ¹fellowship together,
^aWalked in the house of God in the throng.
- 15 Let ¹death come ^adeceitfully upon them;
 Let them ^bgo down alive to ²Sheol,
 For evil is in their dwelling, in their midst.

⁵ ¹Lit., *The evil will return* ²Or, *those who lie in wait for me* ³Or, *Put to silence* ⁴Or, *truth*
^aPs. 94:23 ^bPs. 143:12 ^cPs. 89:49; 96:13; Is. 42:3

⁶ ¹Or, *With a freewill offering*
^aNum. 15:3; Ps. 116:17 ^bPs. 50:14

⁷ ¹Or, *it, i.e., His name*
²Or, *distress*
^aPs. 34:6 ^bPs. 59:10; 92:11;
 112:8; 118:7

⁴ Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm*

¹ ^aPs. 54:2; 61:1; 86:6 ^bPs. 27:9

² ¹Or, *I must moan*
^aPs. 66:19; 86:6, 7 ^bPs. 64:1;
 77:3; 142:2; 1 Sam. 1:16; Job
 9:27 ^cIs. 38:14; 59:11; Ezek.
 7:16

³ ¹Or, *wickedness*
^aPs. 17:9 ^b2 Sam. 16:7, 8 ^cPs.
 71:11; 143:3

⁴ ^aPs. 38:8 ^bPs. 18:4, 5;
 116:3

⁵ ¹Lit., *shuddering*
^aPs. 119:120 ^bJob 21:6; Is.
 21:4; Ezek. 7:18

⁶ ¹Lit., *settle down*
^aJob 3:13

⁷ ¹Selah may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^a1 Sam. 23:14

⁸ ^aIs. 4:6; 25:4; 29:6

⁹ ¹Lit., *Swallow up*
^aGen. 11:9 ^bPs. 11:5; Jer. 6:7

¹¹ ¹Or, *plaza*
^aPs. 5:9 ^bPs. 10:7; 17:9

¹² ^aPs. 35:26

¹³ ¹Lit., *according to my valuation* ²Or,
acquaintance
^aPs. 41:9; Job 19:14

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *counsel, or, intimacy*
^aPs. 42:4

¹⁵ ¹Another reading is,
desolations be upon them
²I.e., *the nether world*
^aPs. 64:7; Prov. 6:15; Is.
 47:11; 1 Thess. 5:3 ^bNum.
 16:30, 33

16 *Ps. 57:2, 3

17 *Ps. 141:2; Dan. 6:10;
Acts 3:1; 10:3, 30 *Ps. 5:3;
88:13; 92:2 *Acts 10:9

18 ¹Or, *so that none may approach me*
*Ps. 103:4 *Ps. 56:2

19 ¹Or, *afflict* ²Or, *abides from* ³Lit., *are no changes*
*Ps. 78:59 *Ps. 90:2; 93:2;
Deut. 33:27 *Job 10:17 *Ps. 36:1

20 ¹Lit., *profaned*
*Ps. 7:4; 120:7 *Ps. 89:34;
Num. 30:2

21 ¹Lit., *mouth*
*Ps. 12:2; 28:3; Prov. 5:3, 4
*Ps. 57:4; 59:7

22 ¹Or, *what He has given you* ²Or, *totter*
*Ps. 37:5; 1 Pet. 5:7 *Ps. 15:5;
112:6

23 ¹Or, *lowest pit*
*Ps. 73:18; Is. 38:17; Ezek.
28:8 *Ps. 5:6 *Job 15:32;
Prov. 10:27 *Ps. 25:2; 56:3

⁴Or, *The silent dove of those who are far off, or, The dove of the distant terebinths.*

*Possibly, *Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm*

⁴1 Sam. 21:10, 11

1 ¹Or, *snapped at* ²Or, *A fighting man*
*Ps. 57:3 *Ps. 17:9

2 ¹Or, *snapped at* ²Or, *many are fighting*
*Ps. 35:25; 57:3; 124:3 *Ps. 35:1

3 ¹Lit., *In the day* ²Or, *I am one who butts*
*Ps. 55:4, 5 *Ps. 11:1

4 ¹Lit., *flesh*
*Ps. 56:10, 11 *Ps. 118:6;
Heb. 13:6

5 ¹Or, *trouble my affairs*
²Or, *purposes*
²2 Pet. 3:16 *Ps. 41:7

6 ¹Or, *stir up strife* ²Lit., *heels* ³Lit., *soul*
*Ps. 59:3; 140:2; Is. 54:15 *Ps. 17:11 *Ps. 71:10

7 ¹Or, *will they have escape?*
*Ps. 36:12; Prov. 19:5; Ezek.
17:15; Rom. 2:3 *Ps. 55:23

8 *Ps. 139:3

16 As for me, I shall ^acall upon God,
And the LORD will save me.

17 ^aEvening and ^bmorning and at ^cnoon, I will complain
and murmur,
And He will hear my voice.

18 He will ^aredeem my soul in peace ¹from the battle
which is against me,

For they are ^bmany who *strive* with me.

19 God will ^ahear and ¹answer them—
Even the one ^bwho ²sits enthroned from of old—
[Selah.]

With whom there ³is no ^cchange,
And who ^ddo not fear God.

20 He has put forth his hands against ^athose who were at
peace with him;
He has ¹violated his covenant.

21 His ¹speech was ^asmoother than butter,
But his heart was war;
His words were ^asofter than oil,
Yet they were drawn ^bswords.

22 ^aCast ¹your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain
you;

He will never allow the righteous to ²be shaken.

23 But Thou, O God, wilt bring them down to the ¹pit of
destruction;

^bMen of bloodshed and deceit will ^cnot live out half
their days.

But I will ^dtrust in Thee.

PSALM 56

Supplication for Deliverance, and Grateful Trust in God.

For the choir director; according to ^fJonath
elem rehokim. A ^aMikhtam of David, ^dwhen
the Philistines seized him in Gath.

BE gracious, O God, for man has ¹trampled upon me;
²Fighting all day long he ^boppresses me.

2 My foes have ¹trampled upon me all day long,
For ²they are many who ^bfight proudly against me.

3 ¹When I am ^aafraid,
²I will ^bput my trust in Thee.

4 ^aIn God, whose word I praise,
In God I have put my trust;
I shall not be afraid.

^bWhat can *mere* ¹man do to me?

5 All day long they ¹distort my words;
All their ²thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They ¹attack, they lurk,
They ^bwatch my ²steps,

As they have ^cwaited to *take* my ³life.

7 Because of wickedness, ¹cast them forth,
In anger ^bput down the peoples, O God!

8 Thou ^ahast taken account of my wanderings;

Put my ^btears in Thy bottle;
Are *they* not in ^cThy book?

- 9 Then my enemies will ^aturn back ^bin the day when I call;
This I know, ¹that ^cGod is for me.
- 10 In God, *whose* word I praise,
In the LORD, *whose* word I praise,
- 11 In God I have put my ¹trust, I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
- 12 Thy ^avows are *binding* upon me, O God;
I will render thank offerings to Thee.
- 13 For Thou hast ^adelivered my soul from death.
¹Indeed ^bmy feet from stumbling,
So that I may ^cwalk before God
In the ^dlight of the ²living.

PSALM 57

Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.

For the choir director; *set* to [£]Al-tashheth. A
Mikhtam of David, [£]when he fled from Saul, in
the cave.

- BE gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,
For my soul ^atakes refuge in Thee;
And in the ^bshadow of Thy wings I will take refuge,
Until destruction ^cpasses by.
- 2 I will cry to God Most High, [£]whom
To God who ^aaccomplishes *all things* for me.
- 3 He will ^asend from heaven and save me;
He reproaches him who ^btramples upon me. [²Selah.]
God will send forth His ^clovingkindness and His ³truth.
- 4 My soul is among ^alions;
I must lie among those who breathe forth fire,
Even the sons of men,--whose ^bteeth are spears and
arrows,
And their ^ctongue a sharp sword.
- 5 ^aBe exalted above the heavens, O God; [£]Exalted
Let Thy glory *be* above all the earth.
- 6 They have ¹prepared a ^anet for my steps;
My soul is ^bbowed down;
They ^cdug a pit before me;
They *themselves* have ^dfallen into the midst of it.
[Selah.]
- 7 ^aMy ^bheart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
- 8 Awake, ^amy glory;
Awake, ^bharp and lyre,
I will awaken the dawn!
- 9 I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to Thee among the ¹nations.
- 10 For Thy ^alovingkindness is great to the heavens,
And Thy ¹truth to the clouds.
- 11 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; [£]Exalted
Let Thy glory *be* above all the earth.

8 ^bPs. 39:12; 2 Kin. 20:5
^cMal. 3:16

9 ¹Or, *because*
^aPs. 9:3 ^bPs. 102:2 ^cPs. 41:11;
118:6; Rom. 8:31

11 ¹Or, *trust without fear*

12 ^aPs. 50:14

13 ¹Or, *Hast Thou not delivered* ²Or, *life*
^aPs. 33:19; 49:15; 86:13 ^bPs.
116:8 ^cPs. 116:9 ^dJob 33:30

[£] Lit., *Do Not Destroy*

[£] Possibly, *Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm*

[£] 1 Sam. 22:1; 24:3

1 ^aPs. 2:12; 34:22 ^bPs. 17:8;
36:7; 63:7; 91:4; Ruth 2:12
^cIs. 26:20

2 ^aPs. 138:8

3 ¹Or, *snaps at* ²Selah
may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude* ³Or, *faithfulness*
^aPs. 18:16; 144:5, 7 ^bPs. 56:2
^cPs. 25:10; 40:11

4 ^aPs. 35:17; 58:6 ^bProv.
30:14 ^cPs. 55:21; 59:7; 64:3;
Prov. 12:18

5 ^aPs. 57:11; Ps. 108:5

6 ¹Or, *spread*
^aPs. 10:9; 31:4; 35:7; 140:5
^bPs. 145:14 ^cPs. 7:15 ^dProv.
26:27; 28:10; Eccles. 10:8

7 ^aPs. 57:7-11; Ps. 108:1-5
^bPs. 112:7

8 ^aPs. 16:9; 30:12 ^bPs.
150:3

9 ¹Lit., *peoples*

10 ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^aPs. 36:5

[†] Lit., *Do Not Destroy*

• Possibly, Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm

¹ Another reading is, *speak righteousness in silence* ² Or, *mighty ones, or, judges* ³ Or, *uprightly the sons of men*
^a Ps. 82:2

² Mal. 3:15 ^b Ps. 94:20; Is. 10:1

³ ¹ Lit., *the womb*
^a Ps. 51:5; Is. 48:8 ^b Ps. 53:3

⁴ Ps. 140:3; Deut. 32:33

⁵ ¹ Or, *whisperers*
^a Ps. 81:11; Jer. 8:17 ^b Eccles. 10:11

⁶ Ps. 3:7; Job 4:10

⁷ ¹ Lit., *bends* ² Lit., *though they were cut off*
^a Ps. 112:10; Josh. 2:11; 7:5; Is. 13:7; Ezek. 21:7 ^b Ps. 64:3

⁸ ¹ I.e., *secretes slime*
^a Job 3:16; Eccles. 6:3

⁹ ¹ Lit., *living*
^a Ps. 118:12; Eccles. 7:6 ^b Ps. 83:15; Job 27:21; Prov. 10:25

¹⁰ Ps. 32:11; 64:10; 107:42; Job 22:19 ^b Ps. 91:8; Deut. 32:43; Jer. 11:20; 20:12 ^c Ps. 68:23

¹¹ ¹ Lit., *fruit* ² Or, *in*
^a Ps. 18:20; 19:11; Is. 3:10; Luke 6:23, 35 ^b Ps. 9:8; 67:4; 75:7; 94:2

[†] Lit., *Do Not Destroy*

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^a 1 Sam. 19:11

¹ ¹ Or, *Mayest Thou put me in an inaccessible high place*
^a Ps. 143:9 ^b Ps. 20:1; 69:29

² Ps. 14:4; 28:3; 36:12; 53:4; 92:7; 94:16; ^b Ps. 26:9; 139:19; Prov. 29:10

³ ¹ Or, *lain in wait* ² Lit., *soul* ³ Or, *strong* ⁴ Or, *stir up strife*
^a Ps. 56:6 ^b Ps. 7:3, 4; 69:4; 1 Sam. 24:11

⁴ ¹ Lit., *Without guilt* ² Lit., *meet*
^a Ps. 35:19 ^b Ps. 7:6; 35:23

PSALM 58

Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.

For the choir director; *set to* [†]Al-tashheth.

A ^aMikhtam of David.

- D**O you indeed ¹speak righteousness, O ²gods?
 Do you ^ajudge ³uprightly, O sons of men?
2 No, in heart you ^awork unrighteousness;
 On earth you ^bweigh out the violence of your hands.
3 The wicked are estranged ^afrom the womb;
 These who speak lies ^bgo astray from ¹birth.
4 They have venom like the ^avenom of a serpent;
 Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,
5 So that it ^adoes not hear the voice of ^{1b}charmers,
 Or a skillful caster of spells.
6 O God, ^ashatter their teeth in their mouth;
 Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.
7 Let them ^aflow away like water that runs off;
 When he ^{1b}aims his arrows, let them be as ²headless shafts.
8 *Let them be* as a snail which ¹melts away as it goes along,
Like the ^amiscarriages of a woman which never sees the sun.
9 Before your ^apots can feel *the fire of thorns*,
 He will ^bsweep them away with a whirlwind, the ¹green and the burning alike.
10 The ^arighteous will rejoice when he ^bsees the vengeance;
 He will ^cwash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
11 And men will say, "Surely there is a ^{1a}reward for the righteous;
 Surely there is a God who ^bjudges ²on earth!"

PSALM 59

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies.

For the choir director; *set to* [†]Al-tashheth. A ^aMikhtam of David, ^awhen Saul sent *men*, and they watched the house in order to kill him.

- D**ELIVER me from my enemies, O my God;
^{1b}Set me *securely* on high away from those who rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from ^athose who do iniquity,
 And save me from ^bmen of bloodshed.
3 For behold, they ^{1a}have set an ambush for my ²life;
³Fierce men ^alaunch an attack against me,
^bNot for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD,
4 ^{1a}For no guilt of *mine*, they run and set themselves against me.
^bArouse Thyself to ²help me, and see!

- 5 And Thou, ^aO LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,
Awake to ^{1b}punish all the nations;
^cDo not be gracious to any *who are* treacherous in
iniquity. [²Selah.]
- 6 They return at evening, they howl like a ^adog,
And go around the city.
- 7 Behold, they ^{1a}belch forth with their mouth;
^bSwords are in their lips,
For, *they say*, "^cWho hears?"
- 8 But Thou, O LORD, dost ^alaugh at them;
Thou dost ^bscoff at all the nations.
- 9 ¹Because of his ^astrength I will watch for Thee,
For God is my ^bstronghold.
- 10 ¹My God ^ain His lovingkindness will meet me;
God will let me ^blook triumphantly upon ²my foes,
- 11 Do not slay them, ^alest my people forget;
^{1b}Scatter them by Thy power, and bring them down,
O Lord, ^cour shield.
- 12 ¹On account of the ^asin of their mouth and the words
of their lips,
Let them even be ^bcaught in their pride,
And on account of ^ccurses and ²lies which they utter.
- 13 ^{1a}Destroy *them* in wrath, ¹destroy *them*, that they may
be no more;
That *men* may ^bknow that God ²rules in Jacob,
To the ends of the earth. [²Selah.]
- 14 And they ^areturn at evening, they howl like a dog,
And go around the city.
- 15 They wander about ¹for food,
And ²growl if they are not satisfied.
- 16 But as for me, I shall ^asing of Thy strength;
Yes, I shall ^bjoyfully sing of Thy lovingkindness in the
^cmorning,
For Thou hast been my ^dstronghold,
And a ^erefuge in the day of my distress.
- 17 ^aO my strength, I will sing praises to Thee;
For God is my ^bstronghold, the ¹God who shows me
lovingkindness.

PSALM 60

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the choir director; according to ⁴Shushan
Eduth. •Mikhtam of David, to teach; ⁴when
he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with
Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote
twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

- O GOD, ^aThou hast rejected us. Thou hast ^{1b}broken us;
Thou hast been ^cangry; O, ^drestore us.
- 2 Thou hast made the ^{1a}land quake, Thou hast split it
open;
^bHeal its breaches, for it totters.

⁵ Lit., *visit* ²Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical Interlude*
^aPs. 69:6; 80:4; 84:8 ^bPs. 9:5; Is. 26:14 ^cIs. 2:9; Jer. 18:23

⁶ Ps. 22:16

⁷ Or, *your*
^aPs. 94:4; Prov. 15:2, 28 ^bPs. 57:4 ^cPs. 10:11; 73:11; 94:7; Job 22:13

⁸ Ps. 37:13 ^bPs. 2:4

⁹ Many mss. and the ancient versions read, *My strength*
^aPs. 18:17 ^bPs. 9:9

¹⁰ Many mss. and some ancient versions read, *The God of my lovingkindness*
²Lit., *those who lie in wait for me*
^aPs. 21:3 ^bPs. 54:7

¹¹ Or, *Make them wander*
^aDeut. 4:9; 6:12 ^bPs. 106:27; 144:6; Is. 33:3 ^cPs. 84:9

¹² Or, *The sin of their mouth is the word of their lips*, ²Lit., *lying*
^aProv. 12:13 ^bZeph. 3:11 ^cPs. 10:7

¹³ Lit., *Bring to an end*
²Or, *is Ruler*
^aPs. 104:35 ^bPs. 83:18

¹⁴ Ps. 59:6

¹⁵ Or, *to devour* ²Another reading is, *tarry all night*

¹⁶ Ps. 21:13 ^bPs. 101:1, ^cPs. 5:3; 88:13 ^dPs. 59:9 ^ePs. 46:1; 2 Sam. 22:3

¹⁷ Lit., *God of my lovingkindness*
^aPs. 59:9 ^bPs. 59:10

⁴ Lit., *The lily of testimony*.

• Possibly, *Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm*

⁴ 2 Sam. 8:3, 13; 1 Chr. 18:12

¹ Or, *broken out upon us*
^aPs. 44:9 ^b2 Sam. 5:20 ^cPs. 79:5 ^dPs. 80:3

² Or, *earth*
^aPs. 18:7 ^b2 Chr. 7:14; Is. 30:26

Psalms 60, 61

3 ¹Lit., *caused Thy people to see* ²Lit., *wine of staggering*
^aPs. 66:12; 71:20 ^bPs. 75:8; Is. 51:17, 22; Jer. 25:15

4 ¹*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 20:5; Is. 5:26; 11:12; 13:2

5 ¹Some authorities read, *me*
^aPs. 60:5-12; Ps. 108:6-13 ^bPs. 127:2; Deut. 33:12; Is. 5:1; Jer. 11:15 ^cPs. 17:7

6 ¹Or, *sanctuary*
^aPs. 89:35 ^bGen. 12:6; 33:18; Josh. 17:7 ^cGen. 33:17; Josh. 13:27

7 ¹Lit., *protection* ²Or, *lawgiver*
^aJosh. 13:31 ^bDeut. 33:17 ^cGen. 49:10

8 ^a2 Sam. 8:2 ^b2 Sam. 8:14 ^c2 Sam. 8:1

9 ¹Or, *has led*

10 ^aPs. 60:1 ^bPs. 44:9

11 ¹Lit., *of*
^aPs. 146:3

12 ¹Or, *In, or, With*
^aPs. 118:16; Num. 24:18 ^bPs. 44:5; Is. 63:3

1 ^aPs. 64:1 ^bPs. 86:6

2 ^aPs. 42:6 ^bPs. 77:3 ^cPs. 18:2; 94:22

3 ¹Lit., *from*
^aPs. 62:7 ^bPs. 59:9; Prov. 18:10

4 ¹Or, *sojourn* ²*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 23:6; 27:4 ^bPs. 17:8; 91:4

5 ^aPs. 56:12; Job 22:27 ^bPs. 86:11; 102:15; Deut. 28:58; Neh. 1:11; Is. 59:19; Mal. 2:5; 4:2

6 ¹Lit., *add days* to ²Lit., *days*
^aPs. 21:4

7 ¹Or, *sit enthroned*
^aPs. 41:12 ^bPs. 40:11

8 ^aPs. 30:4; 33:2; 71:22; Judg. 5:3 ^bPs. 65:1; Is. 19:21

- 3 Thou hast ^{1a}made Thy people experience hardship; Thou hast given us ²wine to ^bdrink that makes us stagger.
- 4 Thou hast given a ^abanner to those who fear Thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth. [¹*Selah*.]
- 5 ^aThat Thy ^bbeloved may be delivered, ^cSave with Thy right hand, and answer ¹us!
- 6 God has spoken in His ^{1a}holiness:
"I will exult, I will portion out ^bShechem and measure out the valley of ^cSuccoth.
- 7 ^a"Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; ^bEphraim also is the ¹helmet of My head; Judah is My ^{2c}scepter.
- 8 ^a"Moab is My washbowl; Over ^bEdom I shall throw My shoe; Shout loud, O ^cPhilistia, because of Me!"
- 9 Who will bring me into the beseiged city? Who ¹will lead me to Edom?
- 10 Hast not Thou Thyself, O God, ^arejected us? And ^bwilt Thou not go forth with our armies, O God?
- 11 O give us help against the adversary, For ^adeliverance ¹by man is in vain.
- 12 ¹Through God we shall ^ado valiantly, And it is He who will ^btread down our adversaries.

PSALM 61

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the choir director; on a stringed instrument. *A Psalm* of David.

- H**EAR my cry, O God;
^bGive heed to my prayer.
- 2 From the ^aend of the earth I call to Thee, when my heart is ^bfaint;
Lead me to ^cthe rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For Thou hast been a ^arefuge for me,
A ^btower of strength ¹against the enemy.
- 4 Let me ^{1a}dwell in Thy tent forever;
Let me ^btake refuge in the shelter of Thy wings. [²*Selah*.]
- 5 For Thou hast heard my ^avows, O God;
Thou hast given *me* the inheritance of those who ^bfear Thy name.
- 6 Thou wilt ^{1a}prolong the king's ²life;
His years will be as many generations.
- 7 He will ^{1a}abide ^abefore God forever;
Appoint ^blovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
- 8 So I will ^asing praise to Thy name forever,
That I may ^bpay my vows day by day.

PSALM 62

God Alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the choir director; ^faccording to Jeduthun.

A Psalm of David.

- M**Y soul *waits* in silence for God only;
From Him ^ais my salvation.
- 2 He only is my ^arock and my salvation,
My ^bstronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assail a man,
That you may murder *him*, all of you,
Like a ^aleaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- 4 They have counseled only to thrust him down from his
high position;
They ^adelight in falsehood;
They ^bbless with ¹their mouth,
But inwardly they curse. [2Selah.]
- 5 My soul, ^await in silence for God only,
For my hope is from Him.
- 6 He only is ^amy rock and my salvation,
My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God my ^asalvation and my glory *rest*;
The rock of my strength, my ^brefuge is in God.
- 8 ^aTrust in Him at all times, O people;
^bPour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us. [Selah.]
- 9 Men of ^alow degree are only ^bvanity, and men of rank
are a ^clie;
In the ^dbalances they go up;
They are together lighter than breath.
- 10 ^aDo not trust in oppression,
And do not ¹vainly hope in ^brobbery;
If riches increase, ^cdo not set *your heart upon them*.
- 11 ¹Once God has ^aspoken;
²Twice I have heard this:
That ^bpower belongs to God;
- 12 And lovingkindness ^ais Thine, O Lord,
For Thou ^bdost recompense a man according to his
work.

PSALM 63

The Thirsting Soul Satisfied in God.

A Psalm of David, ^fwhen he was in the
wilderness of Judah.

- O** GOD, ^aThou art my God; I shall seek Thee ¹earnestly;
My soul ^bthirsts for Thee, my flesh ²yearns for Thee,
In a ^cdry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 Thus I have ^abeheld Thee in the sanctuary,
To see Thy power and Thy glory.

^fCf. Ps. 39 and 77 titles;
1 Chr. 16:41

1 ^aPs. 37:39

2 ^aPs. 89:26 ^bPs. 59:17;
62:6

3 ^aIs. 30:13

4 ¹Lit., *his* ²Selah may
mean: *Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude*
^aPs. 4:2 ^bPs. 28:3; 55:21

5 ^aPs. 62:1

6 ^aPs. 62:2

7 ^aPs. 85:9 ^bPs. 46:1

8 ^aPs. 37:3; 5:52; 8; Is. 26:4
^bPs. 42:4; 1 Sam. 1:15; Lam.
2:19

9 ^aPs. 49:2 ^bPs. 39:5; Job
7:16; Is. 40:17 ^cPs. 116:11 ^dIs.
40:15

10 ¹Lit., *become vain in
robbery*
^aIs. 30:12 ^bIs. 61:8; Ezek.
22:29; Nah. 3:1 ^cPs. 49:6;
52:7; Job 31:25; Mark 10:24;
Luke 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:10

11 ¹Or, *One thing* ²Or,
*These two things I have
heard*
^aJob 33:14; 40:5 ^bPs. 59:17;
Rev. 19:1

12 ^aPs. 86:5; 103:8; 130:7
^bPs. 28:4; Job 34:11; 1 Cor.
3:8

^f1 Sam. 23:14

1 ¹Lit., *early* ²Lit., *faints*
^aPs. 118:28 ^bPs. 42:2; 84:2;
Matt. 5:6 ^cPs. 143:6

2 ^aPs. 27:4

Psalms 63, 64

3 ^aPs. 69:16

4 ^aPs. 104:33; 146:2 ^bPs. 28:2; 143:6

5 ¹Lit., *fat*
^aPs. 36:8 ^bPs. 71:23

6 ^aPs. 4:4 ^bPs. 16:7; 42:8; 119:55

7 ^aPs. 27:9 ^bPs. 17:8

8 ¹Lit., *after*
^aNum. 32:12; Deut. 1:36;
Hos. 6:3 ^bPs. 18:35; 41:12

9 ¹Lit., *soul* ²Lit., *lowest places*
^aPs. 40:14 ^bPs. 55:15

10 ¹Lit., *They will pour him out* ²Lit., *poured out by*
³Lit., *portion*
^aJer. 18:21; Ezek. 35:5 ^bLam. 5:18

11 ^aPs. 21:1 ^bDeut. 6:13; Is. 45:23; 65:16 ^cJob 5:16; Ps. 107:42; Rom. 3:19

1 ¹Or, *concern*
^aPs. 55:2 ^bPs. 140:1

2 ^aPs. 56:6 ^bPs. 59:2

3 ^aPs. 140:3 ^bPs. 58:7

4 ¹Lit., *in*
^aPs. 10:8; 11:2 ^bPs. 55:19

5 ¹Lit., *make firm* ²Lit., *tell of*
^aPs. 140:5 ^bJob 22:13

6 ¹Or, *search out* ²Lit., *complete* ³Or, *inward part*
⁴Or, *unsearchable*
^aPs. 49:11

7 ¹Or, *shot* ²Or, *they were wounded*; lit., *their wounds occurred*
^aPs. 7:12, 13

8 ¹Or, *they make their tongue a stumbling for themselves* ²Or, *made*
^aPs. 9:3 ^bProv. 12:13; 18:7
^cPs. 22:7; 44:14; Jer. 18:16; 48:27; Lam. 2:15

9 ¹Or, *feared* ²Or, *declared* ³Or, *considered*
⁴Lit., *His work*
^aPs. 40:3

10 ^aPs. 32:11; Job 22:19 ^bPs. 11:1; 25:20

3 Because Thy ^alovingkindness is better than life,
My lips will praise Thee.

4 So I will bless Thee ^aas long as I live;
I will ^blift up my hands in Thy name.

5 My soul is ^asatisfied as with ¹marrow and fatness.
And my mouth offers ^bpraises with joyful lips;

6 When I remember Thee ^aon my bed,
I meditate on Thee in the ^bnight watches.

7 For ^aThou hast been my help,
And in the ^bshadow of Thy wings I sing for joy.

8 My soul ^aclings ¹to Thee;
Thy ^bright hand upholds me.

9 But those who ^aseek my ¹life, to destroy it,
Will go into the ²depths of the earth.

10 ¹They will be ²delivered over to the power of the
sword;

They will be a ³prey for foxes.

11 But the ^aking will rejoice in God;
Everyone who ^bswears by Him will glory,
For the ^cmouths of those who speak lies will be
stopped.

PSALM 64

Prayer for Deliverance from Secret Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

HEAR my voice, O God, in ^amy ¹complaint;
^bPreserve my life from dread of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the ^asecret counsel of evildoers,
From the tumult of ^bthose who do iniquity,

3 Who ^ahave sharpened their tongue like a sword;
They ^baimed bitter speech as their arrow,

4 To ^ashoot ¹from concealment at the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him, and ^bdo not fear.

5 They ¹hold fast to themselves an evil purpose;
They ²talk of ^alaying snares secretly;
They say, "^bWho can see them?"

6 They ¹devise injustices, *saying*,
"We are ²ready with a well-conceived plot";
For the ³inward thought and the heart of a man are
⁴deep.

7 But ^aGod ¹will shoot at them with an arrow;
Suddenly ²they will be wounded.

8 So ¹they ²will ^amake him stumble;
^bTheir own tongue is against them;
All who see them will ^cshake the head.

9 Then all men ¹will ^afear,
And ²will declare the work of God,
And ³will consider ⁴what He has done.

10 The righteous man will be ^aglad in the LORD, and will
^btake refuge in Him;
And all the upright in heart will glory.

PSALM 65

God's Abundant Favor to Earth and Man.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.
A Song.THERE will be silence ¹before Thee, *and* praise in Zion, O God;And to Thee the ^avow will be performed.

2 O Thou who dost hear prayer,

To Thee ^aall ¹men come.3 ^{1a}Iniquities prevail against me;As for our transgressions, Thou dost ^{2b}forgive them.4 How ^ablessed is the one whom Thou dost choose, and bring near to *Thee*,

To dwell in Thy courts.

We will be ^bsatisfied with the goodness of Thy house, Thy holy temple.5 By ^aawesome *deeds* Thou dost answer us in righteousness, O ^bGod of our salvation,Thou who art the trust of all the ^cends of the earth and of the farthest ^{1d}sea;6 Who dost ^aestablish the mountains by His strength, Being ^bgirded with might;7 Who dost ^astill the roaring of the seas,

The roaring of their waves,

And the ^btumult of the peoples.8 And they who dwell in the ^aends of *the earth* stand in awe of Thy signs;Thou dost make the ¹dawn and the sunset shout for joy.9 Thou dost visit the earth, and ^acause it to overflow; Thou dost greatly ^benrich it;The ^{1c}stream of God is full of water;Thou dost prepare their ^dgrain, for thus Thou dost prepare ²the earth.

10 Thou dost water its furrows abundantly;

Thou dost ¹settle its ridges;Thou dost soften it ^awith showers;

Thou dost bless its growth.

11 Thou hast crowned the year ¹with Thy ^{2a}bounty,And Thy ³paths ^bdrip *with* fatness.12 ^aThe pastures of the wilderness drip,And the ^bhills gird themselves with rejoicing.13 The meadows are ^aclothed with flocks,And the valleys are ^bcovered with grain;They ^cshout for joy, yes, they sing.¹ Lit., to
*Ps. 116:18² Lit., *flesh*
*Ps. 86:9; 145:21; Is. 66:23³ Lit., *Words of iniquities* ^aOr, *cover over, atone for*
*Ps. 38:4; 40:12 ^bPs. 79:94 *Ps. 33:12; 84:4 ^bPs. 36:8⁵ Or, *seas*
*Ps. 45:4; 66:3 ^bPs. 85:4 ^cPs. 22:27; 48:10 ^dPs. 107:236 *Ps. 95:4 ^bPs. 93:17 *Ps. 89:9; 93:3, 4; 107:29; Matt. 8:26 ^bPs. 2:1; 74:23; Is. 17:12, 13⁸ Lit., *the outgoings of the morning and evening*
*Ps. 2:8; 139:9; Is. 24:16⁹ Or, *channel* ²Lit., *it*
*Ps. 68:9; 104:13; 147:8; Lev. 26:4; Job 5:10 ^bPs. 104:24 ^cPs. 46:4 ^dPs. 104:14; 147:14¹⁰ Or, *smooth*
*Ps. 72:6; 147:8; Deut. 32:2¹¹ Lit., *of* ²Or, *goodness*
³I.e., *wagon tracks*
*Ps. 104:28 ^bPs. 147:14; Job 36:28¹² *Job 38:26, 27; Joel 2:22
^bPs. 98:8; Is. 55:12¹³ *Ps. 144:13; Is. 30:23 ^bPs. 72:16 ^cPs. 98:8; Is. 44:23

Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for His Answer to Prayer.

^a For the choir director. A Song. A Psalm.

- SHOUT** joyfully to God, all the earth;
2 Sing the ^aglory of His name;
 Make His ^bpraise glorious.
3 Say to God, "How ^aawesome are Thy works!
 Because of the greatness of Thy power Thine enemies
 will ^lb^give feigned obedience to Thee.
4 "All the earth will worship Thee,
 And will ^bsing praises to Thee;
 They will sing praises to Thy name." [¹Selah.]
5 ^aCome and see the works of God,
 Who ⁱs ^bawesome in His deeds toward the sons of men.
6 He ^aturned the sea into dry land;
 They passed through ^bthe river on foot;
 There let us ^crejoice in Him!
7 He ^arules by His might forever;
 His ^beyes keep watch on the nations;
 Let not the rebellious ^cexalt themselves. [¹Selah.]
8 Bless our God, O peoples,
 And ^la^sound His praise abroad,
9 Who ^la^keeps us in life,
 And ^bdoes not allow our feet to ²slip.
10 For Thou hast ^atried us, O God;
 Thou hast ^brefined us as silver is refined.
11 Thou ^adidst bring us into the net;
 Thou didst lay an oppressive burden upon our loins.
12 Thou didst make men ^aride over our heads;
 We went through ^bfire and through water;
 Yet Thou ^cdidst bring us out into a *place of*
 abundance.
13 I shall ^acome into Thy house with burnt offerings;
 I shall ^bpay Thee my vows,
14 Which my lips uttered
 And my mouth spoke when I was ^ain distress.
15 I shall ^aoffer to Thee burnt offerings of fat beasts,
 With the smoke of ^brams;
 I shall make an *offering of* ¹bulls with male goats.
 [¹Selah.]
16 ^aCome and hear, all who ¹fear God,
 And I will ^btell of what He has done for my soul.
17 I cried to Him with my mouth,
 And ¹He was ^aextolled with my tongue.
18 If I ¹regard wickedness in my heart,
 The ^bLord ²will not ³hear;
19 But certainly ^aGod has heard;
 He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
20 ^aBlessed be God,
 Who ^bhas not turned away my prayer,
 Nor His lovingkindness from me.

¹Ps. 81:1; 95:1; 98:4; 100:1

²Ps. 79:9; Is. 42:8 ^bIs. 42:12

³ ¹Lit., *deceive*
^aPs. 47:2; 65:5; 145:6 ^bPs. 18:44; 81:15

⁴ ¹Selah may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 22:27; 67:7; 86:9; Zech. 14:16 ^bPs. 67:4

⁵Ps. 46:8 ^bPs. 106:22

⁶Ps. 106:9; Ex. 14:21 ^bPs. 114:3; Josh. 3:16 ^cPs. 105:43

⁷Ps. 145:13 ^bPs. 11:4 ^cPs. 140:8

⁸ ¹Lit., *cause to hear the sound of His praise*
^aPs. 98:4

⁹ ¹Lit., *puts our soul in life*
²Or, *dodder, stumble*
^aPs. 30:3 ^bPs. 121:3

¹⁰Ps. 7:9; 17:3; 26:2; Job 23:10 ^bIs. 48:10; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:7

¹¹Lam. 1:13; Ezek. 12:13

¹²Is. 51:23 ^bPs. 78:21; Is. 43:2 ^cPs. 18:19

¹³Ps. 96:8; Jer. 17:26 ^bPs. 22:25; 116:14

¹⁴Ps. 18:6

¹⁵ ¹Or, *cattle*
^aPs. 51:19 ^bNum. 6:14

¹⁶ ¹Or, *revere*
^aPs. 34:11 ^bPs. 71:15, 24

¹⁷ ¹Or, *praise was under my tongue*
^aPs. 30:1

¹⁸ ¹Or, *had regarded* ²Or, *would* ³Or, *have heard*
^aJob 36:21 ^bPs. 18:41; Job 27:9; Prov. 1:28; 28:9; Is. 1:15; James 4:3

¹⁹Ps. 18:6; 116:1, 2

²⁰Ps. 68:35 ^bPs. 22:24

PSALM 67

The Nations Exhorted to Praise God.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

GOD be gracious to us and ^abless us,
 And ^bbecause His face to shine ¹upon us— [2Selah.
 2 That ^aThy way may be known on the earth,
 Thy salvation among all nations.
 3 Let the ^apeoples praise Thee, O God;
 Let all the peoples praise Thee.
 4 Let the ^anations be glad and sing for joy;
 For Thou wilt ^bjudge the peoples with uprightness,
 And ^cguide the nations on the earth. [Selah.
 5 Let the ^apeoples praise Thee, O God;
 Let all the peoples praise Thee.
 6 The ^aearth has yielded its produce;
 God, our God, ^bblesses us.
 7 God blesses us,
¹That ^aall the ends of the earth may fear Him.

¹ Lit., with ²Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aNum. 6:25 ^bPs. 4:6; 31:16; 80:3, 7, 19; 119:135

² ^aPs. 98:2; Acts 18:25; Titus 2:11

³ ^aPs. 66:4

⁴ ^aPs. 100:1, 2 ^bPs. 9:8; 96:10, 13; 98:9 ^cPs. 47:8

⁵ ^aPs. 67:3

⁶ ^aPs. 85:12; Lev. 26:4; Ezek. 34:27; Zech. 8:12 ^bPs. 29:11; 115:12

⁷ ¹Or, And let . . . earth fear Him
^aPs. 22:27; 33:8

¹ ¹Or, God shall ²Or, His enemies shall ³Or, those who hate Him shall
^aPs. 12:5; 132:8; Num. 10:35

² ^aPs. 37:20; Is. 9:18; Hos. 13:3 ^bPs. 22:14; 97:5; Mic. 1:4 ^cPs. 9:3; 37:20; 80:16

³ ^aPs. 32:11; 64:10; 97:12

⁴ ¹Heb., YAH
^aPs. 66:2 ^bIs. 57:14; 62:10 ^cPs. 68:33; Ps. 18:10; Is. 40:3 ^dPs. 83:18

⁵ ¹Lit., of
^aPs. 10:14; 146:9 ^bDeut. 10:18 ^cDeut. 26:15

⁶ ¹Lit., makes the solitary to dwell in a house
^aPs. 113:9 ^bPs. 69:33; 102:20; 107:10, 14; 146:7; Acts 12:7; 16:26 ^cPs. 78:17; 107:34, 40

⁷ ¹Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 78:14; Ex. 13:21; Hab. 3:13 ^bPs. 78:52; Judg. 5:4

⁸ ¹Lit., This is Sinai which
^aPs. 77:18; Ex. 19:18; Judg. 5:4; 2 Sam. 22:8; Jer. 10:10 ^bPs. 18:9; Judg. 5:4; Is. 45:8 ^cEx. 19:18; Judg. 5:5

PSALM 68

The God of Sinai and of the Sanctuary.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

A Song.

¹**L**ET ^aGod arise, ²let His enemies be scattered;
 And ³let those who hate Him flee before Him.
 2 As ^asmoke is driven away, so drive *them* away;
 As ^bwax melts before the fire,
 So let the ^cwicked perish before God.
 3 But let the ^arighteous be glad; let them exult before
 God;
 Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.
 4 Sing to God, ^asing praises to His name;
^bCast up a highway for Him who ^crides through the
 deserts,
 Whose ^dname is ¹the LORD, and exult before Him.
 5 A ^afather of the fatherless and a ^bjudge ¹for the widows,
 Is God in His ^choly habitation.
 6 God ^{1a}makes a home for the lonely;
 He ^bleads out the prisoners into prosperity,
 Only ^cthe rebellious dwell in a parched land.
 7 O God, when Thou ^adidst go forth before Thy people,
 When Thou didst ^bmarch through the wilder-
 ness, [1Selah.
 8 The ^aearth quaked;
 The ^bheavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of
 God;
^{1c}Sinai itself *quaked* at the presence of God, the God
 of Israel.

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9 ¹Lit., *wary*
^aPs. 78:24; Lev. 26:4; Job 5:10; Ezek. 34:26

10 ^aPs. 65:9; 74:19; 78:20; 107:9

11 ¹Lit., *word*
^aEx. 15:20; 1 Sam. 18:6

12 ^aPs. 135:11; Judg. 5:19
^bJudg. 5:30; 1 Sam. 30:24

13 ¹Lit., *If* ²Or, *cookingstones, or, saddle bags*
^aGen. 49:14; Judg. 5:16

14 ¹Lit., *in it*
^aJosh. 10:10 ^bJudg. 9:48

15 ¹Or, *mighty mountain is*
^aPs. 36:6

16 ^aPs. 87:1, 2; 132:13; Deut. 12:5 ^bPs. 132:14

17 ¹Lit., *twice ten thousand* ²Another reading, *The Lord came from Sinai into the sanctuary*
^a2 Kin. 6:17; Hab. 3:8 ^bDeut. 33:2; Dan. 7:10

18 ¹Heb., *YAH*
^aPs. 7:7; 47:5; Eph. 4:8 ^bJudg. 5:12

19 ^aPs. 55:22; Is. 46:4 ^bPs. 65:5

20 ¹YHWH, *usually rendered LORD* ²I.e., in view of ¹lit., *for*
^aPs. 106:43 ^bPs. 49:15; 56:13

21 ^aPs. 110:6; Heb. 3:13

22 ¹Or, *says*
^aAmos 9:1-3

23 ¹Some versions render, *you may bathe your foot in blood*
^aPs. 58:10 ^b1 Kin. 21:19; Jer. 15:3

24 ¹Lit., *goings* ²Lit., *in the sanctuary; or, in holiness*
^aPs. 77:13 ^bPs. 63:2

25 ¹Or, *The maidens in the midst*
^aPs. 47:5; 1 Chr. 13:8; 15:6 ^bEx. 15:20; Judg. 11:34

26 ^aPs. 22:22, 23; 26:12 ^bDeut. 33:28; Is. 48:1

27 ¹Or, *smallest* ²Or, *their ruler*
^aJudg. 5:14; 1 Sam. 9:21 ^bJudg. 5:18

9 Thou didst ^ashed abroad a plentiful rain, O God; Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance, when it was ¹parched.

10 Thy creatures settled in it; Thou didst ^aprovide in Thy goodness for the poor, O God.

11 The Lord gives the ¹command; The ^awomen who proclaim the *good tidings* are a great host:

12 “^aKings of armies flee, they flee, And she who remains at home will ^bdivide the spoil!”

13 ¹When you lie down ^aamong the ²sheepfolds, *You are like* the wings of a dove covered with silver, And its pinions with glistening gold.

14 When the Almighty ^ascattered the kings ¹there, It was snowing in ^bZalmon.

15 A ^{1a}mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; A mountain of *many* peaks is the mountain of Bashan.

16 Why do you look with envy, O mountains with *many* peaks, At the mountain which God has ^adesired for His abode? Surely, ^bthe LORD will dwell *there* forever.

17 The ^achariots of God are ¹myriads, ^bthousands upon thousands; ²The Lord is among them *as at* Sinai, in holiness.

18 Thou hast ^aascended on high, Thou hast ^bled captive *Thy captives*; Thou hast received gifts among men, Even *among* the rebellious also, that ¹the LORD God may dwell *there*.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily ^abears our burden, ^bThe God *who* is our salvation. [Selah.]

20 God is to us a ^aGod of deliverances; And ^bto ¹God the Lord belong escapes ²from death.

21 Surely God will ^ashatter the head of His enemies, The hairy crown of him who goes on in his guilty deeds.

22 The Lord ¹said, “^aI will bring *them* back from Bashan. I will bring *them* back from the depths of the sea;

23 That ^{1a}your foot may shatter *them* in blood, The tongue of your ^bdogs *may have* its portion from *your enemies*.”

24 They have seen ^aThy ¹procession, O God, The ¹procession of my God, my King, ^{2b}into the sanctuary.

25 The ^asingers went on, the musicians after *them*, ¹In the midst of the ^amaidens beating tambourines.

26 ^aBless God in the congregations, *Even the LORD, you who are* of the ^bfountain of Israel.

27 There is ^aBenjamin, the ¹youngest, ²ruling them, The princes of Judah *in* their throng, The princes of ^bZebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

- 28 ¹Your God has ^acommanded your strength;
Show Thyself strong, O God, ^bwho hast acted ²on our behalf.
- 29 ¹Because of Thy temple at Jerusalem
^aKings will bring gifts to Thee.
- 30 Rebuke the ^abeasts ¹in the reeds,
The herd of ^bbulls with the calves of the peoples,
Trampling under foot the pieces of silver;
He has ^cscattered the peoples who delight in war.
- 31 Envoys will come out of ^aEgypt;
^{1b}Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.
- 32 Sing to God, O ^akingdoms of the earth;
^bSing praises to the Lord, [Selah.
- 33 To Him who ^arides upon the ^{1b}highest heavens, which
are from ancient times;
Behold, ^cHe ²speaks forth with His voice, a ^dmighty
voice.
- 34 ^aAscribe strength to God;
His majesty is over Israel,
And ^bHis strength is in the ¹skies.
- 35 ¹O God, *Thou art* ^aawesome from Thy ²sanctuary.
The God of Israel Himself ^bgives strength and power to
the people.
^cBlessed be God!

PSALM 69

A Cry of Distress, and Imprecation on Adversaries.

For the choir director; according to
⁴Shoshannim. A Psalm of David.

- SAVE me, O God,
For ^athe waters have come up to my soul.
- 2 I have sunk in deep ^amire, and there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters, and a ^{1b}flood overflows
me.
- 3 I am ^aweary with my crying; my throat is parched;
My ^beyes fail while I wait for my God.
- 4 Those ^awho hate me without a cause are more than the
hairs of my head;
Those who would ¹destroy me ^bare powerful,
^cWhat I did not steal, I then have to restore.
- 5 O God, it is Thou who dost know ^amy folly,
And ^bmy wrongs are not hidden from Thee.
- 6 May those who wait for Thee not ^abe ashamed through
me, O Lord ¹God of hosts;
May those who seek Thee not be dishonored through
me, O God of Israel,
- 7 Because ^afor Thy sake I have borne reproach;
^bDishonor has covered my face.
- 8 I have become ^aestranged ¹from my brothers,
And an alien to my mother's sons.
- 9 For ^azeal for Thy house has consumed me,

28 ¹Some mss. read,
Command God ²Lit., for us
^aPs. 29:11; 44:4 ^bIs. 26:1229 ¹Or, *From Thy temple*
^aPs. 45:12; 72:10; 1 Kin.
10:10, 25; 2 Chr. 32:23; Is.
18:730 ¹Lit., of
^aJob 40:21; Ezek. 29:3 ^bPs.
22:12 ^cPs. 18:14; 89:1031 ¹Lit., *Cush*
^aIs. 19:19, 21 ^bIs. 45:14;
Zeph. 3:1032 ^aPs. 102:22 ^bPs. 67:433 ¹Lit., *heaven of heavens*
of old ²Lit., *gives forth*
^aPs. 18:10; 104:3; Deut. 33:26
^bDeut. 10:14; 1 Kin. 8:27 ^cPs.
46:6 ^dPs. 29:434 ¹Lit., *clouds*
^aPs. 29:1 ^bPs. 150:135 ¹Or, *Awesome is God*
from your sanctuary ²Lit.,
holy places
^aPs. 47:2; 66:5; Deut. 7:21;
10:17 ^bPs. 29:11; Is. 40:29
^cPs. 66:20; 2 Cor. 1:3⁴Or possibly, *Lilies*1 ^aPs. 69:14, 15; Ps. 32:6;
42:7; Job 22:112 ¹Lit., *flowing stream*
^aPs. 40:2 ^bJon. 2:33 ^aPs. 6:6 ^bPs. 38:10;
119:82, 123; Deut. 28:32; Is.
38:144 ¹Or, *silence*
^aPs. 35:19; John 15:25 ^bPs.
35:19; 38:19; 59:3 ^cPs. 35:11;
Jer. 15:105 ^aPs. 38:5 ^bPs. 44:216 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
²Sam. 12:147 ^aJer. 15:15 ^bPs. 44:15; Is.
50:6; Jer. 51:518 ¹Lit., to
^aPs. 31:11; 38:11; Job 19:13-
159 ^aPs. 119:139; John 2:17

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9 ^bPs. 89:41, 50; Rom. 15:3

10 ^aPs. 35:13

11 ^aPs. 35:13; 1 Kin. 20:31
^bPs. 44:14; 1 Kin. 9:7; Job
17:6; Jer. 24:9

12 ¹Lit., sons
^aGen. 19:1; Ruth 4:1 ^bJob
30:9

13 ¹Or, *the faithfulness of
Thy salvation*
^aPs. 32:6; Is. 49:8; 2 Cor. 6:2
^bPs. 51:1

14 ¹Lit., *those who hate me*
²Lit., *deep places of water*
^aPs. 69:2 ^bPs. 144:7; ^cPs. 69:2

15 ¹Lit., stream
^aPs. 124:4, ^bPs. 28:1; 141:7;
Num. 16:33

16 ^aPs. 63:3; 109:21 ^bPs.
51:1; 106:45 ^cPs. 25:16; 86:16

17 ^aPs. 27:9; 102:2; 143:7
^bPs. 31:9; 66:14

18 ^aPs. 26:11; 49:15; 2 Sam.
4:9 ^bPs. 119:134

19 ¹Or, *known to Thee*
^aPs. 22:6; 31:11

20 ^aJer. 23:9 ^bPs. 142:4 ^cJob
16:2

21 ¹Or, *poison* ²Or, *in*
^aDeut. 29:18 ^bMatt. 27:34,
48; Mark 15:23; Luke 23:36;
John 19:28-30

22 ¹Lit., *for those who are
secure*
^aRom. 11:9, 10 ^b1 Thess. 5:3

23 ^aIs. 6:10 ^bDan. 5:6

24 ^aPs. 79:6; Jer. 10:25;
Ezek. 20:8; Hos. 5:10

25 ¹Lit., *encampment*
^aMatt. 23:38; Luke 13:35;
Acts 1:20

26 ¹Lit., *pierced*
^a2 Chr. 28:9; Zech. 1:15 ^bIs.
53:4 ^cPs. 109:22

27 ^aPs. 109:14; Neh. 4:5;
Rom. 1:28 ^bPs. 103:17

28 ¹Lit., *written*
^aEx. 32:33; Rev. 3:5 ^bPhil.
4:3; Rev. 13:8; 20:15 ^cPs.
87:6; Ezek. 13:9; Luke 10:20;
Heb. 12:23

29 ¹Or, *Thy salvation, O
God, will set* . . .
^aPs. 70:5 ^bPs. 20:1; 59:1

And ^bthe reproaches of those who reproach Thee have
fallen on me.

10 When I wept ^ain my soul with fasting,
It became my reproach.

11 When I made ^asackcloth my clothing,
I became ^ba byword to them.

12 Those who ^asit in the gate talk about me,
And I *am* the ¹bsong of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is to Thee, O LORD, ^aat an
acceptable time;

O God, in the ^bgreatness of Thy lovingkindness,
Answer me with ¹Thy saving truth.

14 Deliver me from the ^amire, and do not let me sink;
May I be ^bdelivered from ¹my foes, and from the
²cdeep waters.

15 May the ¹a flood of water not overflow me,
And may the deep not swallow me up,
And may the ^bpit not shut its mouth on me.

16 Answer me, O LORD, for ^aThy lovingkindness is good;
^bAccording to the greatness of Thy compassion, ^cturn
to me,

17 And ^ado not hide Thy face from Thy servant,
For I am ^bin distress; answer me quickly.

18 Oh draw near to my soul *and* ^aredeem it;
^bRansom me because of my enemies!

19 Thou dost know my ^areproach and my shame and my
dishonor;
All my adversaries are ¹before Thee.

20 Reproach has ^abroken my heart, and I am so sick.
And ^bI looked for sympathy, but there was none;
And for ^ccomforters, but I found none.

21 They also gave me ¹a gall ²for my food,
And for my thirst they ^bgave me vinegar to drink.

22 May ^atheir table before them become a snare;
And ¹bwhen they are in peace, *may it become* a trap.

23 May their ^aeyes grow dim so that they cannot see,
And make their ^bloins shake continually.

24 ^aPour out Thine indignation on them,
And may Thy burning anger overtake them.

25 May their ¹a camp be desolate;
May none dwell in their tents.

26 For they have ^apersecuted him whom ^bThou Thyself
hast smitten,
And they tell of the pain of those whom ^cThou hast
¹wounded.

27 Do Thou add ^ainiquity to their iniquity,
And may they not come into ^bThy righteousness.

28 May they be ^ablotted out of the ^bbook of life,
And may they not be ¹crecorded with the righteous.

29 But I am ^aafflicted and in pain;
¹May Thy salvation, O God, ^bset me *securely* on high.

- 30 I will ^apraise the name of God with song,
And shall ^bmagnify Him with ^cthanksgiving.
- 31 And it will ^aplease the LORD better than an ox
Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.
- 32 The ^ahumble ¹have seen it *and are glad*;
You who seek God, ^blet your heart ²revive.
- 33 For ^athe LORD hears the needy,
And ^bdoes not despise His *who are* prisoners.
- 34 Let ^aheaven and earth praise Him,
The seas and everything that moves in them.
- 35 For God will ^asave Zion and ^bbuild the cities of Judah,
That they may dwell there and ^cpossess it.
- 36 And the ^{1a}descendants of His servants will inherit it,
And those who love His name ^bwill dwell in it.

PSALM 70

Prayer for Help against Persecutors.

For the choir director. A *Psalm* of David; for
a memorial.

- ^a**O** GOD, *hasten* to deliver me;
O LORD, hasten to my help!
- 2 Let those be ashamed and humiliated
Who seek my ¹life;
Let those be turned back and dishonored
Who delight ²in my hurt.
- 3 Let those be ¹turned back because of their shame
Who say, "Aha, aha."
- 4 Let all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;
And let those who love Thy salvation say continually,
"Let God be magnified."
- 5 But I am afflicted and needy;
^aHasten to me, O God!
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay.

PSALM 71

Prayer of an Old Man for Deliverance.

- ^a**I**N Thee, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
Let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me;
Incline Thine ear to me, and save me.
- 3 Be Thou to me a rock of ^ahabitation, to which I may
continually come;
Thou hast given ^bcommandment to save me,
For Thou art ^cmy ¹rock and my fortress.
- 4 ^aRescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the ¹grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man,
- 5 For Thou art my ^ahope;
O Lord ¹GOD, *Thou art* my ^bconfidence from my
youth.

30 ^aPs. 28:7 ^bPs. 34:3 ^cPs. 50:1431 ^aPs. 50:13, 14; 51:1632 ¹Some mss. and ancient versions read, *will see* ²Or, *live*
^aPs. 34:2 ^bPs. 22:2633 ^aPs. 12:5 ^bPs. 68:634 ^aPs. 96:11; 98:7; 148:1-13; Is. 44:23; 49:1335 ^aPs. 46:5; 51:18 ^bPs. 147:2; Is. 44:26 ^cObad. 1736 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 25:13; 102:28 ^bPs. 37:291 ^aPs. 70:1-5; 40:13-172 ¹Or, *soul* ²Or, *to injure me*3 ¹Some mss. read *appalled*; cf. Ps. 40:155 ^aPs. 141:11 ^aPs. 71:1-3; 31:1-33 ¹Or, *crag*
^aPs. 90:1; 91:9; Deut. 33:27
^bPs. 7:6; 42:8 ^cPs. 18:24 ¹Lit., *palm*
^aPs. 140:1, 45 ¹YHWH, usually rendered *LORD*
^aPs. 39:7; Jer. 14:8; 17:7, 13, 17; 50:7 ^bPs. 22:9

Psalm 71

6 ¹Lit., *Upon Thee I have been supported* ²Lit., *in*
^aPs. 22:10; Is. 46:3 ^bPs. 22:9;
Job 10:18 ^cPs. 34:1

7 ^aIs. 8:18; 1 Cor. 4:9 ^bPs.
61:3

8 ^aPs. 63:5 ^bPs. 96:6; 104:1

9 ^aPs. 71:18; 92:14; Is. 46:4

10 ¹Lit., *with reference to*
²Lit., *soul*
^aPs. 56:6 ^bPs. 31:13; 83:3;
Matt. 27:1

11 ^aPs. 3:2 ^bPs. 7:2

12 ^aPs. 10:1; 22:11; 35:22;
38:21 ^bPs. 38:22; 40:13; 70:5

13 ¹Lit., *my injury*
^aPs. 35:4, 26; 40:14 ^bPs.
109:29 ^cPs. 71:24; Esth. 9:2

14 ¹Lit., *add upon all Thy*
praise
^aPs. 130:7 ^bPs. 71:8

15 ¹Lit., *numbers*
^aPs. 35:28 ^bPs. 96:2 ^cPs. 40:5

16 ¹YHWH, *usually*
rendered LORD
^aPs. 106:2 ^bPs. 51:14

17 ^aDeut. 4:5; 6:7 ^bPs. 26:7;
40:5; 119:27

18 ¹Lit., *arm*
^aPs. 71:9 ^bPs. 22:31; 78:4, 6

19 ¹Or, *And* ²Lit., *height*
^aPs. 36:6; 57:10 ^bPs. 126:2;
Luke 1:49 ^cPs. 35:10; Deut.
3:24

20 ¹Another reading is, *us*
^aPs. 60:3 ^bPs. 80:18; 85:6;
119:25; 138:7; Hos. 6:2 ^cPs.
86:13

21 ^aPs. 18:35 ^bPs. 23:4;
86:17; Is. 12:1; 49:13

22 ¹Lit., *an instrument of a*
harp ²Or, *faithfulness*
^aPs. 33:2; 81:2; 144:9 ^bPs.
33:2; 147:7 ^cPs. 78:41; 89:18;
Is. 1:4

23 ^aPs. 5:11; 32:11; 132:9, 16
^bPs. 34:22; 55:18; 103:4

6 ¹By Thee I have been ^asustained from *my* birth;
Thou art He who ^btook me from my mother's womb;
My ^cpraise is continually ²of Thee.

7 I have become a ^amarvel to many;
For Thou art ^bmy strong refuge.

8 My ^amouth is filled with Thy praise,
And with ^bThy glory all day long.

9 Do not cast me off in the ^atime of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies have spoken ¹against me;
And those who ^awatch for my ²life ^bhave consulted
together,

11 Saying, "^aGod has forsaken him;
Pursue and seize him, for there is ^bno one to deliver."

12 O God, ^ado not be far from me;
O my God, ^bhasten to my help!

13 Let those who are adversaries of my soul be ^aashamed
and consumed;
Let them be ^bcovered with reproach and dishonor, who
^cseek ¹to injure me.

14 But as for me, I will ^ahope continually,
And will ^bpraise Thee yet more and more.

15 My ^amouth shall tell of Thy righteousness,
And of ^bThy salvation all day long;
For I ^cdo not know the ¹sum of them.

16 I will come ^awith the mighty deeds of the Lord ¹God;
I will ^bmake mention of Thy righteousness, Thine
alone.

17 O God, Thou ^ahast taught me from my youth;
And I still ^bdeclare Thy wondrous deeds.

18 And even when *I am* ^aold and gray, O God, do not
forsake me,
Until I ^bdeclare Thy ¹strength to *this* generation,
Thy power to all who are to come.

19 ¹For Thy ^arighteousness, O God, *reaches* to the
²heavens,

Thou who hast ^bdone great things;
O God, ^cwho is like Thee?

20 Thou, who hast ^ashowed ¹me many troubles and
distresses,

Wilt ^brenew ¹me again,

And wilt bring ¹me up again ^cfrom the depths of the
earth.

21 Mayest Thou increase my ^agreatness,
And turn to ^bcomfort me.

22 I will also praise Thee with ^{1a}a harp,
Even Thy ²truth, O my God;
To Thee I will sing praises with the ^blyre,
O Thou ^cHoly One of Israel.

23 My lips will ^ashout for joy when I sing praises to Thee;
And my ^bsoul, which Thou hast redeemed.

- 24 My ^atongue also will utter Thy righteousness all day long;
For they are ^bashamed, for they are humiliated who seek ¹my hurt

PSALM 72

The Reign of the Righteous King.

A Psalm of Solomon.

- G**IVE the king ^aThy judgments, O God,
And ^bThy righteousness to the king's son.
- 2 ¹May ²he ^ajudge Thy people with righteousness,
And ^{3b}Thine afflicted with justice.
- 3 ¹Let the mountains bring ^{2a}peace to the people,
And the hills in righteousness.
- 4 ¹May he ^avindicate the ²afflicted of the people,
Save the children of the needy,
And crush the oppressor.
- 5 ¹Let them fear Thee ^awhile the sun endures,
And ^{2a}as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 ¹May he come down ^alike rain upon the mown grass,
Like ^bshowers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days ¹may the ^arighteous flourish,
And abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
- 8 May he also rule ^afrom sea to sea,
And from the river to the ends of the earth.
- 9 ¹Let ^athe nomads of the desert ^bbow before him;
And his enemies ^click the dust.
- 10 ¹Let the kings of ^aTarshish and of the ^{2b}islands bring presents;
The kings of ^cSheba and ^dSeba ^eoffer ³gifts.
- 11 ¹And let all ^akings bow down before him,
All ^bnations serve him.
- 12 For he will ^adeliver the needy when he cries for help,
The ¹afflicted also, and him who has no helper.
- 13 He will have ^acompassion on the poor and needy,
And the ¹lives of the needy he will save.
- 14 He will ^{1a}rescue their ²life from oppression and violence;
And their blood will be ^bprecious in his sight;
- 15 So may he live; and may the ^agold of Sheba be given to him;
And let ¹them pray for him continually;
Let ¹them bless him all day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of the mountains;
Its fruit will wave like *the cedars of* ^aLebanon;
And may those from the city flourish like ^bvegetation of the earth.
- 17 May his ^aname endure forever;
May his name ¹increase ^{2b}as long as the sun *shines*;

²⁴ ¹Or, to injure me
^aPs. 35:28 ^bPs. 71:13

^{1a} ¹Chr. 22:13; ¹Kin. 3:9
^bPs. 24:5

² ¹Or, He will judge
²Many of the pronouns in this Psalm may be rendered *He* since the typical reference is to the Messiah.
³Or, Thy humble
^aIs. 9:7; 11:2-5; 32:1 ^bPs. 82:3

³ ¹Or, the mountains will bring
²Or, prosperity
^aIs. 2:4; 9:5, 6; Mic. 4:3, 4; Zech. 9:10

⁴ ¹Or, He will vindicate
²Or, humble
^aIs. 11:4

⁵ ¹Or, They will fear ²Lit., before the moon
^aPs. 89:36, 37

⁶ ¹Or, He will come down
^aDeut. 32:2; ²Sam. 23:4; Hos. 6:3 ^bPs. 65:10

⁷ ¹Or, The righteous will flourish
^aPs. 92:12

⁸ ^aEx. 23:31; Zech. 9:10

⁹ ¹Or, The nomads . . . will bow
^aPs. 74:14; Is. 23:13 ^bPs. 22:29
^cIs. 49:23; Mic. 7:17

¹⁰ ¹Or, The kings . . . will bring
²Or, coastlands ³Or, tribute
^a2 Chr. 9:21; Ps. 48:7 ^bPs. 97:1; Is. 42:4, 10; Zeph. 2:11
¹ ^cKin. 10:1; Job 6:19; Is. 60:6
^dGen. 10:7; Is. 43:3 ^ePs. 45:12; 68:29

¹¹ ¹Or, All kings will bow down
^aPs. 138:4; Is. 49:23 ^bPs. 86:9

¹² ¹Or, humble
^aPs. 72:4; Job 29:12

¹³ ¹Lit., souls
^aProv. 19:17; 28:8

¹⁴ ¹Lit., redeem ²Lit., soul
^aPs. 69:18 ^bPs. 116:15; ¹Sam. 26:21

¹⁵ ¹Lit., him
^aIs. 60:6

¹⁶ ^aPs. 104:16 ^bJob 5:25

¹⁷ ¹Or, sprout forth ²Lit., before the sun
^aPs. 135:13; Ex. 3:15 ^bPs. 89:36

17 ^cGen. 12:3; 22:18 ^dLuke 1:48

18 ^aPs. 41:13; 89:52; 106:48
^bPs. 77:14; 86:10; 136:4; Ex. 15:11; Job 5:9

19 ^aPs. 96:8; Neh. 9:5
^bNum. 14:21 ^cPs. 41:13

1 ^aPs. 86:5 ^bPs. 24:4; 51:10;
Matt. 5:8

2 ¹Lit., *were caused to slip*
^aPs. 94:18

3 ¹Or, *boasters*
^aPs. 37:1; Prov. 23:17 ^bPs. 37:7; Jer. 12:1

4 ¹Or, *belly*
^aPs. 10:5

5 ¹Lit., *in the trouble of men* ²Or, *mortals* ³Lit., *with*
^aPs. 73:12; Job 21:9 ^bPs. 73:14

6 ^aGen. 41:42; Prov. 1:9
^bPs. 109:18

7 ¹Lit., *goes forth* ²Lit., *overflow*
^aPs. 17:10; Job 15:27

8 ¹Or, *they speak in wickedness; From on high they speak of oppression.*
^aPs. 1:1 ^bPs. 17:10; 2 Pet. 2:18; Jude 16

9 ¹Or, *in* ²Lit., *walks*

10 ¹Or, *His* ²Lit., *drained out*
^aPs. 23:5

11 ¹Lit., *in*
^aJob 22:13

12 ^aPs. 49:6; 52:7 ^bJer. 49:31; Ezek. 23:42

13 ¹Or, *cleansed my heart*
^aJob 21:15; 34:9; 35:3 ^bPs. 26:6

14 ¹Lit., *my chastening*
^aPs. 38:6 ^bPs. 118:18; Job 33:19

15 ^aPs. 14:5

16 ¹Lit., *labor, trouble*
^aEccles. 8:17

17 ¹Lit., *sanctuaries*
^aPs. 27:4; 77:13 ^bPs. 37:38

And let *men* ^cbless themselves by him;
^dLet all nations call him blessed.

18 ^aBlessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who alone ^bworks wonders.

19 And blessed be His ^aglorious name forever;
And may the whole ^bearth be filled with His glory.
^cAmen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK 3

PSALM 73

The End of the Wicked Contrasted with That of the Righteous.

A Psalm of Asaph.

SURELY God is ^agood to Israel,

To those who are ^bpure in heart!

2 But as for me, ^amy feet came close to stumbling;
My steps ¹had almost slipped.

3 For I was ^aenvious of the ¹arrogant,
As I saw the ^bprosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no pains in their death;
And their ¹body is ^afat.

5 They are ^anot ¹in trouble *as other* ²men;
Nor are they ^bplagued ³like mankind.

6 Therefore pride is ^atheir necklace;
The ^bgarment of violence covers them.

7 Their eye ¹bulges from ^afatness;
The imaginations of *their* heart ²run riot.

8 They ^amock, and ¹wickedly speak of oppression;
They ^bspeak from on high.

9 They have set their mouth ¹against the heavens,
And their tongue ²parades through the earth.

10 Therefore ¹his people return to this place;
And waters of ^aabundance are ²drunk by them.

11 And they say, "^aHow does God know?
And is there knowledge ¹with the Most High?"

12 Behold, ^athese are the wicked;
And always ^bat ease, they have increased *in* wealth.

13 Surely ^ain vain I have ¹kept my heart pure,
And ^bwashed my hands in innocence;

14 For I have been stricken ^aall day long,
And ¹chastened every morning.

15 If I had said, "I will speak thus";
Behold, I should have betrayed the ^ageneration of Thy children.

16 When I ^apondered to understand this,
It was ¹troublesome in my sight,

17 Until I came into the ^{1a}sanctuary of God;
Then I perceived their bend.

- 18 Surely Thou dost set them in ^aslippery places;
Thou dost cast them down to ^{1b}destruction.
- 19 How they are ^{1a}destroyed in a moment!
They are utterly swept away by ^bsudden terrors!
- 20 Like a ^adream when one awakes,
O Lord, when ^baroused, Thou wilt ^cdespise their ¹form.
- 21 When my ^aheart was embittered,
And I was ^bpierced ¹within,
- 22 Then I was ^asenseless and ignorant;
I was *like* a ^{1b}beast ²before Thee.
- 23 Nevertheless ^aI am continually with Thee;
Thou hast taken hold of my right hand.
- 24 With Thy counsel Thou wilt ^aguide me,
And afterward ^breceive me ¹to glory.
- 25 ^aWhom have I in heaven *but thee*?
And ¹besides Thee, I desire nothing on earth.
- 26 My ^aflesh and my heart may fail;
But God is the ¹strength of my heart and my ^bportion
forever.
- 27 For, behold, those who are far from Thee will ^aperish;
Thou hast ¹destroyed all those who ^{2b}are unfaithful to
Thee.
- 28 But as for me, ^athe nearness of God is my good;
I have made the Lord ¹GOD my ^brefuge.
That I may ^ctell of all Thy works.

PSALM 74

An Appeal against the Devastation of the Land by the Enemy.

A ¹Maskil of Asaph.

- O GOD, why hast Thou ^arejected us forever?
Why does Thine anger ^bsmoke against the ^csheep of
Thy ¹pasture?
- 2 Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast ^apurchased
of old,
Which Thou hast ^bredeemed to be the ^ctribe of Thine
inheritance;
And Mount ^dZion, where Thou hast dwelt.
- 3 ¹Turn Thy footsteps toward the ^aperpetual ruins,
The enemy ^bhas damaged everything within the
sanctuary.
- 4 Thine adversaries have ^aroared in the midst of Thy
meeting place;
They have set up their ^bown ¹standards ^cfor signs.
- 5 It seems as if one had lifted up
His ^{1a}axe in a ²forest of trees.
- 6 And now ¹all its ^acarved work
They smash with hatchet and ²hammers.
- 7 They have ^{1a}burned Thy sanctuary ²to the ground;
They have ^bdefiled the dwelling place of Thy name.
- 8 They ^asaid in their heart, "Let us ¹completely ²subdue
them."

18 ¹Lit., ruins
^aPs. 35:6 ^bPs. 35:8; 36:12

19 ¹Lit., become a
desolation
^aNum. 16:21; Is. 47:11 ^bJob
18:11

20 ¹Or, image
^aJob 20:8 ^bPs. 78:65 ^c1 Sam.
2:30

21 ¹Lit., in my kidneys
^aJudg. 10:16 ^bActs 2:37

22 ¹Or, animal ²Lit., with
Thee
^aPs. 49:10; 92:6 ^bPs. 49:20;
Job 18:3; Eccles. 3:18

23 ^aPs. 16:8

24 ¹Or, with honor
^aPs. 32:8; 48:14; Is. 58:11 ^bPs.
49:15; Gen. 5:24

25 ¹Or, with
^aPs. 16:2

26 ¹Lit., rock
^aPs. 38:10; 40:12; 84:2;
119:81 ^bPs. 16:5

27 ¹Or, silenced ²Lit., go to
a whoring from
^aPs. 37:20 ^bPs. 106:39; Ex.
34:15; Num. 15:39; Hos.
4:12; 9:1

28 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^aPs. 65:4; Heb. 10:22; James
4:8 ^bPs. 14:6; 71:7 ^cPs. 40:5;
107:22; 118:17

¹ Possibly, Contemplative,
or Didactic, or Skillful
Psalm

1 ¹Or, pasturing
^aPs. 44:9; 77:7 ^bPs. 18:8;
89:46; Deut. 29:20 ^cPs. 79:13;
95:7; 100:3

2 ^aEx. 15:16; Deut. 32:6
^bPs. 77:15; 106:10; Ex. 15:13;
Is. 63:9 ^cDeut. 32:9; Is. 63:17;
Jer. 10:16; 51:19 ^dPs. 9:11;
68:16

3 ¹Lit., Lift up
^aIs. 61:4 ^bPs. 79:1

4 ¹Lit., signs
^aLam. 2:7 ^bNum. 2:2 ^cPs.
74:9

5 ¹Lit., axes ²Lit., thicket
^aJer. 46:22

6 ¹Lit., altogether ²Or,
axes
^a1 Kin. 6:18, 29, 32, 35

7 ¹Lit., set on fire ²Or, To
the ground they . . .
^a2 Kin. 25:9 ^bPs. 89:39; Lam.
2:2

8 ¹Lit., altogether ²Or,
oppress
^aPs. 83:4

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9 *Ps. 78:43 b1 Sam. 3:1; Lam. 2:9; Ezek. 7:26; Amos 8:11 *Ps. 6:3; 79:5; 80:4

10 *Ps. 44:16; 79:12; 89:51
bLev. 24:16

11 *Lam. 2:3 bPs. 59:13

12 *Ps. 44:4

13 ¹Or, *Thou Thyself* ²Lit.,
on
*Ps. 78:13; Ex. 14:21 bIs. 51:9
*Ps. 148:7; Jer. 51:34

14 ¹Or, *Thou Thyself* ²Or,
sea-monster ³Lit., *people*
*Ps. 104:26; Job 41:1 bPs.
72:9

15 ¹Or, *Thou Thyself*
*Ps. 78:15; 105:41; 114:8; Ex.
17:5, 6; Num. 20:11; Is. 48:21
bPs. 114:3; Ex. 14:21, 22;
Josh. 2:10; 3:13

16 ¹Or, *Thou Thyself* ²Or,
luminary
*Ps. 104:19; 136:7, 8; Gen.
1:14-18

17 ¹Or, *Thou Thyself* ²Or,
formed
³Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26 bPs.
147:16-18

18 ¹Or, *that the enemy has
reviled the Lord*
²Ps. 74:10 bPs. 39:8; Deut.
32:6; Ps. 14:1; 53:1

19 *Song of Sol. 2:14 bPs.
9:18

20 *Ps. 106:45; Gen. 17:7
bPs. 88:6; 143:3

21 *Ps. 103:6 bPs. 35:10; Is.
41:17

22 ¹Lit., *Thy reproach from
the foolish man*
*Ps. 43:1; Is. 3:13; 43:26;
Ezek. 20:35 bPs. 14:1; 53:1;
74:18

23 *Ps. 74:10 bPs. 65:7

⁴Lit., *Do Not Destroy*

1 *Ps. 79:13 bPs. 145:18
*Ps. 26:7; 44:1; 71:17

2 *Ps. 102:13 bPs. 9:8; 67:4;
Is. 11:4

They have burned all the meeting places of God in the land.

- 9 We do not see our ^asigns,
There is ^bno longer any prophet,
Nor is there any among us who knows ^chow long.
10 How long, O God, will the adversary ^arevile,
And the enemy ^bspurn Thy name forever?
11 Why ^adost Thou withdraw Thy hand, even Thy right
hand?
From within Thy bosom, ^bdestroy *them!*

12 Yet God is ^amy king from of old,
Who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth.

13 ¹Thou didst ^adivide the sea by Thy strength;
¹Thou ^bdidst break the heads of the ^csea-monsters ²in
the waters.

14 ¹Thou didst crush the heads of ^{2a}Leviathan;
¹Thou didst give him as food for the ³creatures ^bof the
wilderness.

15 ¹Thou didst ^abreak open springs and torrents;
¹Thou didst ^bdry up ever-flowing streams.

16 Thine is the day, Thine is the night;
¹Thou hast ^aprepared the ²light and the sun.

17 ¹Thou hast ^aestablished all the boundaries of the earth;
¹Thou hast ²made ^bsummer and winter.

18 Remember this, ¹O LORD, that the enemy has ^areviled;
And a ^bfoolish people has spurned Thy name.

19 Do not deliver the soul of Thy ^aturtle-dove to the wild
beast;

^bDo not forget the life of Thine afflicted forever.

20 Consider the ^acovenant;
For the ^bdark places of the land are full of the habita-
tions of violence.

21 Let not the ^aoppressed return dishonored;
Let the ^bafflicted and needy praise Thy name.

22 Do arise, O God, *and* ^aplead Thine own cause;
Remember ¹how the ^bfoolish man reproaches Thee all
day long.

23 Do not forget the voice of Thine ^aadversaries,
The ^buproar of those who rise against Thee which as-
cends continually.

PSALM 75

God Abases the Proud, but Exalts the Righteous.

For the choir director; *set to* ⁴Al-tashheth.

A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

WE ^agive thanks to Thee, O God, we give thanks,
For Thy name is ^bnear;
Men declare ^cThy wondrous works.
2 "When I select an ^aappointed time;
It is I who ^bjudge with equity.

3 "The ^aearth and all who dwell in it ¹melt;
It is I who have firmly set its ^bpillars. [2Selah.
4 "I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'
And to the wicked, '^aDo not lift up the horn;
5 Do not lift up your horn on high,
^aDo not speak with insolent ¹pride.' "

6 For not from the east, nor from the west,
Nor from the ^{1a}desert comes exaltation;
7 But ^aGod is the Judge;
He ^bputs down one, and exalts another.
8 For a ^acup is in the hand of the LORD, and the wine
foams;
It is ^{1b}well mixed, and He pours out of this;
Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain *and* ^cdrink
down its dregs.

9 But as for me, I will ^adeclare *it* forever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 And all the ^ahorns of the wicked I will cut off,
But ^bthe horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

PSALM 76

The Victorious Power of the God of Jacob.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments.
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

GOD is ^aknown in Judah;
His name is ^bgreat in Israel.
2 And His ^{1a}tabernacle is in ^bSalem,
His ^cdwelling place also is in Zion.
3 There He ^abroke the ¹flaming arrows,
The shield, and the sword, and the ²weapons of
war. [3Selah.

4 Thou art resplendent,
¹More majestic than the mountains of prey.
5 The ^astouthearted were plundered;
¹They sank into sleep;
And none of the ²warriors could use his hands.
6 At Thy ^arebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both ^{1b}riders and horse were cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, even Thou, art ^ato be feared;
And ^bwho may stand in Thy presence when once
¹Thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven;
The earth ^afeared, and was still,
9 When God ^aarose to judgment,
To save all the humble of the earth. [Selah.
10 For the ^{1a}wrath of man shall praise Thee;
With a remnant of wrath Thou shalt gird Thyself.

11 Make vows to the LORD your God and ^afulfill *them*; •

3 ¹Or, *totter* ²Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 46:6; Is. 24:19 ^b1 Sam. 2:8

4 ^aZech. 1:21

5 ¹Lit., *neck*
^aPs. 94:4; 1 Sam. 2:3

6 ¹Or, *mountainous desert*
^aPs. 3:3; 113:7

7 ^aPs. 50:6 ^bPs. 147:6; 1 Sam. 2:7; Dan. 2:21

8 ¹Lit., *full of mixture*
^aPs. 11:6; 60:3; Job 21:20; Jer. 25:15 ^bProv. 23:30 ^cObad. 16

9 ^aPs. 22:22; 40:10

10 ^aJer. 48:25 ^bPs. 89:17; 92:10; 148:14; 1 Sam. 2:1

1 ^aPs. 48:3 ^bPs. 99:3

2 ¹Lit., *shelter*
^aPs. 27:5; Lam. 2:6 ^bGen. 14:18 ^cPs. 9:11; 132:13; 135:21

3 ¹Lit., *fiery shafts of the bow* ²Lit., *battle* ³Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 46:9

4 ¹Or, *Majestic from the mountains*

5 ¹Lit., *they slumbered their sleep* ²Lit., *men of might have found their hands*
^aIs. 10:12; 46:12

6 ¹Lit., *chariot*
^aPs. 80:16 ^bPs. 78:53; Ex. 15:1, 21

7 ¹Lit., *Thine anger is*
^aPs. 89:7; 96:4; 1 Chr. 16:25 ^bPs. 130:3; Ezra 9:15; Nah. 1:6; Mal. 3:2; Rev. 6:17

8 ^aPs. 33:8; 1 Chr. 16:30

9 ^aPs. 74:22; 82:8

10 ¹Lit., *wraths*
^aEx. 9:16; Rom. 9:17

11 ^aPs. 50:14

11 ^bPs. 68:29

12 ¹Lit., *awesome*
^aPs. 47:2

1 ^aPs. 3:4; 142:1

2 ¹Lit., *and did not grow numb*
^aPs. 50:15; 86:7 ^bPs. 63:6; Is. 26:9 ^cPs. 88:9; Job 11:13
^dGen. 37:35

3 ¹*Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 42:5, 11; 43:5 ^bPs. 55:2; 142:2 ^cPs. 61:2; 143:4

4 ¹Lit., *watching*
^aPs. 39:9

5 ^aPs. 44:1; 143:5; Deut. 32:7; Is. 51:9

6 ¹Lit., *searched*
^aPs. 42:8 ^bPs. 4:4

7 ^aPs. 44:9 ^bPs. 85:1, 5

8 ¹Lit., *word* ²Lit., *from generation to generation*
^aPs. 89:49 ^{b2} Pet. 3:9

9 ¹Lit., *shut up*
^aIs. 49:15 ^bPs. 25:6; 40:11; 51:1

10 ¹Or, *infirmity, the years of the right hand of the Most High*
^aPs. 31:22; 73:15 ^bPs. 44:2, 3

11 ¹Heb., *YAH*
^aPs. 105:5; 143:5

12 ^aPs. 145:5

13 ^aPs. 63:2; 73:17 ^bPs. 71:19; 86:8; Ex. 15:11

14 ^aPs. 72:18 ^bPs. 106:8

15 ¹Lit., *arm*
^aPs. 74:2; 78:42; Ex. 6:6; Deut. 9:29 ^bPs. 80:1

16 ^aPs. 114:3; Ex. 14:21; Hab. 3:8, 10

17 ¹Lit., *went*
^aJudg. 5:4 ^bPs. 68:33 ^cPs. 18:14

18 ^aPs. 18:13; 104:7

Let all who are around Him ^bbring gifts to Him who is to be feared.

- 12 He will cut off the spirit of princes;
He is ^{1a}feared by the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

Comfort in Trouble from Recalling God's Mighty Deeds.

For the choir director; according to Jeduthun.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- My** voice *rises* to God, and I will ^acry aloud;
My voice *rises* to God, and He will hear me.
- 2 In the ^aday of my trouble I sought the Lord;
^bIn the night my ^chand was stretched out ¹without weariness;
My soul ^drefused to be comforted.
- 3 *When* I remember God, then I am ^adisturbed;
When I ^bsigh, then ^cmy spirit grows faint. [¹*Selah*.]
- 4 Thou hast held my eyelids ¹open;
I am so troubled that I ^acannot speak.
- 5 I have considered the ^adays of old,
The years of long ago.
- 6 I will remember my ^asong in the night;
I ^bwill meditate with my heart;
And my spirit ¹ponders.
- 7 Will the Lord ^areject forever?
And will He ^bnever be favorable again?
- 8 Has His ^alovingkindness ceased forever?
Has *His* ^bpromise come to an end ²forever?
- 9 Has God ^aforgotten to be gracious?
Or has He in anger ¹withdrawn His ^bcompassion?
[*Selah*.]
- 10 Then I said, "^aIt is my ¹grief,
That the ^bbright hand of the Most High has changed."
- 11 I shall remember the ^adeeds of ¹the LORD;
Surely I will ^aremember Thy wonders of old.
- 12 I will ^ameditate on all Thy work,
And muse on Thy deeds.
- 13 Thy way, O God, is ^aholy;
^bWhat god is great like our God?
- 14 Thou art the ^aGod who workest wonders;
Thou hast ^bmade known Thy strength among the peoples.
- 15 Thou hast by Thy ¹power ^aredeemed Thy people,
The sons of Jacob and ^bJoseph. [*Selah*.]
- 16 The ^awaters saw Thee, O God;
The waters saw Thee, they were in anguish;
The deeps also trembled.
- 17 The ^aclouds poured out water;
The skies ^bgave forth a sound;
Thy ^carrows ¹flashed here and there.
- 18 The ^asound of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind;

- The ^blightnings lit up the world;
The ^cearth trembled and shook,
19 Thy ^away was in the sea,
And Thy paths in the mighty waters,
And Thy footprints may not be known.
20 Thou ^adidst lead Thy people like a flock,
By the hand of ^bMoses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

God's Guidance of His People in Spite of Their Unfaithfulness.

^fMaskil of Asaph.

- ^a**L**ISTEN, O my people, to my ^linstruction;
^bIncline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will ^aopen my mouth in a parable;
I will utter ^bdark sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known,
And ^aour fathers have told us.
4 We will ^anot conceal them from their children,
But tell to the ^bgeneration to come the praises of the
LORD,
And His strength and His ^cwondrous works that He has
done.
5 For He established a ^atestimony in Jacob,
And appointed a ^blaw in Israel,
Which He ^ccommanded our fathers,
That they should ^ldteach them to their children;
6 That the generation to come might know, *even* ^athe
children *yet* to be born,
That they may arise and ^btell *them* to their children,
7 That they should put their confidence in God,
And ^anot forget the works of God,
But ^bkeep His commandments,
8 And ^anot be like their fathers,
A ^bstubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that ^cdid not ^lprepare its heart,
And whose spirit was not ^dfaithful to God.
9 The sons of Ephraim ^lwere ^aarchers equipped with
bows,
Yet ^bthey turned back in the day of battle.
10 They ^adid not keep the covenant of God,
And refused to ^bwalk in His Law;
11 And they ^aforgot His deeds,
And His ^lmiracles that He had shown them.
12 ^aHe wrought wonders before their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the ^bfield of Zoan.
13 He ^adivided the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And He made the waters stand ^bup like a heap.
14 Then He led them with the cloud by ^aday,
And all the night with a ^blight of fire.
15 He ^asplit the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave *them* abundant drink like the ocean depths.

18 ^bPs. 97:4 ^cPs. 18:7; Judg. 5:419 ^aIs. 51:10; Hab. 3:1520 ^aPs. 78:52; 80:1; Ex. 13:21; 14:19; Is. 63:11-13 ^bPs. 105:26; Ex. 6:26^f Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm*^l Or, *law, teaching*
^a Is. 51:4 ^b Is. 55:3² ^a Ps. 49:4; Matt. 13:35
^b Prov. 1:6³ ^a Ps. 44:1⁴ ^a Ps. 145:4; Ex. 12:26; Deut. 11:19; Job 15:18; Is. 38:19; Joel 1:3 ^b Ps. 22:30 ^c Ps. 26:7; 71:17; Job 37:16⁵ ^l Lit., *make them know*
^a Ps. 19:7; 81:5; Is. 8:20 ^b Ps. 147:19 ^c Deut. 6:4-9 ^d Deut. 4:9⁶ ^a Ps. 22:31 ^b Deut. 11:19⁷ ^a Deut. 4:9; 6:12; 8:14
^b Deut. 4:2; 5:1, 29; 27:1; Josh. 22:5⁸ ^l Or, *put right*
^a 2 Chr. 30:7; Ezek. 20:18
^b Deut. 9:7, 24; 31:27; Judg. 2:19; Is. 30:9 ^c Ps. 78:37; Job 11:13 ^d Ps. 51:10⁹ ^l Or, *being*
^a 1 Chr. 12:2 ^b Ps. 78:57; Judg. 20:39¹⁰ ^a Judg. 2:20; 1 Kin. 11:11; 2 Kin. 18:12 ^b Ps. 119:1; Jer. 32:23; 44:10, 23¹¹ ^l Or, *wonderful works*
^a Ps. 106:13¹² ^a Ps. 106:22; Ex. 7:12 ^b Ps. 78:43; Num. 13:22; Is. 19:11; 30:4; Ezek. 30:14¹³ ^a Ps. 74:13; 136:13; Ex. 14:21 ^b Ps. 33:7; Ex. 15:8¹⁴ ^a Ps. 105:39; Ex. 13:21
^b Ex. 14:24¹⁵ ^a Ps. 105:41; 114:8; Ex. 17:6; Is. 48:21; 1 Cor. 10:4

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16 ^aNum. 20:8, 10, 11

17 ^aDeut. 9:22; Is. 63:10

18 ^aPs. 78:41, 56; 95:9;
106:14; Ex. 17:6; Deut. 6:16;
1 Cor. 10:9 ^bNum. 11:4

19 ^aEx. 16:3; Num. 11:4;
20:3; 21:5

20 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aPs. 78:15, 16 ^bNum. 11:18

21 ¹Or, *became infuriated*
^aNum. 11:1

22 ^aDeut. 1:32; 9:23; Heb.
3:18

23 ^aGen. 7:11; Mal. 3:10

24 ¹Lit., *grain*
^aEx. 16:4 ^bPs. 105:40; John
6:31

25 ¹Lit., *mighty ones* ²Or,
provision ³Lit., *to satiation*
^aEx. 16:3

26 ¹Or, *strength*
^aNum. 11:31

27 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aPs. 105:40; Ex. 16:13

28 ¹Lit., *His*

29 ^aNum. 11:19, 20

30 ¹Lit., *They were not
estranged from*

31 ¹Lit., *among their fat
ones* ²Lit., *caused to bow
down*
^aNum. 11:33, 34; Job 20:23
^bIs. 10:16

32 ^aNum. 14:16, 17 ^bNum.
14:11; Ps. 78:11

33 ¹Lit., *vanity, a mere
breath*
^aNum. 14:29, 35

34 ^aNum. 21:7; Hos. 5:15
^bPs. 63:1

35 ^aDeut. 32:4 ^bPs. 74:2;
Ex. 15:13; Deut. 9:26

36 ^aEx. 24:7, 8; Ezek. 33:31
^bEx. 32:7, 8; Is. 57:11

37 ^aPs. 78:8; 51:10

38 ¹Lit., *cover over, atone
for* ²Lit., *turned away*
^aEx. 34:6 ^bNum. 14:20

16 He ^abrought forth streams also from the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 Yet they still continued to sin against Him,
To ^arebel against the Most High in the desert.

18 And in their heart they ^aput God to the test
By asking ^bfood according to their desire.

19 Then they spoke against God;
They said, "^aCan God prepare a table in the wil-
derness?"

20 "Behold, He ^astruck the rock, so that waters gushed out,
And streams were overflowing;
Can He give bread also?
Will He provide ^{1b}meat for His people?"

21 Therefore the LORD heard and ¹was ^afull of wrath,
And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also mounted against Israel;

22 Because they ^adid not believe in God,
And did not trust in His salvation.

23 Yet He commanded the clouds above,
And ^aopened the doors of heaven;

24 And He ^arained down manna upon them to eat,
And gave them ^{1b}food from heaven.

25 Man did eat the bread of ¹angels;
He sent them ²food ^{3a}in abundance.

26 He ^acaused the east wind to blow in the heavens;
And by His ¹power He directed the south wind.

27 When He rained ¹meat upon them like the dust,
Even ^awinged fowl like the sand of the seas;

28 Then He let *them* fall in the midst of ¹their camp,
Round about their dwellings.

29 So they ^aate and were well filled;
And their desire He gave to them.

30 ¹Before they had satisfied their desire,
While their food was in their mouths,

31 The ^aanger of God rose against them,
And killed ¹some of their ^bstoutest ones,
And ²subdued the choice men of Israel.

32 In spite of all this they ^astill sinned,
And ^bdid not believe in His wonderful works.

33 So He brought ^atheir days to an end in ¹futility,
And their years in sudden terror.

34 When He killed them, then they ^asought Him,
And returned and searched ^bdiligently for God;

35 And they remembered that God was their ^arock,
And the Most High God their ^bredeemer.

36 But they ^adeceived Him with their mouth,
And ^blied to Him with their tongue.

37 For their heart was not ^asteadfast toward Him,
Nor were they faithful in His covenant.

38 But He, being ^acompassionate, ^{1b}forgave *their* iniquity,
and did not destroy *them*;
And often He ²restrained His anger,
And did not arouse all His wrath.

39 Thus ^aHe remembered that they were but ^bflesh,
 A ^{1c}wind that passes and does not return.

40 How often they ^arebelled against Him in the wilderness,
 And ^bgrieved Him in the ^cdesert!

41 And again and again they ^{1a}tempted God,
 And pained the ^bHoly One of Israel.

42 They ^adid not remember ^bHis ¹power,
 The day when He ^credeemed them from the adversary,

43 When He performed His ^asigns in Egypt,
 And His ^bmarvels in the field of Zoan,

44 And ^aturned their rivers to blood,
 And their streams, they could not drink.

45 He sent among them swarms of ^aflies, which devoured them,
 And ^bfrogs which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their crops to the ^agrasshopper,
 And the product of their labor to the ^blocust.

47 He ¹destroyed their vines with ^ahailstones,
 And their sycamore trees with frost.

48 He gave over their ^acattle also to the hailstones,
 And their herds to bolts of lightning.

49 He ^asent upon them His burning anger,
 Fury, and indignation, and trouble,
¹A band of destroying angels.

50 He leveled a path for His anger;
 He ^adid not spare their soul from death,
 But ^bgave over their life to the plague,

51 And ^asmote all the first-born in Egypt,
 The ^bfirst *issue* of their virility in the tents of ^cHam.

52 But He ^aled forth His own people like sheep,
 And guided them in the wilderness ^blike a flock;

53 And He led them ^asafely, so that they did not fear;
 But ^bthe sea engulfed their enemies.

54 So ^aHe brought them to His holy ¹land,
 To this ^{2b}hill country which His right hand had gained.

55 He also ^adrove out the nations before them,
 And He ^bapportioned them for an inheritance by measurement,
 And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they ^{1a}tempted and ^brebelled against the Most High God,
 And did not keep His testimonies,

57 But turned back and ^aacted treacherously like their fathers;
 They turned aside like a treacherous bow.

58 For they ^aprovoked Him with their ^bhigh places,
 And ^caroused His jealousy with their ^dgraven images.

59 When God heard, He ¹was filled with ^awrath,
 And greatly ^babhorred Israel;

60 So that He ^aabandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh,
 The tent ¹which He had pitched among men;

61 And gave up His ^astrength to captivity,
 And His glory ^binto the hand of the adversary.

39 ¹Or, *breath*
^aPs. 103:14; Job 10:9 ^bGen. 6:3 ^cJob 7:7; Ps. 103:14; James 4:14

40 ^aPs. 106:43; 107:11 ^bPs. 95:10; Is. 63:10; Eph. 4:30 ^cPs. 106:14

41 ¹Or, *put God to the test*
^aNum. 14:22 ^bPs. 89:18; 2 Kin. 19:22

42 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aJudg. 8:34 ^bPs. 44:3 ^cPs. 106:10

43 ^aPs. 105:27 ^bEx. 4:21; 7:3

44 ^aPs. 105:29

45 ^aPs. 105:31; Ex. 8:24 ^bPs. 105:30; Ex. 8:6

46 ^aPs. 105:34; 1 Kin. 8:37 ^bEx. 10:14

47 ¹Lit., *was killing*
^aPs. 105:32; Ex. 9:23

48 ^aEx. 9:19

49 ¹Lit., *A deputation of angels of evil*
^aEx. 15:7

50 ^aJob 27:22 ^bEx. 12:29, 30

51 ^aPs. 105:36; 135:8; 136:10 ^bGen. 49:3 ^cPs. 105:23, 27; 106:22

52 ^aEx. 15:22 ^bPs. 77:20

53 ^aEx. 14:19, 20 ^bPs. 106:11; Ex. 14:27, 28

54 ¹Lit., *border, territory*
²Or, *mountain*
^aEx. 15:17 ^bPs. 68:16; Is. 11:9

55 ^aPs. 44:2 ^bPs. 105:11; 135:12; Josh. 23:4

56 ¹Or, *put to the test*
^aPs. 78:18 ^bPs. 78:40

57 ^aEzek. 20:28

58 ^aDeut. 4:25; 1 Kin. 14:9; Is. 65:3 ^bLev. 26:30; 1 Kin. 3:2; 2 Kin. 16:4; Jer. 17:3 ^cDeut. 32:16, 21; 1 Kin. 14:22 ^dEx. 20:4; Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:25

59 ¹Or, *became infuriated*
^aPs. 106:40; Deut. 1:34; 9:19 ^bLev. 26:30; Deut. 32:19; Amos 6:8

60 ¹Some ancient versions read, *where He dwelt*
^aPs. 78:67; 1 Sam. 4:11; Jer. 7:12, 14; 26:6

61 ^aPs. 63:2; 132:8 ^b1 Sam. 4:17

62 ¹Or, *became infuriated*
¹Judg. 20:21; 1 Sam. 4:10

63 ¹Or, *their*
²Num. 11:1; 21:28; Is. 26:11;
Jer. 48:45 ³Jer. 7:34; 16:9;
Lam. 2:21

64 ¹Or, *their*
¹1 Sam. 4:17; 22:18 ²Job
27:15; Ezek. 24:23

65 ¹Or, *sobered up from*
¹Ps. 44:23; 73:20 ²Is. 42:13

66 ¹Lit., *smote*
¹1 Sam. 5:6

67 ²Ps. 78:60

68 ²Ps. 87:2; 132:13

69 ¹1 Kin. 6:1-38

70 ¹1 Sam. 16:12

71 ¹Lit., *following* ²Lit.,
ewes which gave suck,
He . . .
²2 Sam. 7:8 ³Gen. 33:13
²2 Sam. 5:2; 1 Chr. 11:2; Ps.
28:9 ⁴1 Sam. 10:1

72 ¹1 Kin. 9:4

¹ ¹Lit., *come into*
²Lam. 1:10 ³Ps. 74:2 ⁴Ps.
74:3, 7 ⁵2 Kin. 25:9, 10; Jer.
26:18; Mic. 3:12

² ²Deut. 28:26; Jer. 7:33;
16:4; 19:7; 34:20

³ ²Jer. 14:16; 16:4

⁴ ²Ps. 44:13; 80:6; Dan.
9:16

⁵ ²Ps. 13:1; 74:1, 10; 85:5;
89:46 ³Deut. 29:20; Ezek.
36:5; 38:19 ⁴Ps. 89:46

⁶ ²Ps. 69:24; Ezek. 21:31;
Zeph. 3:8 ³1 Thess. 4:5;
2 Thess. 1:8 ⁴Ps. 14:4; 53:4

⁷ ¹Lit., *pasture*
¹Ps. 53:4 ²Chr. 36:19; Jer.
39:8

⁸ ¹Or, *our former*
iniquities
²Ps. 106:6; Is. 64:9 ³Ps. 21:3
⁴Ps. 116:6; 142:6; Deut.
28:43; Is. 26:5

62 He also ^adelivered His people to the sword,
And ¹was filled with wrath at His inheritance.

63 ^aFire devoured ¹His young men;
And ¹His ^bvirgins had no wedding songs.

64 ¹His ^apriests fell by the sword;
And ¹His ^bwidows could not weep.

65 Then the Lord ^aawoke as *if from* sleep,
Like a ^bwarrior ¹overcome by wine.

66 And He ^{1a}drove His adversaries backward;
He put on them an everlasting reproach.

67 He also ^arejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount ^aZion which He loved.

69 And He ^abuilt His sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He has founded forever.

70 He also ^achose David His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;

71 From ^{1a}the care of the ²ewes ^bwith suckling lambs He
brought him,

To ^cshepherd Jacob His people,
And Israel ^dHis inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them according to the ^aintegrity of
his heart,
And guided them with his skillful hands.

PSALM 79

A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem, and Prayer for Help.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- O** GOD, the ^anations have ¹invaded ^bThine inheritance;
They have defiled Thy ^choly temple;
They have ^dlaid Jerusalem in ruins.
- 2 They have given the ^adead bodies of Thy servants for
food to the birds of the heavens,
The flesh of Thy godly ones to the beasts of the earth.
- 3 They have poured out their blood like water round
about Jerusalem;
And there was ^ano one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a ^areproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and derision to those around us.
- 5 ^aHow long, O LORD? Wilt Thou be angry forever?
Will Thy ^bjealousy ^cburn like fire?
- 6 ^aPour out Thy wrath upon the nations which ^bdo not
know Thee,
And upon the kingdoms which ^cdo not call upon Thy
name.
- 7 For they have ^adevoured Jacob,
And ^blaid waste his ¹habitation.
- 8 ^aDo not remember ¹the iniquities of *our* forefathers
against us;
Let Thy compassion come quickly to ^bmeet us;
For we are ^cbrought very low.

- 9 ^aHelp us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of ^bThy name;
And deliver us, and ^{1c}forgive our sins, for Thy name's sake.
- 10 ^aWhy should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Let there be known among the nations in our sight,
^bVengeance for the blood of Thy servants, which has been shed.
- 11 Let ^athe groaning of the prisoner come before Thee;
According to the greatness of Thy ¹power preserve
²those who are ^adoomed to die.
- 12 And return to our neighbors ^asevenfold ^binto their bosom
¹The ^creproach with which they have reproached Thee,
O Lord.
- 13 So we Thy people and the ^asheep of Thy ¹pasture
Will ^bgive thanks to Thee forever;
To all generations we will ^ctell of Thy praise.

PSALM 80

God Implored to Rescue His People from Their Calamities.

For the choir director; *set to* ⁴El Shoshannim; ^aEduth.
A Psalm of Asaph.

- O**H give ear, ^aShepherd of Israel,
Thou who dost lead ^bJoseph like a flock;
Thou who ^cart enthroned *above* the cherubim, shine forth!
- 2 Before ^aEphraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, ^bstir up Thy power,
And come to save us!
- 3 O God, ^arestore us,
And ^bcause Thy face to shine *upon us*, ¹and we will be saved.
- 4 O ^aLORD God of hosts,
^bHow long wilt Thou ¹be angry with the prayer of Thy people?
- 5 Thou hast fed them with the ^abread of tears,
And Thou hast made them to drink tears in ¹large measure.
- 6 Thou dost make us ¹an object of contention ^ato our neighbors;
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 O God of hosts, restore us,
And cause Thy face to shine *upon us*, ¹and we will be saved.
- 8 Thou didst remove a ^avine from Egypt;
Thou didst ^bdrive out the ¹nations, and didst ^cplant it.
- 9 Thou didst ^aclear *the ground* before it,
And it ^btook deep root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with its shadow;
And ¹the cedars of God with its ^aboughs.

⁹ ¹Lit., *cover over, atone for*
² Chr. 14:11 ^bPs. 31:3 ^cPs. 25:11; 65:3

¹⁰ ^aPs. 115:2 ^bPs. 94:1, 2

¹¹ ¹Lit., *arm* ²Lit., *the children of death*
^aPs. 102:20

¹² ¹Lit., *Their*
^aGen. 4:15; Lev. 26:21, 28; Ps. 12:6; 119:164; Prov. 6:31; 24:16; Is. 30:26 ^bPs. 35:13; Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18; Luke 6:38 ^cPs. 74:10, 22

¹³ ¹Or, *pasturing*
^aPs. 74:1; 95:7; 100:3 ^bPs. 44:8 ^cPs. 89:1; Is. 43:21

⁴ Possibly, *to the Lilies*

^a Lit., *A testimony*

¹ ^aPs. 23:1 ^bPs. 77:15; 78:67; Amos 5:15 ^cPs. 99:1; Ex. 25:22; 1 Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 6:2

² ^aNum. 2:18-24 ^bPs. 35:23

³ ¹Or, *that we may*
^aPs. 80:7, 19; 60:1; 85:4; 126:1; Lam. 5:21 ^bPs. 31:16; Num. 6:25

⁴ ¹Lit., *smoke against*
^aPs. 59:5; 84:8 ^bPs. 79:5; 85:5

⁵ ¹Lit., *a third part of a*
^aPs. 42:3; 102:9

⁶ ¹Lit., *a strife to*
^aPs. 44:13; 79:4

⁷ ¹Or, *that we may*

⁸ ¹Or, *Gentiles*
^aPs. 80:15; Is. 5:2, 7; Jer. 2:21; 12:10; Ezek. 17:6; 19:10 ^bPs. 44:2; Josh. 13:6; 2 Chr. 20:7; Acts 7:45 ^cJer. 11:17; 32:41; Ezek. 17:23; Amos 9:15

⁹ ^aEx. 23:28; Josh. 24:12; Is. 5:2 ^bHos. 14:5

¹⁰ ¹Or, *its boughs are like the cedars of God*
^aGen. 49:22

11 ^aPs. 72:8

12 ¹Or, *walls, fences*
^aPs. 89:40; Is. 5:5 ^bDeut. 28:63

13 ^aJer. 5:6

14 ^aPs. 90:13 ^bPs. 102:19; Is. 63:15

15 ¹Or, *root* ²Or figuratively: *branch* ³Or, *secured*
^aPs. 80:8

16 ^aPs. 74:8; 2 Chr. 36:19; Jer. 52:13 ^bPs. 39:11; 76:6

17 ^aPs. 89:21 ^bPs. 80:15

18 ^aIs. 50:5 ^bPs. 71:20

19 ¹Or, *that we may*
^aPs. 80:3

^cOr, *according to*

1 ^aPs. 51:14; 59:16; 95:1
^bPs. 46:1 ^cPs. 66:1; 95:2; 98:4
^dPs. 84:8

2 ^aPs. 149:3; Ex. 15:20 ^bPs. 92:3; 98:5; 147:7 ^cPs. 108:2; 144:9

3 ^aNum. 10:10 ^bLev. 23:24

5 ¹Lit., *went out over*
^aEx. 11:4 ^bPs. 114:1 Deut. 28:49; Jer. 5:15

6 ¹Lit., *removed his shoulder from* ²Or, *brck load*
^aIs. 9:4; 10:27

7 ¹*Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 50:15; Ex. 2:23; 14:10
^bEx. 19:19; 20:18 ^cPs. 95:8; Ex. 17:6, 7

8 ¹Or, *bear witness against*
^aPs. 50:7 ^bPs. 95:7

9 ^aPs. 44:20; Ex. 20:3; Deut. 32:12; Is. 43:12

10 ^aEx. 20:2 ^bJob 29:23 ^cPs. 37:4; 78:25; 107:9

11 ¹Lit., *yield to*
^aPs. 106:25

- 11 It was sending out its branches ^ato the sea,
And its shoots to the River.
12 Why hast Thou ^abroken down its ¹hedges,
So that all who pass *that way* ^bpick its *fruit*?
13 A boar from the forest ^aeats it away,
And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.

- 14 O God of hosts, ^aturn again now, we beseech Thee;
^bLook down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine,
15 Even the ¹shoot which Thy right hand has planted,
And on the ²son whom Thou hast ³strengthened for Thyself.
16 It is ^aburned with fire, it is cut down;
They perish at the ^brebuke of Thy countenance.
17 Let ^aThy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom Thou ^bdidst make strong for Thyself.
18 Then we shall not ^aturn back from Thee;
^bRevive us, and we will call upon Thy name.
19 O LORD God of hosts, ^arestore us;
Cause Thy face to shine *upon us*, ¹and we will be saved.

PSALM 81

God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.

For the choir director; ^fon the Gittith.
A Psalm of Asaph.

- ^aSING for joy to God our ^bstrength;
Shout ^cjoyfully to the ^dGod of Jacob.
2 Raise ^aa song, strike ^athe timbrel,
The sweet sounding ^blyre with the ^charp.
3 Blow the trumpet at the ^anew moon,
At the full moon, on our ^bfeast day.
4 For it is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5 He established it for a testimony in Joseph,
When he ¹went throughout the land of Egypt.
I heard a ^blanguage that I did not know:
6 "I ¹relieved his shoulder of the burden,
His hands were freed from the ²basket.
7 "You ^acalled in trouble, and I rescued you;
I ^banswered you in the hiding place of thunder;
I proved you at the ^cwaters of Meribah. [¹Selah.
8 "Hear, O My people, and I will ¹admonish you;
O Israel, if you ^bwould listen to Me!
9 "Let there be no ^astrange god among you;
Nor shall you worship any foreign god.
10 "I, the LORD, am your God,
Who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
^bOpen your mouth wide and I will ^cfill it.
11 "But My people ^adid not listen to My voice;
And Israel did not ¹obey Me.

- 12 "So I ^agave ¹them over to the stubbornness of their heart,
To walk in their own devices.
- 13 "Oh that My people ^awould listen to Me,
That Israel would ^bwalk in My ways!
- 14 "I would quickly ^asubdue their enemies,
And ^bturn My hand against their adversaries.
- 15 "Those who hate the LORD would ^apretend obedience to Him;
And their time of *punishment* would be forever.
- 16 "¹But I would feed you with the ^{2a}finest of the wheat;
And with ^bhoney from the rock I would satisfy you."

PSALM 82

Unjust Judgments Rebuked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- G**OD takes His ^astand in ¹His own congregation;
He ^bjudges in the midst of the ^{2c}rulers.
- 2 How long will you ^ajudge unjustly,
And ^bshow partiality to the wicked? [¹Selah.]
- 3 ^aVindicate the weak and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
- 4 ^aRescue the weak and needy;
Deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
- 5 They ^ado not know nor do they understand;
They ^bwalk about in darkness;
All the ^cfoundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 ¹I ^asaid, "You are gods,
And all of you are ^bsons of the Most High.
- 7 "Nevertheless ^ayou will die like men,
And fall like *any* ^bbone of the princes."
- 8 ^aArise, O God, ^bjudge the earth!
For it is Thou who dost ^cpossess all the nations.

PSALM 83

God Implored to Confound His Enemies.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

- O** GOD, ^ado not remain quiet;
^bDo not be silent, and, O God, do not be still.
- 2 For, behold, Thine enemies ^amake an uproar;
And those who hate Thee have ^{1b}exalted themselves.
- 3 They ^amake *shrewd* plans against Thy people,
And ¹conspire together against ^bThy ²treasured ones.
- 4 They have said, "Come, and ^alet us wipe them out ^{1a}as a nation;
That the ^bname of Israel be remembered no more."
- 5 For they have ^{1a}conspired together with one mind;
Against Thee do they make a covenant:
- 6 The tents of ^aEdom and the ^bIshmaelites;
^cMoab, and the ^dHagarites;

¹² ¹Lit., *him*
^aJob 8:4; Acts 7:42; Rom. 1:24, 26

¹³ ^aPs. 81:8; Deut. 5:29; Is. 48:18 ^bPs. 128:1; Is. 42:24; Jer. 7:23

¹⁴ ^aPs. 18:47; 47:3 ^bAmos 1:8

¹⁵ ^aPs. 18:44; 66:3

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *He would feed him*
²Lit., *fat*
^aPs. 147:14; Deut. 32:14
^bDeut. 32:13

¹ ¹Lit., *the congregation of God* ²Lit., *gods*
^aIs. 3:13 ^bPs. 58:11 ^cEx. 21:6; 22:8, 28

² ¹*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 58:1 ^bDeut. 1:17; Prov. 18:5

³ ^aPs. 10:18; Deut. 24:17; Is. 11:4; Jer. 22:16

⁴ ^aJob 29:12

⁵ ^aPs. 14:4; Jer. 4:22; Mic. 3:1 ^bProv. 2:13; Is. 59:9; Jer. 23:12 ^cPs. 11:3

⁶ ¹Lit., *I, on my part*
^aPs. 82:1; John 10:34 ^bPs. 89:26

⁷ ^aPs. 49:12; Job 21:32; Ezek. 31:14 ^bPs. 83:11

⁸ ^aPs. 12:5 ^bPs. 58:11; 96:13 ^cPs. 2:8; Rev. 11:15

¹ ^aPs. 28:1; 35:22 ^bPs. 109:1

² ¹Lit., *lifted up the head*
^aPs. 2:1; Is. 17:12 ^bJudg. 8:28; Zech. 1:21

³ ¹Or, *consult* ²Or, *hidden ones*
^aPs. 64:2; Is. 29:15 ^bPs. 27:5; 31:20

⁴ ¹Lit., *from*
^aPs. 74:8; Esth. 3:6; Jer. 48:2 ^bPs. 41:5

⁵ ¹Or, *consulted*
^aPs. 2:2; Dan. 6:7

⁶ ²Chr. 20:10; Ps. 137:7
^bGen. 25:12-16 ^cChr. 20:10
^d1 Chr. 5:10

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7 ^aJosh. 13:5; Ezek. 27:9
^{b2}Chr. 20:10 ^{c1}Sam. 15:2
^{d1}Sam. 4:1; 29:1 ^eEzek. 27:3;
 Amos 1:9

8 ¹Lit., *an arm* ²*Selah* may
 mean: *Pause, Crescendo or*
Musical Interlude
²Kin. 15:19 ^bDeut. 2:9

9 ^aJudg. 7:22 ^bJudg. 4:22,
 23

11 ^aJudg. 7:25 ^bJudg. 8:21

12 ^{a2}Chr. 20:11 ^bPs. 132:13

13 ¹Or, *tumbleweed*
^aIs. 17:13 ^bJob 21:18; Is.
 40:24; Jer. 13:24

14 ^aIs. 9:18 ^bEx. 19:18;
 Deut. 32:22

15 ^aPs. 58:9; Job 9:17

16 ^aPs. 109:29; 132:18; Job
 10:15

17 ^aPs. 35:4; 70:2

18 ^aPs. 86:10; Is. 45:21 ^bPs.
 9:2; 18:13; 97:9

[£]Or, *according to*

1 ^aPs. 43:3; 132:5

2 ^aPs. 42:2; 63:1 ^bPs. 42:2

3 ^aPs. 43:4 ^bPs. 5:2

4 ¹*Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 65:4 ^bPs. 42:5, 11

5 ¹Lit., *their*
^aPs. 81:1 ^bPs. 86:11; 122:1;
 Jer. 31:6

6 ¹Probably, *Weeping, or*
balsam trees ²Or, *place of*
springs
^aPs. 107:35; Joel 2:23

7 ¹Some ancient versions
 read, *The God of gods will*
be seen in Zion.
^aProv. 4:18; Is. 40:31; John
 1:16; 2 Cor. 3:18 ^bPs. 42:2;
 Ex. 34:23; Deut. 16:16

- 7 ^aGebal, and ^bAmmon, and ^cAmalek;
^dPhilistia with the inhabitants of ^eTyre;
- 8 ^aAssyria also has joined with them;
 They have become ^{1a} help to the ^bchildren of Lot.
 [²Selah.]
- 9 Deal with them ^aas with Midian,
 As ^bwith Sisera and Jabin, at the torrent of Kishon,
- 10 Who were destroyed at En-dor,
 Who became as dung for the ground.
- 11 Make their nobles like ^aOreb and Zeeb,
 And all their princes like ^bZebah and Zalmunna,
- 12 Who said, "Let us possess for ourselves
 The ^bpastures of God."
- 13 O my God, make them like the ^{1a}whirling dust;
 Like ^bchaff before the wind.
- 14 Like ^afire that burns the forest,
 And like a flame that ^bsets the mountains on fire,
- 15 So pursue them ^awith Thy tempest,
 And terrify them with Thy storm.
- 16 ^aFill their faces with dishonor,
 That they may seek Thy name, O LORD.
- 17 Let them be ^aashamed and dismayed forever;
 And let them be humiliated and perish,
- 18 That they may know that ^aThou alone, whose name is
 the LORD,
 Art the ^bMost High over all the earth.

PSALM 84

Longing for the Temple Worship.

For the choir director; [£]on the Gittith.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- How lovely are Thy ^adwelling places,
 O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My ^asoul longed and even yearned for the courts of the
 LORD;
 My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the ^bliving God.
- 3 The bird also has found a house,
 And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay
 her young,
 Even Thine ^aaltars, O LORD of hosts,
^bMy King and my God.
- 4 How ^ablessed are those who dwell in Thy house!
 They are ^bever praising Thee. [¹Selah.]
- 5 How blessed is the man whose ^astrength is in Thee;
 In ¹whose heart are the ^bhighways to Zion!
- 6 Passing through the valley of ¹Baca, they make it a
²spring,
 The ^aearly rain also covers it with blessings.
- 7 They ^ago from strength to strength,
¹Every one of them ^bappears before God in Zion.

- 8 O ^aLORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O ^bGod of Jacob!
- 9 Behold our ^ashield, O God,
And look upon the face of ^bThine anointed.
- 10 For ^aa day in Thy courts is better than a thousand
outside.
I would rather stand at the ^bthreshold of the house of
my God,
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For LORD God is ^aa sun and shield;
The LORD gives grace and ^bglory;
No ^cgood thing does He withhold ¹from those who
walk ²uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts,
How ^ablessed is the man who trusts in Thee!

PSALM 85

Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah.

- O LORD, Thou didst show ^afavor to Thy land;
Thou didst ¹restore the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 Thou didst ^aforgive the iniquity of Thy people;
Thou didst ^bcover all their sin. [¹Selah.
- 3 Thou didst ^awithdraw all Thy fury;
Thou didst ^bturn away from Thy burning anger.
- 4 ^aRestore us, O God of our salvation,
And ^bcause Thine indignation toward us to cease.
- 5 Wilt ^aThou be angry with us forever?
Wilt Thou prolong Thine anger to ¹all generations?
- 6 Wilt Thou not Thyself ¹revive us again,
That Thy people may ^brejoice in Thee?
- 7 Show us Thy lovingkindness, O LORD,
And ^agrant us Thy salvation.
- 8 ¹I will hear what God the LORD will say;
For He will ^aspeak peace to His people, ²to His godly
ones;
But let them not ^bturn back to ³folly.
- 9 Surely ^aHis salvation is near to those who ¹fear Him,
That ^bglory may dwell in our land.
- 10 ^aLovingkindness and ¹truth have met together;
^bRighteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 ¹Truth ^asprings from the earth;
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12 Indeed, ^athe LORD will give what is good;
And our ^bland will yield its produce.
- 13 ^aRighteousness will go before Him,
And will make His footsteps into a way.

8 ^aPs. 84:1; 59:5; 80:4 ^bPs.
81:19 ^aPs. 3:3; 28:7; 59:11;
115:9-11; Gen. 15:1 ^bPs. 2:2;
132:17; 1 Sam. 16:6; 2 Sam.
19:2110 ^aPs. 27:4 ^b1 Chr. 23:511 ¹Lit., with regard to
²Lit., with integrity
^aIs. 60:19; 20; Mal. 4:2; Rev.
21:23 ^bPs. 85:9 ^cPs. 34:1012 ^aPs. 2:12; 40:41 ¹Or, restore the fortunes
^aPs. 77:7; 106:4 ^bPs. 14:7;
126:1; Ezra 1:11; Jer. 30:18;
Ezek. 39:25; Hos. 6:11; Joel
3:12 ¹Selah may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 78:38; 103:3; Num.
14:19; 1 Kin. 8:34; Jer. 31:34
^bPs. 32:13 ^aPs. 78:38; 106:23 ^bPs.
106:23; Ex. 32:12; Deut.
13:17; Jon. 3:94 ^aPs. 80:3 ^bDan. 1:65 ¹Lit., generation and
generation
^aPs. 74:1; 79:5; 80:46 ¹Or, bring to life
^aPs. 71:20; 80:18 ^bPs. 33:1;
90:14; 149:27 ^aPs. 106:48 ¹Or, Let me hear ²Lit.,
even to ³Or, stupidity
^aPs. 29:11; Hag. 2:9; Zech.
9:10 ^bPs. 78:57; 2 Pet. 2:219 ¹Or, reverence
^aPs. 34:18; Is. 46:13 ^bPs.
84:11; Hag. 2:7; Zech. 2:5;
John 1:1410 ¹Or, faithfulness
^aPs. 25:10; 89:14; Prov. 3:3
^bPs. 72:3; Is. 32:1711 ¹Or, Faithfulness
^aIs. 45:812 ^aPs. 84:11; James 1:17
^bPs. 67:6; Lev. 26:4; Ezek.
34:27; Zech. 8:1213 ^aPs. 89:14

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

A Prayer of David.

1 ^aPs. 17:6; 31:2; 71:2 ^bPs. 40:17; 70:5

2 ¹Or, *life*
^aPs. 25:20 ^bPs. 4:3; 50:5 ^cPs. 25:2; 31:14; 56:4

3 ^aPs. 4:1; 57:1 ^bPs. 25:5; 88:9

4 ^aPs. 25:1; 143:8

5 ^aPs. 25:8 ^bPs. 130:4 ^cPs. 103:8; 145:8; Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Joel 2:13; Jon. 4:2

6 ^aPs. 55:1

7 ^aPs. 50:15; 77:2 ^bPs. 17:6

8 ^aPs. 89:6; Ex. 15:11; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kin. 8:23; Jer. 10:6 ^bDeut. 3:24

9 ^aPs. 22:27; 66:4; Is. 66:23; Rev. 15:4

10 ¹Or, *miracles*
^aPs. 77:13 ^bPs. 72:18; 77:14; 136:4; Ex. 15:11 ^cPs. 83:18; Deut. 6:4; 32:39; Is. 37:16; 44:6, 8; Mark 12:29; 1 Cor. 8:4

11 ^aPs. 25:5 ^bJer. 32:39

12 ^aPs. 111:1

13 ¹Lit., *lowest Sheol* ²Lit., *the nether world*
^aPs. 30:3

14 ¹Or, *assembly* ²Lit., *soul*
^aPs. 54:3

15 ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^aPs. 86:5

16 ^aPs. 25:16 ^bPs. 68:35 ^cPs. 116:16

17 ^aPs. 119:122; Judg. 6:17 ^bPs. 112:10 ^cPs. 118:13

- ^a**INCLINE** Thine ear, O LORD, *and* answer me;
For I am ^bafflicted and needy.
- 2 ^aDo preserve my ¹soul, for I am a ^bgodly man;
O Thou my God, save Thy servant who ^ctrusts in Thee.
- 3 Be ^agracious to me, O LORD,
For ^bto Thee I cry all day long.
- 4 Make glad the soul of Thy servant,
For to Thee, O Lord, ^aI lift up my soul.
- 5 For Thou, Lord, art ^agood, and ^bready to forgive,
And ^cabundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon
Thee.
- 6 ^aGive ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
And give heed to the voice of my supplications!
- 7 In ^athe day of my trouble I shall call upon Thee,
For ^bThou wilt answer me.
- 8 There is ^ano one like Thee among the gods, O Lord;
Nor are there any works ^blike Thine.
- 9 ^aAll nations whom Thou hast made shall come and
worship before Thee, O Lord;
And they shall glorify Thy name.
- 10 For Thou art ^agreat and ^bdoest ¹wondrous deeds;
Thou alone ^cart God.
- 11 ^aTeach me Thy way, O LORD;
I will walk in Thy truth;
^bUnite my heart to fear Thy name.
- 12 I will ^agive thanks to Thee, O Lord my God, with all
my heart,
And will glorify Thy name forever.
- 13 For Thy lovingkindness toward me is great,
And Thou hast ^adelivered my soul from the ¹depths of
²Sheol.
- 14 O God, arrogant men have ^arisen up against me,
And a ¹band of violent men have sought my ²life,
And they have not set Thee before them.
- 15 But Thou, O Lord, art a God ^amerciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and
¹truth.
- 16 ^aTurn to me, and be gracious to me;
Oh ^bgrant Thy strength to Thy servant,
And save the ^cson of Thy handmaid.
- 17 ^aShow me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may ^bsee *it*, and be ashamed,
Because Thou, O LORD, ^chast helped me and com-
forted me.

PSALM 87

The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

- HIS ^afoundation is in the holy mountains.
 2 The LORD ^aloves the gates of Zion
 More than all the *other* dwelling places of Jacob.
 3 ^aGlorious things are spoken of you,
 O ^bcity of God. [Selah.
 4 "I shall mention ^{1a}Rahab and Babylon ^{2a}among those
 who know Me;
 Behold, Philistia and ^bTyre with ^{3c}Ethiopia:
 "This one was born there."
 5 But of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one
 were born in her";
 And the Most High Himself will ^aestablish her.
 6 The LORD shall count when He ^aregisters the peoples,
 "This one was born there." [Selah.
 7 Then those who ^asing as well as those who ^{1b}play the
 flutes *shall say*,
 "All my ^csprings of joy are in you."

PSALM 88

A Petition to be Saved from Death.

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. For
 the choir director; according to Mahalath
 Leannoth. •Maskil of Heman ^athe Ezrahite.

- O LORD, the ^aGod of my salvation,
 I have ^bcried out by day and in the night before Thee.
 2 Let my prayer ^acome before Thee;
^bIncline Thine ear to my cry!
 3 For my ^asoul has ¹had enough troubles,
 And ^bmy life has drawn near to ²Sheol.
 4 I am reckoned among those who ^ago down to the pit;
 I have become like a man ^bwithout strength,
 5 ¹Forsaken ^aamong the dead,
 Like the slain who lie in the grave,
 Whom Thou dost remember no more,
 And they are ^bcut off from Thy hand.
 6 Thou hast put me in ^athe lowest pit,
 In ^bdark places, in the ^cdepths.
 7 Thy wrath ^ahas rested upon me,
 And Thou hast afflicted me with ^ball Thy waves. [Selah.
 8 Thou hast removed ^amy acquaintances far from me;
 Thou hast made me an ^{1b}object of loathing to them;
 I am ^cshut up and cannot go out.
 9 My ^aeye has wasted away because of affliction;
 I have ^bcalled upon Thee every day, O LORD;
 I have ^cspread out my ¹hands to Thee.
 10 Wilt Thou perform wonders for the dead?
 Will ^athe ¹departed spirits rise *and* praise Thee? [Selah.

1 ^aPs. 78:69; Is. 28:162 ^aPs. 78:67, 68

3 *Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aIs. 60:1 ^bPs. 46:4; 48:8

4 ¹Lit., Egypt ²Or, as ³Lit.,
Cush
^aPs. 89:10; Job 9:13; Is. 19:23.
²⁵^bPs. 45:12 ^cPs. 68:31

5 ^aPs. 48:86 ^aPs. 69:28; Is. 4:3

7 ¹Or, *dance*
^aPs. 68:25; 149:3 ^bPs. 30:11;
 2 Sam. 6:14 ^cPs. 36:9

* Possibly, *Contemplative,*
 or *Didactic, or Skillful*
 Psalm ^aPs. 89: title;
 1 Chr. 2:6; 1 Kin. 4:31

1 ^aPs. 24:5; 27:9 ^bPs. 22:2;
 86:3; Luke 18:7

2 ^aPs. 18:6 ^bPs. 31:2; 86:1

3 ¹Or, *been satisfied with*
²¹Lit., the nether world
^aPs. 107:26 ^bPs. 107:18; 116:3

4 ^aPs. 28:1; 143:7 ^bPs.
 22:11; Job 29:12

5 ¹Lit., *A freed one among*
the dead
^aPs. 31:12 ^bPs. 31:22; Is. 53:8

6 ^aPs. 86:13; Lam. 3:55
^bPs. 143:3 ^cPs. 69:15

7 *Selah* may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 32:4; 39:10 ^bPs. 42:7

8 ¹Lit., *abomination to*
them
^aPs. 31:11; 142:4; Job 19:13,
 19 ^bJob 30:10 ^cPs. 142:7; Jer.
 32:2; 36:5

9 ¹Lit., *palms*
^aPs. 6:7; 31:9 ^bPs. 22:2; 86:3
^cPs. 143:6; Job 11:13

10 ¹Or, *ghosts, shades*
^aPs. 6:5; 30:9

11 ¹Lit., *Abaddon*

12 ¹i.e., faithfulness to His gracious promises
^aPs. 88:6; Job 10:21

13 ^aPs. 30:2 ^bPs. 5:3; 119:147

14 ^aPs. 43:2; 44:9 ^bPs. 13:1; 44:24; Job 13:24

15 ¹Or, *embarrassed*
^aProv. 24:11 ^bJob 6:4; 31:23

16 ¹Or, *silenced*
^aChr. 28:11; Is. 13:13; Lam. 1:12 ^bLam. 3:54; Ezek. 37:11

17 ^aPs. 118:10-12 ^bPs. 124:4
^cPs. 17:11; 22:12, 16

18 ^aPs. 88:8; 31:11; 38:11;
Job 19:13

^a Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm* ^cPs. 88:title

1 ^aPs. 59:16; 101:1 ^bPs. 40:10 ^cPs. 89:5, 8, 24, 33, 49; 36:5; 88:11; 92:2; 119:90; Is. 25:1; Lam. 3:23

2 ^aPs. 103:17 ^bPs. 36:5

3 ^a1 Kin. 8:16 ^bPs. 132:11

4 ¹*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^a2 Sam. 7:16 ^bIs. 9:7; Luke 1:33

5 ^aPs. 19:1; 97:6 ^bPs. 149:1
^cJob 5:1

6 ¹Or, *sons of gods*
^aPs. 86:8; 113:5 ^bPs. 29:1; 82:1

7 ^aPs. 47:2; 68:35 ^bPs. 89:5
^cPs. 96:4

8 ¹YHWH, usually rendered *LORD* ²Heb., *Yah*
^aPs. 35:10; 71:19

9 ^aPs. 65:7; 107:29

10 ¹i.e., Egypt ²Lit., *an arm of might*
^aPs. 87:4; Is. 30:7; 51:9 ^bPs. 18:14; 68:1; 144:6

11 ¹Lit., *its fullness*
^aPs. 96:5; Gen. 1:1; 1 Chr. 29:11 ^bPs. 24:1

12 ^aJob 26:7 ^bJosh. 19:22; Judg. 4:6; Jer. 46:18 ^cPs. 133:3; Deut. 3:8; Josh. 11:17; Song of Sol. 4:8 ^dPs. 98:8

13 ¹Lit., *an arm with strength*
^aPs. 98:1; 118:16

- 11 Will Thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave,
Thy faithfulness in ¹the place of destruction?
- 12 Will Thy wonders be made known in the ^adarkness?
And Thy ¹righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- 13 But I, O LORD, have cried out ^ato Thee for help,
And ^bin the morning my prayer comes before Thee.
- 14 O LORD, why ^adost Thou reject my soul?
Why dost Thou ^bhide Thy face from me?
- 15 I was afflicted and ^aabout to die from my youth on;
I suffer ^bThy terrors; I am ¹overcome.
- 16 Thy ^aburning anger has passed over me;
Thy terrors have ^{1b}destroyed me.
- 17 They have ^asurrounded me ^blike water all day long;
They have ^cencompassed me altogether.
- 18 Thou hast removed ^alover and friend far from me;
My acquaintances are *in* darkness.

PSALM 89

The LORD's Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.

A ^aMaskil of Ethan ^tthe Ezrahite.

- I WILL ^asing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever;
To all generations I will ^bmake known Thy ^cfaithfulness with my mouth.
- 2 For I have said, ^a"Lovingkindness will be built up forever;
In the heavens Thou wilt establish Thy ^bfaithfulness."
- 3 "I have made a covenant with ^aMy chosen;
I have ^bsworn to David My servant,
- 4 I will establish your ^aseed forever,
And build up your ^bthrone to all generations." [¹*Sclah*.]
- 5 And the ^aheavens will praise Thy wonders, O LORD;
Thy faithfulness also ^bin the assembly of the ^choly ones.
- 6 For ^awho in the skies is comparable to the LORD?
Who among the ^{1b}sons of the mighty is like the LORD,
- 7 A God ^agreatly feared in the council of the ^bholy ones,
And ^cawesome above all those who are around Him?
- 8 O Lord ¹GOD of hosts, ^awho is like Thee, O mighty ²LORD?
Thy faithfulness also surrounds Thee.
- 9 Thou dost rule the swelling of the sea;
When its waves rise, Thou ^adost still them.
- 10 Thou Thyself didst crush ^{1a}Rahab like one who is slain;
Thou didst ^bscatter Thine enemies with ²Thy mighty arm.
- 11 The ^aheavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine;
The ^bworld and ¹all it contains, Thou hast founded them.
- 12 The ^anorth and the south, Thou hast created them;
^bTabor and ^cHermon ^dshout for joy at Thy name.
- 13 Thou hast ^{1a}a strong arm;
Thy hand is mighty, Thy ^aright hand is exalted.

- 14 ^aRighteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne;
^bLovingkindness and ¹truth go before Thee.
- 15 How blessed are the people who know the ^{1a}joyful sound!
 O LORD, they walk in the ^blight of Thy countenance.
- 16 In ^aThy name they rejoice all the day,
 And by Thy righteousness they are exalted.
- 17 For Thou art the glory of ^atheir strength,
 And by Thy favor ¹our ^bhorn is exalted.
- 18 For our ^ashield belongs to the LORD,
¹And ²our king to the ^bHoly One of Israel.
- 19 ¹Once Thou didst speak in vision to Thy godly ²ones,
 And didst say, "I have ³given help to one who is ^amighty;
 I have exalted one ^bchosen from the people.
- 20 "I have ^afound David My servant;
 With My holy ^boil I have anointed him,
- 21 With whom ^aMy hand will be established;
 My arm also will ^bstrengthen him.
- 22 "The enemy will not ¹deceive him,
 Nor the ^{2a}son of wickedness afflict him.
- 23 "But I shall ^acrush his adversaries before him,
 And strike those who hate him.
- 24 "And My ^afaithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him,
 And in My name his ^bhorn will be exalted.
- 25 "I shall also set his hand ^aon the sea,
 And his right hand on the rivers.
- 26 "He will cry to Me, 'Thou art ^amy Father,
 My God, and the ^brock of my salvation.'
- 27 "I also shall make him My ^afirst-born,
 The ^bhighest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 "My ^alovingkindness I will keep for him forever,
 And My ^bcovenant shall be confirmed to him.
- 29 "So I will establish his ^{1a}descendants forever,
 And his ^bthrone as the days of heaven.
- 30 "If his sons ^aforsake My law,
 And do not walk in My judgments,
- 31 If they ¹violate My statutes,
 And do not keep My commandments,
- 32 Then I will visit their transgression with the ^arod,
 And their iniquity with stripes.
- 33 "But I will not break off ^aMy lovingkindness from him,
 Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.
- 34 "My ^acovenant I will not ¹violate,
 Nor will I ^balter ²the utterance of My lips.
- 35 "¹Once I have ^asworn by My holiness;
 I will not lie to David.
- 36 "His ^{1a}descendants shall endure forever,
 And his ^bthrone as the sun before Me.
- 37 "It shall be established forever ^alike the moon,
 And the ^bwitness in the sky is faithful."

[¹Selah.]14 ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^aPs. 97:2 ^bPs. 85:1315 ¹Or, *blast of the trumpet, shout of joy*
^aPs. 98:6; Lev. 23:24; Num. 10:10 ^bPs. 4:6; 44:3; 67:1; 80:3; 90:816 ^aPs. 105:317 ¹Another reading is, *Thou dost exalt our horn*
^aPs. 28:8 ^bPs. 75:10; 92:10; 148:1418 ¹Or, *Even* ²Or, *to the Holy One of Israel our King*
^aPs. 47:9 ^bPs. 71:22; 78:4119 ¹Or, *At that time* ²Some mss. read, *one* ³Lit., *placed help upon*
^a2 Sam. 17:10 ^bPs. 78:70; 1 Kin. 11:3420 ^aActs 13:22 ^b1 Sam. 16:1321 ^aPs. 18:35; 80:17 ^bPs. 18:3222 ¹Or, *exact usury from him* ²Or, *wicked man*
^aPs. 125:3; 2 Sam. 7:1023 ^aPs. 18:40; 2 Sam. 7:924 ^aPs. 89:1 ^bPs. 132:1725 ^aPs. 72:826 ^a2 Sam. 7:14; 1 Chr. 22:10; Jer. 3:19 ^bPs. 95:1; 2 Sam. 22:4727 ^aPs. 2:7; Ex. 4:22; Jer. 31:9; Col. 1:15, 18 ^bPs. 72:11; Num. 24:7; Rev. 19:1628 ^aPs. 89:33 ^bPs. 89:3, 3429 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 89:4, 36; 18:50 ^bPs. 89:4; 132:12; 1 Kin. 2:4; Is. 9:7; Jer. 33:1730 ^a2 Sam. 7:1431 ¹Lit., *profane*32 ^aJob 9:34; 21:933 ^a2 Sam. 7:1534 ¹Lit., *profane* ²Lit., *that which goes forth*
^aDeut. 7:9; Jer. 33:20, 21 ^bNum. 23:1935 ¹Or, *One thing*
^aPs. 60:6; Amos 4:236 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 89:29 ^bPs. 72:537 ¹Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
^aPs. 72:5 ^bJob 16:19

38 ¹Lit., with
^aPs. 44:9 ^bPs. 89:20, 51; Ps.
 20:6

39 ¹Lit., to the ground
^aPs. 78:59; Lam. 2:7 ^bPs. 74:7
^cLam. 5:16

40 ^aPs. 80:12 ^bLam. 2:2, 5

41 ^aPs. 80:12 ^bPs. 44:13;
 69:9, 19; 79:4

42 ^aPs. 13:2 ^bPs. 80:6

43 ^aPs. 44:10

44 ¹Lit., clearness, luster
^aEzek. 28:7

45 ^aPs. 102:23 ^bPs. 44:15;
 71:13; 109:29

46 ^aPs. 13:1; 44:24 ^bPs. 79:5;
 80:4

47 ¹Lit., of what duration I
 am ²Or, hast Thou ... men?
^aJob 7:7; 10:9; 14:1 ^bPs. 39:5;
 62:9; Eccles. 1:2; 2:11

48 ¹Lit., hand ²I.e., the
 nether world
^aPs. 22:29; 49:9 ^bPs. 49:15

49 ^aJer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:23

50 ¹Lit., My bearing in my
 bosom
^aPs. 69:9; 74:18, 22

51 ^aPs. 74:10 ^bPs. 89:38

52 ^aPs. 41:13; 72:19; 106:48

⁴Deut. 33:1 Josh. 14:6

¹Or, hiding place; some
 ancient mss. read, place of
 refuge

^aPs. 71:3; 91:1; Deut. 33:27;
 Ezek. 11:16

²Or, and

^aJob 15:7; Prov. 8:25 ^bPs.
 102:25; 104:5; Gen. 1:1 ^cPs.
 93:2; 102:24, 27; Jer. 10:10

³^aPs. 104:29; Gen. 3:19;
 Job 34:14, 15

⁴2 Pet. 3:8

38 But Thou hast ^acast off and rejected,
 Thou hast been full of wrath ¹against Thine ^banointed.

39 Thou hast ^aspurned the covenant of Thy servant;
 Thou hast ^bprofaned ^chis crown ¹in the dust.

40 Thou hast ^abroken down all his walls;
 Thou hast ^bbrought his strongholds to ruin.

41 ^aAll who pass along the way plunder him;
 He has become a ^breproach to his neighbors.

42 Thou hast ^aexalted the right hand of his adversaries;
 Thou hast ^bmade all his enemies rejoice.

43 Thou dost also turn back the edge of his sword,
 And hast ^anot made him stand in battle.

44 Thou hast made his ¹splendor to cease,
 And cast his throne to the ground.

45 Thou hast ^ashortened the days of his youth;
 Thou hast ^bcovered him with shame. [Selah.]

46 ^aHow long, O LORD?
 Wilt Thou hide Thyself forever?
 Will Thy ^bwrath burn like fire?

47 ^aRemember ¹what my span of life is;
 For what ^bvanity ²Thou hast created all the sons of
 men!

48 What man can live and not ^asee death?
 Can he ^bdeliver his soul from the ¹power of
²Sheol? [Selah.]

49 Where are Thy former lovingkindnesses, O Lord,
 Which Thou didst ^aswear to David in Thy faithfulness?

50 Remember, O Lord, the ^areproach of Thy servants;
¹How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of all the*
many peoples,

51 With which ^aThine enemies have reproached, O LORD,
 With which they have reproached the footsteps of
^bThine anointed.

52 ^aBlessed be the LORD forever!
 Amen and Amen.

BOOK 4

PSALM 90

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness.

A Prayer of ⁴Moses [the man of God].

LORD, Thou hast been our ¹dwelling place in all gen-
 erations.

2 Before ^athe mountains were born,
¹Or Thou ^bdidst give birth to the earth and the world,
²Even ^cfrom ^deverlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

3 Thou dost ^aturn man back into dust,
 And dost say, "Return, O children of men."

4 For ^aa thousand years in Thy sight

of time. This is not a long time, not really. It is like a day in the life of a man.

Are like ^{COMPARISON TO WATER} yesterday when it passes by ^{THE END OF 1000 YEARS}
1 Or as a ^{TIME PASSED IN 1/2 SLEEP} swatch in the night.
5 Thou ^{LIFE FOR A MAN} hast ^{AS A FLOOD THAT RISES EVERYTHING; GOD SWEETS THEM WITH DEATH} swept them away like a flood, they ^{2b}fall asleep;
In the morning they are like ³grass which ⁴sprouts anew.
6 In the morning it ⁵flourishes, and ⁶sprouts anew;
Towards evening it ⁷fades, and ⁸withers away.

IN THE MORNING

7 For we have been ⁹consumed by Thine anger, And by Thy wrath we have been ¹⁰dismayed.
8 Thou hast ¹¹placed our iniquities before Thee, Our ¹²secret sins in the light of Thy presence;
9 For all our days have declined in Thy fury; We have finished our years like a ¹³sigh.
10 As for the days of our ¹⁴life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, ¹⁵eighty years, Yet their pride is ¹⁶but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we ¹⁷fly away.
11 Who ¹⁸understands the ¹⁹power of Thine anger, And Thy fury, according to the ²⁰fear that is due Thee? So ²¹teach us to number our days, That we may ²²present to Thee a heart of wisdom.

13 Do ¹⁴return, O LORD; ¹⁵how long will it ¹⁶be? ¹⁷LAST, THIS ANGER? And ¹⁸be ¹⁹sorry for Thy servants.

14 O ¹⁵satisfy us in the ¹⁶morning with Thy lovingkindness, That we may ¹⁷sing for joy and be glad all our days.
15 ¹⁶Make us ¹⁷glad according to the days Thou hast ¹⁸afflicted us; And the ¹⁹years we have seen ²⁰evil.
16 Let Thy ²¹work appear to Thy servants, And Thy ²²majesty to their children.
17 And let the ²³favor of the Lord our God be upon us; And do ²⁴confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, ²⁵confirm the work of our hands.

PSALM 91

Security of the One Who Trusts in the LORD.

HE who dwells in the ¹shelter of the Most High Will abide in the ²shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say to the LORD, "My ³refuge and my ⁴fortress, My God, in whom I ⁵trust!"
3 For it is He who delivers you from the ⁶snare of the trapper, And from the deadly ⁷pestilence.
4 He will ⁸cover you with His pinions, And ⁹under His wings you may seek refuge; His ¹⁰faithfulness is a ¹¹shield and bulwark.
5 You ¹²will not be afraid of the ¹³terror by night, Or of the ¹⁴arrow that flies by day;
6 Or of the ¹⁵pestilence that ¹⁶stalks in darkness, Or of the ¹⁷destruction that lays waste at noon.
7 A thousand may fall at your side,

4 Or, and
Ps. 39:5 Ex. 14:24; Judg. 7:19
5 Or, flooded
6 Lit., become asleep
7 Or, passes away
8 Job 22:16; 27:20; Job 14:12; 20:8; Ps. 76:5 Ps. 103:15; Is. 40:6
9 Or, passes away
10 Job 14:2 Ps. 92:2 Matt. 6:30 James 1:11
11 Or, terrified
12 Ps. 39:11
13 Ps. 50:21; Jer. 16:17
14 Ps. 19:12; Eccles. 12:14
15 Or, whisper
16 Ps. 78:33
17 Lit., years
18 Kin. 19:35; Eccles. 12:27; Jer. 20:18
19 Or, knows
20 Ps. 76:7; Neh. 5:9
21 Or, gain, bring in
22 Ps. 39:4; Deut. 32:29
23 Prov. 21:6
24 Or, repent in regard to
25 Ps. 64:80; 146:3; 74:10
26 Ps. 106:45; 135:14; Ex. 32:12; Deut. 32:36; Amos 7:3; 6; Jon. 3:9
27 Ps. 36:8; 65:4; 103:5; Jer. 31:14
28 Or, as many days as
29 Or, trouble
30 Ps. 86:4; bPs. 31:10; Deut. 2:14-16
31 Or, upon
32 Ps. 44:1; 77:12; 92:4; Deut. 32:4; Hab. 3:2
33 Or, give permanence to
34 Ps. 27:4; bPs. 37:23; Is. 26:12; 1 Cor. 3:7
35 Ps. 27:5; 31:20; 32:7
36 Ps. 17:8; 121:5; Is. 25:4; 32:2
37 Ps. 91:9; 14:6; 94:22
38 Ps. 18:2; 31:3; Jer. 16:19
39 Ps. 25:2; 56:4
40 Ps. 124:7; Prov. 6:5
41 Ps. 91:6; 1 Kin. 8:37; 2 Chr. 20:9
42 Is. 51:16
43 Ps. 36:7; 57:1; 63:7
44 Ps. 40:11
45 Ps. 35:2
46 Ps. 23:4; 27:1; Job 5:19-23
47 Song of Sol. 3:8
48 Ps. 64:4
49 Or, walks
50 Ps. 91:10; 2 Kin. 19:35
51 Job 5:22

7 *Gen. 7:23; Josh. 14:10

8 *Ps. 37:34; 58:10

9 ¹Or, *For Thou O Lord art my Refuge; You have made the Most High your dwelling place.*

10 ¹Or, *dwelling*
*Prov. 12:21

11 *Ps. 34:7; Matt. 4:6;
Luke 4:10, 11

13 ¹Or, *dragon*
*Judg. 14:6; Dan. 6:22; Luke 10:19

14 *Ps. 145:20 ^bPs. 59:1 *Ps. 9:10

15 ¹Or, *distress*
*Ps. 50:15; Job 12:4 ^{b1} Sam. 2:30; John 12:26

16 ¹Lit., *length of days* ²Or, *cause him to feast his eyes on*
*Ps. 21:4; Deut. 6:2 ^bPs. 50:23

1 *Ps. 147:1 ^bPs. 135:3

2 ¹Lit., *nights*
*Ps. 59:16 ^bPs. 89:1

3 ¹Lit., *upon* ²Lit., *by means of*
*Ps. 33:2; 1 Sam. 10:5; 1 Chr. 13:8; Neh. 12:27

4 ¹Lit., *Thy working*
*Ps. 40:5; 90:16 ^bPs. 106:47
*Ps. 8:6; 111:7; 143:5

5 ¹Or, *purposes*
*Ps. 40:5; 111:2; Rev. 15:3
^bPs. 33:11; 40:5; 139:17 *Ps. 36:6; Rom. 11:33

6 *Ps. 49:10; 94:8

7 *Ps. 90:5 ^bPs. 94:4 *Ps. 37:38

8 *Ps. 93:4; 113:5

9 *Ps. 37:20 ^bPs. 68:1;
89:10

10 ¹Or, *become moist*
*Ps. 75:10; 89:17; 112:9 ^bPs. 23:5; 45:7

And ten thousand at your right hand;
But ^ait shall not approach you.

8 You will only look on with your eyes,
And ^asee the recompense of the wicked.

¹9 ¹For you have made the LORD, my refuge,
¹Even the Most High, your dwelling place.

10 ^aNo evil will befall you,
Nor will any plague come near your ¹tent.

11 For He will give ^aHis angels charge concerning you,
To guard you in all your ways.

12 They will bear you up in their hands,
Lest you strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will ^atread upon the lion and cobra,
The young lion and the ¹serpent you will trample down.

¹14 ^aBECAUSE HE HAS LOVED ME, therefore I will deliver him;
I will ^bset him *securely* on high, because he has ^cknown My name.

15 He will ^acall upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in ¹trouble;
I will rescue him, and ^bhonor him.

16 With ^{1a} ^along life I will satisfy him,
And ^{2b}let him behold My salvation.

PSALM 92

Praise for the LORD's Goodness.

A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day.

IT is ^agood to give thanks to the LORD,
And to ^bsing praises to Thy name, O Most High;

2 To ^adeclare Thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And Thy ^bfaithfulness ¹by night.

3 ¹With the ^aten-stringed lute, and ¹with the ^aharp;
¹With resounding music ²upon the ¹lyre.

4 For Thou, O LORD, hast made me glad by ¹what Thou ^ahast done,
I will ^bsing for joy at the ^cworks of Thy hands.

5 How ^agreat are Thy works, O LORD!
Thy ^{1b}thoughts are very ^cdeep.

6 A ^asenseless man has no knowledge;
Nor does a ^astupid man understand this:

7 That when the wicked ^asprouted up like grass,
And all ^bwho did iniquity flourished,
It was *only* that they might be ^cdestroyed for evermore.

8 But Thou, O LORD, art ^aon high forever.

9 For, behold, Thine enemies, O LORD,
For, behold, ^aThine enemies will perish;
All who do iniquity will be ^bscattered.

10 But Thou hast exalted my ^ahorn like *that of the wild*
OX;
I have ¹been ^banointed with fresh oil.

- 11 And my eye has ^alooked *exultantly* upon ¹my foes,
My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.
- 12 The ^arighteous man will ¹flourish like the palm tree,
He will grow a ^bcedar in Lebanon.
- 13 ^aPlanted in the house of the LORD,
They will flourish ^bin the courts of our God.
- 14 They will still ¹yield fruit in old age;
They shall be ²full of sap and very green,
- 15 To ¹declare that ^athe LORD is upright;
He is my brock, and there is ^cno unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM 93

The Majesty of the LORD.

- ^a**T**HE LORD ¹reigns, He is ^bclothed with majesty;
The LORD has ^cclothed and girded Himself with strength;
Indeed, the ^dworld is firmly established, it will not be moved.
- 2 Thy ^athrone is established from of old;
Thou ^bart from everlasting.
- 3 The ^afloods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 4 More than the sounds of many waters,
Than the mighty breakers of the sea,
The LORD ^aon high is mighty.
- 5 Thy ^atestimonies are fully confirmed;
^bHoliness befits Thy house,
O LORD, for ¹evermore.

PSALM 94

The LORD Implored to Avenge His People.

- O** LORD, God of ¹vengeance;
God of ¹vengeance, ²*shine forth!*
- 2 ^aRise up, O ^bJudge of the earth;
Render recompense ^cto the proud.
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD,
How long shall the ^awicked exult?
- 4 They pour forth *words*, they ^aspeak arrogantly;
All who do wickedness ^bvault themselves.
- 5 They ^acrush Thy people, O LORD,
And ^bafflict Thy heritage.
- 6 They ^aslay the widow and the ¹stranger,
And murder the orphans.
- 7 And ^athey have said, "¹The LORD does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed."
- 8 Pay heed, you ^asenseless among the people;
And when will you understand, ^astupid ones?
- 9 He who ^aplanted the ear, ¹does He not hear?
He who formed the eye, ¹does He not see?

11 ¹Or, *those who lie in wait for me*
^aPs. 54:7; 91:8

12 ¹Lit., *sprout*
^aPs. 1:3; 52:8; 72:7; Num. 24:6; Jer. 17:8; Hos. 14:5; 6
^bPs. 104:16; Ezek. 31:3

13 ^aPs. 80:15; Is. 60:21 ^bPs. 100:4; 116:19

14 ¹Or, *thrive in* ²Lit., *fat and*
^aProv. 11:30; Is. 37:31; John 15:2; James 3:18

15 ¹Or, *show forth*
^aPs. 25:8; Job 34:10 ^bPs. 18:2; 94:22 ^cRom. 9:14

1 ¹Or, *has assumed kingship*
^aPs. 96:10; 97:1; 99:1 ^bPs. 104:1 ^cPs. 65:6; Is. 51:9 ^dPs. 96:10

2 ^aPs. 45:6; Lam. 5:19 ^bPs. 90:2

3 ^aPs. 96:11; 98:7, 8

4 ^aPs. 65:7; 89:6, 9, 92:8

5 ¹Lit., *length of days*
^aPs. 19:7 ^bPs. 29:2; 96:9;
1 Cor. 3:17

1 ¹Or, *avenging acts* ²Or, *has shone forth*
^aDeut. 32:35; Is. 35:4; Nah. 1:2; Rom. 12:19 ^bPs. 50:2; 80:1

2 ^aPs. 7:6 ^bGen. 18:25 ^cPs. 31:23

3 ^aJob 20:5

4 ^aPs. 31:18; 75:5 ^bPs. 10:3; 52:1

5 ^aIs. 3:15 ^bPs. 79:1

6 ¹Or, *sojourner*
^aIs. 10:2

7 ¹Heb., *YAH*
^aJob 22:13

8 ^aPs. 92:6

9 ¹Or, *can*
^aEx. 4:11; Prov. 20:12
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10 ¹Or, *instructs*
^aPs. 44:2 ^bJob 35:11; Is. 28:26

11 ¹Or, *For*
^aJob 11:11; 1 Cor. 3:20

12 ¹Heb. *Yat*
^aPs. 119:71; Deut. 8:5; Job 5:17; Prov. 3:11, 12; Heb. 12:5, 6 ^bPs. 119:171

13 ^aJob 34:29; Hab. 3:16
^bPs. 49:5 ^cPs. 9:15; 55:23

14 ^a1 Sam. 12:22; Lam. 3:31; Rom. 11:2 ^bPs. 37:28

15 ¹i.e., administration of justice ²Lit., *will return to righteousness* ³Lit., *will be after it*
^aPs. 97:2; Is. 42:3; Mic. 7:9

16 ^aNum. 10:35; Is. 28:21; 33:10 ^bPs. 17:13; 59:2

17 ^aPs. 124:1, 2

18 ^aPs. 38:16; 73:2

19 ¹Or, *are many*
^aIs. 57:18; 66:13

20 ¹Or, *tribunal* ²Or, *trouble, misfortune*
^aAmos 6:3 ^bPs. 50:16; 58:2

21 ¹Or, *soul* ²Lit., *innocent blood*
^aPs. 56:6; 59:3 ^bPs. 106:38; Ex. 23:7; Prov. 17:15; Matt. 27:4

22 ^aPs. 9:9; 59:9 ^bPs. 18:2; 71:7

23 ¹Or, *silence*
^aPs. 7:16; 140:9, 11 ^bGen. 19:15

1 ^aPs. 66:1; 81:1 ^bPs. 89:26

2 ¹Or, *a song of thanksgiving* ²Or, *songs (with instrumental accompaniment)*
^aMic. 6:6 ^bPs. 100:4; 147:7; Jon. 2:9 ^cPs. 81:2; Eph. 5:19; James 5:13

3 ^aPs. 48:1; 135:5; 145:3
^bPs. 96:4; 97:9

4 ^aPs. 135:6

5 ¹Lit., *Who has the sea*
^aPs. 146:6; Cen. 1:9, 10; Jon. 1:9

6 ^aPs. 96:9; 99:5, 9 ^b2 Chr. 6:13; Dan. 6:10 ^cPs. 100:3; 149:2; Is. 17:7; Hos. 8:14

7 ¹Lit., *pasturing* ²Or, *O that you would obey*
^aPs. 74:1 ^bHeb. 3:7-11, 15; 4:7

10 He who ^{1a}chastens the nations, will He not rebuke,
Even He who ^bteaches man knowledge?

11 The LORD ^aknows the thoughts of man,
¹That they are a *mere* breath.

12 Blessed is the man whom ^aThou dost chasten, O
¹LORD,

And ^bdost teach out of Thy law;
 13 That Thou mayest grant him ^arelief from the ^bdays of
 adversity,
 Until ^ca pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For ^athe LORD will not abandon His people,
 Nor will He ^bforsake His inheritance.

15 For ^{1a}judgment ²will again be righteous;
 And all the upright in heart ³will follow it.

16 Who will ^astand up for me against evildoers?
 Who will take his stand for me ^bagainst those who do
 wickedness?

17 If ^athe LORD had not been my help,
 My soul would soon have dwelt in *the abode* of silence.

18 If I should say, "My foot has slipped,"
 Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.

19 When my anxious thoughts ¹multiply within me,
 Thy ^aconsolations delight my soul.

20 Can a ^{1a}throne of destruction be allied with Thee,
 One ^bwhich devises ²mischiefs by decree?

21 They ^aband themselves together against the ¹life of the
 righteous,

And ^bcondemn ²the innocent to death.
 22 But the LORD has been my ^astronghold,
 And my God the ^brock of my refuge.

23 And He has ^abrought back their wickedness upon them,
 And will ^bdestroy them in their evil;
 The LORD our God will ¹destroy them.

PSALM 95 *Ex 17:1-7*

Praise to the LORD and Warning against Unbelief.

- O** COME, let us ^asing for joy to the LORD;
 Let us shout joyfully to ^bthe rock of our salvation.
 2 Let us ^acome before His presence ^bwith ¹thanksgiving;
 Let us shout joyfully to Him ^cwith ²psalms.
 3 For the LORD is a ^agreat God,
 And a great King ^babove all gods,
 4 In whose hand are the ^adepths of the earth;
 The peaks of the mountains are His also.
 5 ¹The sea is His, for it was He ^awho made it;
 And His hands formed the dry land.
 6 Come, let us ^aworship and bow down;
 Let us ^bkneel before the LORD our ^cMaker.
 7 For He is our God,
 And we are the people of His ^{1a}pasture, and the sheep
 of His hand.
^bToday, ²if you would hear His voice,

- 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at ^{1a}Meribah,
As in the day of ^{2b}Massah in the wilderness;
- 9 "When your fathers ^atested Me,
They tried Me, though they had seen My work.
- 10 "For ^aforty years I loathed *that* generation,
And said, they are a people who err in their heart.
And they do not know My ways.
- 11 "Therefore I ^aswore in My anger,
Truly they shall not enter into my ^brest."

PSALM 96 *1 Chr. 16 - 16:1*

A Call to Worship the LORD the Righteous Judge.

- SING** to the LORD a ^anew song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
^aProclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to
day.
- 3 Tell of ^aHis glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
- 4 For ^agreat is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be ^bfeared above all gods.
- 5 For ^aall the gods of the peoples are ¹idols,
But ^bthe LORD made the heavens.
- 6 ^aSplendor and majesty are before Him,
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
- 7 ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O ^afamilies of the peoples,
^{1b}Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 8 ¹Ascribe to the LORD the ^aglory of His name;
Bring an ^{2b}offering, and come into His courts.
- 9 ^aWorship the LORD in ¹holy attire;
^bTremble before Him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the nations, "^aThe LORD reigns;
Indeed, the ^aworld is firmly established, it will not be
moved;
He will ^bjudge the peoples with ¹equity."
- 11 Let the ^aheavens be glad, and let the ^bearth rejoice;
Let ^cthe sea ¹roar, and ²all it contains;
- 12 Let the ^afield exult, and all that is in it.
Then all the ^btrees of the forest will sing for joy
- 13 Before the LORD, ^afor He is coming;
For He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
And the peoples in His faithfulness.

PSALM 97

The LORD's Power and Dominion.

- ^a**T**HE LORD ¹reigns; let the ^bearth rejoice;
Let the many ^{2c}islands be glad.
- 2 ^aClouds and thick darkness surround Him;

⁸ ¹Or, *place of strife* ²Or, *temptation*
^aEx. 17:7; Num. 20:13 ^bEx. 17:7; Deut. 6:16

⁹ ^aNum. 14:22; 1 Cor. 10:9

¹⁰ ^aActs. 7:36; 13:18; Heb. 3:17

¹¹ ^aNum. 14:23; 28-30; Deut. 1:35; Heb. 4:3, 5 ^bDeut. 12:9

¹ ^aPs. 40:3

² ^aPs. 71:15

³ ^aPs. 145:12

⁴ ^aPs. 48:1 ^bPs. 89:7

⁵ ¹Or, *non-existent things*
^a1 Chr. 16:26 ^bPs. 115:15; Is. 42:5

⁶ ^aPs. 104:1

⁷ ¹Lit., *Give*
^aPs. 72:27 ^bPs. 29:1, 2; 1 Chr. 16:28, 29

⁸ ¹Lit., *Give* ²Or, *meal offering*
^aPs. 79:9; 115:1 ^bPs. 45:12; 72:10

⁹ ¹Or, *the splendor of holiness*
^aPs. 29:2; 110:3; 1 Chr. 16:29; 2 Chr. 20:21 ^bPs. 33:8; 114:7

¹⁰ ¹Or, *uprightness*
^aPs. 93:1 ^bPs. 9:8; 58:11; 67:4; 98:9

¹¹ ¹Or, *thunder* ²Lit., *its fullness*
^aIs. 49:13 ^bPs. 97:1 ^cPs. 98:7

¹² ^aPs. 65:13; Is. 35:1; 55:12, 13 ^bIs. 44:23

¹³ ^aPs. 98:9

¹ ¹Or, *has assumed Kingship* ²Or, *coast lands*
^aPs. 96:10 ^bPs. 96:11 ^cIs. 42:10, 12

² ^aPs. 18:11; Ex. 19:9; Deut. 4:11; 1 Kin. 8:12

2 ^bPs. 89:14

3 ^aPs. 18:8; 50:3; Dan. 7:10; Hab. 3:5 ^bMal. 4:1; Heb. 12:29

4 ^aPs. 77:18 ^bPs. 96:9; 104:32

5 ^aPs. 46:6; Amos 9:5; Mic. 1:4; Nah. 1:5 ^bJosh. 3:11

6 ^aPs. 50:6 ^bPs. 98:2; Is. 6:3; 40:5; 66:18

7 ¹Or, *all the gods have worshiped Him* ²Or, *supernatural powers*
^aPs. 78:58; Is. 42:17; 44:9, 11; Jer. 10:14 ^bPs. 106:36; Jer. 50:2; Hab. 2:18 ^cHeb. 1:6

8 ¹Or possibly, *hears and is glad*
^aPs. 48:11; Zeph. 3:14

9 ¹Or, *supernatural powers*
^aPs. 83:18 ^bPs. 95:3; 96:4; 135:5; Ex. 18:11

10 ^aProv. 8:13; Amos 5:15; Rom. 12:9 ^bPs. 31:23; 145:20; Prov. 2:8 ^cPs. 37:40; Jer. 15:21; Dan. 3:28

11 ^aPs. 112:4; Job 22:28; Prov. 4:18 ^bPs. 64:10

12 ¹Lit., *for the memory of His holiness*
^aPs. 32:11 ^bPs. 30:4

1 ¹Or, *accomplished salvation*
^aPs. 33:3 ^bPs. 40:5; 96:3 ^cEx. 15:6 ^dIs. 52:10

2 ¹E., *faithfulness to His gracious promises*
^aRom. 3:25

3 ^aLuke 1:54, 72 ^bPs. 22:27

4 ^aPs. 100:1 ^bIs. 44:23

5 ¹Or, *voice of song (accompanied by music)*
^aPs. 92:3 ^bIs. 51:3

6 ^aNum. 10:10; 2 Chr. 15:14 ^bPs. 66:1 ^cPs. 47:7

7 ¹Lit., *its fulness*
^aPs. 96:11 ^bPs. 24:1

^bRighteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

3 ^aFire goes before Him,
And ^bburns up His adversaries round about.

4 His ^alightnings lit up the world;
The earth saw and ^btrembled.

5 The mountains ^amelted like wax at the presence of the LORD,

At the presence of the ^bLord of the whole earth.

6 The ^aheavens declare His righteousness,
And ^ball the peoples have seen His glory.

7 Let all those be ashamed who serve ^agraven images,
Who boast themselves of ^bidols;
^{1c}Worship Him, all you ²gods.

8 Zion ¹heard *this* and ^awas glad,
And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced
Because of Thy judgments, O LORD.

9 For Thou are the LORD ^aMost High over all the earth;
Thou art exalted far ^babove all ¹gods.

10 ^aHate evil, you who love the LORD,
Who ^bpreserves the souls of His godly ones,
He ^cdelivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 ^aLight is sown *like seed* for the righteous,
And ^bgladness for the upright in heart.

12 Be ^aglad in the LORD, you righteous ones;
And ^bgive thanks ¹to His holy name.

PSALM 98

A Call to Praise the LORD for His Righteousness.

A Psalm.

O SING to the LORD a ^anew song,
For He has done ^bwonderful things,
His ^cright hand and His ^dholy arm have ¹gained the
victory for Him.

2 The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His ^{1a}righteousness in the sight of the
nations.

3 He has ^aremembered His lovingkindness and His faith-
fulness to the house of Israel;
^bAll the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God.

4 ^aShout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
^bBreak forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the ^alyre;
With the lyre and the ^{1b}sound of melody.

6 With ^atrumpets and the sound of the horn
^bShout joyfully before ^cthe King, the LORD.

7 Let the ^asea roar and ¹all it contains,
The ^bworld and those who dwell in it.

- 8 Let the ^arivers clap their hands;
Let the ^bmountains sing together for joy
- 9 Before the LORD; for He is coming to ^ajudge the earth;
He will judge the world with righteousness,
And ^bthe peoples with ¹equity.

PSALM 99

Praise to the LORD for His Fidelity to Israel.

- ^a**T**HE LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble;
He ^{1b}is enthroned *above* the cherubim, let the earth
shake!
- 2 The LORD ¹is ^agreat in Zion,
And He is ^bexalted above all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise Thy ^agreat and awesome name;
^bHoly is ¹He.
- 4 And the ¹strength of the King ^aloves ²justice;
Thou hast established ^{3b}equity;
Thou hast ^cexecuted ²justice and righteousness in
Jacob.
- 5 ^{1a}Exalt the LORD our God,
And ^bworship at His footstool;
^cHoly is He.
- 6 ^aMoses and Aaron were among His ^bpriests,
And ^cSamuel was among those who ^dcalled on His
name;
They ^ccalled upon the LORD, and He answered them.
- 7 He ^aspoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
They ^bkept His testimonies,
And the statute that He gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, Thou didst ^aanswer them;
Thou wast a ^bforgiving God to them,
And yet an ^cavenger of their *evil* deeds.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For holy is the LORD our God.

PSALM 100

All Men Exhorted to Praise God.

A Psalm for ^ℓthanksgiving.

- ^a**S**HOUT joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 ^aServe the LORD with gladness;
^bCome before Him with joyful singing.
- 3 Know that ^athe LORD ¹Himself is God;
It is He who has ^bmade us, and ²not we ourselves;
We *are* ^cHis people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Enter His gates ^awith ¹thanksgiving,
And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him; ^bbless His name.
- 5 For ^athe LORD is good;
His lovingkindness is everlasting,
And His ^bfaithfulness to all generations.

⁸ ^aPs. 93:3; Is. 55:12 ^bPs. 65:12, 89:12

⁹ ¹Or, *uprightness*
^aPs. 96:13 ^bPs. 96:10

¹ ¹Lit., *sits*
^aPs. 97:1 ^bPs. 80:1; Ex. 25:22;
1 Sam. 4:4

² ¹Or, *in Zion is great*
^aPs. 48:1; Is. 12:6 ^bPs. 97:9;
113:4

³ ¹Or, *it*
^aPs. 76:1; Deut. 28:58 ^bPs. 22:3; Lev. 19:2; Josh. 24:19;
1 Sam. 2:2; Is. 6:3

⁴ ¹Or, *Thou hast established in equity the strength of the King who loves justice* ²Or, *judgment*
³Or, *uprightness*
^aPs. 11:7; 33:5 ^bPs. 17:2; 98:9
^cPs. 103:6; 146:7; Jer. 23:5

⁵ ¹The verb is plural.
^aPs. 34:3; 107:32; 118:28 ^bPs. 132:7 ^cPs. 99:3

⁶ ^aJer. 15:1 ^bEx. 24:6-8; 29:26; 40:23-27; Lev. 8:1-30
^cJer. 15:1 ^dPs. 22:4, 5; 1 Sam. 7:9; 12:18 ^eEx. 15:25; 32:30-34

⁷ ^aEx. 33:9; Num. 12:5
^bPs. 105:28

⁸ ^aPs. 106:44 ^bPs. 78:38;
Num. 14:20 ^cPs. 95:11;
107:12; Ex. 32:28; Num. 20:12

^ℓOr, *thank offering*

¹ ^aPs. 98:4, 6

² ^aDeut. 12:11, 12; 28:47
^bPs. 95:2

³ ¹Or, *He* ²Some mss. read, *His we are*
^aPs. 46:10; Deut. 4:35; 1 Kin. 18:39 ^bPs. 95:6; 119:73; Job 10:3, 8 ^cPs. 74:1, 2; 95:7; Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:30, 31

⁴ ¹Or, *a thank offering*
^aPs. 95:2 ^bPs. 96:2

⁵ ^aPs. 25:8; 86:5; 106:1; Jer. 33:11; Nah. 1:7 ^bPs. 119:90

¹ Or, *judgment*
^aPs. 51:14; 89:1; 145:7

² Or, *behave prudently*
 in ²Or, *way of integrity* ³Or,
blamelessness
^a1 Sam. 18:5, 14 ^b1 Kin. 9:4

³ Or, *practice of*
apostasy
^aDeut. 15:9 ^bPs. 40:4

⁴ ^aProv. 11:20

⁵ Or, *silence*
^aPs. 50:20; Jer. 9:4 ^bPs. 10:4;
 18:27; Prov. 6:17

⁶ Or, *way of integrity*
^aPs. 119:1

⁷ Lit., *be established*
before my eyes
^aPs. 43:1; 52:2 ^bPs. 52:4, 5

⁸ Or, *silence*
^aPs. 75:10 ^bPs. 118:10-12 ^cPs.
 46:4

[†] Ps. 142:2

¹ ^aPs. 39:12; 61:1 ^bEx.
 2:23; 1 Sam. 9:16

² ^aPs. 69:17 ^bPs. 31:2 ^cPs.
 69:17

³ Or, *finished*
^aPs. 37:20; James 4:14 ^bJob
 30:30; Lam. 1:13

⁴ Lit., *herbage*
^aPs. 90:5; 6 ^bPs. 37:2; Is. 40:7
^c1 Sam. 1:7; 2 Sam. 12:17;
 Ezra 10:6; Job 33:20

⁵ Lit., *voice* ²Lit., *have*
cleaved
^aJob 19:20; Lam. 4:8

PSALM 101

The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness.

A Psalm of David.

- I** WILL ^asing of lovingkindness and ¹justice,
 To Thee, O LORD, I will sing praises.
- 2** I will ^{1a}give heed to the ²blameless way.
 When wilt Thou come to me?
 I will walk within my house in the ^{3b}integrity of my
 heart.
- 3** I will set no ^aworthless thing before my eyes;
 I hate the ¹work of those who ^bfall away;
 It shall not fasten its grip on me.
- 4** A ^aperverse heart shall depart from me;
 I will know no evil.
- 5** Whoever secretly ^aslanders his neighbor, him I will
¹destroy;
 No one who has a ^bhaughty look and an arrogant heart
 will I endure.
- 6** My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that
 they may dwell with me;
 He who walks in a ^{1a}blameless way is the one who will
 minister to me.
- 7** He who ^apractices deceit shall not dwell within my
 house;
 He who speaks falsehood ^bshall not ¹maintain his posi-
 tion before me.
- 8** Every morning I will ^{1a}destroy all the wicked of the
 land,
 So as to ^bcut off from the ^ccity of the LORD all those
 who do iniquity.

PSALM 102

Prayer of an Afflicted Man for Mercy on Himself and on Zion.

A Prayer of the Afflicted, when he is faint, and
[†]pours out his complaint before the Lord.

- H**EAR my prayer, O LORD!
 And let my cry for help ^bcome to Thee.
- 2** ^aDo not hide Thy face from me in the day of my
 distress;
^bIncline Thine ear to me;
 In the day when I call ^canswer me quickly.
- 3** For my days ^ahave been ¹consumed in smokc,
 And my ^bbones have been scorched like a hearth.
- 4** My heart ^ahas been smitten like ¹grass and ^bwithered
 away,
 Indeed, I ^cforget to eat my bread.
- 5** Because of the ¹loudness of my groaning
 My ^abones ²cling to my flesh.

- 6 I ¹resemble a ^apelican of the wilderness;
I have become like an owl of the waste places.
- 7 I ^alie awake,
I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.
- 8 My enemies ^ahave reproached me all day long;
Those who ^bderide me ²have used my *name* as a
^ccurse.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And ^amingled my drink with weeping,
10 ^aBecause of Thine indignation and Thy wrath;
For Thou hast ^blifted me up and cast me away.
- 11 My days are like a ^{1a}lengthened shadow;
And ^{2l}I ^bwither away like ³grass.
- 12 But Thou, O LORD, dost ^{1a}abide forever;
And Thy ^{2b}name to all generations.
- 13 Thou wilt ^arise *and* have ^bcompassion on Zion;
For ^cit is time to be gracious to her,
For the ^dappointed time has come.
- 14 Surely Thy servants ¹find pleasure in her stones,
And feel pity for her dust.
- 15 ¹So the ^{2a}nations will fear the name of the LORD,
And ^ball the kings of the earth Thy glory.
- 16 For the LORD has ^abuilt up Zion;
He has ^bappeared in His glory.
- 17 He has ^aregarded the prayer of the ¹destitute,
Nor has He despised their prayer.
- 18 ¹This will be ^awritten for the ^bgeneration to come;
²That ^a people yet to be created ³may praise ⁴the
LORD.
- 19 For He ^alooked down from His holy height;
^bFrom heaven the LORD gazed ¹upon the earth,
20 To hear the ^agroaning of the prisoner;
To ^bset free ¹those who were doomed to death;
- 21 That *men* may ^atell of the name of the LORD in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 When ^athe peoples are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 23 He has weakened my strength in the way;
He has ^ashortened my days.
- 24 I say, "O my God, ^ado not take me away in the ¹midst
of my days,
Thy ^byears are throughout all generations.
- 25 "Of old Thou didst ^afound the earth;
And the ^bheavens are the work of Thy hands.
- 26 "Even they will ^aperish, but Thou dost endure;
And all of them will wear out like a garment;
Like clothing Thou wilt change them, and they will be
changed.
- 27 "But Thou art ^{1a}the same,
And Thy years will not come to an end.

6 ¹Lit., *have become similar to*
^aIs. 34:11; Zeph. 2:14

7 ^aPs. 77:4

8 ¹Or, *made a fool of* ²Lit., *have sworn by me*
^aPs. 31:11 ^bActs 26:11 ^cIs. 65:15; Jer. 29:22; 2 Sam. 16:5

9 ^aPs. 42:3; 80:5

10 ^aPs. 38:3 ^bJob 27:21; 30:22

11 ¹Lit., *stretched out* ²Or, *as for me, I* ¹Lit., *herbage*
^aPs. 109:23; Job 14:2 ^bPs. 102:4

12 ¹Or, *sit enthroned* ²Lit., *memorial*
^aPs. 9:7; 10:16; Lam. 5:19
^bPs. 135:13; Ex. 3:15

13 ^aPs. 12:5; 44:26 ^bIs. 60:10; Zech. 1:12; ^cPs. 119:126 ^dPs. 75:2; Dan. 8:19

14 ¹Or, *have found*

15 ¹Or, *And* ²Or, *Gentiles, heathen*
^aPs. 67:7; 1 Kin. 8:43 ^bPs. 138:4

16 ^aPs. 147:2 ^bIs. 60:1, 2

17 ¹Or, *naked*
^aPs. 22:24; Neh. 1:6

18 ¹Or, *Let this be written*
²Or, *And* ³Or, *will* ⁴Heb., *YAH*
^aDeut. 31:19; 1 Cor. 10:11
^bPs. 22:30; 48:13 ^cPs. 22:31

19 ¹Lit., *toward*
^aPs. 14:2; 53:2; Deut. 26:15
^bPs. 33:13

20 ¹Lit., *the sons of death*
^aPs. 79:11 ^bPs. 146:7

21 ^aPs. 22:22

22 ^aPs. 22:27; 86:9; Is. 49:22; 23; 60:3; Zech. 8:20-23

23 ^aPs. 39:5

24 ¹Lit., *half*
^aPs. 39:13; Is. 38:10 ^bPs. 102:12; 90:2; Job 36:26; Hab. 1:12

25 ^aGen. 1:1; Neh. 9:6;
Heb. 1:10-12 ^bPs. 96:5

26 ¹Lit., *They themselves*
^aIs. 34:4; 51:6; Matt. 24:35;
2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 20:11

27 ¹Lit., *He*
^aIs. 41:4; 43:10; Mal. 3:6;
James 1:17

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28 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aPs. 69:36 ^bPs. 89:4

1 ^aPs. 104:1, 35 ^bPs. 33:21;
105:3; 145:21; Ezek. 36:21;
39:7

2 ^aDeut. 6:12; 8:11

3 ^aPs. 86:5; 130:8; Ex. 34:7;
Is. 43:25 ^bPs. 30:2; Ex. 15:26;
Jer. 30:17

4 ^aPs. 49:15 ^bPs. 5:12

5 ¹Or, *desire*
^aPs. 107:9; 145:16 ^bIs. 40:31

6 ¹Or, *deeds of
vindication*
^aPs. 99:4; 146:7 ^bPs. 12:5

7 ^aPs. 99:7; 147:19; Ex.
33:13 ^bPs. 78:11; 106:22

8 ^aPs. 86:15; Ex. 34:6;
Num. 14:18; Neh. 9:17;
Jonah 4:2 ^bPs. 145:8; Joel
2:13; Nah. 1:3

9 ^aPs. 30:5; Is. 57:16 ^bJer.
3:5, 12; Mic. 7:18

10 ^aEzra 9:13; Lam. 3:22

11 ¹Or, *revere*
^aPs. 36:5; 57:10

12 ^a2 Sam. 12:13; Is. 38:17;
Zech. 3:9; Heb. 9:26

13 ¹Or, *revere*
^aMal. 3:17

14 ¹I.e., what we are made
of
^aIs. 29:16 ^bPs. 78:39 ^cGen.
3:19; Eccles. 12:7

15 ^aPs. 90:5; Is. 40:6; 1 Pet.
1:24 ^bJob 14:2; James 1:10,
11

16 ^aIs. 40:7 ^bJob 7:10; 8:18;
20:9

17 ¹Or, *revere* ²I.e.,
faithfulness to His gracious
promises
^aPs. 25:6 ^bPs. 105:8; Ex. 20:6;
Deut. 5:10

18 ^aPs. 25:10; Deut. 7:9

19 ¹Or, *kingdom* ²I.e., the
universe
^aPs. 11:4 ^bPs. 47:2, 8; Dan.
4:17

20 ^aPs. 148:2 ^bPs. 29:1;
78:25 ^cMatt. 6:10 ^dPs. 91:11;
Heb. 1:14

28 “The ^achildren of Thy servants will continue,
And their ^bdescendants will be established before
Thee.”

PSALM 103

Praise for the LORD'S Mercies.

A Psalm of David.

- B**LESS the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *ble*ss His ^bholy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And ^aforget none of His benefits;
- 3 Who ^apardons all your iniquities;
Who ^bheals all your diseases;
- 4 Who ^aredeems your life from the pit;
Who ^bcrowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;
- 5 Who ^asatisfies your ¹years with good things,
So *that* your youth is ^brenewed like the eagle.
- 6 The LORD ^aperforms ¹righteous deeds,
And judgments for all who are ^boppressed.
- 7 He ^amade known His ways to Moses,
His ^bacts to the sons of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is ^acompassionate and gracious,
^bSlow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.
- 9 He ^awill not always strive *with us*;
Nor will He ^bkeep *His anger* forever.
- 10 He has ^anot dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For high ^aas the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His lovingkindness toward those who ¹fear
Him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He ^aremoved our transgressions from us.
- 13 Just ^aas a father has compassion on *his* children,
So the LORD has compassion on those who ¹fear Him.
- 14 For ^aHe Himself knows ¹our frame;
He ^bis mindful that we are *but* ^cdust.
- 15 As for man, his days are ^alike grass;
As a ^bflower of the field, so he flourishes.
- 16 When the ^awind has passed over it, it is no more;
And its ^bplace acknowledges it no longer.
- 17 But the ^alovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting
to everlasting on those who ¹fear Him,
And His ^brighteousness ^bto children's children,
- 18 To ^athose who keep His covenant,
And who remember His precepts to do them.
- 19 The LORD has established His ^athrone in the heavens;
And His ^bsovereignty rules over ²all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you ^aHis angels,
^bMighty in strength, who ^cperform His word,
^dObedying the voice of His word!

- 21 Bless the LORD, all you ^aHis hosts,
You ^bwho serve Him, doing His will.
22 Bless the LORD, ^aall you works of His,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

PSALM 104

The LORD'S Care over All His Works.

- B**LESS the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, Thou art very great;
Thou art ^bclothed with splendor and majesty,
2 Covering Thyself with ^alight as with a cloak,
^bStretching out heaven like a *tent* curtain.
3 ¹He ^alays the beams of His upper chambers in the
waters;
¹He makes the ^bclouds His chariot;
¹He walks upon the ^cwings of the wind;
4 ¹He makes ^{2a}the winds His messengers,
³Flaming ^bfire His ministers.
5 He ^aestablished the earth upon its foundations,
So that it will not ¹totter forever and ever.
6 Thou ^adidst cover it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters were standing above the mountains.
7 At Thy ^arebuke they fled;
At the ^bsound of Thy thunder they hurried away.
8 The mountains rose; the valleys sank down
To the ^aplace which Thou didst establish for them.
9 Thou didst set a ^aboundary that they may not pass
over;
That they may not return to cover the earth.
10 ¹He sends forth ^asprings in the valleys;
They flow between the mountains;
11 They ^agive drink to every beast of the field;
The ^bwild donkeys quench their thirst.
12 ¹Beside them the birds of the heavens ^adwell;
They ²lift up *their* voice among the branches.
13 ¹He ^awaters the mountains from His upper chambers;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.
14 ¹He causes the ^agrass to grow for the ²cattle,
And ^bvegetation for the ³labor of man,
So that ⁴he may bring forth ⁵food ^cfrom the earth,
15 And ^awine which makes man's heart glad,
^bSo that he may make *his* face glisten with oil,
And ¹food which ^csustains man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD ¹drink their fill,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
17 Where the ^abirds build their nests,
And the ^bstork, *whose home* is the ¹fir trees.
18 The high mountains are for the ^awild goats;
The ^bcliffs are a refuge for the ^crock badgers.

21 ^aPs. 148:2; 1 Kin. 22:19;
Neh. 9:6; Luke 2:13 ^bPs.
104:4

22 ^aPs. 145:10

1 ^aPs. 103:22 ^bPs. 93:1

2 ^aDan. 7:9 ^bIs. 40:22

3 ¹Lit., *the one who*
^aAmos 9:6 ^bIs. 19:1 ^cPs. 18:10

4 ¹Lit., *Who* ²Or, *His*
angels, spirits ³Or, *His*
ministers flames of fire
^aPs. 148:8; Heb. 1:7 ^b2 Kin.
2:11; 6:17

5 ¹Or, *move out of place*
^aPs. 24:2; Job 38:4

6 ^aGen. 1:2

7 ^aPs. 18:15; 106:9; Is. 50:2
^bPs. 29:3; 77:18

8 ^aPs. 33:7

9 ^aJob 38:10, 11; Jer. 5:22

10 ¹Lit., *The one who sends*
^aPs. 107:35; Is. 41:18

11 ^aPs. 104:13 ^bJob 39:5

12 ¹Or, *Over, Above* ²Lit.,
give forth
^aMatt. 8:20

13 ¹Lit., *Who*
^aPs. 65:9; 147:8

14 ¹Lit., *Who* ²Or, *beasts*
³Or, *cultivation by; or,*
service of ⁴Or, *He* ⁵Lit.,
bread
^aPs. 147:8; Job 38:27 ^bGen.
1:29 ^cJob 28:5

15 ¹Lit., *bread*
^aJudg. 9:13; Prov. 31:6;
Eccles. 10:19 ^bPs. 23:5;
92:10; 141:5; Luke 7:46
^cGen. 18:5; Judg. 19:5, 8

16 ¹Lit., *are satisfied*

17 ¹Or, *cypress*
^aPs. 104:12 ^bLev. 11:19

18 ^aJob 39:1 ^bProv. 30:26
^cLev. 11:5

19 ^aGen. 1:14 ^bPs. 19:6

20 ¹Lit., *creep*
^aPs. 74:16; Is. 45:7 ^bPs. 50:10;
Is. 56:9; Mic. 5:8

21 ¹Lit., *And to seek*
^aJob 38:39 ^bPs. 145:15; Joel
1:20

22 ^aJob 37:8

23 ^aGen. 3:19

24 ¹Or, *With* ²Or possibly,
creatures
^aPs. 40:5 ^bPs. 136:5; Prov.
3:19; Jer. 10:12; 51:15 ^cPs.
65:9

25 ¹Or, *This* ²Or, *broad of*
dimensions (lit., hands)
^aPs. 8:8; 69:34

26 ¹Or, *a sea-monster*
^aPs. 107:23; Ezek. 27:9 ^bPs.
74:14; Job 41:1

27 ¹Lit., *its appointed time*
^aPs. 145:15 ^bPs. 136:25;
147:9; Job 36:31; 38:41

28 ^aPs. 145:16

29 ¹Or, *breath*
^aPs. 30:7; Deut. 31:17 ^bPs.
146:4; Job 34:14; Eccles. 12:7
^cPs. 90:3; Gen. 3:19; Job 10:9

30 ¹Or, *breath*
^aJob 33:4; Ezek. 37:9

31 ^aPs. 86:12; 111:10 ^bGen.
1:31

32 ¹Lit., *The one who*
^aPs. 97:4, 5; 114:7; Judg. 5:5
^bPs. 144:5; Ex. 19:18

33 ¹Or, *Let me sing* ²Lit., *in*
my lifetime ³Lit., *while I still*
am
^aPs. 63:4 ^bPs. 146:2

34 ^aPs. 19:14 ^bPs. 9:2

35 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAW
^aPs. 59:13 ^bPs. 37:10 ^cPs.
104:1 ^dPs. 105:45; 106:48

1 ^aPs. 106:1; 1 Chr. 16:8-
22, 34; Is. 12:4 ^bPs. 99:6 ^cPs.
145:12

2 ¹Or, *Meditate on* ²i.e.,
wonderful acts
^aPs. 96:1; 98:5 ^bPs. 77:12;
119:27; 145:5

3 ¹Or, *Boast*
^aPs. 33:21

19 He made the moon ^afor the seasons;
The ^bsun knows the place of its setting.

20 Thou ^adost appoint darkness and it becomes night,
In which all the ^bbeasts of the forest ¹prowl about.

21 The ^ayoung lions roar after their prey,
¹And ^bseek their food from God.

22 *When* the sun rises they withdraw,
And lie down in their ^adens.

23 Man goes forth to ^ahis work
And to his labor until evening.

24 O LORD, how ^amany are Thy works!
¹In ^bwisdom Thou hast made them all;
The ^cearth is full of Thy ²possessions.

25 ¹There is the ^asea, great and ²broad,
In which are swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.

26 There the ^aships move along,
And ¹bleviathan, which Thou hast formed to sport in it.

27 They all ^await for Thee,
To ^bgive them their food in ¹due season.

28 Thou dost give to them, they gather *it* up;
Thou ^adost open Thy hand, they are satisfied with
good.

29 Thou ^adost hide Thy face, they are dismayed;
Thou ^bdost take away their ¹spirit, they expire,
And ^creturn to their dust.

30 Thou dost send forth Thy ^{1a}Spirit, they are created;
And Thou dost renew the face of the ground.

31 Let the ^aglory of the LORD endure forever;
Let the LORD ^bbe glad in His works;

32 ¹He ^alooks at the earth, and it trembles;
He ^btouches the mountains, and they smoke.

33 ¹I will sing to the LORD ^{2a}as long as I live;
¹I will ^bsing praise to my God ³while I have my being.

34 Let my ^ameditation be pleasing to Him;
As for me, I shall ^bbe glad in the LORD.

35 Let sinners be ^aconsumed from the earth,
And let the ^bwicked be no more.

^cBless the LORD, O my soul.
^{1d}Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 105

The LORD'S Wonderful Works in Behalf of Israel.

OH ^agive thanks to the LORD, ^bcall upon His name;
^cMake known His deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to Him, ^asing praises to Him;
^{1b}Speak of all His ²wonders.

3 ¹Glory in His holy name;
Let the ^aheart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

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| <p>4 Seek the LORD and ^aHis strength;
^bSeek His face continually.</p> <p>5 Remember His ^{1a}wonders which He has done,
His marvels, and the ^bjudgments ²uttered by His
mouth,</p> <p>6 O seed of ^aAbraham His servant,
O sons of ^bJacob, His ^cchosen ones!</p> <p>7 He is the LORD our God;
His ^ajudgments are in all the earth.</p> <p>8 He has ^aremembered His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded to a ^bthousand
generations,</p> <p>9 <i>The ^acovenant</i> which He made with Abraham,
And His ^boath to Isaac.</p> <p>10 Then He ^aconfirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,</p> <p>11 Saying, “^aTo you I will give the land of Canaan
As the ^bportion of your inheritance,”</p> <p>12 When they were only a ^afew men in number,
Very few, and ^bstrangers in it.</p> <p>13 And they wandered about from nation to nation,
From <i>one</i> kingdom to another people.</p> <p>14 He ^apermitted no man to oppress them,
And He ^breproved kings for their sakes:</p> <p>15 “^aDo not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm.”</p> <p>16 And He ^acalled for a famine upon the land;
He ^bbroke the whole staff of bread.</p> <p>17 He ^asent a man before them:
Joseph was ^bsold as a slave.</p> <p>18 They afflicted his ^afeet with fetters;
¹He himself was laid in irons,</p> <p>19 Until the time that his ^aword came to pass,
The word of the LORD ^{1b}tested him.</p> <p>20 The ^aking sent and released him,
The ruler of peoples, and set him free.</p> <p>21 He ^amade him lord of his house,
And ruler over all his possessions,</p> <p>22 To ¹imprison his princes ^{2a}at will,
That he might teach his elders wisdom.</p> <p>23 ^aIsrael also came into Egypt;
Thus Jacob ^bsojourned in the land of Ham.</p> <p>24 And He ^acaused His people to be very fruitful,
And made them stronger than their adversaries.</p> <p>25 He ^aturned their heart to hate His people,
To ^bdeal craftily with His servants.</p> <p>26 He ^asent Moses His servant,
And ^bAaron whom He had chosen.</p> <p>27 They ^{1a}performed His wondrous acts among them,
And miracles in the land of Ham.</p> | <p>4 *Ps. 63:2 bPs. 27:8</p> <p>5 ¹I.e., wonderful acts
²Lit., of His mouth
*Ps. 40:5; 77:11 bPs. 119:13</p> <p>6 *Ps. 105:42 bPs. 135:4
*Ps. 106:5; 135:4; 1 Chr. 16:13</p> <p>7 *Is. 26:9</p> <p>8 *Ps. 105:42; 106:45; Luke 1:72 bDeut. 7:9</p> <p>9 *Gen. 17:2; 22:16-18; Gal. 3:17 bGen. 26:3</p> <p>10 *Gen. 28:13-15</p> <p>11 ¹Lit., measuring line
*Gen. 13:15; 15:18 bPs. 78:55; Josh 23:4</p> <p>12 *Gen. 34:30; Deut. 7:7
bGen. 23:4; Heb. 11:9</p> <p>14 *Gen. 20:7; 35:5 bGen. 12:17; 20:3, 7</p> <p>15 *Gen. 26:11</p> <p>16 *Gen. 41:54 bLev. 26:26; Is. 3:1; Ezek. 4:16</p> <p>17 *Gen. 45:5 bGen. 37:28, 36; Acts 7:9</p> <p>18 ¹Lit., His soul came into
*Gen. 39:20</p> <p>19 ¹Or, refined
*Gen. 40:20, 21 bPs. 66:10</p> <p>20 *Gen. 41:14</p> <p>21 *Gen. 41:40-44</p> <p>22 ¹Lit., bind ²Lit., at his
*Gen. 41:44</p> <p>23 *Gen. 46:6; Acts 7:15
bActs 13:17</p> <p>24 *Ex. 1:7, 9</p> <p>25 *Ex. 1:8; 4:21 bEx. 1:10; Acts 7:19</p> <p>26 *Ex. 3:10; 4:12 bEx. 4:14; Num. 16:5; 17:5-8</p> <p>27 ¹Lit., set the words of
His signs
*Ps. 105:27-36; 78:43-51</p> |
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28 ^aEx. 10:21, 22 ^bPs. 99:7

29 ^aEx. 7:20, 21

30 ^aEx. 8:6 ^bEx. 8:3

31 ^aEx. 8:21 ^bEx. 8:16

32 ¹Or. *made their rain hail*
^aEx. 9:23-25

34 ^aEx. 10:12-15

36 ^aPs. 135:8; 136:10; Ex. 12:29; 13:15

37 ^aEx. 12:35, 36

38 ^aEx. 12:33 ^bEx. 15:16

39 ¹Or. *curtain*
^aPs. 78:14; Ex. 13:21; Neh. 9:12; Is. 4:5 ^bEx. 40:38

40 ¹Or. *One* ²Or. *food*
^aPs. 78:18 ^bPs. 78:27; Ex. 16:13; Num. 11:31 ^cPs. 78:24; Ex. 16:15; Neh. 9:15; John 6:31

41 ¹Or. *boulder* ²Lit., *They went*
^aPs. 78:15; 114:8; Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Is. 48:21; 1 Cor. 10:4

42 ^aPs. 105:8

43 ^aPs. 106:12; Ex. 15:1

44 ¹Or. *Gentiles*
^aPs. 78:55; Josh. 13:7 ^bDeut. 6:10, 11

45 ¹Or. *Hallelujah!* ²Heb., *YAH*
^aDeut. 4:40

1 ¹Or. *Hallelujah!* ²Heb., *YAH*
^aPs. 105:1; 107:1 ^bPs. 100:5
^c1 Chr. 16:34, 41

2 ^aPs. 145:4, 12; 150:2

3 ¹Or. *judgment* ²Many Heb. mss. read, *The one who performs*
^aPs. 15:2

4 ¹Lit., *of*
^aPs. 44:3; 119:132

28 He ^asent darkness and made *it* dark;
And they did not ^brebel against His words.

29 He ^aturned their waters into blood,
And caused their fish to die.

30 Their land swarmed with ^afrogs
Even in the ^bchambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came a ^aswarm of flies,
And ^bgnats in all their territory.

32 He ¹gave them ^ahail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.

33 He struck down their vines also and their fig trees,
And shattered the trees of their territory.

34 He spoke, and ^alocusts came,
And young locusts, even without number,

35 And ate up all vegetation in their land,
And ate up the fruit of their ground.

36 He also ^astruck down all the first-born in their land,
The first fruits of all their vigor.

37 Then He brought them out with ^asilver and gold;
And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled.

38 Egypt was ^aglad when they departed;
For the ^bdread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread a ^acloud for a ¹covering,
And ^bfire to illumine by night.

40 ¹They ^aasked, and He brought ^bquail,
And satisfied them with the ^{2c}bread of heaven.

41 He opened the ¹rock, and ^awater flowed out;
²It ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For He ^aremembered His holy word
With Abraham His servant;

43 And He brought forth His people with joy,
His chosen ones with a joyful ^ashout.

44 He ^agave them also the lands of the ¹nations,
That they ^bmight take possession of *the fruit of the peoples' labor,*

45 So that they might ^akeep His statutes,
And observe His laws,
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 106

Israel's Rebelliousness and the LORD's Deliverances.

PRAISE ²the LORD!

Oh ^agive thanks to the LORD, for He ^bis good;
For ^cHis lovingkindness is everlasting.

2 Who can speak of the ^amighty deeds of the LORD,
Or can show forth all His praise?

3 How blessed are those who keep ¹justice,
²Who ^apractice righteousness at all times!

4 Remember me, O LORD, in *Thy* ^afavor ¹toward Thy people;
Visit me with Thy salvation,

- 5 That I may see the ^aprosperity of Thy chosen ones,
That I may ^brejoice in the gladness of Thy nation,
That I may ^cglory with Thine ¹inheritance.
- 6 ^aWe have sinned ^{1b}like our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have behaved
wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Thy ¹wonders;
They ^adid not remember ²Thine abundant kindnesses,
But ^brebelled by the sea, at the ³Red Sea.
- 8 Nevertheless He saved them ^afor the sake of His name,
That He might ^bmake His power known.
- 9 Thus He ^arebuked the ¹Red Sea and it ^bdried up;
And He ^cled them through the deeps, as through the
wilderness.
- 10 So He ^asaved them from the ¹hand of the one who
hated *them*,
And ^bredeemed them from the ¹hand of the enemy.
- 11 And ^athe waters covered their adversaries;
Not one of them was left.
- 12 Then they ^abelieved His words;
They ^bsang His praise.
- 13 They quickly ^aforgot His works;
They ^bdid not wait for His counsel,
- 14 But ^acraved intensely in the wilderness,
And ^{1b}tempted God in the desert.
- 15 So He ^agave them their request,
But ^bsent a ¹wasting disease among them.
- 16 When they became ^aenvious of Moses in the camp,
Of Aaron, the holy one of the LORD,
- 17 The ^aearth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
And engulfed the ¹company of Abiram.
- 18 And a ^afire blazed up in their ¹company;
The flame consumed the wicked.
- 19 They ^amade a calf in Horeb,
And worshiped a molten image.
- 20 Thus they ^aexchanged their glory
For the image of an ox that eats grass.
- 21 They ^aforgot God their Savior,
Who had done ^bgreat things in Egypt,
- 22 ^{1a}Wonders in the land of Ham,
And awesome things by the ²Red Sea.
- 23 Therefore ^aHe said that He would destroy them,
Had not ^bMoses His chosen one stood in the breach
before Him,
To turn away His wrath from destroying *them*.
- 24 Then they ^adespised the ^bpleasant land;
They ^cdid not believe in His word,
- 25 But ^agrumbled in their tents;
They did not listen to the voice of the LORD.

⁵ ¹I.e., people
^aPs. 1:3 ^bPs. 118:15 ^cPs. 105:3

⁶ ¹Lit., with
^a1 Kin. 8:47; Ezra 9:7; Neh. 1:7; Jer. 3:25; Dan. 9:5 ^bPs. 78:8, 57; 2 Chr. 30:7; Neh. 9:2; Zech. 1:4

⁷ ¹I.e., wonderful acts
²Lit., *the multitude of Thy lovingkindnesses* ³Or, *Sea of Reeds*
^aPs. 78:11, 42; Judg. 3:7 ^bPs. 78:17; Ex. 14:11, 12

⁸ ^aEzek. 20:9 ^bEx. 9:16

⁹ ¹Or, *Sea of Reeds*
^aPs. 18:15; 78:13; Is. 50:2; Nah. 1:4 ^bEx. 14:21; Is. 51:10 ^cIs. 63:11-13

¹⁰ ¹Or, *power*
^aEx. 14:30 ^bPs. 78:42; 107:2

¹¹ ^aPs. 78:53; Ex. 14:28; 15:5

¹² ^aEx. 14:31 ^bPs. 105:43; Ex. 15:1-21

¹³ ^aEx. 15:24; 16:2; 17:2 ^bPs. 107:11

¹⁴ ¹Or, *put God to the test*
^aPs. 78:18; Num 11:4; 1 Cor. 10:6 ^bEx. 17:2; 1 Cor. 10:9

¹⁵ ¹Or, *leanness into their soul*
^aPs. 78:29; Num. 11:31 ^bIs. 10:16

¹⁶ ^aNum. 16:3

¹⁷ ¹Or, *assembly, band*
^aNum. 16:32

¹⁸ ¹Or, *assembly, band*
^aNum. 16:35

¹⁹ ^aEx. 32:4; Deut. 9:8; Acts 7:41

²⁰ ^aJer. 2:11; Rom. 1:23

²¹ ^aPs. 106:7, 13; 78:11
^bDeut. 10:21

²² ¹I.e., *Wonderful acts*
²Or, *Sea of Reeds*
^aPs. 105:27

²³ ^aEx. 32:10; Deut. 9:14; Ezek. 20:8, 13 ^bEx. 32:11-14; Deut. 9:25-29

²⁴ ^aNum. 14:31 ^bDeut. 8:7; Jer. 3:19; Ezek. 20:6 ^cDeut. 1:32; 9:23

²⁵ ^aNum. 14:2; Deut. 1:27

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26 ¹Lit., *lifted up his hand*
^aPs. 95:11; Num. 14:28-35;
Ezek. 20:15; Heb. 3:11

27 ^aDeut. 4:27 ^bPs. 44:11

28 ¹Or, *Baal of peor*
^aNum. 25:3; Deut. 4:3; Hos.
9:10 ^bNum. 25:2

29 ^aNum. 25:4

30 ^aNum. 25:7 ^bNum. 25:8

31 ^aGen. 15:6; Num. 25:11-
13

32 ¹Lit., *strife*
^aPs. 81:7; 95:9; Num. 20:2-13
^bNum. 20:12

33 ¹Or, *his spirit*
^aPs. 78:40; 107:11; Num.
20:3, 10

34 ^aJudg. 1:21, 27-36 ^bDeut.
7:2, 16

35 ¹Lit., *works*
^aJudg. 3:5, 6

36 ^aJudg. 2:12

37 ^aDeut. 12:31; 32:17; 2
Kin. 17:17; Ezek. 16:20, 21;
1 Cor. 10:20

38 ^aPs. 94:21 ^bDeut. 18:10
^cNum. 35:33; Is. 24:5; Jer.
3:1, 2

39 ¹Lit., *works*
^aLev. 18:24; Ezek. 20:18
^bLev. 17:7; Num. 15:39;
Judg. 2:17; Hos. 4:12

40 ¹I.e., *people*
^aPs. 78:59; Judg. 2:14 ^bLev.
26:30; Deut. 32:19

41 ¹Or, *Gentiles*
^aJudg. 2:14; Neh. 9:27

42 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aJudg. 4:3; 10:12

43 ^aJudg. 2:16-18 ^bPs. 81:12
^cJudg. 6:6

44 ^aJudg. 3:9; 6:7; 10:10

45 ¹Lit., *was sorry*
^aPs. 105:8; Lev. 26:42 ^bJudg.
2:18

26 Therefore He ¹swore to them,
That He would cast them down in the wilderness,
27 And that He would ^acast their seed among the nations,
And ^bscatter them in the lands.

28 They ^ajoined themselves also to ¹Baal-peor,
And ate ^bsacrifices offered to the dead.
29 Thus they ^aprovoked *Him* to anger with their deeds;
And the plague broke out among them.
30 Then Phinehas ^astood up and interposed;
And so the ^bplague was stayed.
31 And it was ^areckoned to him for righteousness,
To all generations forever.

32 They also ^aprovoked *Him* to wrath at the waters of
¹Meribah,
So that it ^bwent hard with Moses on their account;
33 Because they ^awere rebellious against ¹His Spirit,
He spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They ^adid not destroy the peoples,
As ^bthe LORD commanded them,
35 But ^athey mingled with the nations,
And learned their ¹practices,
36 And ^aserved their idols,
Which became a snare to them.
37 They even ^asacrificed their sons and their daughters to
the demons,
38 And shed ^ainnocent blood,
The blood of their ^bsons and their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
And the land was ^cpolluted with the blood.
39 Thus they became ^aunclean in their ¹practices,
And ^bplayed the harlot in their deeds.

40 Therefore the ^aanger of the LORD was kindled against
His people,
And He ^babhorred His ¹inheritance.
41 Then ^aHe gave them into the hand of the ¹nations;
And those who hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also ^aoppressed them,
And they were subdued under their ¹power.
43 Many times He would ^adeliver them;
They, however, were rebellious in their ^bcounsel,
And so ^csank down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress,
When He ^aheard their cry;
45 And He ^aremembered His covenant for their sake,
And ^brelented according to the greatness of His
lovingkindness.

- 46 He also made them ^aobjects of compassion
In the presence of all their captives.
- 47 ^aSave us, O LORD our God,
And ^bgather us from among the nations,
To give thanks to Thy holy name,
And ^{1c}glory in Thy praise.
- 48 ^aBlessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And let all the people say, "Amen."
¹Praise ²the LORD!

BOOK 5

PSALM 107

The LORD Delivers Men from Manifold Troubles.

- O**H ^agive thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Let ^athe redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom He has ^bredeemed from the hand of the ad-
versary,
- 3 And ^agathered from the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the ¹south.
- 4 They ^awandered in the wilderness in a ¹desert region;
They did not find a way to ²an inhabited ^bcity.
- 5 They were hungry ¹and thirsty;
Their ^asoul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they ^acried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He delivered them out of their distresses.
- 7 He led them also by a ^{1a}straight way,
To go to ^{2b}an inhabited city.
- 8 ^aLet them give thanks to the LORD for His loving-
kindness,
And for His ¹wonders to the sons of men!
- 9 For He has ^asatisfied the ¹thirsty soul,
And the ^bhungry soul He has filled with what is good.
- 10 There were those who ^adwelt in darkness and in the
shadow of death,
^bPrisoners in ¹misery and ²chains,
- 11 Because they had ^arebelled against the words of God,
And ^bspurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 Therefore He humbled their heart with labor;
They stumbled and there was ^anone to help.
- 13 Then they ^acried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He saved them out of their distresses.
- 14 He ^abrought them out of darkness and the shadow of
death,
And ^bbroke their bands apart.
- 15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His loving-
kindness,
And for His ¹wonders to the sons of men!

46 ¹Kin. 8:50; 2 Chr. 30:9;
Ezra 9:9; Neh. 1:11; Jer.
42:1247 ¹Lit., *boast*
^a1 Chr. 16:35; 36 ^bPs. 147:2
^cPs. 47:148 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH
^aPs. 41:13; 72:18; 89:52¹Ps. 106:1²Is. 35:9; 10; 62:12; 63:4
^bPs. 78:42; 106:10³Lit., *see*
^aPs. 106:47; Deut. 30:3; Neh.
1:9; Is. 11:12; 43:5; 56:8;
Ezek. 11:17; 20:34⁴Lit., *waste* ²Or, *a*
habitable city; lit., *a city of*
habitation
^aNum. 14:33; 32:13; Deut.
2:7; Josh. 5:6; 14:10 ^bPs.
107:7, 36⁵Lit., *also*
^aPs. 77:3⁶Ps. 107:13, 19, 28; 50:15⁷Or, *level* ²Or, *a*
habitable city; lit., *a city of*
habitation
^aPs. 5:8; Ezra 8:21; Jer. 31:9
^bPs. 107:4, 36⁸I.e., *wonderful acts*
^aPs. 107:15, 21, 31⁹Or, *parched*
^aPs. 22:26; 63:5; 103:5 ^bPs.
146:7; Matt. 5:6; Luke 1:53¹⁰Lit., *affliction* ²Lit.,
iron
^aPs. 143:3; Is. 42:7; Mic. 7:8;
Luke 1:79 ^bPs. 102:20; Job
36:8¹¹Ps. 78:40; 106:7 ^bNum.
15:31; 2 Chr. 36:16; Prov.
1:25; Is. 5:24¹²Ps. 22:11; 72:12¹³Ps. 107:6¹⁴Ps. 107:10; 86:13 ^bPs.
116:16; Jer. 2:20; 30:8; Nah.
1:13; Luke 13:16; Acts 12:7¹⁵I.e., *wonderful acts*

16 ¹Is. 45:1, 2

17 ¹Lit., *the way of their transgression*
¹Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 30:14, 15;
 Ezek. 24:23

18 ¹Ps. 102:4; Job 33:20 ¹Ps. 88:3; Job 33:22 ¹Ps. 9:13; Job 38:17

20 ¹Or, *pits*
¹Ps. 147:15, 18; Matt. 8:8
¹Ps. 30:2; 103:3; 147:3; 2 Kin. 20:5 ¹Ps. 30:3; 49:15; 56:13;
 103:4; Job 33:28, 30

21 ¹I.e., wonderful acts

22 ¹Ps. 50:14; 116:17; Lev. 7:12 ¹Ps. 9:11; 73:28; 118:17

23 ¹Is. 42:10; Jonah 1:3

24 ¹I.e., wonderful acts

25 ¹Lit., *of it*
¹Ps. 105:31, 34 ¹Ps. 148:8;
 Jonah 1:4 ¹Ps. 93:3, 4

26 ¹Ps. 22:14; 119:28

27 ¹Lit., *all their wisdom was swallowed up*
¹Job 12:25; Is. 24:20

29 ¹Lit., *of it*
¹Ps. 65:7; 89:9; Matt. 8:26;
 Luke 8:24

31 ¹I.e., wonderful acts
¹Ps. 78:4; 111:4

32 ¹Ps. 34:3; 99:5; Is. 25:1
¹Ps. 22:22, 25 ¹Ps. 35:18

33 ¹Or, *turns* ²Or, *desert*
¹Ps. 74:15; Is. 42:15; 50:2

34 ¹Gen. 13:10; 14:3; 19:24, 25; Deut. 29:23 ¹Job 39:6;
 Jer. 17:6

35 ¹Or, *turns* ²Or, *desert*
¹Ps. 105:41; 114:8; Is. 35:6, 7;
 41:18

36 ¹Or, *a habitable city*;
 lit., *a city of habitation*
¹Ps. 107:4, 7

37 ¹Lit., *acquire fruits of yield*
²Kin. 19:29; Is. 65:21;
 Amos 9:14

38 ¹Gen. 12:2; 17:20; Ex. 1:7; Deut. 1:10 ¹Deut. 7:14

16 For He has ¹shattered gates of bronze,
 And cut bars of iron asunder.

17 Fools, because of ¹their rebellious way,
 And ²because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

18 Their ¹soul abhorred all kinds of food;
 And they ¹drew near to the ¹gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;
 He saved them out of their distresses.

20 He ¹sent His word and ¹healed them,
 And ¹delivered *them* from their ¹destructions.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His loving-kindness,

And for His ¹wonders to the sons of men!

22 Let them also offer ¹sacrifices of thanksgiving,
 And ¹tell of His works with joyful singing.

23 Those who ¹go down to the sea in ships,
 Who do business on great waters;

24 They have seen the works of the LORD,
 And His ¹wonders in the deep.

25 For He ¹spoke and raised up a ¹stormy wind,
 Which ¹lifted up the waves ¹of the sea.

26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths;

Their soul ¹melted away in *their* misery.

27 They reeled and ¹staggered like a drunken man,
 And ¹were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
 And He brought them out of their distresses.

29 He ¹caused the storm to be still,
 So that the waves ¹of the sea were hushed.

30 Then they were glad because they were quiet;
 So He guided them to their desired haven.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His loving-kindness,

And for His ¹wonders to the sons of men!

32 Let them ¹extol Him also ¹in the congregation of the people,
 And ¹praise Him at the seat of the elders.

33 He ¹changes rivers into a ²wilderness,
 And springs of water into a thirsty ground;

34 A ¹fruitful land into a ¹salt waste,
 Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

35 He ¹changes a ²wilderness into a pool of water,
 And a dry land into springs of water;

36 And there He makes the hungry to dwell,
 So that they may establish ¹an inhabited city,

37 And sow fields, and ¹plant vineyards,
 And ¹gather a fruitful harvest.

38 Also He blesses them and they ¹multiply greatly;
 And He ¹does not let their cattle decrease,

- 39 When they are ^adiminished and ^bbowed down
Through oppression, misery, and sorrow,
40 He ^apours contempt upon ¹princes,
And ^bmakes them wander ^cin a pathless waste.
41 But He ¹sets the needy securely on high away from
affliction,
And ^bmakes *his* families like a flock.
42 The ^aupright see it, and are glad;
But all ^bunrighteousness shuts its mouth.
43 Who is ^awise? Let him give heed to these things;
And consider the ^blovingkindnesses of the LORD.

PSALM 108

God Praised and Supplicated to Give Victory.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

- ^aMY heart is steadfast, O God;
I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my ¹soul.
2 Awake, harp and lyre;
I will awaken the dawn!
3 I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD, among the peoples;
And I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
4 For Thy lovingkindness is great ^aabove the heavens;
And Thy truth *reaches* to the skies.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Thy glory above all the earth.
6 ^aThat Thy beloved may be delivered,
Save with Thy right hand, and answer me!
- 7 God has spoken in His ¹holiness:
"I will exult, I will portion out Shechem,
And measure out the valley of Succoth.
8 "Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the ¹helmet of My head;
Judah is My ²scepter.
9 "Moab is My washbowl;
Over Edom I shall throw My shoe;
Over Philistia I will shout aloud."
- 10 Who will bring me into the besieged city?
Who ¹will lead me to Edom?
11 Hast not Thou Thyself, O God, ^arejected us?
And wilt Thou not go forth with our armies, O God?
12 Oh give us help against the adversary,
For deliverance ¹by man is in vain.
13 ¹Through God we shall do valiantly;
And it is He who will tread down our adversaries.

39 ^aEzek. 5:11; 29:15 ^bPs.

38:6; 44:25; 57:6

Princes

40 ¹Or, *nobles*

^aJob 12:21 ^bJob 12:24 ^cDeut. 32:10

41 ¹Lit., *puts in an*

inaccessibly high place

^aPs. 59:1; 113:7, 8; 1 Sam. 2:8

^bPs. 113:9; Job 21:11

42 ^aPs. 52:6; Job 22:19

^bPs. 63:11; Job 5:16;

Rom. 3:19

43 ^aPs. 64:9; Jer. 9:12; Hos.

14:9 ^bPs. 107:1

1 ¹Lit., *glory*

^aPs. 108:1-5; 57:7-11

4 ^aPs. 113:4

6 ^aPs. 108:6-13; 60:5-12

7 ¹Or, *sanctuary*

8 ¹Lit., *protection* ²Or, *law-giver*

10 ¹Or, *has led*

11 ^aPs. 44:9

12 ¹Lit., *of*

13 ¹Or, *In, or, With*

1 ^aDeut. 10:21 ^bPs. 28:1; 83:1

2 ¹Lit., *wicked mouth and the deceitful* ²Lit., *with*
^aPs. 10:7; 52:4 ^bPs. 120:2

3 ^aPs. 69:4

4 ^aPs. 38:20 ^bPs. 69:13; 141:5

5 ¹Lit., *laid upon me*
^aPs. 35:12; 38:20 ^bJohn 7:7; 10:32

6 ¹Or, *adversary, Satan*
^aZech. 3:1

7 ^aPs. 1:5 ^bProv. 28:9

8 ^aPs. 55:23 ^bActs 1:20

9 ^aEx. 22:24 ^bJer. 18:21

10 ¹Or, *out of their desolate places*
^aPs. 59:15; Gen. 4:12; Job 30:5-8 ^bPs. 37:25

11 ¹Lit., *ensnare, strike at*
^aJob 20:15; Neh. 5:7 ^bIs. 1:7; Lam. 5:2; Ezek. 7:21

12 ¹Lit., *continue*
^aEzra 7:28; 9:9 ^bJob 5:4; Is. 9:17

13 ¹Lit., *for cutting off*
^aPs. 21:10; 37:28 ^bPs. 9:5; Prov. 10:7

14 ¹Lit., *to*
^aEx. 20:5; Num. 14:18; Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18 ^bNeh. 4:5; Jer. 18:23

15 ^aPs. 90:8; Jer. 16:17 ^bPs. 34:16

16 ^aPs. 37:14 ^bPs. 37:32; 94:6

17 ^aProv. 14:14; Ezek. 35:9; Matt. 7:2

18 ¹Lit., *his inward parts*
^aPs. 109:29; 73:6; Ezek. 7:27 ^bNum. 5:22

19 ^aPs. 109:29; 73:6; Ezek. 7:27 ^bPs. 30:11; 2 Sam. 22:40; Is. 11:5

20 ¹Lit., *This is*
^aPs. 54:5; 94:23; Is. 3:11; 2 Tim. 4:14 ^bPs. 41:5; 71:10

Vengeance Invoked upon Adversaries.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- O** ^aGOD of my praise,
^bDo not be silent!
- 2 For they have opened the ¹wicked and ^adeceitful mouth against me;
They have spoken ²against me with a ^blying tongue.
- 3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,
And fought against me ^awithout cause.
- 4 In return ^afor my love they act as my accusers;
But ^bI am in prayer.
- 5 Thus they have ^{1a}repaid me evil for good,
And ^bhatred for my love.
- 6 Appoint a wicked man over him;
And let an ^{1a}accuser stand at his right hand.
- 7 When he is judged, let him ^acome forth guilty;
And let his ^bprayer become sin.
- 8 Let ^ahis days be few;
Let ^banother take his office.
- 9 Let his ^achildren be fatherless,
And his ^bwife a widow.
- 10 Let his ^achildren wander about and beg;
And let them ^bseek sustenance ^{1a}far from their ruined homes.
- 11 Let ^athe creditor ¹seize all that he has;
And let ^bstrangers plunder the product of his labor.
- 12 Let there be none to ^{1a}extend lovingkindness to him,
Nor ^bany to be gracious to his fatherless children.
- 13 Let his ^aposterity be ^{1c}cut off;
In a following generation let their ^bname be blotted out.
- 14 Let ^athe iniquity of his fathers be remembered ¹before the LORD,
And do not let the sin of his mother be ^bblotted out.
- 15 Let ^athem be before the LORD continually,
That He may ^bcut off their memory from the earth;
- 16 Because he did not remember to show lovingkindness,
But persecuted the ^aafflicted and needy man,
And the despondent in heart, to ^bput them to death.
- 17 He also loved cursing, so ^ait came to him;
And he did not delight in blessing, so it was far from him.
- 18 But he ^aclothed himself with cursing as with his garment,
And it ^bentered into ¹his body like water,
And like oil into his bones.
- 19 Let it be to him as ^aa garment with which he covers himself,
And for a belt with which he constantly ^bgirds himself.
- 20 ¹Let this be the ^areward of my accusers from the LORD,
And of those who ^bspeak evil against my soul.

- 21 But Thou, O ¹God, the Lord, deal *kindly* with me ^afor Thy name's sake;
 Because ^bThy lovingkindness is good, deliver me;
- 22 For ^aI am afflicted and needy,
 And ¹my heart is ^bwounded within me.
- 23 I am passing ^alike a shadow when it lengthens;
 I am shaken off ^blike the locust.
- 24 My ^aknees ¹are weak from ^bfasting;
 And my flesh has grown lean, without fatness.
- 25 I also have become a ^areproach to them;
 When they see me, they ^bwag their head.
- 26 ^aHelp me, O LORD my God;
 Save me according to Thy lovingkindness.
- 27 ¹And let them ^aknow that this is Thy hand;
 Thou, LORD, hast done it.
- 28 ^aLet them curse, but do Thou bless;
 When they arise, they shall be ashamed,
 But Thy ^bservant shall be glad.
- 29 ¹Let ^amy accusers be clothed with dishonor,
 And ²let them ^bcover themselves with their own shame
 as with a robe.
- 30 With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the
 LORD;
 And in the midst of many ^aI will praise Him.
- 31 For He stands ^aat the right hand of the needy,
 To save him from those who ^bjudge his soul.

PSALM 110

King's Psalm

The LORD Gives Dominion to the King.

and the number of David the prophet.

King's Psalm A Psalm of David.

- T**HE LORD says to my Lord: *King's Psalm*
 "Sit at My right hand,
 Until I make [Thine enemies] a footstool for Thy feet."
 2 The LORD will stretch forth Thy strong ^ascepter from Zion, saying, *imperial* ^bAs a robe of the future King.
 "Rule in the midst of Thine enemies."
 3 Thy ^apeople ¹will volunteer freely in the day of Thy ²power;
^bIn ³holy array, from the womb of the dawn,
⁴Thy youth are to Thee as the ^cdew.
 4 ^aThe LORD has sworn, and will ^bnot ¹change His mind,
 "Thou art a ^cpriest forever
 According to the order of Melchizedek."
 5 The Lord is ^aat Thy right hand;
 He ¹will ^bshatter kings in the ^cday of His wrath.
 6 He will ^ajudge among the nations,
 He ¹will fill them with ^bcorpses,
 He ²will ^bshatter the ^cchief men over a broad country.
 He will ^adrink from the brook by the wayside;
 Therefore He will ^blift up His head.

21 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aPs. 23:3; 25:11; 79:9; 106:8; Ezek. 36:22 ^bPs. 69:16

22 ¹Lit., one has pierced my heart within me
^aPs. 40:17; 86:1 ^bPs. 143:4; Job 24:12; Prov. 18:14

23 ^aPs. 102:11 ^bEx. 10:19; Job 39:20

24 ¹Or, totter
^aHeb. 12:12 ^bPs. 35:13

25 ^aPs. 22:6 ^bPs. 22:7; Jer. 18:16; Lam. 2:15

26 ^aPs. 119:86

27 ¹Or, That they may know
^aJob 37:7

28 ^a2 Sam. 16:11, 12 ^bIs. 65:14

29 ¹Or, My accusers will be
²Or, they will cover
^aPs. 132:18; Job 8:22 ^bPs. 35:26; Job 8:22

30 ^aPs. 22:22

31 ^aPs. 16:8; 73:23; 110:5; 121:5 ^bPs. 37:33

¹ ¹Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42, 43; Acts 2:34, 35; Heb. 1:13 ^bMatt. 26:64; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2 ^c1 Cor. 15:25; Eph 1:22

² ^aPs. 45:6; Jer. 48:17; Ezek. 19:14 ^bPs. 2:9; 72:8; Dan. 7:13, 14

³ ¹Lit., will be freewill offerings; ²Or, army ³Or, the splendor of holiness ⁴Or, The dew of Thy youth is Thine.

^aJudg. 5:2; Neh. 11:2 ^bPs. 96:9; 1 Chr. 16:29 ^c2 Sam. 17:12; Mic. 5:7

⁴ ¹Lit., be sorry
^aHeb. 7:21 ^bNum. 13:19/^cHeb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:17; Zech 6:13

⁵ ¹Or, has shattered
^aPs. 109:31 ^bPs. 68:14; 76:12 ^cPs. 2:5, 12; Rom. 2:5; Rev. 6:17

⁶ ¹Or, has filled ²Or, has shattered ³Lit., head over
^aIs. 2:4; Joel 3:12; Mic. 4:3 ^bIs. 66:24 ^cPs. 68:21

⁷ ^aJudg. 7:5, 6 ^bPs. 27:6

¹ *Or, Hallelujah!*
will . . . ²Heb., *YAH*
^aPs. 136:1 ^bPs. 89:7; 149:1

² *Lit., sought out*
^aPs. 92:5

³ *Lit., Splendor and majesty*
^aPs. 96:6; 145:5 ^bPs. 112:3, 9; 119:142

⁴ *I.e., wonderful acts*
²*Lit., a memorial*
^aPs. 86:15; 103:8; 145:8

⁵ *Lit., prey* ²*Or, reverse*
^aMatt. 6:31-33 ^bPs. 105:8

⁷ *Or, faithfulness* ²*Or, trustworthy*
^aRev. 15:3 ^bPs. 19:7; 93:5

⁸ *Or, faithfulness*
^aPs. 119:160; Is. 40:8; Matt. 5:18 ^bPs. 19:9

⁹ *Lit., commanded* ²*I.e., inspiring reverence*
^aLuke 1:68 ^bPs. 99:3

¹⁰ *Or, reverence for* ²*Lit., do them*
^aProv. 1:7; 9:10 ^bPs. 119:98; Prov. 3:4 ^cPs. 145:2

¹ *Or, Hallelujah!*
Blessed . . . ²Heb., *YAH* ³*Or, reverses*
^aPs. 128:1 ^bPs. 1:2; 119:14

² *Lit., seed* ²*Or, in the land*
^aPs. 127:4 ^bPs. 128:4

³ ^aProv. 3:16; 8:18

⁴ ^aPs. 97:11; Job 11:17 ^bPs. 37:26

⁵ *Or, conduct his affairs with justice*
^aPs. 37:21

⁶ *Lit., for an eternal remembrance*
^aPs. 15:5; 55:22 ^bProv. 10:7

⁷ ^aProv. 1:33 ^bPs. 57:7; 108:1 ^cPs. 56:4

⁸ ^aHeb. 13:9 ^bPs. 27:1; 56:11; Prov. 3:24; Is. 12:2 ^cPs. 54:7

⁹ *Lit., He has scattered, he has given to . . .*
² ^aCor. 9:9 ^bPs. 75:10; 89:17; 92:10; 148:14

PSALM 111

The LORD Praised for His Goodness.

PRAISE ²the LORD!

- I ^awill give thanks to the LORD with all *my* heart,
In the ^bcompany of the upright and in the assembly.
- 2 Great are the ^aworks of the LORD;
They are ¹studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 ^{1a}Splendid and majestic is His work;
And ^bHis righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has made His ¹wonders ²to be remembered;
The LORD is ^agracious and compassionate.
- 5 He has ^agiven ¹food to those who ²fear Him;
He will ^bremember His covenant forever.
- 6 He has made known to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of His hands are ^{1a}truth and justice;
All His precepts ^bare ²sure.
- 8 They are ^aupheld forever and ever;
They are performed in ^{1b}truth and uprightness.
- 9 He has sent ^aredemption to His people;
He has ¹ordained His covenant forever;
^bHoly and ²awesome is His name.
- 10 The ^{1a}fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
A ^bgood understanding have all those who ²do His *commandments*;
His ^cpraise endures forever.

PSALM 112

Prosperity of the One Who Fears the LORD.

PRAISE ²the LORD!

- How ^ablessed is the man who ³fears the LORD,
Who greatly ^bdelights in His commandments.
- 2 His ^{1a}descendants will be mighty ²on earth;
The generation of the ^bupright will be blessed.
- 3 ^aWealth and riches are in his house,
And his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 Light arises in the darkness ^afor the upright;
He is ^bgracious and compassionate and righteous.
- 5 It is well with the man who ^ais gracious and lends;
He will ¹maintain his cause in judgment.
- 6 For he will ^anever be shaken;
The ^brighteous will be ¹remembered forever.
- 7 He will not fear ^aevil tidings;
His ^bheart is steadfast, ^ctrusting in the LORD.
- 8 His ^aheart is upheld, he ^bwill not fear,
Until he ^clooks *with satisfaction* on his adversaries.
- 9 ¹He ^ahas given freely to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His ^bhorn will be exalted in honor.

- 10 The ^awicked will see it and be ^lvexed;
He will ^bgnash his teeth and ^cmelt away;
The ^ddesire of the wicked will perish.

PSALM 113 - *113 - 117 Hallel!*

The LORD Exalts the Humble.

PRAISE ²the LORD!

- ^aPraise, O ^bservants of the LORD.
Praise the name of the LORD.
- 2 ^aBlessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forever.
- 3 ^aFrom the rising of the sun to its setting
The ^bname of the LORD is to be praised.
- 4 The LORD is ^ahigh above all nations;
His ^bglory is above the heavens.
- 5 ^aWho is like the LORD our God,
Who ^bis enthroned on high,
- 6 Who ^lahumbles Himself to behold
The things that are in heaven and in the earth?
- 7 He ^araises the poor from the dust,
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,
- 8 To make *them* ^asit with ^lprinces,
With the ^lprinces of His people.
- 9 He ^amakes the barren woman abide in the house
As a joyful mother of children.
^lPraise ²the LORD!

PSALM 114

God's Deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

WHEN Israel went forth ^afrom Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of ^bstrange lan-
guage,

- 2 Judah became ^aHis sanctuary,
Israel ^bHis dominion.
- 3 The ^asea looked and fled;
The ^bJordan turned back.
- 4 The mountains ^askipped like rams,
The hills like lambs.
- 5 What ^aails you, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
- 6 O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?
- 7 ^aTremble, O earth, before the Lord,
Before the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who ^aturned the rock into a ^bpool of water,
The ^cflint into a fountain of water.

¹⁰ Or, *angry*
^aPs. 86:17 ^bPs. 35:16; 37:12;
Matt. 8:12; 25:30; Luke
13:28 ^cPs. 58:7 ^dJob 8:13;
Prov. 10:28; 11:7

¹ Or, *Hallelujah!*
Praise... ² Heb., *Yah*
^aPs. 135:1 ^bPs. 34:22; 69:36;
79:10; 90:13

² Ps. 145:21; Dan. 2:20

³ Ps. 50:1 ^bPs. 18:3; 48:1,
10

⁴ Ps. 97:9; 99:2 ^bPs. 8:1;
57:11; 148:13

⁵ Ps. 35:10; 89:6; Ex.
15:11 ^bPs. 103:19

⁶ Or, *looks far below in
the heavens and on the
earth?*
^aPs. 11:4; 138:6; Is. 57:15

⁷ Ps. 107:41; 1 Sam. 2:8

⁸ Or, *nobles*
^aJob 36:7

⁹ Or, *Hallelujah!* ² Heb.,
Yah
^aPs. 68:6; 1 Sam. 2:5; Is. 54:1

¹ Ex. 13:3 ^bPs. 81:5

² Ps. 78:68, 69; Ex. 15:17;
29:45, 46 ^bEx. 19:6

³ Ps. 77:16 ^bJosh. 3:13, 16

⁴ Ps. 18:7; 29:6; Ex. 19:18;
Judg. 5:5; Hab. 3:6

⁵ Hab. 3:8

⁷ Ps. 96:9

⁸ Ps. 78:15; 105:41; Ex.
17:6; Num. 20:11 ^bPs. 107:35
^cDeut. 8:15

1 ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^aIs. 48:11; Ezek. 36:22 ^bPs.
 29:2, 96:8

2 ^aPs. 79:10 ^bPs. 42:3

3 ^aPs. 103:19 ^bPs. 135:6;
 Dan. 4:35

4 ^aPs. 115:4-8; 135:15-18
^bDeut. 4:28; 2 Kin. 19:18; Is.
 37:19; 44:10, 20

5 ^aJer. 10:5

7 ¹Lit., *Their hands* ²Lit.,
Their feet

8 ¹Or, *are like them*

9 ^aPs. 118:2; 135:19 ^bPs.
 37:3; 62:8 ^cPs. 33:20

10 ^aPs. 118:2; 135:19

11 ¹Or, *reverse*
^aPs. 22:23; 103:11; 135:20

12 ^aPs. 98:3

13 ¹Or, *reverse*
^aPs. 103:11; 112:1; 128:1

14 ^aDeut. 1:11

15 ^aPs. 102:25; 121:2; 124:8;
 134:3; 146:6; Gen. 1:1; Neh.
 9:6; Acts 14:15; Rev. 14:7

16 ^aPs. 89:11 ^bPs. 8:6

17 ¹Heb., *YAH*
^aPs. 6:5 ^bPs. 31:17

18 ¹Heb., *YAH* ²Or,
Hallelujah!
^aPs. 113:2

1 ^aPs. 18:1 ^bPs. 6:8; 66:19;
 Is. 37:17; Dan. 9:18

2 ^aPs. 17:6; 31:2; 40:1

3 ¹Lit., *straits* ²ie., the
 nether world ³Lit., *found me*
^aPs. 18:4, 5

PSALM 115

Heathen Idols Contrasted with the LORD.

a **NOT** to us, O LORD, not to us,
 But ^bto Thy name give glory
 Because of Thy lovingkindness, because of Thy ¹truth.
 2 ^aWhy should the nations say,
 “^bWhere, now, is their God?”
 3 But our ^aGod is in the heavens;
 He ^bdoes whatever He pleases.
 4 Their ^aidols are silver and gold,
 The ^bwork of man’s hands.
 5 They have mouths, but they ^acannot speak;
 They have eyes, but they cannot see;
 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear;
 They have noses, but they cannot smell;
 7 ¹They have hands, but they cannot feel;
²They have feet, but they cannot walk;
 They cannot make a sound with their throat.
 8 Those who make them ¹will become like them,
 Everyone who trusts in them.

9 O ^aIsrael, ^btrust in the LORD;
 He is their ^chelp and their shield.
 10 O house of ^aAaron, trust in the LORD;
 He is their help and their shield.
 11 You who ^{1a}fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;
 He is their help and their shield.
 12 The LORD ^ahas been mindful of us; He will bless us;
 He will bless the house of Israel;
 He will bless the house of Aaron.
 13 He will ^abless those who ¹fear the LORD,
 The small together with the great.
 14 May the LORD ^agive you increase,
 You and your children.
 15 May you be blessed of the LORD,
^aMaker of heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are ^athe heavens of the LORD;
 But ^bthe earth He has given to the sons of men.
 17 The ^adead do not praise ¹the LORD,
 Nor ^ado any who go down into ^bsilence;
 18 But as for us, we will ^abless ¹the LORD
 From this time forth and forever.
²Praise ¹the LORD!

PSALM 116

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

a **I** LOVE the LORD, because He ^bhears
 My voice *and* my supplications.
 2 Because He has ^ainclined His ear to me,
 Therefore I shall call *upon Him* as long as I live.
 3 The ^acords of death encompassed me,
 And the ¹terrors of ²Sheol ³came upon me;
 I found distress and sorrow.

- 4 Then ^aI called upon the name of the LORD:
 "O LORD, I beseech Thee, ^bsave my life!"
- 5 ^aGracious is the LORD, and ^bbrighteous;
 Yes, our God is ^ccompassionate.
- 6 The LORD preserves ^athe simple;
 I was ^bbrought low, and He saved me.
- 7 Return to your ^arest, O my soul,
 For the LORD has ^bdealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For Thou hast ^arescued my soul from death,
 My eyes from tears,
 My feet from stumbling.
- 9 I shall walk before the LORD
 In the ^aland of the living.
- 10 I ^abelieved when I said,
 "I am ^bgreatly afflicted."
- 11 I ^asaid in my alarm,
 "^bAll men are liars."
- 12 What shall I ^arender to the LORD
 For all His ^bbenefits ^{toward me}?
- 13 I shall lift up the ^acup of salvation,
 And ^bcall upon the name of the LORD.
- 14 I shall ^apay my vows to the LORD,
 Oh *may it be* ^bin the presence of all His people.
- 15 ^aPrecious in the sight of the LORD
 Is the death of His godly ones.
- 16 O LORD, ^asurely I am ^aThy servant,
 I am Thy servant, the ^bson of Thy handmaid,
 Thou hast ^cloosed my bonds.
- 17 To Thee I shall offer ^aa sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 And ^bcall upon the name of the LORD.
- 18 I shall ^apay my vows to the LORD,
 Oh *may it be* in the presence of all His people,
- 19 In the ^acourts of the LORD's house,
 In the midst of you, O ^bJerusalem.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 117

A Psalm of Praise.

- ^a**P**RAISE the LORD, all nations;
 Laud Him, all peoples!
- 2 For His ^alovingkindness ¹is great toward us,
 And the ²truth of the LORD is everlasting.
³Praise ⁴the LORD!

PSALM 118

Thanksgiving for the LORD's Saving Goodness.

- ^a**G**IVE thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
^bFor His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Oh let ^aIsrael say,
 "His lovingkindness is everlasting."

⁴ ¹Or, *deliver my soul*
^aPs. 18:6; 118:5 ^bPs. 17:13;
 22:20

⁵ ^aPs. 86:15; 103:8 ^bPs.
 119:137; 145:17; Ezra 9:15;
 Neh. 9:8; Jer. 12:1; Dan. 9:14
^cEx. 34:6

⁶ ^aPs. 19:7; Prov. 1:4 ^bPs.
 79:18; 142:6

⁷ ^aJer. 6:16; Matt. 11:29
^bPs. 13:6; 142:7

⁸ ^aPs. 49:15; 56:13; 86:13

⁹ ¹Lit., *lands*
^aPs. 27:13

¹⁰ ² Cor. 4:13 ^bPs. 88:7

¹¹ ^aPs. 31:22 ^bPs. 62:9;
 Rom. 3:4

¹² ¹Lit., *upon*
^a2 Chr. 32:25; 1 Thess. 3:9
^bPs. 103:2

¹³ ^aPs. 16:5 ^bPs. 80:18;
 105:1

¹⁴ ^aPs. 50:14 ^bPs. 22:25

¹⁵ ^aPs. 72:14

¹⁶ ¹Or, *because*
^aPs. 86:16; 119:125; 143:12
^bPs. 86:16 ^cPs. 107:14

¹⁷ ^aPs. 50:14 ^bPs. 116:13

¹⁸ ^aPs. 116:14

¹⁹ ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
^{YAH}
^aPs. 92:13; 96:8; 135:2 ^bPs.
 102:21

¹ ^aRom. 15:11

² ¹Lit., *prevails over us*
²Or, *faithfulness* ³Or,
Hallelujah! ⁴Heb., ^{YAH}
^aPs. 103:11 ^bPs. 100:5; 146:6

¹ ^aPs. 106:1 ^bPs. 136:1-26

² ^aPs. 115:9

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3 *Ps. 115:10

4 ¹Or, *revere*
*Ps. 115:11

5 ¹Heb., *YAH*
*Ps. 118:6; 86:7; 120:1 bPs.
18:19

6 *Ps. 56:9; Job 19:27;
Heb. 13:6 bPs. 23:4; 27:1 cPs.
56:4, 11

7 *Ps. 54:4 bPs. 54:7

8 *Ps. 108:12; 2 Chr. 32:7;
8; Is. 31:1, 3; 57:13; Jer. 17:5

9 *Ps. 146:3

10 *Ps. 3:6; 88:17 bPs. 18:40

12 *Deut. 1:44 bPs. 58:9

13 ¹Or, *fell*
*Ps. 140:4 bPs. 86:17

14 ¹Heb., *YAH*
*Ex. 15:2; Is. 12:2 bPs. 27:1

15 *Ps. 68:3 bPs. 89:13; Ex.
15:6; Luke 1:51

16 *Ps. 89:13

17 ¹Heb., *YAH*
*Ps. 116:8, 9; Hab. 1:12 bPs.
73:28; 107:22

18 ¹Heb., *YAH*
*Ps. 73:14; Jer. 31:18; 1 Cor.
11:32; 2 Cor. 6:9 bPs. 86:13

19 ¹Heb., *YAH*
*Is. 26:2

20 *Ps. 15:1, 2; 24:3-6;
140:13

21 *Ps. 118:5; 116:1 bPs.
118:14

22 *Matt. 21:42; Mark
12:10, 11; Luke 20:17; Acts
4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:7
(Hebrews 12:27)

23 ¹Lit., *from the LORD*

24 *Ps. 31:7

25 *Ps. 106:47 bPs. 122:6, 7

3 Oh let the ^ahouse of Aaron say,
"His lovingkindness is everlasting."

4 Oh let those ^awho ¹fear the LORD say,
"His lovingkindness is everlasting."

5 From my ^adistress I called upon ¹the LORD;
¹The LORD answered me *and* ^bset me in a large place.

6 ¹The LORD is ^afor me; I will ^bnot fear;
^cWhat can man do to me?

7 ¹The LORD is for me ^aamong those who help me;
Therefore I shall ^blook with *satisfaction* on those who
hate me.

8 It is ^abetter to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in man.

9 It is ^abetter to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in princes.

10 All nations ^asurrounded me;
In the name of the LORD I will surely ^bcut them off.

11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me;
In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.

12 They surrounded me ^alike bees;
They were extinguished as a ^bfire of thorns;
In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.

13 You ^apushed me violently so that I ¹was falling,
But the LORD ^bhelped me.

14 ^{1a}The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become ^bmy salvation.

15 The sound of ^ajoyful shouting and salvation is in the
tents of the righteous;
The ^bbright hand of the LORD does valiantly.

16 The ^aright hand of the LORD is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

17 I ^ashall not die, but live,
And ^btell of the works of ¹the LORD.

18 ¹The LORD has ^adisciplined me severely,
But He has ^bnot given me over to death.

19 ^aOpen to me the gates of righteousness;
I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to ¹the
LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD;
The ^arighteous will enter through it.

21 I shall give thanks to Thee, for Thou hast ^aanswered
me;
And Thou hast ^bbecome my salvation.

22 The ^astone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief corner stone.

23 This is ¹the LORD's ^adoing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD has made;
Let us ^arejoice and be glad in it.

25 O LORD, ^ado save, we beseech Thee;
O LORD, do send ^bprosperity!

- 26 ^aBlessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
We have ^bblessed you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 ^aThe LORD ^{is} God, and He has given us ^blight; ^cbind the festival sacrifice with cords ¹to the horns of the altar.
- 28 ^aThou art my God, and I give thanks to Thee;
Thou art my God, I extol Thee.
- 29 ^aGive thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

PSALM 119

Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God.

Aleph.

- H**ow blessed are those whose way is ^{1a}blameless,
Who ^bwalk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 How blessed are those who ^aobserve His testimonies,
Who ^bseek Him ^cwith all *their* heart.
- 3 They also ^ado no unrighteousness;
They walk in His ways.
- 4 Thou hast ^{1a}ordained Thy precepts,
²That we should keep *them* diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ^aways may be established
To ^bkeep Thy statutes!
- 6 Then I ^ashall not be ashamed,
When I look ¹upon all Thy commandments.
- 7 I shall ^agive thanks to Thee with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Thy righteous judgments.
- 8 I shall keep Thy statutes;
Do not ^aforsake me utterly!

Beth.

- 9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By ^akeeping *it* according to Thy word.
- 10 With all my ^aheart I have sought Thee;
Do not let me ^bwander from Thy commandments.
- 11 Thy word I have ^atreasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against Thee.
- 12 Blessed art Thou, O LORD;
^aTeach me Thy statutes.
- 13 With my lips I have ^atold of
All the ^bordinances of Thy mouth.
- 14 I have ^arejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies,
¹As much as in all riches.
- 15 I will ^ameditate on Thy precepts,
And ¹regard ^bThy ways.
- 16 I shall ^{1a}delight in Thy statutes;
I shall ^bnot forget Thy word.

Gimel.

- 17 ^aDeal bountifully with Thy servant,
That I may live and keep Thy word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Thy law.

26 ^aMatt. 21:9; 23:39; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38; John 12:13 ^bPs. 129:8

27 ¹Lit., unto
^a1 Kin. 18:39 ^bPs. 18:28; 27:1; Esther 8:6; 1 Pet. 2:9
^cEx. 27:2

28 ^aPs. 63:1; 140:6 ^bEx. 15:2; Is. 25:1

29 ^aPs. 118:1

1 ¹Lit., complete, or, having integrity
^aPs. 101:2, 6; Prov. 11:20; 13:6 ^bPs. 128:1; Ezek. 11:20; 18:17; Mic. 4:2

2 ^aPs. 119:22, 168; 25:10; 99:7 ^bPs. 119:10; Deut. 4:29
^cDeut. 6:5; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 30:2

3 ¹ John 3:9; 5:18

4 ¹Lit., commanded ²Lit., To keep
^aDeut. 4:13; Neh. 9:13

5 ^aPs. 40:2; Prov. 4:26
^bDeut. 12:1; 2 Chr. 7:17

6 ¹Lit., to
^aPs. 119:80

7 ^aPs. 119:62

8 ^aPs. 38:21; 71:9, 18

9 ^a1 Kin. 2:4; 8:25; 2 Chr. 6:16

10 ^aPs. 119:2, 145 ^bPs. 119:21, 118

11 ^aPs. 37:31; 40:8; Luke 2:19, 51

12 ^aPs. 119:26, 64, 108, 124, 135, 171

13 ^aPs. 40:9 ^bPs. 119:72

14 ¹Lit., As over all
^aPs. 119:111, 162

15 ¹Or, look upon
^aPs. 119:23, 48, 78, 97, 148; 1:2 ^bPs. 25:4; 27:11; Is. 58:2

16 ¹Lit., delight myself
^aPs. 119:24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174 ^bPs. 119:93

17 ^aPs. 13:6

19 ^aPs. 119:54; 39:12; Gen. 47:9; Lev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Heb. 11:13

20 ¹Lit., *for*
^aPs. 119:40, 131

21 ¹Or, *Cursed are those who wander . . .*
^aPs. 68:30 ^bPs. 37:22; Deut. 27:26 ^cPs. 119:10, 118

22 ^aPs. 119:39 ^bPs. 119:2

23 ^aPs. 119:161 ^bPs. 119:15

24 ¹Lit., *the men of my counsel*
^aPs. 119:16

25 ^aPs. 44:25 ^bPs. 119:37, 40, 88, 93, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159 ^cPs. 119:65

26 ^aPs. 119:12

27 ^aPs. 105:2

28 ¹Lit., *drops*
^aPs. 22:14; 107:26 ^bPs. 20:2; 1 Pet. 5:10

30 ¹Or, *accounted Thine ordinances worthy*

31 ^aDeut. 11:22

32 ^{a1} Kin. 4:29; Is. 60:5; 2 Cor. 6:11, 13

33 ^aPs. 119:5, 12

34 ^aPs. 119:27, 73, 125, 144, 169 ^{b1} Chr. 22:12; Ezek. 44:24 ^cPs. 119:2, 69

35 ^aPs. 25:4; Is. 40:14 ^bPs. 119:16; 112:1

36 ^{a1} Kin. 8:58 ^bLuke 12:15; Heb. 13:5

37 ^aIs. 33:15 ^bPs. 119:25; 71:20

38 ¹Or, *promise* ²Lit., *Which is for the fear of Thee*
^{a2} Sam. 7:25

39 ^aPs. 119:22

40 ^aPs. 119:20

41 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 119:77 ^bPs. 119:58, 76, 116, 170

42 ^aProv. 27:11 ^bPs. 119:39; 102:8

43 ¹Or, *hope in*
^aPs. 119:49, 74, 81, 114, 147

19 I am a ^astranger in the earth;
Do not hide Thy commandments from me.

20 My soul is crushed ^{1a}with longing
After Thine ordinances at all times.

21 Thou dost ^arebuke the arrogant, ^{1b}the ^bcursed,
Who ^cwander from Thy commandments.

22 ^aTake away reproach and contempt from me,
For I ^bobserve Thy testimonies.

23 Even though ^aprinces sit and talk against me,
Thy servant ^bmeditates on Thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also are my ^adelight;
They are ¹my counselors.

Daleth.

25 My ^asoul cleaves to the dust;
^bRevive me ^caccording to Thy word.

26 I have told of my ways, and Thou hast answered me;
^aTeach me Thy statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of Thy precepts,
So I will ^ameditate on Thy wonders.

28 My ^asoul ¹weeps because of grief;
^bStrengthen me according to Thy word.

29 Remove the false way from me,
And graciously grant me Thy law.

30 I have chosen the faithful way;
I have ¹placed Thine ordinances *before me*.

31 I ^acleave to Thy testimonies;

O LORD, do not put me to shame!

32 I shall run the way of Thy commandments,
For Thou wilt ^aenlarge my heart.

He.

33 ^aTeach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes,
And I shall observe it to the end.

34 ^aGive me understanding, that I may ^bobserve Thy law,
And keep it with all *my* heart.

35 Make me walk in the ^apath of Thy commandments,
For I ^bdelight in it.

36 ^aIncline my heart to Thy testimonies,
And not to ^bdishonest gain.

37 Turn away my ^aeyes from looking at vanity,
And ^brevive me in Thy ways.

38 ^aEstablish Thy ¹word to Thy servant,
²As that which produces reverence for Thee.

39 ^aTurn away my reproach which I dread,
For Thine ordinances are good.

40 Behold, I ^along for Thy precepts;
Revive me through Thy righteousness.

Vav.

41 May Thy ^alovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD,
Thy salvation ^baccording to Thy ¹word;

42 So I shall have an ^aanswer for him who ^breproaches me,
For I trust in Thy word.

43 And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my
mouth,

For I ^{1a}wait for Thine ordinances.

- 44 So I will ^akeep Thy law continually,
Forever and ever.
45 And I will ^awalk ¹at liberty,
For I ^bseek Thy precepts.
46 I will also speak of Thy testimonies ^abefore kings,
And shall not be ashamed.
47 And I shall ¹delight in Thy commandments,
Which I ^blove.
48 And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments,
which I ^alove;
And I will ^bmeditate on Thy statutes.

Zayin.

- 49 Remember the word to Thy servant,
¹In which Thou has made me hope.
50 This is my ^acomfort in my affliction,
That Thy word has ¹revived me.
51 The arrogant ^autterly deride me,
Yet I do not ^bturn aside from Thy law.
52 I have ^aremembered Thine ordinances from ¹of old, O
LORD,
And comfort myself.
53 Burning ^aindignation has seized me because of the
wicked,
Who ^bforsake Thy law.
54 Thy statutes are my songs
In the house of my ^apilgrimage.
55 O LORD, I ^aremember Thy name ^bin the night,
And keep Thy law.
56 This has become mine,
¹That I ^aobserve Thy precepts.

Heth.

- 57 The LORD is my ^aportion;
I have ¹promised to ^bkeep Thy words.
58 I ^aentreated Thy favor ^bwith all *my* heart;
^cBe gracious to me ^daccording to Thy ¹word.
59 I ^aconsidered my ways,
And turned my feet to Thy testimonies.
60 I hastened and did not delay,
To keep Thy commandments.
61 The ^acords of the wicked have encircled me,
But I have ^bnot forgotten Thy law.
62 At ^amidnight I shall rise to give thanks to Thee
Because of Thy ^brighteous ordinances.
63 I am a ^acompanion of all those who ¹fear Thee,
And of those who keep Thy precepts.
64 ^aThe earth is full of Thy lovingkindness, O LORD;
^bTeach me Thy statutes.

Teth.

- 65 Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant,
O LORD, according to Thy word.
66 Teach me good ¹discernment and knowledge,
For I believe in Thy commandments.

44 *Ps. 119:33

45 ¹Lit., *in a wide place*
^aProv. 4:12 ^bPs. 119:94, 155

46 *Matt. 10:18; Acts 26:1,
2

47 ¹Lit., *delight myself*
^aPs. 119:16 ^bPs. 119:97, 127,
159

48 *Ps. 119:97, 127, 159 ^bPs.
119:15

49 ¹Lit., *On*

50 ¹Or, *preserved me alive*
^aJob 6:10; Rom. 15:4

51 *Job 30:1; Jer. 20:7 ^bPs.
119:157; 44:18; Job 23:11

52 ¹Or, *everlasting*
^aPs. 103:18

53 *Ps. 119:158; Ex. 32:19;
Ezra 9:3; Neh. 13:25 ^bPs.
89:30

54 *Ps. 119:19; Gen. 47:9

55 *Ps. 63:6 ^bPs. 119:62;
42:8; 92:2; Is. 26:9; Acts 16:25

56 ¹Or, *Because*
^aPs. 119:22, 69, 100

57 ¹Lit., *said that I would*
keep
^aPs. 16:5 ^bDeut. 33:9

58 ¹Or, *promise*
^a1 Kin. 13:6 ^bPs. 119:2 ^cPs.
41:4; 56:1; 57:1 ^dPs. 119:41

59 *Mark 14:72; Luke 15:17

61 *Ps. 140:5; Job 36:8 ^bPs.
119:83, 141, 153, 176

62 *Ps. 119:55 ^bPs. 119:7

63 ¹Or, *revere*
^aPs. 101:6

64 *Ps. 33:5 ^bPs. 119:12

66 ¹Or, *judgment*
^aPhil. 1:9

67 ^aPs. 119:71, 75; Jer. 31:18, 19; Heb. 12:5-11

68 ^aPs. 86:5; 100:5; 106:1
^bPs. 125:4; Deut. 8:16; 28:63;
30:5 ^cPs. 119:12

69 ¹Lit., *besmear me with lies*
^aJob 13:4 ^bPs. 119:56

70 ¹Lit., *gross like fat*
^aPs. 17:10; Deut. 32:15; Job 15:27; Is. 6:10; Jer. 5:28 ^bPs. 119:16

71 ^aPs. 119:67, 75

72 ^aPs. 119:127; 19:10;
Prov. 8:10, 11, 19

73 ¹Lit., *established*
^aPs. 138:8; 139:15, 16; Job 10:8; 31:15 ^bPs. 119:34

74 ¹Or, *reverse* ²Or, *hope in*
^aPs. 34:2; 35:27; 107:42 ^bPs. 119:43

75 ^aPs. 119:138 ^bHeb. 12:10

76 ¹Lit., *be for my comfort*
²Or, *promise*

77 ^aPs. 119:41 ^bPs. 119:16

78 ^aJer. 50:32 ^bPs. 119:86
^cPs. 119:15

79 ¹Or, *reverse*

80 ¹Lit., *complete; or, having integrity*
^aPs. 119:1 ^bPs. 119:46

81 ¹Or, *hope in*
^aPs. 84:2 ^bPs. 119:43

82 ¹Or, *promise* ²Lit., *Saying*
^aPs. 119:123; 69:3; Is. 38:14;
Lam. 2:11

83 ^aJob 30:30 ^bPs. 119:61

84 ^aPs. 39:4 ^bRev. 6:10

85 ¹Lit., *according to Thy law*
^aPs. 7:15; 57:6; Jer. 18:22

86 ^aPs. 119:138 ^bPs. 119:78,
161; 35:19 ^cPs. 109:26

87 ¹Lit., *in the earth*
^aIs. 58:2

89 ¹Lit., *stands firm*
^aPs. 119:160; Is. 40:8; Matt. 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:25

67 ^aBefore I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Thy word.

68 Thou art ^agood and ^bdoest good;
^cTeach me Thy statutes.

69 The arrogant ¹have ^aforged a lie against me;
With all *my* heart I will ^bobserve Thy precepts.

70 Their heart is ^{1a}covered with fat,
But I ^bdelight in Thy law.

71 It is ^agood for me that I was afflicted,
That I may learn Thy statutes.

72 The ^alaw of Thy mouth is better to me
Than thousands of gold and silver *pieces*.

Yodh.

73 ^aThy hands made me and ¹fashioned me;
^bGive me understanding, that I may learn Thy
commandments.

74 May those who ¹fear Thee ^asee me and be glad,
Because I ^{2b}wait for Thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments are ^arighteous,
And that ^bin faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me.

76 O may thy lovingkindness ¹comfort me,
According to Thy ²word to Thy servant.

77 May ^aThy compassion come to me that I may live,
For Thy law is my ^bdelight.

78 May ^athe arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me
^bwith a lie;

But I shall ^cmeditate on Thy precepts.

79 May those who ¹fear Thee turn to me,
Even those who know Thy testimonies.

80 May my heart be ^{1a}blameless in Thy statutes,
That I may not ^bbe ashamed.

Kaph.

81 My ^asoul languishes for Thy salvation;
I ^{1b}wait for Thy word.

82 My ^aeyes fail with *longing* for Thy ¹word,
²While I say, "When wilt Thou comfort Me?"

83 Though I have ^abecome like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do ^bnot forget Thy statutes.

84 How many are the ^adays of Thy servant?
When wilt Thou ^bexecute judgment on those who per-
secute me?

85 The arrogant have ^adug pits for me,
Men who are not ¹in accord with Thy law.

86 All Thy commandments are ^afaithful;
They have ^bpersecuted me with a lie; ^chelp me!

87 They almost destroyed me ¹on earth,
But as for me, I ^adid not forsake Thy precepts.

88 Revive me according to Thy lovingkindness,
So that I may keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

Lamedh.

89 ^aForever, O LORD,
Thy word ¹is settled in heaven.

- 90 Thy ^afaithfulness *continues* ¹throughout all generations;
Thou didst ^bestablish the earth, and it ^cstands.
- 91 They stand this day according to Thine ^aordinances,
For ^ball things are Thy servants.
- 92 If Thy law had not been my ^adelight,
Then I would have perished ^bin my affliction.
- 93 I will ^anever forget Thy precepts,
For by them Thou hast ^{1b}revived me.
- 94 I am Thine, ^asave me;
For I have ^bsought Thy precepts.
- 95 The wicked ^await for me to destroy me;
I shall diligently consider Thy testimonies.
- 96 I have seen ^{1a} a limit to all perfection;
Thy commandment is exceedingly broad.

Mem.

- 97 O how I ^alove Thy law!
It is my ^bmeditation all the day.
- 98 Thy ^acommandments make me wiser than my enemies,
For they are ever ¹mine.
- 99 I have more insight than all my teachers,
For Thy testimonies are my ^ameditation.
- 100 I understand ^amore than the aged,
Because I have ^bobserved Thy precepts.
- 101 I have ^arestrained my feet from every evil way,
That I may keep Thy word.
- 102 I have not ^aturned aside from Thine ordinances,
For Thou Thyself hast taught me.
- 103 How ^asweet are Thy ¹words to my ²taste!
Yes, *sweeter* than honey to my mouth!
- 104 From Thy precepts I ^aget understanding;
Therefore I ^bhate every false way.

Nun.

- 105 Thy word is a ^alamp to my feet,
And a light to my path.
- 106 I have ^asworn, and I will confirm it,
That I will keep Thy righteous ordinances.
- 107 I am exceedingly ^aafflicted;
^{1b}Revive me, O LORD, according to Thy word.
- 108 O accept the ^afreewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And ^bteach me Thine ordinances.
- 109 My ^{1a}life is continually ²in my hand,
Yet I do not ^bforget Thy law.
- 110 The wicked have ^alaid a snare for me,
Yet I have not ^bgone astray from Thy precepts.
- 111 I have ^ainherited Thy testimonies forever,
For they are the ^bjoy of my heart.
- 112 I have ^ainclined my heart to perform Thy statutes
Forever, *even* ^bto the end.

Samekh.

- 113 I hate those who are ^adouble-minded,
But I love Thy ^blaw.

90 ¹Lit., to
^aPs. 36:5; 89:1, 2 ^bPs. 148:6
^cEccles. 1:4

91 ^aJer. 31:35 ^bPs. 104:2-4

92 ^aPs. 119:16 ^bPs. 119:50

93 ¹Or, *kept me alive*
^aPs. 119:16, 83 ^bPs. 119:25

94 ^aPs. 119:146 ^bPs. 119:45

95 ^aPs. 40:14; Is. 32:7

96 ¹Lit., *an end of*

97 ^aPs. 119:47, 48, 127, 163,
165 ^bPs. 119:15

98 ¹Or, *with me*
^aPs. 119:130; Deut. 4:6

99 ^aPs. 119:15

100 ^aJob 32:7-9 ^bPs. 119:22,
56

101 ^aProv. 1:15

102 ^aDeut. 17:20; Josh.
23:6; 1 Kin. 15:5

103 ¹Or, *promises* ²Lit.,
palate
^aPs. 19:10; Prov. 24:13, 14

104 ^aPs. 119:130 ^bPs.
119:128

105 ^aProv. 6:23

106 ^aNeh. 10:29

107 ¹Or, *Keep me alive*
^aPs. 119:25, 50 ^bPs. 119:25

108 ^aHos. 14:2; Heb. 13:15
^bPs. 119:12

109 ¹Lit., *soul* ²i.e., in
danger
^aJudg. 12:3; Job 13:14 ^bPs.
119:16

110 ^aPs. 91:3; 140:5; 141:9
^bPs. 119:10

111 ^aDeut. 33:4 ^bPs. 119:14,
162

112 ^aPs. 119:36 ^bPs. 119:33

113 ¹ Kin. 18:21; James
1:8; 4:8 ^bPs. 119:47

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114 ¹Or, *hope in*
^aPs. 31:20; 32:7; 61:4; 91:1
^bPs. 84:9 ^cPs. 119:74

115 ^aPs. 6:8; 139:19; Matt.
7:23 ^bPs. 119:22

116 ¹Or, *promise* ²Lit., *put
to shame because of*
^aPs. 37:17, 24; 54:4 ^bPs. 25:2,
20; 31:1, 17; Rom. 5:5; 9:33;
Phil. 1:20

117 ^aPs. 12:5; Prov. 29:25
^bPs. 119:6, 15

118 ¹Lit., *made light of*
²Lit., *falsehood*
^aPs. 119:10, 21

119 ¹Lit., *caused to cease*
^aIs. 1:22, 25; Ezek. 22:18, 19
^bPs. 119:47

120 ¹Lit., *bristles up from*
^aJob 4:14; Hab. 3:16 ^bPs.
119:161

121 ^a2 Sam. 8:15; Job 29:14

122 ^aJob 17:3 ^bPs. 119:134

123 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 119:82

124 ^aPs. 119:88, 149, 159;
51:1; 106:45; 109:26 ^bPs.
119:12

125 ^aPs. 116:16 ^bPs. 119:27

126 ^aJer. 18:23; Ezek. 31:11

127 ^aPs. 119:47

128 ^aPs. 19:8 ^bPs. 119:104

129 ^aPs. 119:18 ^bPs. 119:22

130 ^aProv. 6:23 ^bPs. 19:7

131 ^aPs. 81:10; Job 29:23
^bPs. 42:1 ^cPs. 119:20

132 ¹Lit., *to*
^aPs. 25:16

133 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 17:5 ^bPs. 19:13

134 ^aPs. 119:84; 142:6

135 ^aPs. 4:6; 31:16; 67:1;
80:3, 7, 19; Num. 6:25 ^bPs.
119:12

136 ¹Lit., *run down*
^aJer. 9:1, 18; 14:17; Lam. 3:48
^bPs. 119:158

114 Thou art my ^ahiding place and my ^bshield;
I ¹wait for Thy word.

115 ^aDepart from me, evildoers,

That I may ^bobserve the commandments of my God.

116 ^aSustain me according to Thy ¹word, that I may live;
And ^bdo not let me be ²ashamed of my hope.

117 Uphold me that I may be ^asafe,

That I may ^bhave regard for Thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast ¹rejected all those ^awho wander from Thy
statutes,
For their deceitfulness is ²useless.

119 Thou hast ¹removed all the wicked of the earth *like*
^agrass;

Therefore I ^blove Thy testimonies.

120 My flesh ¹trembles for fear of Thee,
And I am ^bafraid of Thy judgments.

Ayin.

121 I have ^adone justice and righteousness;
Do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Be ^asurety for Thy servant for good;

Do not let the arrogant ^boppress me.

123 My ^aeyes fail *with longing* for Thy salvation,
And for Thy righteous ¹word.

124 Deal with Thy servant ^aaccording to Thy loving-
kindness,
And ^bteach me Thy statutes.

125 I ^aam Thy servant; ^bgive me understanding,
That I may know Thy testimonies.

126 It is time for the LORD to ^aact,

For they have broken Thy law.

127 Therefore I ^alove Thy commandments

Above gold, yes, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem right all *Thy* ^aprecepts concerning
everything,
I ^bhate every false way.

Pe.

129 Thy testimonies are ^awonderful;
Therefore my soul ^bobserves them.

130 The ^aunfolding of Thy words gives light;
It gives ^bunderstanding to the simple.

131 I ^aopened my mouth wide and ^bpanted,
For I ^clonged for Thy commandments.

132 ^aTurn to me and be gracious to me,
After Thy manner ¹with those who love Thy name.

133 Establish my ^afootsteps in Thy ¹word,
And do not let any iniquity ^bhave dominion over me.

134 ^aRedeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Thy precepts.

135 ^aMake Thy face shine upon Thy servant,
And ^bteach me Thy statutes.

136 My eyes ¹shed ^bstreams of water,
Because they ^bdo not keep Thy law.

Tsadhe.

- 137 ^aRighteous art Thou, O LORD,
And upright are Thy judgments.
- 138 Thou hast commanded Thy testimonies in ^arighteousness
And exceeding ^bfaithfulness.
- 139 My ^azeal has ¹consumed me,
Because my adversaries have forgotten Thy words.
- 140 Thy ^{1a}word is very ²pure,
Therefore Thy servant ^bloves it.
- 141 I am small and ^adespised,
Yet I do not ^bforget Thy precepts.
- 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And ^aThy law is truth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have ¹come upon me;
Yet Thy commandments are my ^adelight.
- 144 Thy ^atestimonies are righteous forever;
^bGive me understanding that I may live.

Qoph.

- 145 I cried ^awith all my heart; answer me, O LORD!
I will ^bobserve Thy statutes.
- 146 I cried to Thee; ^asave me,
And I shall keep Thy testimonies.
- 147 I ^{1a}rise before dawn and cry for help;
I ²wait for Thy words.
- 148 My eyes anticipate the night watches,
That I may ^ameditate on Thy ¹word.
- 149 Hear my voice ^aaccording to Thy lovingkindness;
^bRevive me, O LORD, according to Thine ordinances.
- 150 Those who follow after wickedness draw near;
They are far from Thy law.
- 151 Thou art ^anear, O LORD,
And all Thy commandments are ^btruth.
- 152 Of old I have ^aknown from Thy testimonies,
That Thou hast founded them ^bforever.

Resh.

- 153 Look upon my ^aaffliction and rescue me,
For I do not ^bforget Thy law.
- 154 ^aPlead my cause and ^bredeem me;
Revive me according to Thy ¹word.
- 155 Salvation is ^afar from the wicked,
For they ^bdo not seek Thy statutes.
- 156 ^{1a}Great are Thy mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Thine ordinances.
- 157 Many are my ^apersecutors and my adversaries,
Yet I do not ^bturn aside from Thy testimonies.
- 158 I behold the ^atreacherous and ^bloathe *them*,
Because they do not keep Thy ¹word.
- 159 Consider how I ^alove Thy precepts;
^bRevive me, O LORD, according to Thy lovingkindness.
- 160 The ^asum of Thy word is ^btruth,
And every one of Thy righteous ordinances ^cis
everlasting.

137 ^aPs. 116:5; 129:4;
145:17; Ezra 9:15; Jer. 12:1;
Lam. 1:18; Dan. 9:7, 14

138 ^aPs. 119:144, 172 ^bPs.
119:86, 90

139 ¹Lit., *put an end to*
^aPs. 69:9

140 ¹Or, *promise* ²Lit.,
refined
^aPs. 12:6; 19:8 ^bPs. 119:47

141 ^aPs. 22:6 ^bPs. 119:61

142 ^aPs. 119:151, 160

143 ¹Lit., *found me*
^aPs. 119:24

144 ^aPs. 19:9 ^bPs. 119:27

145 ^aPs. 119:10 ^bPs. 119:22,
55

146 ^aPs. 3:7

147 ¹Lit., *anticipate the*
dawn ²Or, *hope in*
^aPs. 57:8; 108:2

148 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 119:15

149 ^aPs. 119:124 ^bPs. 119:25

151 ^aPs. 34:18; 145:18; Is.
50:8 ^bPs. 119:142

152 ^aPs. 119:125 ^bPs.
119:89; Luke 21:33

153 ^aPs. 119:50 ^bPs. 119:16;
Prov. 3:1; Hos. 4:6

154 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 35:1; 1 Sam. 24:15; Mic.
7:9 ^bPs. 119:134

155 ^aJob 5:4 ^bPs. 119:45, 94

156 ¹Or, *Many*
^a2 Sam. 24:14

157 ^aPs. 119:86, 161; 7:1
^bPs. 119:51

158 ¹Or, *promise*
^aIs. 21:2; 24:16 ^bPs. 139:21

159 ^aPs. 119:47 ^bPs. 119:25

160 ^aPs. 139:17 ^bPs. 119:142
^cPs. 119:89, 152

161 ^aPs. 119:23; 1 Sam. 24:11; 26:18 ^bPs. 119:120

162 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 119:14, 111 ^b1 Sam. 30:16; Is. 9:3

163 ^aPs. 119:104, 128; Ps. 31:6; Prov. 13:5 ^bPs. 119:47

164 ^aPs. 119:7, 160

165 ¹Lit., *they have no stumbling block*
^aPs. 37:11; Prov. 3:2; Is. 26:3
^bProv. 3:23; Is. 63:13; 1 John 2:10

166 ^aPs. 119:81, 174; Gen. 49:18

167 ^aPs. 119:129 ^bPs. 119:47

168 ^aPs. 119:22 ^bPs. 139:3; Job 24:23; Prov. 5:21

169 ¹Lit., *come near before*
^aPs. 18:6; 102:1; Job 16:18
^bPs. 119:27 ^cPs. 119:65, 154

170 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 28:2; 130:2; 140:6; 143:1
^bPs. 22:20; 31:2; 59:1

171 ^aPs. 51:15; 63:3 ^bPs. 119:12; 94:12; Is. 2:3; Mic. 4:2

172 ¹Or, *promise*
^aPs. 51:14 ^bPs. 119:138

173 ¹Lit., *to help me*
^aPs. 37:24; 73:23 ^bJosh. 24:22; Luke 10:42

174 ^aPs. 119:166 ^bPs. 119:24

175 ^aIs. 55:3

176 ^aIs. 53:6; Jer. 50:6; Matt. 18:12; Luke 15:4 ^bPs. 119:16

¹ Ex. 34:24; 1 Kin. 12:27

¹ Ps. 18:6; 66:14; 102:2

² Ps. 109:2; Prov. 12:22
^bPs. 52:4; Zeph. 3:13

³ Ps. 52:4; Zeph. 3:13

⁴ Ps. 45:5; Prov. 25:18; Is. 5:28 ^bPs. 140:10

⁵ Gen. 10:2; 1 Chr. 1:5; Ezek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1
^bSong of Sol. 1:5 ^cGen. 25:13; Is. 21:16; 60:7; Jer. 2:10; 49:28; Ezek. 27:21

⁶ Ps. 35:20

Shin.

- 161 ^aPrinces persecute me without cause,
But my heart ^bstands in awe of Thy words.
- 162 I ^arejoice at Thy ¹word,
As one who ^bfinds great spoil.
- 163 I ^ahate and despise falsehood,
But I ^blove Thy law.
- 164 Seven times a day I praise Thee,
Because of Thy ^arighteous ordinances.
- 165 Those who love Thy law have ^agreat peace,
And ^bnothing causes them to stumble.
- 166 I ^ahope for Thy salvation, O LORD,
And do Thy commandments.
- 167 My ^asoul keeps Thy testimonies,
And I ^blove them exceedingly.
- 168 I ^akeep Thy precepts and Thy testimonies,
For all my ^bways are before Thee.

Tav.

- 169 Let my ^acry ¹come before Thee, O LORD;
^bGive me understanding ^caccording to Thy word.
- 170 Let my ^asupplication come before Thee;
^bDeliver me according to Thy ¹word.
- 171 Let my ^alips utter praise,
For Thou ^bdost teach me Thy statutes.
- 172 Let my ^atongue sing of Thy ¹word,
For all Thy ^bcommandments are righteousness.
- 173 Let Thy ^ahand be ¹ready to help me,
For I have ^bchosen Thy precepts.
- 174 I ^along for Thy salvation, O LORD,
And Thy law is my ^bdelight.
- 175 Let my ^asoul live that it may praise Thee,
And let Thine ordinances help me.
- 176 I have ^agone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant:
For I do ^bnot forget Thy commandments.

PSALM 120 ~ 124

Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous.

A Song of ^fAscents.

- ^a **I**N my trouble I cried to the LORD,
And He answered me.
- 2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from ^alying lips,
From a ^bdeceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be given to you, and what more shall be
done to you,
You ^adeceitful tongue?
- 4 ^aSharp arrows of the warrior,
With the *burning* ^bcoals of the broom tree.
- 5 Woe is me, for I sojourn in ^aMeshech,
For I dwell among the ^btents of ^cKedar!
- 6 Too long has my soul had its dwelling
With those who ^ahate peace.

7 I ^aam for peace, but when I speak,
They are ^bfor war.

PSALM 121

The LORD the Keeper of Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

I WILL ^alift up my eyes to ^bthe mountains;
From whence shall my help come?

2 My ^ahelp comes from the LORD,
Who ^bmade heaven and earth.

3 He will not ^aallow your foot to slip;
He who ^bkeeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, He who keeps Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is your ^akeeper;
The LORD is your ^bshade on your right hand.

6 The ^asun will not smite you by day,
Nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD will ^aprotect you from all evil;
He will keep your soul.

8 The LORD will ^aguard your going out and your coming
in
^aFrom this time forth and forever.

PSALM 122

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

I WAS glad when they said to me,
“Let us ^ago to the house of the LORD.”

2 Our feet are standing
Within your ^agates, O Jerusalem,

3 Jerusalem, that is ^abuilt
As a city that is ^bcompact together;

4 To which the tribes ^ago up, even the tribes of ¹the
LORD—
An ²ordinance for Israel—
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

5 For there ^athrones were set for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the ^apeace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who ^blove you.

7 “May peace be within your ^awalls,
And prosperity within your ^bpalaces.”

8 For the sake of my ^abrothers and my friends,
I will now say, “^bMay peace be within you.”

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God
I will ^aseek your good.

7 ^aPs. 109:4 ^bPs. 55:21

1 ^aPs. 123:1; Is. 40:26 ^bPs.
87:1

2 ^aPs. 124:8 ^bPs. 115:15

3 ^aPs. 66:9 ^bPs. 41:2; 127:1

5 ^aPs. 91:4 ^bPs. 91:1

6 ^aIs. 49:10; Jon. 4:8; Rev.
7:16

7 ¹Or, *keep*
^aPs. 91:10-12

8 ¹Or, *keep*
^aPs. 113:2; 115:18

1 ^aPs. 42:4; Is. 2:3; Mic.
4:2; Zech. 8:21

2 ^aPs. 9:14; 87:2; 116:19;
Jer. 7:2

3 ^aPs. 48:13; 147:2 ^bNeh.
4:6

4 ¹Heb., *YAH* ²Or,
testimony
^aPs. 84:5; Deut. 16:16

5 ^aPs. 89:29; Deut. 17:8;
2 Chr. 19:8

6 ^aPs. 29:11; Jer. 29:7 ^bPs.
102:14

7 ^aPs. 51:18; Is. 62:6 ^bPs.
48:3, 13; Jer. 17:27

8 ^aPs. 133:1 ^b1 Sam. 25:6;
John 20:19

9 ^aNeh. 2:10; Esth. 10:3

1 ^aPs. 121:1; 141:8 ^bPs. 2:4; 11:4

2 ^aProv. 27:18; Mal. 1:6; ^bPs. 25:15

3 ^aPs. 4:1; 51:1 ^bPs. 119:22; Neh. 4:4

4 ^aPs. 79:4; Neh. 2:19 ^bJob 12:5; Is. 32:9, 11; Amos 6:1 ^cPs. 119:22; Neh. 4:4

1 ^aPs. 94:17 ^bPs. 129:1

3 ^aPs. 35:25; 56:1; 57:3; Num. 16:30; Prov. 1:12 ^bPs. 138:7; Gen. 39:19

4 ¹Or, *passed over* ^aPs. 18:16; 32:6; 69:2; 144:7; Job. 22:11

5 ¹Or, *passed over* ^aJob 38:11

6 ¹Lit., *as a prey to* ^aPs. 27:2; Prov. 30:14

7 ^aPs. 141:10; 2 Cor. 11:33; Heb. 11:34 ^bProv. 6:5 ^cPs. 91:3; Hos. 9:8

8 ^aPs. 121:2

1 ^aPs. 46:5 ^bPs. 61:7; Eccles. 1:4

2 ^aZech. 2:5 ^bPs. 121:8

3 ¹Lit., *lot* ^aPs. 89:22; Prov. 22:8; Is. 14:5

PSALM 123

Prayer for the LORD'S Help.

A Song of Ascents.

- T**O Thee I ^alift up my eyes,
 O Thou who ^bart enthroned in the heavens!
 2 Behold, as the eyes of ^aservants look to the hand of their master,
 As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress;
 So our ^beyes look to the LORD our God,
 Until He shall be gracious to us.
- 3 ^aBe gracious to us, O LORD, be gracious to us;
 For we are greatly filled ^bwith contempt.
- 4 Our soul is greatly filled
 With the ^ascoffing of ^bthose who are at ease,
 And with the ^ccontempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

Praise for Rescue from Enemies.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- “^a**H**AD it not been the LORD who was on our side,”
^bLet Israel now say,
 2 “Had it not been the LORD who was on our side,
 When men rose up against us;
 3 Then they would have ^aswallowed us alive,
 When their ^banger was kindled against us;
 4 Then the ^awaters would have engulfed us,
 The stream would have ¹swept over our soul;
 5 Then the ^araging waters would have ¹swept over our soul.”
- 6 Blessed be the LORD,
 Who has not given us ¹to be ^atorⁿ by their teeth.
- 7 Our soul has ^aescaped ^bas a bird out of the ^csnare of the trapper;
 The snare is broken and we have escaped.
- 8 Our ^ahelp is in the name of the LORD,
 Who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

The LORD Surrounds His People.

A Song of Ascents.

- T**HOSE who trust in the LORD
 Are as Mount Zion, which ^acannot be moved, but ^babides forever.
- 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 So ^athe LORD surrounds His people
^bFrom this time forth and forever.
- 3 For the ^ascepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the ¹land of the righteous;

That the righteous ^bmay not put forth their hands to do wrong.

³ ^bPs. 55:20; 1 Sam. 24:10; Acts 12:1

- 4 ^aDo good, O LORD, to those who are good,
And to those who are ^bupright in their hearts.
- 5 But as for those who ^aturn aside to their ^bcrooked ways,
The LORD will lead them away with the ^cdoers of iniquity.
^dPeace be upon Israel.

4 ^aPs. 119:68 ^bPs. 7:10; 11:2; 32:11; 36:10; 94:15

5 ^aPs. 40:4; 101:3; Job 23:11 ^bProv. 2:15; Is. 59:8 ^cPs. 92:7; 94:4 ^dPs. 128:6; Gal. 6:16

PSALM 126

Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity.

¹ ¹Or, *those who returned to*
^aPs. 85:1; Jer. 29:14; Hos. 6:11 ^bActs 12:9

A Song of Ascents.

WHEN the LORD ^abrought back ¹the captive ones of Zion,
We were ^blike those who dream.

- 2 Then our ^amouth was filled with laughter,
And our ^btongue with joyful shouting;
Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has ^cdone great things for them."

2 ^aJob 8:21 ^bPs. 51:14; Is. 35:6 ^cPs. 71:19; 1 Sam. 12:24; Luke 1:49

- 3 The LORD has done great things for us;
We are ^aglad.

3 ^aIs. 25:9; Zeph. 3:14

- 4 Restore our captivity, O LORD,
As the ^{1a}streams in the ²South.

⁴ ¹Lit., *stream-beds*
²Heb., *Negeb*
^aIs. 35:6; 43:19

- 5 Those who sow in ^atears shall reap with ^bjoyful shouting.
- 6 He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying *his* bag of seed,
Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing *his* sheaves *with him*.

5 ^aPs. 80:5; Jer. 31:16; Lam. 1:2 ^bIs. 35:10; 51:11; 61:7; Gal 6:9

PSALM 127

Prosperity Comes from the LORD.

1 ^aPs. 78:69 ^bPs. 121:4

A Song of Ascents, of Solomon.

- U**NLESS the LORD ^abuilds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the LORD ^bguards the city,
The watchman keeps awake in vain.
- 2 It is vain for you to rise up early,
To ¹retire late,
To ^aeat the bread of ²painful labors;
For He gives to His ^bbeloved ^c*even in his* sleep.

² ¹Lit., *delay sitting* ²Lit., *toils*
^aGen. 3:17 ^bPs. 60:5 ^cJob 11:18, 19; Prov. 3:24; Eccles. 5:12

³ ¹Or, *heritage*
^aPs. 113:9; Gen. 33:5 ^bDeut. 7:13; 28:4; Is. 13:18

- 3 Behold, ^achildren are a ¹gift of the LORD;
The ^bfruit of the womb is a reward.
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a ^awarrior,
So are the children of one's youth.
- 5 How ^ablessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;
They shall not be ashamed,
When they ^bspeak with their enemies ^cin the gate.

4 ^aPs. 112:2; 120:4

5 ^aPs. 128:2, 3 ^bIs. 29:21; Amos 5:12 ^cGen. 34:20

1 ^aPs. 112:1 ^bPs. 119:3

2 ¹Lit., *labor*
^aIs. 3:10 ^bPs. 109:11; Ezek. 23:29; Hag. 2:17 ^cEccles. 8:12; Eph. 6:3

3 ¹Lit., *In the innermost parts of*
^aEzek. 19:10 ^bPs. 52:8; 144:12

5 ^aPs. 134:3 ^bPs. 20:2; 135:21 ^cPs. 122:9

6 ^aPs. 103:17; Gen. 48:11; Prov. 17:6 ^bPs. 125:5

1 ¹Lit., *Much* ²Lit., *showed hostility toward*
^aPs. 88:15; Ex. 1:11; Judg. 3:8
^bIs. 47:12; Jer. 2:2; 22:21; Ezek. 16:22; Hos. 2:15; 11:1

2 ¹Lit., *Much* ²Lit., *showed hostility toward*
^aJer. 1:19; 15:20; 20:11; Matt. 16:18; 2 Cor. 4:8, 9

4 ^aPs. 119:137 ^bPs. 140:5

5 ^aMic. 4:11 ^bPs. 70:3; 71:13

6 ¹Lit., *draws out*
^aPs. 37:2; 2 Kin. 19:26; Is. 37:27

7 ¹Lit., *palm*
^aPs. 79:12

8 ^aPs. 118:26; Ruth 2:4

1 ^aPs. 42:7; 69:2

2 ^aPs. 64:1; 119:149

PSALM 128

Blessedness of the Fear of the LORD.

A Song of Ascents.

- ^a**H**OW blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
 Who ^bwalks in His ways.
- 2 When you shall ^aeat of the ¹fruit of your hands,
 You will be happy and ^cit will be well with you.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a ^afruitful vine,
¹Within your house,
 Your children like ^bolive plants
 Around your table.
- 4 Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed
 Who fears the LORD.
- 5 ^aThe LORD bless you ^bfrom Zion,
 And may you see the ^cprosperity of Jerusalem all the
 days of your life.
- 6 Indeed, may you see your ^achildren's children.
^bPeace be upon Israel!

PSALM 129

Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's Enemies.

A Song of Ascents.

- ^a¹**M**ANY times they have ²persecuted me from my ^byouth
 up,"
 Let Israel now say,
 2 "1 Many times they have ²persecuted me from my youth
 up;
 Yet they have ^anot prevailed against me.
- 3 "The plowers plowed upon my back;
 They lengthened their furrows."
 4 The LORD ^ais righteous;
 He has cut in two the ^bcords of the wicked.
- 5 May all who ^ahate Zion,
 Be ^bput to shame and turned backward,
 6 Let them be like ^agrass upon the housetops,
 Which withers before it ¹grows up;
 7 With which the reaper does not fill his ¹hand,
 Or the binder of sheaves his ^abosom;
 8 Nor do those who pass by say,
 "The ^ablessing of the LORD be upon you;
 We bless you in the name of the LORD."

PSALM 130

Hope in the LORD's Forgiving Love.

A Song of Ascents.

- O**UT of the ^adepths I have cried to Thee, O LORD.
 2 Lord, ^ahear my voice!

- Let ^bThine ears be attentive
To the ^cvoice of my supplications.
- 3 If Thou, ¹LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could ^astand?
- 4 But there is ^aforgiveness with Thee,
That Thou mayest be ^bfearing.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my ^asoul does wait,
And ^{1b}in His word do I hope.
- 6 My soul *waits* for the Lord
More than the watchmen ^afor the morning;
Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, ^ahope in the LORD;
For with the LORD there is ^blovingkindness,
And with Him is ^cabundant redemption.
- 8 And He will ^aredeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

Childlike Trust in the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- O LORD, my heart is not ^aproud, or my eyes ^{1b}haughty;
Nor do I ²involve myself in ^cgreat matters,
Or in things ^dtoo ³difficult for me.
- 2 Surely I have ^acomposed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned ^bchild *rests* ¹against his mother,
My soul is like a weaned child ¹within me.
- 3 O Israel, ^ahope in the LORD
^bFrom this time forth and forever.

PSALM 132

Prayer for the LORD's Blessing upon the Sanctuary.

A Song of Ascents.

- REMEMBER, O LORD, on David's behalf,
All ^ahis affliction;
- 2 How he swore to the LORD,
And vowed to ^athe Mighty One of Jacob;
- 3 "Surely I will not ¹enter ^amy house,
Nor ²lie on my bed;
- 4 I will not ^agive sleep to my eyes,
Or slumber to my eyelids;
- 5 Until I find ^aplace for the LORD,
^{1A} dwelling place for ^bthe Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 Behold, we heard of it in ^aEphrathah;
We found it in the ^bfield of ¹Jaar.
- 7 Let us go into His ^{1a}dwelling place;
Let us ^bworship at His ^cfootstool.
- 8 ^aArise, O LORD, to Thy ^bresting place;
Thou and the ark of Thy ^cstrength.
- 9 Let Thy priests be ^aclothed with righteousness;
And let Thy ^bgodly ones sing for joy.

² Chr. 6:40; Neh. 1:6,
11 ^cPs. 28:2; 140:6³ ¹Heb., *YAH*
^aPs. 76:7; 143:2; Nah. 1:6;
Mal. 3:2; Rev. 6:17⁴ ^aPs. 86:5; Ex. 34:7; Neh.
9:17; Is. 55:7; Dan. 9:9
^{b1} Kin. 8:39, 40; Jer. 33:8, 9⁵ ¹Lit., *for*
^aPs. 33:20; 40:1; 62:1, 5; Is.
8:17; 26:8 ^bPs. 119:74, 81⁶ ^aPs. 63:6; 119:147⁷ ^aPs. 131:3 ^bPs. 103:4 ^cPs.
111:9; Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7⁸ ^aLuke 1:68; Titus 2:14¹ ¹Or, *lofty* ²Lit., *go after,*
walk ³Or, *marvelous*
^aPs. 101:5; 2 Sam. 22:28; Is.
2:12; Zeph. 3:11 ^bProv.
30:13; Is. 5:15 ^cJer. 45:5;
Rom. 12:16 ^dPs. 139:6; Job
42:3² ¹Or, *upon*
^aPs. 62:1 ^bMatt. 18:3; 1 Cor.
14:20³ ^aPs. 130:7 ^bPs. 113:2¹ ^a2 Sam. 16:12; 1 Chr.
22:14² ^aGen. 49:24; Is. 49:26;
60:16³ ¹Lit., *come into the*
tabernacle of ²Lit., *go up*
into the couch of
^aJob 21:28⁴ ^aProv. 6:4⁵ ¹Lit., *Dwelling places*
^aPs. 26:8; 1 Kin. 8:17; 1 Chr.
22:7; Acts 7:46 ^bPs. 132:2⁶ ¹Or, *the wood*
^aGen. 35:19; 1 Sam. 17:12
^{b1} Sam. 7:1⁷ ¹Lit., *Dwelling places*
^aPs. 43:3 ^bPs. 5:7; 99:5
^{c1} Chr. 28:2⁸ ^aPs. 68:1; Num. 10:35;
2 Chr. 6:41 ^bPs. 132:14 ^cPs.
78:61⁹ ^aJob 29:14 ^bPs. 132:16;
30:4; 149:5

10 *Ps. 132:17; 2:2

11 *Ps. 89:3, 35 ^{b2} Sam. 7:12-16; 2 Chr. 6:16

12 *Luke 1:32; Acts 2:30

13 *Ps. 78:68 ^{bPs.} 68:16

14 *Ps. 132:8 ^{bMatt.} 23:21

15 *Ps. 147:14 ^{bPs.} 107:9

16 *Ps. 132:9

17 *Ezek. 29:21; Luke 1:69
^{bPs.} 18:28; 1 Kin. 11:36; 15:4;
2 Kin. 8:19; 2 Chr. 21:7

18 *Ps. 35:26; 109:29; Job
8:22 ^{bPs.} 21:3

1 *Gen. 13:8; Heb. 13:1

2 *Ex. 29:7; 30:25, 30; Lev.
8:12 ^{bEx.} 28:33; 39:24

3 *Prov. 19:12; Hos. 14:5;
Mic. 5:7 ^{bDeut.} 3:9; 4:48 ^{cPs.}
48:2; 74:2; 78:68 ^{dPs.} 42:8;
Lev. 25:21; Deut. 28:8 ^{ePs.}
21:4

1 ¹Lit., stand

*Ps. 103:21 ^{bPs.} 135:1, 2
^{cDeut.} 10:8; 1 Chr. 23:30;
2 Chr. 29:11 ^{d1} Chr. 9:33

2 *Ps. 28:2 ^{bPs.} 63:2

3 *Ps. 128:5 ^{bPs.} 124:8

1 ¹Or, Hallelujah! ²Heb.,
YAH
^{aPs.} 113:1 ^{bPs.} 134:1

10 For the sake of David Thy servant,
Do not turn away the face of Thine ^aanointed.

11 The LORD has ^asworn to David,
A truth from which He will not turn back;
^bOf the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.

12 "If your sons will keep My covenant,
And My testimony which I will teach them,
Their sons also shall ^asit upon your throne forever."

13 For the LORD has ^achosen Zion;
He has ^bdesired it for His habitation.

14 "This is My ^aresting place forever;
Here I will ^bdwell, for I have desired it.

15 "I will abundantly ^abless her provision;
I will ^bsatisfy her needy with bread.

16 "Her ^apriests also I will clothe with salvation;
And her ^agodly ones will sing aloud for joy.

17 "There I will cause the ^ahorn of David to spring forth;
I have prepared a ^blamp for Mine anointed.

18 "His enemies I will ^aclothe with shame;
But upon himself his ^bcrown shall shine."

PSALM 133

The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is
For ^abrothers to ^bdwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ^aoil upon the head,

Coming down upon the beard,

Even Aaron's beard,

Coming down upon the ^bedge of his robes.

3 It is like the ^adew of ^bHermon,

Coming down upon the ^cmountains of Zion;

For (there) the LORD ^dcommanded the blessing—^elife
forever.

PSALM 134

Greetings of Night Watchers.

A Song of Ascents.

BEHOLD, ^abless the LORD, all ^bservants of the LORD,
Who ^cserve ^dby night in the house of the LORD!

2 ^aLift up your hands to the ^bsanctuary,
And bless the LORD.

3 May the LORD ^abless you from Zion,
He who ^bmade heaven and earth.

PSALM 135

^{1a} Praise the LORD's Wonderful Works. Vanity of Idols.

PRAISE ²the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD;

Praise Him, O ^bservants of the LORD,

- 2 You who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the ^acourts of the house of our God!
- 3 ¹Praise ²the LORD, for ^athe LORD is good;
^bSing praises to His name, ^cfor it is lovely.
- 4 For ¹the LORD has ^achosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His ^{2b}own possession.
- 5 For I know that ^athe LORD is great,
And that our Lord is ^babove all gods.
- 6 ^aWhatever the LORD pleases, He does,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.
- 7 ¹He ^acauses the ^{2v}vapors to ascend from the ends of the
earth;
Who ^bmakes lightnings for the rain;
Who ^cbrings forth the wind from His treasuries.
- 8 ¹He ^asmote the first-born of Egypt,
²Both of man and beast.
- 9 ¹He sent ^asigns and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,
Upon ^bPharaoh and all his servants.
- 10 ^{1a}He ^bsmote many nations,
And slew mighty kings,
- 11 ^aSihon, king of the Amorites,
And ^bOg, king of Bashan,
And ^call the kingdoms of Canaan;
- 12 And He ^agave their land as a heritage,
A heritage to Israel His people.
- 13 Thy ^aname, O LORD, is everlasting,
Thy ¹remembrance, O LORD, ²throughout all gen-
erations.
- 14 For the LORD will ^ajudge His people,
And ^bwill have compassion on His servants.
- 15 The ^aidols of the nations are *but* silver and gold,
The work of man's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they do not speak;
They have eyes, but they do not see;
17 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Nor is there any breath at all in their mouth.
- 18 Those who make them will be like them,
Yes, everyone who trusts in them.
- 19 O house of ^aIsrael, bless the LORD;
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD;
20 O house of Levi, bless the LORD;
You ^awho ¹revere the LORD, bless the LORD.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD ^afrom Zion,
Who ^bdwells in Jerusalem.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 136

^a Thanks for the LORD'S Goodness to Israel.

GIVE thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For ^bHis lovingkindness is everlasting.

2 ^aPs. 92:13; 116:19

3 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH
^aPs. 100:5; 119:68 ^bPs. 68:4
^cPs. 147:1

4 ¹Heb., *YAH* ²Or, *special
treasure*
^aPs. 105:6; Deut. 7:6; 10:15
^bEx. 19:5; Mal. 3:17; Titus
2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9

5 ^aPs. 48:1; 145:3 ^bPs. 97:9

6 ^aPs. 115:3

7 ¹Lit., *The One who* ²I.e.,
clouds
^aJer. 10:13; 51:16 ^bJob 28:25,
26; 38:25, 26; Zech. 10:1 ^cJer.
10:13; 51:16

8 ¹Lit., *The one who* ²Lit.,
From man to beast
^aPs. 78:51; 105:36

9 ¹Lit., *The one who*
^aPs. 78:43; Deut. 6:22 ^bPs.
136:15

10 ¹Lit., *The One who*
^aPs. 135:10-12; 136:17-21
^bPs. 44:2

11 ¹Num. 21:21-26; Deut.
29:7 ^bNum. 21:33-35 ^cJosh.
12:7-24

12 ^aPs. 78:55; Deut. 29:8

13 ¹Or, *memorial* ²Lit., *to*
^aPs. 102:12; Ex. 3:15

14 ^aPs. 50:4; Deut. 32:36
^bPs. 90:13; 106:45

15 ^aPs. 135:15-18; 115:4-8

19 ^aPs. 115:9

20 ¹Lit., *fear*
^aPs. 118:4

21 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH
^aPs. 128:5; 134:3 ^bPs. 132:14

1 ^aPs. 106:1; 118:1 ^bPs.
107:1; 118:1-4; 1 Chr. 16:41;
2 Chr. 20:21

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2 ^aDeut. 10:17

3 ^aDeut. 10:17

4 ¹¹e., wonderful acts
^aPs. 72:18; Deut. 6:22; Job. 9:10

5 ¹Lit., with understanding
^aPs. 104:24; Prov. 3:19; Jer. 10:12; 51:15

6 ^aPs. 24:2; Is. 42:5; 44:24

7 ^aPs. 74:16; Gen. 1:16

8 ¹Or, over the
^aGen. 1:16

9 ¹Or, over the
^aGen. 1:16

10 ¹Lit., Egypt
^aPs. 78:51; 135:8; Ex. 12:29

11 ^aPs. 105:43; Ex. 12:51; 13:3

12 ^aPs. 44:3; Ex. 6:1; 13:9; 1 Kin. 8:42; Neh. 1:10; Jer. 32:21 ^bEx. 6:6; Deut. 4:34; 5:15; 7:19; 9:29; 11:2; 2 Kin. 17:36; 2 Chr. 6:32; Jer. 32:17

13 ¹Or, Sea of Reeds ²Lit., in parts
^aPs. 66:6; 78:13; Ex. 14:21

14 ^aPs. 106:9; Ex. 14:22

15 ¹Lit., shook off ²Or, Sea of Reeds
^aPs. 78:53; 106:11; Ex. 14:27

16 ^aPs. 78:52; Ex. 13:18; 15:22; Deut. 8:15

17 ^aPs. 136:17-22; 135:10-12

18 ¹Lit., majestic

22 ^aPs. 105:6; Is. 41:8; 44:1; 45:4

23 ^aPs. 9:12; 103:14; 106:45

24 ^aPs. 107:2; Judg. 6:9; Neh. 9:28

25 ^aPs. 104:27; 145:15

26 ^aGen. 24:3, 7; 2 Chr. 36:23; Ezra. 1:2; 5:11; Neh. 1:4

- 2 Give thanks to the ^aGod of gods,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 3 Give thanks to the ^aLord of lords,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 4 To Him who ^aalone does great ¹wonders,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 5 To Him who made the heavens ^{1a}with skill,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 6 To Him who ^aspread out the earth above the waters,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 7 To Him who ^amade *the* great lights,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 8 The ^asun to rule ¹by day,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 9 The ^amoon and stars to rule ¹by night,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 10 To Him who ^asmote ¹the Egyptians in their first-born,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 11 And ^abrought Israel out from their midst,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 12 With a ^astrong hand and an ^boutstretched arm,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 13 To Him who ^adivided the ¹Red Sea ^{2a}asunder,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 14 And ^amade Israel pass through the midst of it,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 15 But ^{1a}He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the ²Red Sea,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 16 To Him who ^aled His people through the wilderness,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 17 To Him who ^asmote great kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 18 And slew ¹mighty kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 20 And Og, king of Bashan,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 21 And gave their land as a heritage,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 22 Even a heritage to Israel His ^aservant,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 23 Who ^aremembered us in our low estate,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 24 And has ^arescued us from our adversaries,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 25 Who ^agives food to all flesh,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 26 Give thanks to the ^aGod of heaven,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

PSALM 137

An Experience of the Captivity.

- BY the ^arivers of Babylon,
 There we sat down and ^bwept,
 When we remembered Zion.
- 2 Upon the ^{1a}willows in the midst of it
 We ^bhung our ²harps.
- 3 For there our captors ^{1a}demanded of us ²songs,
 And ^bour tormentors mirth, *saying*,
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How can we sing ^athe LORD's song
 In a foreign land?
- 5 If I ^aforget you, O Jerusalem,
 May my right hand ¹forget *her skill*.
- 6 May my ^atongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
 If I do not remember you,
 If I do not ^{1b}exalt Jerusalem
 Above my chief joy.
- 7 Remember, O LORD, against the sons of ^aEdom
 The day of Jerusalem,
 Who said, "Raze it, raze it,
^bTo its very foundation."
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, you ^{1a}devastated one,
 How blessed will be the one who ^brepays you
 With ²the recompense with which you have repaid us.
- 9 How blessed will be the one who seizes and ^adashes
 your little ones
 Against the rock.

PSALM 138

Thanksgiving for the LORD's Favor.

A Psalm of David.

- ^aI WILL give Thee thanks with all my heart;
 I will sing praises to Thee before the ^bgods.
- 2 I will bow down ^atoward Thy holy temple,
 And ^bgive thanks to Thy name for Thy lovingkindness
 and Thy ¹truth;
 For Thou hast ^amagnified Thy ²word ³according to all
 Thy name.
- 3 On the day I ^acalled Thou didst answer me;
 Thou didst make me bold with ^bstrength in my soul.
- 4 ^aAll the kings of the earth will give thanks to Thee, O
 LORD,
 When they have heard the words of Thy mouth.
- 5 And they will ^asing of the ways of the LORD.
 For ^bgreat is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For ^athough the LORD is exalted,
 Yet He ^bregards the lowly;
 But the ^chaughty He knows from afar.

1 ^aEzek. 1:1, 3 ^bNeh. 1:42 ¹Or, *poplars* ²Lit., *lyres*
^aLev. 23:40; Is. 44:4 ^bJob
30:31; Is. 24:8; Ezek. 26:133 ¹Lit., *asked* ²Lit., *words
of song*
^aPs. 80:6 ^bPs. 79:7; Is. 49:17;
64:114 ^a2 Chr. 29:27; Neh.
12:465 ¹I.e., *become lame*
^aIs. 65:116 ¹Lit., *cause to ascend*
^aPs. 22:15; Job 29:10; Ezek.
3:26 ^bNeh. 2:37 ^aPs. 83:4-8; Is. 34:5, 6;
Jer. 49:7-22; Lam. 4:21; Ezek.
25:12-14; 35:2; Amos 1:11;
Obad. 10-14 ^bPs. 74:7; Hab.
3:138 ¹Or, *devastator* ²Lit.,
your recompense
^aIs. 13:1-22; 47:1-15; Jer.
25:12; 50:1-46; 51:1-64 ^bJer.
50:15; 51:24, 35, 36, 499 ^a2 Kin. 8:12; Is. 13:16;
Hos. 13:16; Nah. 3:101 ^aPs. 111:1 ^bPs. 95:3; 96:4;
97:72 ¹Or, *faithfulness* ²Or,
promise ³Or, *together with*
^aPs. 5:7; 28:2; 1 Kin. 8:29 ^bPs.
140:13 ^cIs. 42:213 ^aPs. 118:5 ^bPs. 28:7; 46:14 ^aPs. 72:11; 102:155 ^aPs. 145:7 ^bPs. 21:56 ^aPs. 113:4-7 ^bProv. 3:34;
Is. 57:15; Luke 1:48; James
4:6 ^cPs. 40:4; 101:5

7 ¹Or, *keep me alive*
^aPs. 23:4; 143:11 ^bPs. 71:20;
 Ezra 9:8, 9; Is. 57:15 ^cEx. 7:5;
 15:12; Is. 52:5; Jer. 51:25;
 Ezek. 6:14; 25:13 ^dPs. 20:6;
 60:5

8 ^aPs. 57:2; Phil. 1:6 ^bPs.
 136:1 ^cPs. 27:9; 71:9; 119:8
^dPs. 100:3; Job 10:3; 14:15

1 ^aPs. 17:3; 44:21; Jer. 12:3

2 ¹Lit., *my sitting* ²Lit., *my rising*
^a2 Kin. 19:27 ^bPs. 94:11; Is.
 66:18

3 ¹Lit., *winnow* ²Or,
journeying
^aJob 14:16; 31:4

4 ¹Lit., *For there is not*
^aHeb. 4:13

5 ^aPs. 34:7; 125:2 ^bJob 9:33

6 ^aRom. 11:33 ^bJob 42:3

7 ^aJer. 23:24

8 ¹I.e., the nether world
^aAmos 9:2-4 ^bJob 26:6; Prov.
 15:11

10 ^aPs. 23:2, 3

11 ¹Lit., *bruise*; some
 commentators read, *cover*
^aJob 22:13

12 ¹Lit., *from*
^aJob 34:22; Dan. 2:22
^bJohn 1:5

13 ¹Lit., *kidneys*
^aPs. 119:73; Is. 44:24 ^bJob
 10:11; 11:5

14 ¹Some ancient versions
 read, *Thou art fearfully*
wonderful
^aPs. 40:5

15 ¹Lit., *bones*
^aJob 10:8-10; Eccles. 11:5
^bPs. 63:9 ^cGen. 1:2, 3

16 ^aJob 10:8-10; Eccles.
 11:5 ^bPs. 56:8 ^cJob 14:5

17 ^aPs. 92:5

- 7 Though I ^awalk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt ^brevive me;
 Thou wilt ^cstretch forth Thy hand against the wrath of
 my enemies,
 And Thy right hand will ^dsave me.
- 8 The LORD will ^aaccomplish what concerns me;
 Thy ^blovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting;
^cDo not forsake the ^dworks of Thy hands.

PSALM 139 [CANTABRA] 139

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David. [CANTABRA]

- O** LORD, Thou hast ^asearched me and ^bknown me.
 2 Thou ^adost know ¹when I sit down and ²when I rise up;
 Thou ^bdost understand my thought from afar.
 3 Thou ^adost ¹scrutinize my ²path and my lying down,
 And art intimately acquainted with all my ways.
 4 ^aEven before there is a word on my tongue,
 Behold, O LORD, Thou ^adost know it all.
 5 Thou hast ^aenclosed me behind and before,
 And ^blaid Thy hand upon me.
 6 ^aSuch ^bknowledge is ^btoo wonderful for me;
 It is too high, I cannot attain to it.
 7 ^aWhere can I go from Thy Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Thy presence?
 8 ^aIf I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;
 If I make my bed in ¹Sheol, behold, ^bThou art there.
 9 ^aIf I take the wings of the dawn,
 If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
 10 Even there Thy hand will ^alead me,
 And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.
 11 If I say, "Surely the ^adarkness will ^boverwhelm me,
 And the light around me will be night,"
 12 Even the ^adarkness is not dark ^bto Thee,
 And the night is as bright as the day.
^bDarkness and light are alike to Thee.
 13 For Thou didst ^aform my inward parts;
 Thou didst ^bweave me in my mother's womb.
 14 ^aI will give thanks to Thee, for ^bI am fearfully and won-
 derfully made;
^aWonderful are Thy works,
 And my soul knows it very well.
 15 My ^aframe was not hidden from Thee,
 When I was made in secret,
 And skillfully wrought in the ^bdepths of the earth.
 16 Thine ^aeyes have seen my unformed substance;
 And in ^bThy book they were all written,
 The ^cdays that were ordained ^dfor me,
 When as yet there was not one of them.
 17 ^aHow precious also are Thy ^bthoughts to me, O God!
 How ^cvast is the sum of them!

- 18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.
 When I awake, I am still with Thee.
- 19 O that Thou wouldst slay the wicked, O God; Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.
- 20 For they speak against Thee wickedly, And Thine enemies take Thy name in vain.
- 21 Do I not hate those who hate Thee, O LORD? And do I not bloat those who rise up against Thee?
- 22 I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
- 24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And bleed me in the everlasting way.

PSALM 140

Prayer for Protection against the Wicked.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- R**ESCUE me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men,
- 2 Who devise evil things in their hearts; They continually stir up wars.
- 3 They sharpen their tongues as a serpent; Poison of a viper is under their lips. [Selah.]
- 4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to trip up my feet.
- 5 The proud have hidden a trap for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set snares for me. [Selah.]
- 6 I said to the LORD, "Thou art my God; Give ear, O LORD, to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 "O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 "Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; Do not promote his evil device, lest they be exalted. [Selah.]
- 9 "As for the head of those who surround me, May the mischief of their lips cover them.
- 10 "May burning coals fall upon them; May they be cast into the fire, Into deep pits from which they cannot rise.
- 11 "May a slanderer not be established in the earth; May evil hunt the violent man speedily."
- 12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, And justice for the poor.

18 aPs. 40:5 bPs. 3:5

19 aIs. 11:4 bPs. 6:8; 119:115 cPs. 5:6

20 1Or of? Some mss. read, lift themselves up against Thee. aJude 15 bEx. 20:7; Deut. 5:11

21 aPs. 26:5; 31:6 bPs. 119:158

23 aPs. 26:2 bPs. 7:9; Prov. 17:3; Jer. 11:20; 1 Thess. 2:4

24 1Lit., way of pain aPs. 146:9; Prov. 15:9; 28:10; Jer. 25:5; 36:3 bPs. 5:8; 143:10 cPs. 16:11

1 aPs. 17:13; 59:2; 71:4 bPs. 140:11; 18:48; 86:14

2 aPs. 7:14; 36:4; 52:2; Prov. 6:14; Is. 59:4; Hos. 7:15 bPs. 56:6

3 1Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude aPs. 57:4; 64:3 bPs. 58:4; Rom. 3:13; James 3:8

4 1Or, devised 2Lit., push violently aPs. 140:1 bPs. 36:11

5 1Lit., track aPs. 35:7; 141:9; 142:3; Job 18:9 bPs. 31:4; 57:6; Lam. 1:13 cPs. 141:9; Is. 8:14; Amos 3:5

6 aPs. 16:2; 31:14 bPs. 143:1 cPs. 116:1; 130:2

7 1YHWH, usually rendered Lord 2Lit., weapons aPs. 28:8; 118:14 bPs. 144:10

8 aPs. 112:10 bPs. 10:2, 3; Esth. 9:25

9 aPs. 7:16; Prov. 18:7

10 1Lit., watery aPs. 11:6 bPs. 21:9; Matt. 3:10 cPs. 36:12

11 1Lit., man of tongue 2Lit., thrust upon thrust aPs. 34:21

12 aPs. 9:4; 18:27; 82:3; 1 Kin. 8:45, 49 bPs. 12:5; 35:10

13 ^aPs. 97:12 ^bPs. 11:7;
16:11; 17:15

1 ^aPs. 22:19; 38:22; 70:5
^bPs. 5:1; 143:1

2 ¹Lit., *fixed*
^aEx. 30:8; Luke 1:10; Rev.
5:8; 8:3, 4 ^bEx. 29:41; 1 Kin.
18:29, 36; Dan. 9:21

3 ¹Lit., *to*
^aPs. 44:13; 39:1; Prov. 13:3;
21:23 ^bMic. 7:5

4 ¹Lit., *in* ²Ps. 119:36
^aPs. 119:36 ^bIs. 32:6; Hos.
6:8; Mal. 3:15 ^cProv. 23:6

5 ¹Or, *lovingly* ²Lit., *And
my prayer* ³Or, *in spite of
their calamities*
^aProv. 9:8; 19:25; 25:12; 27:6;
Eccles. 7:5; Gal. 6:1 ^bPs.
23:3; 133:2 ^cPs. 35:14

6 ² Chr. 25:12

7 ¹i.e., the nether world
^aPs. 129:3 ^bPs. 53:5 ^cPs. 88:3-
5; Num. 16:32, 33

8 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered *LORD* ²Lit., *pour
out my soul*
^aPs. 25:15; 123:2 ^bPs. 2:12;
11:1 ^cPs. 27:9

9 ¹Lit., *hands of the trap*
^aPs. 38:12; 64:5; 91:3 ^bPs.
140:5

10 ¹Lit., *altogether*
^aPs. 7:15; 57:6 ^bPs. 124:7

[†] Possibly, *Contemplative,
or, Didactic, or Skillful
Psalm*

[•] 1 Sam. 22:1; 24:3

1 ^aPs. 77:1 ^bPs. 30:8

2 ^aPs. 102:title ^bPs. 77:2

3 ¹Lit., *fainted*
^aPs. 77:3; 143:4 ^bPs. 140:5

4 ¹Lit., *Escape has
perished from me*
^aPs. 31:11; 88:8, 18 ^bJob
11:20; Jer. 25:35 ^cJer. 30:17

13 Surely the ^arighteous will give thanks to Thy name;
The ^bupright will dwell in Thy presence.

PSALM 141

An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.

A Psalm of David.

O LORD, I call upon Thee; ^ahasten to me!
^bGive ear to my voice when I call to Thee!
2 May my prayer be ¹counted as ^aincense before Thee;
The lifting up of my hands as the ^bevening offering.
3 Set a ^aguard, O LORD, ¹over my mouth;
Keep watch over the ^bdoor of my lips.
4 ^aDo not incline my heart to any evil thing,
To practice deeds ¹of wickedness
With ^bmen who ²do iniquity;
And ^cdo not let me eat of their delicacies.
5 Let the ^arighteous smite me ¹in kindness and reprove
me;
It is ^boil upon the head;
Do not let my head refuse it,
²For still my prayer ^cis ^aagainst their wicked deeds.
6 Their judges are ^athrown down by the sides of the rock,
And they hear my words, for they are pleasant.
7 As when one ^aplows and breaks open the earth,
Our ^bbones have been scattered at the ^cmouth of
¹Sheol.
8 For my ^aeyes are toward Thee, O ¹GOD, the Lord;
In Thee I ^btake refuge; ^cdo not ²leave me defenseless.
9 Keep me from the ¹ajaws of the trap which they have
set for me,
And from the ^bsnares of those who do iniquity.
10 Let the wicked ^afall into their own nets,
While I pass by ¹bsafely.

PSALM 142

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

[†]Maskil of David, when he was ^cin the cave.

A Prayer.

I ^aCRY aloud with my voice to the LORD;
I ^bmake supplication with my voice to the LORD.
2 I ^apour out my complaint before Him;
I declare my ^btrouble before Him.
3 When ^amy spirit ¹was overwhelmed within me;
Thou didst know my path.
In the way where I walk
They have ^bhidden a trap for me.
4 Look to the right and see;
For there is ^ano one who regards me;
¹There is no ^bescape for me;
^cNo one cares for my soul.

- 5 I cried out to Thee, O LORD;
I said, "Thou art ^amy refuge,
My ^bportion in the ^cland of the living.
- 6 "Give heed to my cry,
For I am ^bbrought very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are too ^cstrong for me.
- 7 "Bring my soul out of prison,
So that I may give thanks to Thy name;
The righteous will surround me,
For Thou wilt ^bdeal bountifully with me."

PSALM 143

Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.

A Psalm of David.

- HEAR my prayer, O LORD,
^aGive ear to my supplications!
Answer me in Thy ^bfaithfulness, in Thy ^crighteousness!
- 2 And ^ado not enter into judgment with Thy servant,
For in Thy sight ^bno man living is righteous.
- 3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life ^ato the ground;
He ^bhas made me dwell in dark places, like those who
have long been dead.
- 4 Therefore ^amy spirit ¹is overwhelmed within me;
My heart is ²appalled within me.
- 5 I ^aremember the days of old;
I ^bmeditate on all Thy doings;
I ^cmuse on the work of Thy hands.
- 6 I ^astretch out my hands to Thee;
My ^bsoul longs for Thee, as a ¹parched land. [²Selah.]
- 7 ^aAnswer me quickly, O LORD, my ^bspirit fails;
^cDo not hide Thy face from me,
Lest I become like ^dthose who go down to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear Thy ^alovingkindness in the morning;
For I trust ^bin Thee;
Teach me the ^cway in which I should walk;
For to Thee I ^dlift up my soul.
- 9 ^aDeliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
¹I take refuge in Thee.
- 10 ^aTeach me to do Thy will,
For Thou art my God;
Let ^bThy good Spirit ^clead me on level ¹ground.
- 11 ^aFor the sake of Thy name, O LORD, revive me.
^bIn Thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
- 12 And in Thy lovingkindness ¹cut off my enemies,
And ^bdestroy all those who afflict my soul;
For ^cI am Thy servant.

5 ^aPs. 91:2, 9 ^bPs. 16:5;
73:26 ^cPs. 27:136 ^aPs. 17:1 ^bPs. 79:8; 116:6
^cPs. 18:177 ^aPs. 143:11; 146:7 ^bPs.
13:61 ^aPs. 140:6 ^bPs. 89:1, 2
^cPs. 71:22 ^aJob 14:3; 22:4 ^bPs.
130:3; 1 Kin. 8:46; Job 4:17;
9:2; 25:4; Eccles. 7:203 ^aPs. 44:25 ^bPs. 88:6;
Lam. 3:64 ¹Lit. *faints* ²Or *desolate*
^aPs. 142:3 ^bLam. 3:115 ^aPs. 77:5, 10, 11 ^bPs.
77:12 ^cPs. 105:26 ¹Lit. *weary* ²*Selah* may
mean: *Pause, Crescendo* or
Musical interlude
^aPs. 88:9; Job 11:13 ^bPs. 42:2;
63:17 ^aPs. 69:17 ^bPs. 73:26;
84:2; Jer. 8:18; Lam. 1:22 ^cPs.
27:9; 69:17; 102:2 ^dPs. 28:1;
88:48 ^aPs. 90:14 ^bPs. 25:2 ^cPs.
27:11; 32:8; 86:11 ^dPs. 25:1;
86:49 ¹Lit. *To Thee have I*
hidden
^aPs. 31:15; 59:110 ¹Lit. *land*
^aPs. 25:4, 5; 119:12 ^bNeh.
9:20 ^cPs. 23:311 ^aPs. 25:11 ^bPs. 31:1; 71:212 ¹Or, *silence*
^aPs. 54:5 ^bPs. 52:5 ^cPs. 116:16

1 ^aPs. 18:2 ^bPs. 18:34

2 ¹Another reading is,
peoples
^aPs. 18:2; 91:2 ^bPs. 59:9 ^cPs.
3:3; 28:7; 84:9 ^dPs. 18:39

3 ^aPs. 8:4

4 ^aPs. 39:11 ^bPs. 102:11;
109:23; Job 8:9; 14:2

5 ^aPs. 18:9 ^bIs. 64:1 ^cPs.
104:32

6 ^aPs. 18:14 ^bPs. 7:13; 58:7;
Hab. 3:11; Zech. 9:14

7 ^aPs. 18:16 ^bPs. 69:1, 14
^cPs. 18:44; 54:3

8 ^aPs. 12:2; 41:6 ^bPs.
106:26; Gen. 14:22; Deut.
32:40; Is. 44:20

9 ^aPs. 40:3 ^bPs. 33:2

10 ^aPs. 18:50 ^bPs. 140:7;
2 Sam. 18:7

11 ^aPs. 18:44; 54:3 ^bPs. 12:2;
41:6 ^cPs. 106:26; Gen. 14:22;
Deut. 32:40; Is. 44:20

12 ¹Lit., *cut after the
pattern of*
^aPs. 92:12-14; 128:3 ^bSong of
Sol. 4:4; 7:4

13 ¹Lit., *outside*
^aProv. 3:9, 10

14 ¹Lit., *be laden* ²Lit.,
bursting forth ¹Lit., *going
out*
^aProv. 14:4 ^bPs. 60:2; 2 Kin.
25:10, 11 ^cAmos 5:3 ^dIs.
24:11; Jer. 14:2

15 ^aPs. 33:12

PSALM 144

Prayer for Rescue and Prosperity.

A Psalm of David.

- BLESSED** be the LORD, ^amy rock,
Who ^btrains my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle;
- 2 My lovingkindness and ^amy fortress,
My ^bstronghold and my deliverer;
My ^cshield and He in whom I take refuge;
Who ^dsubdues ¹my people under me.
- 3 O LORD, ^awhat is man, that Thou dost take knowledge
of him?
Or the son of man, that Thou dost think of him?
4 ^aMan is like a mere breath;
His ^bdays are like a passing shadow.
- 5 ^aBow Thy heavens, O LORD, and ^bcome down;
^cTouch the mountains, that they may smoke.
- 6 Flash forth ^alightning and scatter them;
Send out Thy ^bbarrows and confuse them.
- 7 Stretch forth Thy hand ^afrom on high;
Rescue me and ^bdeliver me out of great waters,
Out of the hand of ^caliens;
- 8 Whose mouth ^aspeaks deceit,
And whose ^bright hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a ^anew song to Thee, O God;
Upon a ^bharp of ten strings I will sing praises to Thee,
- 10 Who dost ^agive salvation to kings;
Who ^bdost rescue David His servant from the evil
sword.
- 11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of ^aaliens,
Whose mouth ^bspeaks deceit,
And whose ^cright hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 Let our sons in their youth be as ^agrown-up plants,
And our daughters as ^bcorner pillars ¹fashioned as for a
palace;
- 13 Let our ^agarners be full, furnishing every kind of
produce,
And our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thou-
sands in our ¹fields;
- 14 Let our ^acattle ¹bear,
Without ²misshap and without ³loss,
Let there be no ^doutcry in our streets;
- 15 How blessed are the people who are so situated;
How ^ablessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

PSALM 145

The LORD Extolled for His Goodness.

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

- I WILL ^aextol Thee, ^bmy God, O King;
 And I will ^cbless Thy name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless Thee,
 And I will ^apraise Thy name forever and ever.
- 3 ^aGreat is the LORD, and highly to be praised;
 And His ^bgreatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One ^ageneration shall praise Thy works to another,
 And shall declare Thy mighty acts.
- 5 On the ^aglorious ¹splendor of Thy majesty,
 And ^bon Thy wonderful works, I will meditate.
- 6 And men shall speak of the ¹power of Thy ^aawesome
 acts;
 And I will ^btell of Thy greatness.
- 7 They shall ¹eagerly utter the memory of Thine ^aabundant
 goodness,
 And shall ^bshout joyfully of Thy righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is ^agracious and merciful;
 Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.
- 9 The LORD is ^agood to all,
 And His ^bmercies are over all His works.
- 10 ^aAll Thy works shall give thanks to Thee, O LORD,
 And Thy ^bgodly ones shall bless Thee.
- 11 They shall speak of the ^aglory of Thy kingdom,
 And talk of Thy power;
- 12 To ^amake known to the sons of men ¹Thy mighty acts,
 And the ^bglory of the majesty of ¹Thy kingdom.
- 13 Thy kingdom is ¹an ^aeverlasting kingdom,
 And Thy dominion *endures* throughout all gen-
 erations.
- 14 The LORD ^asustains all who fall,
 And ^braises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all ¹look to Thee,
 And Thou ^adost give them their food in due time.
- 16 Thou ^adost open Thy hand,
 And dost satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is ^arighteous in all His ways,
 And kind in all His deeds.
- 18 The LORD is ^anear to all who call upon Him,
 To all who call upon Him ^bin truth.
- 19 He will ^afulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
 He will also ^bhear their cry and will save them.
- 20 The LORD ^akeeps all who love Him;
 But all the ^bwicked, He will destroy.
- 21 My ^amouth will speak the praise of the LORD;
 And ^ball flesh will ^cbless His holy name forever and
 ever.

1 ^aPs. 30:1; 66:17 ^bPs. 5:2
^cPs. 34:12 ^aPs. 71:63 ^aPs. 48:1; 86:10; 147:5
^bJob 5:9; 9:10; 11:7; Is. 40:28;
 Rom. 11:334 ^aPs. 22:30, 31; Is. 38:195 ¹Or, *majesty of Thy
 splendor*
^aPs. 145:12 ^bPs. 119:276 ¹Or, *strength*
^aPs. 66:3; 106:22; Deut. 10:21
^bDeut. 32:37 ¹Or, *bubble over with*
^aPs. 31:19; Is. 63:7 ^bPs. 51:148 ^aPs. 86:5, 15; 103:8; Ex.
 34:69 ^aPs. 100:5; 136:1; Jer.
 33:11; Nah. 1:7; Matt. 19:17;
 Mark 10:18 ^bPs. 145:1510 ^aPs. 19:1; 103:22 ^bPs.
 68:2611 ^aJer. 14:2112 ¹Lit., *His*
^aPs. 105:1 ^bPs. 145:5; Is. 2:10,
 19, 2113 ¹Lit., *a kingdom of all
 ages*
^aPs. 10:16; 29:10; 2 Pet. 1:1114 ^aPs. 37:24 ^bPs. 146:815 ¹Lit., *wait; or, hope for*
^aPs. 104:2716 ^aPs. 104:2817 ^aPs. 116:518 ^aPs. 34:18; 119:151;
 Deut. 4:7 ^bJohn 4:2419 ^aPs. 21:2; 37:4 ^bPs. 10:17;
 Prov. 15:29; 1 John 5:1420 ^aPs. 31:23; 91:14; 97:10
^bPs. 9:5; 37:3821 ^aPs. 71:8 ^bPs. 65:2; 150:6
^cPs. 145:1, 2

1 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,

YAH
^aPs. 103:1

2 ^aPs. 63:4 ^bPs. 104:5,3

3 ¹Lit., *a son of a man*
^aPs. 118:9 ^bPs. 118:8; Is. 2:22
^cPs. 60:11; 108:12

4 ¹Lit., *his earth*
^aPs. 104:29 ^bEccles. 12:7 ^cPs.
 33:10

5 ^aPs. 144:15 ^bPs. 71:5

6 ¹Or, *truth*
^aPs. 115:15 ^bActs 14:15 ^cPs.
 117:2

7 ^aPs. 103:6 ^bPs. 107:9;
 145:15 ^cPs. 68:6; Is. 61:1

8 ^aMatt. 9:30; John 9:7
^bPs. 145:14 ^cPs. 11:7

9 ¹Or, *keeps* ²Or,
sojourners ³Or, *relieves* ⁴Lit.,
makes crooked
^aEx. 22:21; Lev. 19:34 ^bPs.
 68:5; Deut. 10:18 ^cPs. 147:6

10 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
 YAH
^aPs. 10:16; Ex. 15:18

1 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
 YAH ³Or, *He is gracious*
^aPs. 135:3 ^bPs. 33:1

2 ^aPs. 51:18; 102:16 ^bPs.
 106:47; Deut. 30:3; Is. 11:12;
 56:8; Ezek. 39:28

3 ¹Lit., *sorrows*
^aPs. 34:18; Is. 61:1 ^bJob 5:18;
 Is. 30:26; Ezek. 34:16

4 ¹Or, *calls them all by*
their names
^aGen. 15:5 ^bIs. 40:26

5 ¹Lit., *innumerable*
^aPs. 48:1; 145:3 ^bIs. 40:28

6 ¹Or, *relieves*
^aPs. 37:24; 146:9

7 ^aPs. 33:2; 95:1, 2

8 ¹Lit., *spring forth*
^aJob 26:8 ^bPs. 104:13; Job
 5:10; 38:26 ^cPs. 104:14; Job
 38:27

9 ^aPs. 104:27, 28; 145:15
^bJob 38:41

PSALM 146

The LORD an Abundant Helper.

- 1 PRAISE ²the LORD!
^aPraise the LORD, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the LORD ^awhile I live;
 I will ^bsing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 3 ^aDo not trust in princes,
 In ¹mortal ^bman, in whom there is ^cno salvation.
- 4 His ^aspirit departs, he ^breturns to ¹the earth;
 In that very day his ^cthoughts perish.
- 5 How ^ablessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
 Whose ^bhope is in the LORD his God;
- 6 Who ^amade heaven and earth,
 The ^bsea and all that is in them;
 Who ^ckeeps ¹faith forever;
- 7 Who ^aexecutes justice for the oppressed;
 Who ^bgives food to the hungry.
 The LORD ^csets the prisoners free;
- 8 The LORD ^aopens *the eyes* of the blind;
 The LORD ^braises up those who are bowed down;
 The LORD ^cloves the righteous;
- 9 The LORD ^{1a}protects the ²strangers;
 He ^{3b}supports the fatherless and the widow;
 But He ⁴thwarts ^cthe way of the wicked.
- 10 The LORD will ^areign forever,
 Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 147

Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.

- 1 PRAISE ²the LORD!
 For ^ait is good to sing praises to our God;
 For ³it is pleasant *and* praise is ^bbecoming.
- 2 The LORD ^abuilds up Jerusalem;
 He ^bgathers the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the ^abroken-hearted,
 And ^bbinds up their ¹wounds.
- 4 He ^acounts the number of the stars;
 He ^{1b}gives names to all of them.
- 5 ^aGreat is our Lord, and abundant in strength;
 His ^bunderstanding is ¹infinite.
- 6 The LORD ^{1a}supports the afflicted;
 He brings down the wicked to the ground.
- 7 ^aSing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
 Sing praises to our God on the lyre,
- 8 Who ^acovers the heavens with clouds,
 Who ^bprovides rain for the earth,
 Who ^cmakes grass to ¹grow on the mountains.
- 9 He ^agives to the beast its food,
 And to the ^byoung ravens which cry.

- 10 He does not delight in the strength of the ^ahorse;
He ^bdoes not take pleasure in the legs of a man.
- 11 The LORD ^afavors those who fear Him,
^bThose who wait for His lovingkindness.
- 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- 13 For He has strengthened the ^abars of your gates;
He has ^bblessed your sons within you.
- 14 He ^amakes ¹peace in your borders;
He satisfies you with ^bthe ²finest of the wheat.
- 15 He sends forth His ^acommand to the earth;
His ^bword runs very swiftly.
- 16 He gives ^asnow like wool;
He scatters the ^bhoarfrost like ashes.
- 17 He casts forth His ^aice as fragments;
Who can stand before His ^bcold?
- 18 He ^asends forth His word and melts them;
He ^bcauses His wind to blow and the waters to flow.
- 19 He ^adeclares His words to Jacob,
His ^bstatutes and His ordinances to Israel.
- 20 He ^ahas not dealt thus with any nation;
And as for His ordinances, they have ^bnot known them.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 148

¹ The Whole Creation Invoked to Praise the LORD.

- P**RAISE ²the LORD!
Praise the LORD ^afrom the heavens;
Praise Him ^bin the heights!
- 2 Praise Him, ^aall His angels;
Praise Him, ^ball His hosts!
- 3 Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
- 4 Praise Him, ^{1a}highest heavens,
And the ^bwaters that are above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For ^aHe commanded and they were created.
- 6 He has also ^aestablished them forever and ever;
He has made a ^bdecree which will not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
^aSea-monsters and all ^bdeeps;
- 8 ^aFire and hail, ^bsnow and ^cclouds;
^dStormy wind, ^efulfilling His word;
- 9 ^aMountains and all hills;
Fruit ^btrees and all cedars;
- 10 ^aBeasts and all cattle;
^bCreeping things and winged fowl;
- 11 ^aKings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
- 12 Both young men and virgins;
Old men and children.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,

10 ^aPs. 33:17 ^{b1} Sam. 16:711 ^aPs. 149:4 ^bPs. 33:1813 ^aNeh. 3:3; 7:3 ^bPs. 37:2614 ¹Lit., *your borders peace*
²Lit., *fat*
^aPs. 29:11; Is. 54:13; 60:17, 18
^bPs. 81:16; Deut. 32:1415 ^aPs. 148:5; Job 37:12 ^bPs. 104:416 ^aPs. 148:8; Job 37:6 ^bJob 38:2917 ^aJob 37:10 ^bJob 37:918 ^aPs. 147:15; 33:9; 107:20
^bPs. 107:2519 ^aDeut. 33:3, 4 ^bMal. 4:420 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH
^aDeut. 4:7, 8, 32-34 ^bPs. 79:6;
Jer. 10:251 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH
^aPs. 69:34 ^bPs. 102:19; Job 16:19; Matt. 21:92 ^aPs. 103:20 ^bPs. 103:214 ¹Lit., *heavens of heavens*
^aPs. 68:33; Deut. 10:14;
1 Kin. 8:27; Neh. 9:6 ^bGen. 1:75 ^aPs. 33:6, 9; Gen. 1:16 ^aJer. 31:35, 36; 33:20, 25
^bJob 38:337 ^aPs. 74:13; Gen. 1:21
^bGen. 1:2; Deut. 33:13; Hab. 3:108 ^aPs. 18:12 ^bPs. 147:16
^cPs. 135:7 ^dPs. 107:25 ^ePs. 103:20; Job 37:129 ^aIs. 44:23; 49:13 ^bIs. 55:1210 ^aIs. 43:20 ^bHos. 2:1811 ^aPs. 102:15

13 ^aIs. 12:4 ^bPs. 8:1; 113:4

14 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb., *YAH*
^aPs. 75:10; 1 Sam. 2:1 ^bPs.
109:1; Deut. 10:21; Jer. 17:14
^cLev. 10:3; Eph. 2:17

1 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH
^aPs. 33:3 ^bPs. 35:18; 89:5

2 ^aPs. 95:6 ^bPs. 47:6; Judg.
8:23

3 ^aPs. 150:4; 2 Sam. 6:14
^bPs. 81:2; Ex. 15:20

4 ^aPs. 35:27; 147:11 ^bPs.
132:16; Is. 61:3

5 ^aPs. 132:16 ^bPs. 42:8; Job
35:10

6 ¹Lit., *throat*
^aPs. 66:17 ^bNeh. 4:17

7 ^aEzek. 25:17; Mic. 5:15

8 ^aJob 36:8 ^bNah. 3:10

9 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH
^aEzek. 28:26 ^bPs. 112:9

1 ¹Or, *Hallelujah!* ²Heb.,
YAH ³Or, *firmament*
^aPs. 73:17; 102:19 ^bPs. 19:1

2 ^aPs. 145:12 ^bPs. 145:3;
Deut. 3:24

3 ^aPs. 98:6 ^bPs. 33:2

4 ^aPs. 149:3 ^bPs. 45:8; Is.
38:20 ^cGen. 4:21; Job 21:12

5 ^a2 Sam. 6:5; 1 Chr. 13:8;
15:16; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:27

6 ¹Heb., *YAH* ²Or,
Hallelujah!
^aPs. 103:22; 145:21

For His ^aname alone is exalted;
His ^bglory is above earth and heaven.
14 And He has ^alifted up a horn for His people,
^bPraise for all His godly ones;
Even for the sons of Israel, a people ^cnear to Him.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 149

Israel Invoked to Praise the LORD.

- P**RAISE ²the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a ^anew song,
And His praise ^bin the congregation of the godly ones.
- 2 Let Israel be glad in ^ahis Maker;
Let the sons of Zion rejoice in their ^bKing.
- 3 Let them praise His name with ^adancing;
Let them sing praises to Him with ^btimbrel and lyre.
- 4 For the LORD ^atakes pleasure in His people;
He will ^bbeautify the afflicted ones with salvation.
- 5 Let the ^agodly ones exult in glory;
Let them ^bsing for joy on their beds.
- 6 Let the ^ahigh praises of God *be* in their ¹mouth.
And a two-edged ^bsword in their hand,
- 7 To ^aexecute vengeance on the nations,
And punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings ^awith chains,
And their ^bnobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To ^aexecute on them the judgment written;
This is an ^bhonor for all His godly ones.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 150

A Psalm of Praise.

- P**RAISE ²the LORD!
Praise God in His ^asanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty ³^bexpanse.
- 2 Praise Him for His ^amighty deeds;
Praise Him according to His excellent ^bgreatness.
- 3 Praise Him with ^atrumpet sound;
Praise Him with ^bharp and lyre.
- 4 Praise Him with ^atimbrel and dancing;
Praise Him with ^bstringed instruments and ^cpipe.
- 5 Praise Him with loud ^acymbals;
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.
- 6 Let ^aeverything that has breath praise ¹the LORD.
²Praise ¹the LORD!

THE PROVERBS

Use of the Proverbs.
Enticement by Sinners.

- T**HE ^aproverbs of Solomon ^bthe son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know ^awisdom and instruction,
To discern the sayings of ^bunderstanding,
- 3 To ^areceive instruction in wise behavior,
^bRighteousness; justice and equity;
- 4 To give ^aprudence to the ¹naive,
To the youth ^bknowledge and discretion,
- 5 A wise man will hear and ^aincrease in learning,
And a ^bman of understanding will acquire wise counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb and a figure,
The words of the wise and their ^ariddles.
- 7 ^aThe fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- 8 ^aHear, my son, your father's instruction,
And ^bdo not forsake your mother's teaching;
- 9 Indeed, they are a ^agraceful wreath to your head,
And ^{1b}ornaments about your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners ^aentice you,
^bDo not consent.
- 11 If they say, "Come with us,
Let us ^alie in wait for blood,
Let us ^bambush the innocent without cause;
Let us ^aswallow them alive like Sheol,
Even whole, as those who ^bgo down to the pit;
- 13 We shall find all *kinds* of precious wealth,
We shall fill our houses with spoil;
- 14 Throw in your lot ¹with us,
We shall all have one purse";
- 15 My son, ^ado not walk in the way with them,
^bKeep your feet from their path;
- 16 For ^atheir feet run to evil,
And they hasten to shed blood.
- 17 Indeed, it is ¹useless to spread the net
In the eyes of any ²bird;
- 18 But they ^alie in wait for their own blood;
They ambush their own lives.
- 19 So are the ways of everyone who ^agains by violence,
It takes away the life of its possessors.
- 20 ^aWisdom shouts in the street,
She ¹lifts her voice in the square;
- 21 At the head of the noisy *streets* she cries out;
At the entrance of the gates in the city, she utters her
sayings:
- 22 "How long, O ^{1a}naive ones, will you love ²simplicity?
And ^bscoffers delight themselves in scoffing,
And fools ^chate knowledge?
- 23 "Turn to my reproof,
- ¹Prov. 10:1; 25:1; 1 Kin. 4:32; Eccles. 12:9 ^bEccles. 1:1
- ²Prov. 15:33 ^bProv. 4:1
- ³Prov. 19:20 ^bProv. 2:9
- ⁴ ¹Lit., *simple ones*
^aProv. 8:5, 12 ^bProv. 2:10, 11; 3:21
- ⁵Prov. 9:9 ^bProv. 14:6; Eccles. 9:11
- ⁶Num. 12:8; Ps. 49:4; 78:2; Dan. 8:23
- ⁷Prov. 9:10; 15:33; Job 28:28; Ps. 111:10; Eccles. 12:13
- ⁸Prov. 4:1 ^bProv. 6:20
- ⁹ ¹Lit., *necklaces*
^aProv. 4:9 ^bGen. 41:42; Dan. 5:29
- ¹⁰Prov. 16:29 ^bDeut. 13:8; Ps. 50:18
- ¹¹Prov. 12:6 ^bProv. 1:18; Ps. 10:8
- ¹²Ps. 124:3 ^bPs. 28:1
- ¹⁴ ¹Lit., *in the midst of us*
- ¹⁵Prov. 4:14; Ps. 1:1 ^bPs. 119:101
- ¹⁶Prov. 6:17, 18; Is. 59:7
- ¹⁷ ¹Lit., *in vain* ²Lit., *possessor of wing*
- ¹⁸Prov. 11:19
- ¹⁹Prov. 15:27
- ²⁰ ¹Lit., *gives*
^aProv. 8:1-3; 9:3
- ²² ¹Lit., *simple ones* ²Or, *naivete*
^aProv. 4:32; 8:5; 9:4; 22:3 ^bPs. 1:1 ^cProv. 1:29; 5:12

23 ^aIs. 32:15; Joel 2:28
 24 ^aIs. 65:12; 66:4; Jer. 7:13
^bProv. 15:32; Zech. 7:11 ^cIs.
 65:2; Rom. 10:21
 25 ^aPs. 107:11; Luke 7:30
^bProv. 15:10
 26 ^aPs. 2:4 ^bProv. 6:15
^cProv. 10:24
 27 ^aProv. 10:25
 28 ^a1 Sam. 8:18; Job 27:9;
 35:12; Ps. 18:41; Is. 1:15; Jer.
 11:11; 14:12; Ezek. 8:16;
 Mic. 3:4; Zech. 7:13 ^bProv.
 8:17
 29 ^aProv. 1:22; Job 21:14
 30 ^aProv. 1:25; Ps. 81:11
 31 ^aProv. 5:22, 23; 22:8; Job
 4:8; Jer. 6:19 ^bProv. 14:14
 32 ¹Lit., *simple ones*
^aJer. 2:19
 33 ¹Lit., *dwell*
^aProv. 3:24-26; Ps. 25:12, 13
 1 ^aProv. 4:10 ^bProv. 3:1
 2 ^aProv. 22:17
 3 ¹Lit., *give*
 4 ^aProv. 3:14 ^bJob 3:21;
 Matt. 13:44
 5 ^aProv. 1:7
 6 ^a1 Kin. 3:12; Job 32:8;
 James 1:5
 7 ^aProv. 30:5; Ps. 84:11
 8 ^a1 Sam. 2:9; Ps. 66:9
 9 ^aProv. 8:20 ^bProv. 4:18
 10 ^aProv. 14:33 ^bProv. 22:18
 11 ^aProv. 4:6; 6:22
 12 ^aProv. 28:26 ^bProv. 6:12
 13 ^aProv. 21:16 ^bProv. 4:19;
 Ps. 82:5; John 3:19, 20
 14 ^aProv. 10:23; Jer. 11:15
 15 ^aProv. 21:8; Ps. 125:5

Behold, I will ^apour out my spirit on you;
 I will make my words known to you,
 24 Because ^aI called, and you ^brefused;
 I ^cstretched out my hand, and no one paid attention;
 25 And you ^aneglected all my counsel,
 And did not ^bwant my reproof;
 26 I will even ^alaugh at your ^bcalamity;
 I will mock when your ^cdread comes,
 27 When your dread comes like a storm,
 And your calamity comes on like a ^awhirlwind,
 When distress *and* anguish come on you.
 28 "Then they will ^acall on me, but I will not answer;
 They will ^bseek me diligently, but they shall not find
 me,
 29 Because they ^ahated knowledge,
 And did not choose the fear of the LORD.
 30 "They ^awould not accept my counsel,
 They spurned all my reproof.
 31 "So they shall ^aeat of the fruit of their own way,
 And be ^bsatiated with their own devices.
 32 "For the ^awaywardness of the ¹naive shall kill them,
 And the complacency of fools shall destroy them.
 33 "But ^ahe who listens to me shall ¹live securely,
 And shall be at ease from the dread of evil."

CHAPTER 2

MY son, if you will ^areceive my sayings,
 And ^btreasure my commandments within you,
 2 ^aMake your ear attentive to wisdom,
 Incline your heart to understanding;
 3 For if you cry for discernment,
¹Lift your voice for understanding;
 4 If you seek her as ^asilver,
 And search for her as for ^bhidden treasures;
 5 Then you will discern the ^afear of the LORD,
 And discover the knowledge of God.
 6 For ^athe LORD gives wisdom;
 From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.
 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a ^ashield to those who walk in integrity,
 8 Guarding the paths of justice,
 And He ^apreserves the way of His godly ones.
 9 Then you will discern ^arighteousness and justice
 And equity *and* every ^bgood course.
 10 For ^awisdom will enter your heart,
 And ^bknowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
 11 Discretion will ^aguard you,
 Understanding will watch over you,
 12 To ^adeliver you from the way of evil,
 From the man who speaks ^bperverse things;
 13 From those who ^aleave the paths of uprightness,
 To walk in the ^bways of darkness;
 14 Who ^adelight in doing evil,
 And rejoice in the perversity of evil;
 15 Whose paths are ^acrooked,

**Wisdom Shields from Evil.
"Do Not Reject the Discipline of the Lord."**

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- And who are devious in their ways;
16 To ^adeliver you from the strange woman,
From the ^badulteress who flatters with her words;
17 That leaves the ^acompanion of her youth,
And forgets the covenant of her God;
18 For ^aher house ^bsinks down to death,
And her tracks *lead* to the ²dead;
19 None who go to her return again,
Nor do they reach the ^apaths of life.
20 So that you will walk in the way of good men,
And keep to the ^apaths of the righteous.
21 For ^athe upright will ^blive in the land,
And ^bthe blameless will remain in it;
22 But ^athe wicked will be cut off from the land,
And ^bthe treacherous will be ^cuprooted from it.

CHAPTER 3

- MY** son, ^ado not forget my ^bteaching,
But let your heart ^bkeep my commandments;
2 For ^alength of days and years of life,
And peace they will add to you.
3 Do not let ^akindness and truth leave you;
^bBind them around your neck,
^cWrite them on the tablet of your heart.
4 So you will ^afind favor and ^bgood ^brepute
In the sight of God and man.
5 ^aTrust in the LORD with all your heart,
And ^bdo not lean on your own understanding.
6 In all your ways ^aacknowledge Him,
And He will ^bmake your paths straight.
7 ^aDo not be wise in your own eyes;
^bFear the LORD and turn away from evil.
8 It will be ^ahealing to your ^bbody,
And ^brefreshment to your bones.
9 ^aHonor the LORD from your wealth,
And from the ^bfirst of all your produce;
10 So your ^abarns will be filled with plenty,
And your ^bvats will overflow with new wine.
11 ^aMy son, do not reject the ^bdiscipline of the LORD;
Or loathe His reproof,
12 For whom the LORD loves He reproveth,
Even ^aas a father the son in whom he delights.

13 ^aHow blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding.
14 For its ^aprofit is better than the profit of silver,
And its gain than fine gold.
15 She is ^amore precious than ^bjewels;
And ^bnothing you desire compares with her.
16 ^aLong life is in her right hand;
In her left hand are ^briches and honor.
17 Her ways are pleasant ways,
And all her paths are ^apeace.
18 She is a ^atree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happy are all who hold her fast.

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *foreign woman*
^aProv. 6:24; 7:5 ^bProv. 23:27

¹⁷ ^aMal. 3:14, 15

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *bows down* ²Lit.,
departed spirits
^aProv. 7:27

¹⁹ ^aProv. 5:6; Ps. 16:11

²⁰ ^aProv. 4:18

²¹ ¹Or, *dwelt*
^aProv. 10:30; Ps. 37:9, 29
^bProv. 28:10

²² ^aProv. 10:30; Ps. 37:38
^bProv. 11:3 ^cDeut. 28:63; Ps. 52:5

¹ ¹Or, *law*
^aProv. 4:5; Ps. 119:61 ^bEx. 20:6; Deut. 30:16

² ^aProv. 3:16; 4:10; 9:11;
10:27; Ps. 91:16

³ ^aProv. 14:22; 2 Sam. 15:20 ^bProv. 1:9; 6:21; Deut. 6:8; 11:18 ^cProv. 7:3; Jer. 17:1; 2 Cor. 3:3

⁴ ¹Lit., *understanding*
^aProv. 8:35; 1 Sam. 2:26;
Luke 2:52 ^bPs. 111:10

⁵ ^aProv. 22:19; Ps. 37:3, 5
^bProv. 23:4; Jer. 9:23

⁶ ^aProv. 16:3; 1 Chr. 28:9
^bIs. 45:13

⁷ ^aRom. 12:16 ^bProv. 8:13;
16:6; Job 1:1; 28:28

⁸ ¹Lit., *navel*
^aProv. 4:22 ^bJob 21:24

⁹ ^aIs. 43:23 ^bEx. 23:19;
Deut. 26:2; Mal. 3:10

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 28:8 ^bJoel 2:24

¹¹ ¹Or, *instruction*
^aJob 5:17; Heb. 12:5, 6

¹² ^aProv. 13:24; Deut. 8:5

¹³ ^aProv. 8:32, 34

¹⁴ ^aProv. 8:10, 19; 16:16;
Job 28:15-19

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *corals*
^aProv. 8:11; Job 28:18 ^bProv. 3:8, 11

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *length of days*
^aProv. 3:2 ^bProv. 8:18; 22:4

¹⁷ ^aProv. 16:7; Ps. 119:165

¹⁸ ^aProv. 11:30; 13:12; 15:4;
Gen. 2:9; Rev. 2:7

19 ^aProv. 8:27; Ps. 104:24
^bProv. 8:27, 28

20 ^aGen. 7:11 ^bDeut. 33:28;
Job 36:28

21 ^aProv. 4:21

22 ^aProv. 4:22; 8:35; 16:22;
21:21; Deut. 32:47 ^bProv. 1:9

23 ^aProv. 4:12; 10:9 ^bPs.
91:12; Is. 5:27; 63:13

24 ^aProv. 1:33; 6:22; Job
11:19; Ps. 3:5

25 ¹Lit., *storm*
^aPs. 91:5; 1 Pet. 3:14 ^bJob
5:21

26 ¹Or, *at your side*
^a1 Sam. 2:9

27 ¹Lit., *its owners*
^aRom. 13:7; Gal. 6:10

28 ^aLev. 19:13; Deut. 24:15

29 ^aProv. 6:14; 14:22

30 ^aProv. 26:17; Rom. 12:18

31 ^aProv. 24:1; Ps. 37:1

32 ¹Lit., *His private*
counsel is
^aProv. 11:20 ^bJob 29:4; Ps.
25:14

33 ^aDeut. 11:28; Mal. 2:2
^bJob 8:6

34 ^aJames 4:6 ^b1 Pet. 5:5

35 ¹Lit., *raise high*

1 ¹Lit., *know*
^aProv. 1:8 ^bProv. 1:2; 2:2

2 ¹Lit., *good* ²Or, *law*
^aDeut. 32:2; Job 11:4 ^bProv.
3:1; Ps. 89:30; 119:87

3 ^aChr. 22:5 ^bZech.
12:10

4 ^aPs. 119:168 ^bProv. 7:2

5 ^aProv. 4:7 ^bProv. 16:16

6 ^a2 Thess. 2:10

7 ¹Or, *the primary thing is*
wisdom
^aProv. 8:23 ^bProv. 23:23

19 The LORD ^aby wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding He ^bestablished the heavens.
20 By His knowledge the ^adeeps were broken up,
And the ^bskies drip with dew.
21 My son, ^alet them not depart from your sight;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion,
22 So they will be ^alife to your soul,
And ^badornment to your neck.
23 Then you will ^awalk in your way securely,
And your foot will not ^bstumble.
24 When you ^alie down, you will not be afraid;
When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
25 ^aDo not be afraid of sudden fear,
Nor of the ¹bonslaught of the wicked when it comes;
26 For the LORD will be ¹your confidence,
And will ^akeep your foot from being caught.
27 ^aDo not withhold good from ¹those to whom it is due,
When it is in your power to do it.
28 ^aDo not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give it,"
When you have it with you.
29 ^aDo not devise harm against your neighbor,
While he lives in security beside you.
30 ^aDo not contend with a man without cause,
If he has done you no harm.
31 ^aDo not envy a man of violence,
And do not choose any of his ways.
32 For the ^acrooked man is an abomination to the LORD;
But ¹He is ^bintimate with the upright.
33 The ^acurse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,
But He ^bblessesthe dwelling of the righteous.
34 Though ^aHe scoffs at the scoffers,
Yet ^bHe gives grace to the afflicted.
35 The wise will inherit honor,
But fools ¹display dishonor.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR, O sons, the ^ainstruction of a father,
And ^bgive attention that you may ¹gain understanding,
2 For I give you ¹sound ^ateaching;
^bDo not abandon my ²instruction.
3 When I was a son to my father,
^aTender and ^bthe only son in the sight of my mother,
4 Then he taught me and said to me,
"Let your heart ^ahold fast my words;
^bKeep my commandments and live;
5 ^aAcquire wisdom! ^bAcquire understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my
mouth.
6 "Do not forsake her, and she will guard you;
^aLove her, and she will watch over you.
7 "^aThe ¹beginning of wisdom is: ^bAcquire wisdom;
And with all your acquiring, get understanding.
8 "Prize her, and she will exalt you;
She will honor you if you embrace her.

- 9 "She will place ^aon your head a garland of grace;
She will present you with a crown of beauty."
- 10 Hear, my son, and ^aaccept my sayings,
And the ^byears of your life will be many.
- 11 I have ^adirected you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in upright paths.
- 12 When you walk, your ^asteps will not be impeded;
And if you run, you ^bwill not stumble.
- 13 ^aTake hold of instruction; do not let go.
Guard her, for she is your ^blife.
- 14 ^aDo not enter the path of the wicked,
And do not proceed in the way of evil men.
- 15 Avoid it, do not pass by it;
Turn away from it and pass on.
- 16 For they ^acannot sleep unless they do evil;
And ¹they are robbed of sleep unless they make *some-
one* stumble.
- 17 For they ^aeat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the ^apath of the righteous is like the ^blight of dawn,
That ^cshines brighter and brighter until the ^dfull day.
- 19 The ^away of the wicked is like darkness;
They do not know over what they ^bstumble.

- 20 My son, ^agive attention to my words;
^bIncline your ear to my sayings.
- 21 ^aDo not let them depart from your sight;
^bKeep them in the midst of your heart.
- 22 For they are ^alife to those who find them,
And ^bhealth to all ¹their whole body.
- 23 Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For ^afrom it *flow* the springs of life.
- 24 Put away from you a ^adeceitful mouth,
And ^bput devious lips far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look directly ahead,
And let your ¹gaze be fixed straight in front of you.
- 26 ^aWatch the path of your feet,
And all your ^bways will be established.
- 27 ^aDo not turn to the right nor to the left;
^bTurn your foot from evil.

CHAPTER 5

- M**Y son, ^agive attention to my wisdom,
^bIncline your ear to my understanding;
- 2 That you may ^aobserve discretion,
And your ^blips may reserve knowledge.
- 3 For the lips of an ¹adulteress ^bdrip honey,
And ^csmoother than oil is her ²speech;
- 4 But in the end she is ^abitter as wormwood,
^bSharp as a two-edged sword.
- 5 Her feet ^ago down to death,
Her steps lay hold of Sheol.
- 6 ¹She does not ponder the ^apath of life;
Her ways are ^bunstable, she ^cdoes not know *it*.

9 ^aProv. 1:9

10 ^aProv. 2:1 ^bProv. 3:2

11 ^aSam. 12:23

12 ^aJob 18:7; Ps. 18:36
^bProv. 3:23

13 ^aProv. 3:18 ^bProv. 3:22;
John 6:63

14 ^aProv. 1:15; Ps. 1:1

16 ¹Lit., *their sleep is
robbed*
^aPs. 36:4; Mic. 2:1

17 ^aProv. 13:2

18 ^aIs. 26:7 ^b2 Sam. 23:4
^cDan. 12:3 ^dJob 11:17

19 ¹Or, *may stumble*
^aProv. 2:13; Job 18:5, 6; Is.
59:9, 10; Jer. 23:12; John
12:35 ^bJohn 11:10

20 ^aProv. 5:1 ^bProv. 2:2

21 ^aProv. 3:21 ^bProv. 7:1, 2

22 ¹Lit., *his*
^aProv. 3:22 ^bProv. 3:8; 12:18

23 ^aMatt. 12:34; 15:18, 19;
Mark 7:21; Luke 6:45

24 ^aProv. 6:12; 10:32 ^bProv.
19:1

25 ¹Or, *eyelids*

26 ^aProv. 5:21; Heb. 12:13
^bPs. 119:5

27 ^aDeut. 5:32; 28:14 ^bProv.
1:15

1 ^aProv. 4:20 ^bProv. 22:17

2 ^aProv. 3:21 ^bMal. 2:7

3 ¹Lit., *strange woman*
²Lit., *palate*
^aProv. 5:20; 2:16; 7:5; 22:14
^bSong of Sol. 4:11 ^cPs. 55:21

4 ^aEccles. 7:26 ^bPs. 57:4

5 ^aProv. 7:27

6 ¹Lit., *Lest she watch*
^aProv. 5:21; 4:26 ^b2 Pet. 2:14
^cProv. 30:20

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7 ^aProv. 7:24 ^bPs. 119:102

8 ^aProv. 7:25 ^bProv. 9:14

12 ^aProv. 1:7, 22, 29 ^bProv. 1:25; 12:1

13 ^aProv. 1:8

15 ¹Lit., *flowing*

16 ^aProv. 5:18; 9:17; Song of Sol. 4:12, 15

18 ^aProv. 5:18; 9:17; Song of Sol. 4:12, 15 ^bEccles. 9:9 ^cMal. 2:14

19 ¹Lit., *intoxicated*
^aSong of Sol. 2:9, 17; 4:5; 7:3

20 ¹Lit., *strange woman*
^aProv. 5:3 ^bProv. 2:16; 6:24; 7:5; 23:27

21 ^aProv. 15:3; Job 14:16; 31:4; 34:21; Ps. 119:168; Jer. 16:17; 32:19; Hos. 7:2; Heb. 4:13 ^bProv. 4:26

22 ^aProv. 1:31, 32; Num. 32:23; Ps. 7:15; 9:15; 40:12

23 ^aJob 4:21; 36:12

¹Lit., *clapped your palms*
^aProv. 11:15; 17:18; 20:16; 22:26; 27:13

3 ¹Lit., *palms*

4 ^aPs. 132:4

5 ^aPs. 91:3; 124:7

6 ^aProv. 30:24, 25 ^bProv. 6:9; 10:26; 13:4; 20:4; 26:16

A Father's Warnings on Women and on Suretyship.

- 7 ^aNow then, *my sons*, listen to me,
And ^bdo not depart from the words of my mouth.
- 8 ^aKeep your way far from her,
And do not go near the ^bdoor of her house,
- 9 Lest you give your vigor to others,
And your years to the cruel one;
- 10 Lest strangers be filled with your strength,
And your hard-earned goods go to the house of an alien;
- 11 And you groan at your latter end,
When your flesh and your body are consumed;
- 12 And you say, "How I have ^ahated instruction!
And my heart ^bspurned reproof!
- 13 "And I have not listened to the voice of my ^ateachers,
Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!
- 14 "I was almost in utter ruin
In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

- 15 Drink water from your own cistern,
And ¹fresh water from your own well.
- 16 Should your ^asprings be dispersed abroad,
Streams of water in the streets?
- 17 Let them be yours alone,
And not for strangers with you.
- 18 Let your ^afountain be blessed,
And ^brejoice in the ^cwife of your youth.
- 19 As a loving ^ahind and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
Be ¹exhilarated always with her love.
- 20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an
^{1a}adulteress,
And embrace the bosom of a ^bforeigner?
- 21 For the ^aways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD,
And He ^bwatches all his paths.
- 22 His ^aown iniquities will capture the wicked,
And he will be held with the cords of his sin.
- 23 He will ^adie for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

CHAPTER 6

- My** son, if you have become ^asurety for your neighbor,
Have ¹given a pledge for a stranger,
- 2 If you have been snared with the words of your mouth,
Have been caught with the words of your mouth,
- 3 Do this then, my son, and deliver yourself;
Since you have come into the ¹hand of your neighbor,
Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor.
- 4 Do not give ^asleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids;
- 5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from *the hunter's* hand,
And like a ^abird from the hand of the fowler.
- 6 Go to the ^aant, O ^bsluggard,
Observe her ways and be wise,

- 7 Which, having ^ano chief,
Officer or ruler,
- 8 Prepares her food ^ain the summer,
And gathers her provision in the harvest.
- 9 How long will you lie down, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?
- 10 ^a"A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to ¹rest"—
- 11 And your poverty will come in like a ¹vagabond,
And your need like ²an armed man.
- 12 A ^aworthless person, a wicked man,
Is the one who walks with a ^bfalse mouth,
- 13 Who ^awinks with his eyes, who ¹signals with his feet,
Who ²points with his fingers;
- 14 Who with ^aperversity in his heart ^bdevises evil con-
tinually,
Who ¹spreads strife.
- 15 Therefore ^ahis calamity will come suddenly;
^bInstantly he will be broken, and there will be ^cno
healing.
- 16 There are six things which the LORD hates,
Yes, seven which are an abomination ¹to Him:
- 17 ^aHaughty eyes, a ^blying tongue,
And hands that ^cshed innocent blood,
- 18 A heart that devises ^awicked plans,
^bFeet that run rapidly to evil,
- 19 A ^afalse witness *who* utters lies,
And one who ¹spreads strife among brothers.
- 20 My son, observe the commandment of your father,
And do not forsake the ¹teaching of your mother;
- 21 ^aBind them continually on your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
- 22 When you ^awalk about, ¹they will guide you;
When you sleep, ¹they will watch over you;
And when you awake, ¹they will talk to you.
- 23 For ^athe commandment is a lamp, and the ¹teaching is
light;
And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,
- 24 To ^akeep you from the evil woman,
From the smooth tongue of the ¹adulteress.
- 25 ^aDo not desire her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her catch you with her ^beyelids.
- 26 For ^aon account of a harlot *one is reduced* to a loaf of
bread,
And ¹an adulteress ^bhunts for the precious life.
- 27 Can a man ¹take fire in his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?
28 Or can a man walk on hot coals,
And his feet not be scorched?
29 So is the one who ^agoes in to his neighbor's wife;
Whoever touches her ^bwill not ¹go unpunished.
- 30 ¹Men do not despise a thief if he steals
To ^asatisfy ²himself when he is hungry;
- 7 ^aProv. 30:27
- 8 ^aProv. 10:5
- 10 ¹Lit., *lie down*
^aProv. 24:33, 34
- 11 ¹Lit., *one who walks*
²Lit., *a man of a shield*
- 12 ^aProv. 16:27 ^bProv. 4:24;
10:32
- 13 ¹Lit., *scrapes* ²Lit.,
instructs with
^aProv. 10:10; Ps. 35:19
- 14 ¹Lit., *sends out*
^aProv. 17:20 ^bProv. 3:29;
Mic. 2:1 ^cProv. 6:19; 16:28
- 15 ^aProv. 24:22 ^bIs. 30:13;
14; Jer. 19:11 ^c2 Cor. 36:16
- 16 ¹Lit., *of His soul*
- 17 ^aProv. 21:4; 30:13; Ps.
18:27; 101:5 ^bProv. 12:22;
17:7; Ps. 31:18; 120:2 ^cProv.
28:17; Deut. 19:10; Is. 1:15;
59:7
- 18 ^aProv. 24:2; Gen. 6:5
^bProv. 1:16
- 19 ¹Lit., *sends out*
^aProv. 12:17; 19:5, 9; 21:28;
Ps. 27:12 ^bProv. 6:14
- 20 ¹Or, *law*
- 21 ^aProv. 3:3
- 22 ¹Lit., *she*
^aProv. 3:23
- 23 ¹Or, *law*
^aPs. 119:105
- 24 ¹Lit., *foreign woman*
^aProv. 7:5; 5:3; 7:21
- 25 ^aMatt. 5:28 ^b2 Kin. 9:30;
Jer. 4:30; Ezek. 23:40
- 26 ¹Lit., *a man's wife*
^aProv. 5:9, 10; 29:3 ^bProv.
7:23; Ezek. 13:18
- 27 ¹Lit., *snatch up*
- 29 ¹Lit., *be innocent*
^aEzek. 18:6; 33:26 ^bProv.
16:5
- 30 ¹Lit., *They do not; or,*
Do not men...? ²Lit., *his*
soul
^aJob 38:39

31 ¹Or, *wealth*
^aEx. 22:1-4

32 ¹Lit., *heart* ²Lit., *his soul*
^aProv. 7:7; 9:4, 16; 10:13, 21;
 11:12; 12:11 ^bProv. 7:22, 23

34 ¹Lit., *is the rage of*
^aProv. 27:4; Song of Sol. 8:6
^bProv. 11:4; Lev. 20:10

35 ¹Lit., *lift up the face of*
any ²Lit., *willing* ³Or, *bribes*

1 ^aProv. 2:1; 6:20

2 ¹Or, *law* ²Lit., *pupil*
^aProv. 4:4 ^bDeut. 32:10; Ps.
 17:8; Zech. 2:8

3 ^aProv. 3:3

5 ¹Lit., *strange woman*
²Lit., *is smooth*

6 ^aJudg. 5:28 ^bSong of Sol.
 2:9

7 ¹Lit., *simple ones* ²Lit.,
sons ³Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 1:22 ^bProv. 6:32

8 ¹Lit., *steps*
^aProv. 7:12 ^bProv. 7:27

9 ¹Lit., *evening of the day*
²Lit., *pupil (of the eye)*
^aJob 24:15

10 ^aGen. 38:14, 15

11 ^aProv. 9:13

12 ^aProv. 9:14 ^bProv. 23:28

13 ¹Lit., *She makes bold*
her face and says
^aProv. 21:29

14 ¹Lit., *"Sacrifices of*
peace offerings are with me
^aLev. 7:11 ^bLev. 7:16

16 ^aProv. 31:22 ^bIs. 19:9;
 Ezek. 27:7

17 ^aPs. 45:8 ^bEx. 30:23

19 ¹i.e., *my husband*

20 ¹Lit., *in his hand*
^aGen. 42:35

31 But when he is found, he must ^arepay sevenfold;
 He must give all the ¹substance of his house.

32 The one who commits adultery with a woman is ^alacking
¹sense;
 He who would ^bdestroy ²himself does it.

33 Wounds and disgrace he will find,
 And his reproach will not be blotted out.

34 For ^ajealousy ¹enrages a man,
 And he will not spare in the ^bday of vengeance.

35 He will not ¹accept any ransom,
 Nor will he be ²content though you give many ³gifts.

CHAPTER 7

My son, ^akeep my words,
 And treasure my commandments within you.

2 ^aKeep my commandments and live,
 And my ¹teaching ^bas the ²apple of your eye.

3 Bind them on your fingers;
^aWrite them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"
 And call understanding *your* intimate friend;

5 That they may keep you from an ¹adulteress,
 From the foreigner who ²flatters with her words.

6 For ^aat the window of my house
 I looked out ^bthrough my lattice,

7 And I saw among the ¹naive,
 I discerned among the ²youths,
 A young man ^blacking ³sense,

8 Passing through the street near ^aher corner;
 And he ¹takes the way to ^bher house,

9 In the ^atwilight, in the ¹evening,
 In the ²middle of the night and *in* the darkness.

10 And behold, a woman *comes* to meet him,
^aDressed as a harlot and cunning of heart.

11 She is ^aboisterous and rebellious;
 Her feet do not remain at home;

12 *She is* now in the streets, now ^ain the squares,
 And ^blurks by every corner.

13 So she seizes him and kisses him,
¹And with a ^abrazen face she says to him:

14 "I was due to offer ^apeace offerings;
 Today I have ^bpaid my vows.

15 "Therefore I have come out to meet you,
 To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.

16 "I have spread my couch with ^acoverings,
 With colored ^blinens of Egypt.

17 "I have sprinkled my bed
 With ^amyrrh, aloes and ^bcinnamon.

18 "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning;
 Let us delight ourselves with caresses.

19 "For ¹the man is not at home,
 He has gone on a long journey;
 He has taken a ^abag of money ¹with him
 At full moon he will come home."

- 21 With her many persuasions she entices him;
With her ^{1a}flattering lips she seduces him.
- 22 Suddenly he follows her,
As an ox goes to the slaughter,
Or as ^{1one} in fetters to the discipline of a fool,
- 23 Until an arrow pierces through his liver,
As a ^abird hastens to the snare,
So he does not know that it *will cost him* his life.
- 24 Now therefore, *my* sons, ^alisten to me,
And pay attention to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Do not let your heart ^aturn aside to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths.
- 26 For many are the ¹victims she has cast down,
And ^anumerous are all her slain.
- 27 Her ^ahouse is the way to Sheol,
Descending to the chambers of death.

21 ¹Lit., *smooth*
^aProv. 5:3; 6:24

22 ¹Or, *as a stag goes into a trap*; so some ancient versions.

23 ^aEccles. 9:12

24 ^aProv. 5:7

25 ^aProv. 5:8

26 ¹Lit., *mortally wounded*
^aProv. 9:18

27 ^aProv. 2:18; 5:5; 9:18

¹ ¹Lit., *give*
^aProv. 8:1-3; 1:20, 21

2 ^aProv. 9:3, 14

3 ^aJob 29:7

⁵ ¹Lit., *simple* ²Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 1:4 ^bProv. 1:22, 32;
3:35

6 ^aProv. 22:20 ^bProv. 23:16

7 ^aPs. 37:30

8 ^aProv. 2:15; Deut. 32:5;
Phil. 2:15

9 ^aProv. 14:6 ^bProv. 3:13

10 ^aProv. 8:19; 3:14, 15

11 ¹ ¹Lit., *corals*
^aJob 28:18 ^bProv. 3:15

12 ^aProv. 8:5 ^bProv. 1:4

13 ^aProv. 3:7; 16:6 ^bProv.
16:18; 1 Sam. 2:3; Is. 13:11
^cProv. 15:9 ^dProv. 6:12

14 ^aProv. 1:25; 19:20; Is.
28:29; Jer. 32:19 ^bProv. 2:7;
3:21; 18:1 ^cEccles. 7:19; 9:16

15 ^aProv. 29:4; 2 Chr. 1:10

17 ^aProv. 4:6; 1 Sam. 2:30;
John 14:21 ^bProv. 2:4, 5;
James 1:5

CHAPTER 8

- DOES not ^awisdom call,
And understanding ¹lift up her voice?
- 2 On top of ^athe heights beside the way,
Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
- 3 Beside the ^agates, at the opening to the city,
At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:
- 4 "To you, O ^{men} I call, LOREST - PERSONS OF WANK
And my voice is to the sons of men.
- 5 "O ^{1a}naive ones, discern prudence;
And, O ^bfools, discern ²wisdom.
- 6 "Listen, for I shall speak ^anoble things;
And the opening of my lips *will produce* ^bbright things.
- 7 "For my ^amouth will utter truth;
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 "All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness;
There is nothing ^acrooked or perverted in them.
- 9 "They are all ^astraightforward to him who understands,
And right to those who ^bfind knowledge.
- 10 "Take my ^ainstruction, and not silver,
And knowledge rather than choicest gold.
- 11 "For wisdom is ^abetter than ¹jewels;
And ^ball desirable things can not compare with her.
- 12 "I, wisdom, ^adwell with prudence,
And I find ^bknowledge *and* discretion.
- 13 "The ^afear of the LORD is to hate evil;
^bPride and arrogance and ^cthe evil way,
And the ^dperverted mouth, I hate.
- 14 "^aCounsel is mine and ^bsound wisdom;
I am understanding, ^cpower is mine.
- 15 "By me ^akings reign,
And rulers decree justice.
- 16 "By me princes rule, and nobles,
All who judge rightly.
- 17 "I ^alove those who love me;
And ^bthose who diligently seek me will find me.

Proverbs 8, 9

18 ^aProv. 3:16 ^bPs. 112:3; Matt. 6:33

19 ^aProv. 3:14 ^bProv. 10:20

21 ^aProv. 24:4

22 ¹Lit., *from then*
^aProv. 3:19; Job 28:26-28; Ps. 104:24

23 ¹Or, *consecrated*
^aJohn 17:5

24 ¹Or, *born*
^aProv. 3:20; Gen. 1:2; Ex. 15:5; Job 38:16

25 ¹Or, *born*
^aPs. 90:2

26 ¹Lit., *outside places*

27 ^aProv. 3:19 ^bJob 26:10

28 ¹Lit., *strong*

29 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aJob 38:10; Ps. 104:9 ^bJob 38:6; Ps. 104:5

30 ¹Or, *playing*
^aJohn 1:2, 3

31 ¹Or, *playing*

32 ^aProv. 5:7; 7:24 ^bProv. 29:18; Ps. 119:1, 2; 128:1; Luke 11:28

33 ^aProv. 4:1

34 ^aProv. 3:13, 18

35 ^aProv. 4:22; John 17:3
^bProv. 3:4; 12:2

36 ¹Or, *misses me*
^aProv. 1:31, 32; 15:32 ^bProv. 5:12; 12:1 ^cProv. 21:6

1 ^a1 Cor. 3:9, 10; Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:5

2 ¹Lit., *slaughtered her slaughter*
^aMatt. 22:4 ^bSong of Sol. 8:2 ^cLuke 14:16, 17

3 ^aPs. 68:11; Matt. 22:3
^bProv. 8:1, 2 ^cProv. 9:14

4 ¹Lit., *simple* ²Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 9:16; 8:5 ^bProv. 6:32

5 ^aSong of Sol. 5:1; Is. 55:1; John 6:27

18 ^aRiches and honor are with me,
Enduring ^bwealth and righteousness.

19 ^aMy fruit is ^abetter than gold, even pure gold,
And my yield than ^bchoicest silver.

20 ^aI walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice,

21 To endow those who love me with wealth,
That I may ^afill their treasuries.

22 ^aThe LORD possessed me ^aat the beginning of His way,
Before His works ¹of old.

23 ^aFrom everlasting I was ¹established
From the beginning, ^afrom the earliest times of the earth.

24 ^aWhen there were no ^adepths I was ¹brought forth,
When there were no springs abounding with water.

25 ^aBefore the mountains were settled,
Before the hills I was ¹brought forth;

26 While He had not yet made the earth and the ¹fields,
Nor the first dust of the world.

27 ^aWhen He ^aestablished the heavens, I was there,
When ^bHe inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,

28 When He made firm the skies above,
When the springs of the deep became ¹fixed,

29 When ^aHe set for the sea its boundary,
So that the water should not transgress His ¹command,
When He marked out ^bthe foundations of the earth;

30 Then ^aI was beside Him, *as a master workman*;
And I was daily *His* delight,
¹Rejoicing always before Him,

31 ¹Rejoicing in the world, His earth,
And *having* my delight in the sons of men.

32 ^aNow therefore, O sons, ^alisten to me,
For ^bblessed are they who keep my ways.

33 ^aHeed instruction and be wise,
And do not neglect *it*.

34 ^aBlessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at my doorposts.

35 ^aFor ^ahe who finds me finds life,
And ^bobtains favor from the LORD.

36 ^aBut he who ¹sins against me ^ainjures himself;
All those who ^bhate me ^clove death."

CHAPTER 9

WISDOM has ^abuilt her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2 She has ¹prepared her food, she has ^bmixed her wine;
She has also ^cset her table;
3 She has ^asent out her maidens, she ^bcalls
From the ^ctops of the heights of the city;
4 ^a"Whoever is ¹naive, let him turn in here!"
To him who ^bblacks ²understanding she says,
5 ^a"Come, ^aeat of my food,
And drink of the wine I have mixed.

**The Foolish Woman.
Contrast of the Upright and the Wicked.**

Proverbs 9, 10

- 6 "Forsake ¹your folly and ^alive,
And ^bproceed in the way of understanding."
- 7 He who ^acorrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,
And he who reproves a wicked man ^{gets} ¹insults for himself.
- 8 ^aDo not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you,
^bReprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- 9 Give *instruction* to a wise man, and he will be still wiser,
Teach a righteous man, and he will ^aincrease *his* learning.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11 For ^aby me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise ^afor yourself,
And if you ^bscoff, you alone will bear it.
- 13 The ¹woman of folly is ^aboisterous,
She is ²naive, and ^bknows nothing.
- 14 And she sits at the doorway of her house,
On a seat by ^athe high places of the city,
15 Calling to those who pass by,
Who are making their paths straight:
- 16 "^aWhoever is ¹naive, let him turn in here,"
And to him who lacks ²understanding she says,
17 "Stolen ^awater is sweet;
And ^bbread *eaten* in secret is pleasant."
- 18 But he does not know that the ¹dead are there,
That her guests are in the ^adepths of Sheol.

⁶ ¹Or, *the simple ones*
^aProv. 9:11; 8:35 ^bEzek.
11:20; 37:24

⁷ ¹Lit., *a blemish*
^aProv. 23:9

⁸ ^aProv. 15:12; Matt. 7:6
^bProv. 10:8; Ps. 141:5

⁹ ^aProv. 1:5

¹¹ ^aProv. 3:16; 10:27

¹² ^aProv. 14:14; Job 22:2
^bProv. 19:29

¹³ ¹Or, *foolish woman*
²Lit., *simple*
^aProv. 7:11 ^bProv. 5:6

¹⁴ ^aProv. 9:3

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *simple* ²Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 9:4

¹⁷ ^aProv. 5:15 ^bProv. 20:17

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *departed spirits*
^aProv. 7:27

¹ ^aProv. 1:1 ^bProv. 15:20;
29:3 ^cProv. 17:25; 29:15

² ¹Lit., *Treasures of wickedness*
^aProv. 11:4; 21:6; Ps. 49:6, 7;
Ezek. 7:19; Luke 12:19, 20

³ ¹Lit., *soul of the righteous*
^aProv. 28:25; Ps. 34:9, 10;
37:25; Matt. 6:33 ^bProv.
28:9; Ps. 112:10

⁶ ^aProv. 28:20 ^bProv.
10:11; Obad. 10

⁷ ^aPs. 112:6 ^bPs. 9:5, 6;
109:13; Eccles. 8:10

⁸ ¹Lit., *the foolish of lips*
^aProv. 9:8; Matt. 7:24

⁹ ^aProv. 3:23; 28:18; Ps.
23:4; Is. 33:15, 16 ^bProv.
26:26; Matt. 10:26; 1 Tim.
5:25

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *the foolish of lips*
^aProv. 6:13; Ps. 35:19 ^bProv.
10:8

CHAPTER 10

- T**HE ^aproverbs of Solomon.
^bA wise son makes a father glad,
But ^ca foolish son is a grief to his mother.
- 2 ¹Ill-gotten gains do not profit,
But righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 The LORD ^awill not allow the ¹righteous to hunger,
But He ^bwill thrust *aside* the craving of the wicked.
- 4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,
But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.
- 6 ^aBlessings are on the head of the righteous,
But ^bthe mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 7 The ^amemory of the righteous is blessed,
But ^bthe name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The ^awise of heart will receive commands,
But ¹a babbling fool will be thrown down.
- 9 He ^awho walks in integrity walks securely,
But ^bhe who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 He ^awho winks the eye causes trouble,
And ¹^ba babbling fool will be thrown down.

11 ^aProv. 13:14; 18:4; Ps. 37:30 ^bProv. 10:6

12 ^aProv. 17:9; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; James 5:20; 1 Pet. 4:8

13 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 10:31 ^bProv. 19:29; 26:3

14 ^aProv. 9:9 ^bProv. 10:8, 10; 13:3; 18:7; 21:15

15 ¹Lit., *strong city*
^aProv. 18:11; Job 31:24; Ps. 52:7 ^bProv. 19:7

16 ¹Or, *work*
^aProv. 11:18, 19

17 ^aProv. 6:23

18 ^aProv. 26:24

19 ^aProv. 18:21; Job 11:2; Eccles. 5:3 ^bProv. 17:27; James 1:19; 3:2

20 ^aProv. 8:19

21 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 10:11 ^bProv. 5:23; Hos. 4:6

22 ^aProv. 8:21; Gen. 24:35; 26:12; Deut. 8:18

23 ^aProv. 2:14; 15:21

24 ^aProv. 1:27; Job 15:21; Is. 66:4 ^bProv. 15:8; Ps. 145:19; Matt. 5:6; 1 John 5:14, 15

25 ^aProv. 12:7; Job 21:18; Ps. 58:9 ^bProv. 12:3; Ps. 15:5; Matt. 7:24, 25

26 ^aProv. 26:6

27 ¹Lit., *days*
^aProv. 3:2; 9:11; 14:27 ^bJob 15:32, 33; 22:16; Ps. 55:23

28 ^aProv. 11:23 ^bProv. 11:7; Job 8:13; 11:20

29 ^aProv. 13:6 ^bProv. 21:15

30 ^aProv. 2:21; Ps. 37:29; 125:1 ^bProv. 2:22

31 ^aProv. 10:13; Ps. 37:30 ^bProv. 17:20

32 ^aEccles. 12:10 ^bProv. 2:12; 6:12

1 ^aProv. 20:10, 23; Lev. 19:35, 36; Deut. 25:13-16; Mic. 6:11 ^bProv. 16:11

2 ^aProv. 16:18; 18:12; 29:23

3 ^aProv. 13:6 ^bProv. 19:3; 22:12

- 11 The ^amouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
But ^bthe mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But ^alove covers all transgressions.
- 13 On ^athe lips of the discerning, wisdom is found,
But ^ba rod is for the back of him who lacks ¹understanding.
- 14 Wise men ^astore up knowledge,
But with ^bthe mouth of the foolish ruin is at hand.
- 15 The ^arich man's wealth is his ¹fortress,
The ruin of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The ¹wages of the righteous is life,
The income of the wicked, punishment.
- 17 He ^ais on the path of life who heeds instruction,
But he who forsakes reproof goes astray.
- 18 He ^awho conceals hatred *has* lying lips,
And he who spreads slander is a fool.
- 19 When there are ^amany words, transgression is unavoidable,
But ^bhe who restrains his lips is wise.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is as ^achoice silver,
The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.
- 21 The ^alips of the righteous feed many,
But the fools ^bdie for lack of ¹understanding.
- 22 It is the ^ablessing of the LORD that makes rich,
And he adds no sorrow to it.
- 23 Doing wickedness is like ^asport to a fool;
And so is wisdom to a man of understanding.
- 24 What ^athe wicked fears will come upon him,
And the ^bdesire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the ^awhirlwind passes, the wicked is no more,
But the ^brighteous *has* an everlasting foundation.
- 26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
So is the ^alazy one to those who send him.
- 27 The ^afear of the LORD prolongs ¹life,
But the ^byears of the wicked will be shortened.
- 28 The ^ahope of the righteous is gladness,
But the ^bexpectation of the wicked perishes.
- 29 The ^away of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright,
But ^bruin to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The ^arighteous will never be shaken,
But ^bthe wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The ^amouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,
But the ^bperverted tongue will be cut out.
- 32 The lips of the righteous bring forth ^awhat is acceptable,
But the ^bmouth of the wicked, what is perverted.

CHAPTER 11

- A ^aFALSE balance is an abomination to the LORD,
But ^ba just weight is His delight.
- 2 When ^apride comes, then comes dishonor,
But with the humble is wisdom.
- 3 The ^aintegrity of the upright will guide them,
But the ^bfalsehood of the treacherous will destroy them.

- 4 ^aRiches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But ^brighteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The ^arighteousness of the blameless will smooth his way,
But ^bthe wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the treacherous will ^abe caught by *their own* greed.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, *his* ^aexpectation will perish,
And the ^bhope of strong men perishes.
- 8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,
But the wicked ¹takes his place.
- 9 With *his* ^amouth the godless man destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the ^brighteous will be delivered.
- 10 When it ^agoes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
And when the wicked perish, there is glad shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.
- 12 He who despises his neighbor lacks ¹sense,
But a man of understanding keeps silent.
- 13 He ^awho goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is ¹trustworthy ^bconceals a matter.
- 14 Where there is no ^aguidance, the people fall,
But in abundance of counselors there is ¹victory.
- 15 He who is ^asurety for a stranger will surely suffer for it,
But he who hates ¹going surety is safe.
- 16 A ^agracious woman attains honor,
And violent men attain riches.
- 17 The ^amerciful man does ¹himself good,
But the cruel man ²does himself harm.
- 18 The wicked earns deceptive wages,
But he who ^asows righteousness *gets* a true reward.
- 19 He who is steadfast in ^arighteousness *will attain* to life,
And ^bhe who pursues evil *will bring about* his own death.
- 20 The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD,
But the ^ablameless in *their* ¹walk are His ^bdelight.
- 21 ¹Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished,
But the ²descendants of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 As a ^aring of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a beautiful woman who lacks ¹discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good,
But the ^aexpectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more,
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, but *it results* only in want.
- 25 The ¹generous man will be ²prosperous,
And he who ^bwaters will himself be watered.
- 26 He who withholds grain, the ^apeople will curse him,
But ^bblessing will be on the head of him who ^csells it.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,
But ^ahe who searches after evil, it will come to him.
- 28 He who ^atrusts in his riches will fall,
But ^bthe righteous will flourish like the *green* leaf.

⁴Prov. 10:2; Ezek. 7:19;
Zeph. 1:18 ^bGen. 7:1

⁵Prov. 3:6 ^bProv. 5:22

⁶Ps. 7:15, 16; 9:15;
Eccles. 10:8

⁷Prov. 10:28 ^bJob 8:13,
14

⁸¹Lit., *enters*

⁹Prov. 16:29 ^bProv. 11:6

¹⁰Prov. 28:12

¹²¹Lit., *heart*

¹³¹Lit., *faithful of spirit*
^aProv. 20:19; Lev. 19:16;
¹Tim. 5:13 ^bProv. 19:11

¹⁴¹Lit., *deliverance*
^aProv. 15:22; 20:18; 24:6

¹⁵¹Lit., *those who strike hands*
^aProv. 6:1; 27:13

¹⁶Prov. 31:28, 30

¹⁷¹Lit., *good to his own soul* ²Lit., *troubles his flesh*
^aMatt. 5:7; 25:34-36

¹⁸Hos. 10:12; Cal. 6:8, 9;
James 3:18

¹⁹Prov. 10:16; 12:28;
19:23 ^bProv. 21:16; Rom.
6:23; James 1:15

²⁰¹Lit., *way*
^aProv. 13:6; Ps. 119:1 ^b1 Chr.
29:17

²¹¹Lit., *Hand to hand*
²Lit., *seed*

²²¹Lit., *faste*
^aGen. 27:47

²³Prov. 10:28; Rom. 2:8, 9

²⁵¹Lit., *soul of blessing*
²Lit., *made fat*
^aProv. 3:9, 10; 2 Cor. 9:6, 7
^bMatt. 5:7

²⁶Prov. 24:24 ^bJob 29:13
^cGen. 42:6

²⁷Esth. 7:10; Ps. 7:15, 16;
57:6

²⁸Ps. 49:6; Mark 10:24;
¹Tim. 6:17 ^bPs. 1:3; 92:12;
Jer. 17:8

29 ^aProv. 15:27 ^bEccles. 5:16 ^cProv. 14:19

30 ¹Lit., *takes*
^aProv. 3:18 ^bProv. 14:25;
Dan. 12:3; 1 Cor. 9:19-22;
James 5:20

31 ^aProv. 13:21; 2 Sam. 22:21, 25

1 ¹Or, *instruction*

2 ¹Lit., *of evil devices*
^aProv. 3:4; 8:35

3 ^aProv. 11:5 ^bProv. 10:25

4 ¹Or, *virtuous*
^aProv. 31:11; 1 Cor. 11:7
^bProv. 14:30; Hab. 3:16

6 ^aProv. 1:11, 16 ^bProv. 14:3

7 ^aProv. 10:25; Job 34:25
^bMatt. 7:24-27

8 ¹Lit., *heart*

10 ^aDeut. 25:4

11 ¹Lit., *heart*

12 ¹Lit., *net*
^aProv. 21:10 ^bProv. 11:30

13 ¹Lit., *In the transgression of the lips is an evil snare*
^aProv. 11:8; 21:23; 2 Pct. 2:9

14 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aProv. 13:2; 15:23; 18:20
^bProv. 1:31; 24:12; Job 34:11;
Is. 3:10, 11; Hos. 4:9

15 ^aProv. 14:12; 16:2; 21:2

16 ^aProv. 14:33; 27:3; 29:11

17 ¹Lit., *breathes*

18 ^aPs. 57:4 ^bProv. 4:22;
15:4

19 ^aProv. 19:9; Ps. 52:4, 5

21 ^aProv. 1:33; Ps. 91:10;
121:7; 1 Pet. 3:13

23 ^aProv. 10:14; 11:13;
13:16; 15:2; 29:11

- 29 He who ^atroubles his own house will ^binherit wind,
And ^cthe foolish will be servant to the wisehearted.
30 The fruit of the righteous is ^aa tree of life,
And ^bhe who is wise ¹wins souls.
31 If ^athe righteous will be rewarded in the earth,
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

CHAPTER 12

- W^HOEVER loves ¹discipline loves knowledge,
But he who hates reproof is stupid.
2 A ^agood man will obtain favor from the LORD,
But He will condemn a man ¹who devises evil.
3 A man will ^anot be established by wickedness,
But the root of the ^brighteous will not be moved.
4 An ^{1a}excellent wife is the crown of her husband,
But she who shames *him* is as ^brottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous are just,
But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.
6 The ^awords of the wicked lie in wait for blood,
But the ^bmouth of the upright will deliver them.
7 The ^awicked are overthrown and are no more,
But the ^bhouse of the righteous will stand.
8 A man will be praised according to his insight,
But one of perverse ¹mind will be despised.
9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant,
Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.
10 A ^arighteous man has regard for the life of his beast,
But the compassion of the wicked is cruel.
11 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who pursues vain *things* lacks ¹sense.
12 The ^awicked desires the ¹booty of evil men,
But the root of the righteous ^byields *fruit*.
13 ¹An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,
But the ^arighteous will escape from trouble.
14 A man will be ^asatisfied with good by the fruit of his
¹words,
And the ^bdeeds of a man's hands will return to him.
15 The ^away of a fool is right in his own eyes,
But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.
16 A ^afool's vexation is known at once,
But a prudent man conceals dishonor.
17 He who ¹speaks truth tells what is right,
But a false witness, deceit.
18 There is one who ^aspeaks rashly like the thrusts of a
sword,
But the ^btongue of the wise brings healing.
19 Truthful lips will be established forever,
But a ^alying tongue is only for a moment.
20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,
But counselors of peace have joy.
21 ^aNo harm befalls the righteous,
But the wicked are filled with trouble.
22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.
23 A ^aprudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims folly.

- 24 The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the ¹slack *hand* will be ^aput to forced labor.
- 25 ^aAnxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down,
But a ^bgood word makes it glad.
- 26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor,
But the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 A ¹slothful man does not ²roast his prey,
But the ^aprecious possession of a man is diligence.
- 28 In the way of righteousness is life,
And in *its* pathway there is no death.

CHAPTER 13

- A** ^aWISE son *accepts* his father's discipline,
But a ^bscoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- 2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he ^{1a}enjoys good,
But the ²desire of the treacherous is ^bviolence.
- 3 The one who ^aguards his mouth preserves his life;
The one who ^bopens wide his lips ¹comes to ruin.
- 4 The soul of the sluggard craves and *gets* nothing,
But the soul of the diligent is made fat.
- 5 A righteous man hates falsehood,
But a wicked man ^{1a}acts disgustingly and shamefully.
- 6 Righteousness guards the ¹one whose way is blameless,
But wickedness subverts the ²sinner.
- 7 There is one who ^apretends to be rich, but has nothing;
Another ¹pretends to be ^bpoor, but has great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches,
But the poor hears no rebuke.
- 9 The ^alight of the righteous ¹rejoices,
But the ^bblame of the wicked goes out.
- 10 Through presumption ¹comes nothing but strife,
But with those who receive counsel is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth *obtained* by ¹fraud dwindles,
But the one who gathers ²by labor increases *it*.
- 12 Hope deferred *makes* the heart sick,
But desire ¹fulfilled is a tree of life.
- 13 The one who ^adespises the word will be ¹in debt to it,
But the one who fears the commandment will be ^brewarded.
- 14 The ¹teaching of the wise is a ^afountain of life,
To turn aside from the ^bsnares of death.
- 15 ^aGood understanding produces favor,
But the way of the treacherous is hard.
- 16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge,
But a fool ¹displays folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity,
But ^aa faithful envoy *brings* healing.
- 18 Poverty and shame *will come* to him who ^aneglects ¹discipline,
But he who regards reproof will be honored.
- 19 Desire realized is sweet to the soul,
But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.
- 20 ^aHe who walks with wise men will be wise,
But the ^bcompanion of fools will suffer harm.

24 ¹Lit., *slackness*
^aGen. 49:15; Judg. 1:28;
¹Kin. 9:21

25 ^aProv. 15:13 ^bIs. 50:4

27 ¹Lit., *slackness* ²Or,
catch
^aProv. 10:4; 13:4

¹Prov. 10:1; 15:20 ^bProv.
9:7, 8; 15:12

²Lit., *eats* ²Lit., *soul*
^aProv. 12:14 ^bProv. 1:31;
Hos. 10:13

³Lit., *ruin is his*
^aProv. 18:21; 21:23; James
3:2 ^bProv. 18:7; 20:19

⁵Lit., *causes a bad odor*
and causes shame
^aProv. 3:35

⁶Lit., *blamelessness of*
way ²Lit., *sin*

⁷Lit., *impoverishes*
himself
^aProv. 11:24; Luke 12:20, 21
^bLuke 12:33; 2 Cor. 6:10;
James 2:5

⁹Lit., *shines brightly*
^aProv. 4:18; Job 29:3 ^bProv.
24:20; Job 18:5

10 ¹Lit., *gives*

11 ¹Lit., *vanity* ²Or,
gradually; lit., *on the hand*

12 ¹Lit., *coming*

13 ¹Lit., *pledged to it*
^aNum. 15:31; 2 Chr. 36:16
^bProv. 13:21

14 ¹Or, *law*
^aProv. 10:11; 14:27 ^bPs. 18:5

15 ^aProv. 3:4; Ps. 111:10

16 ¹Lit., *spreads out*

17 ^aProv. 25:13

18 ¹Or, *instruction*
^aProv. 15:5, 32

20 ^aProv. 2:20; 15:31 ^bProv.
28:19

21 ^aPs. 32:10; 54:5; Is. 47:11
^bProv. 13:13; 11:31; Is. 3:10

22 ¹Lit., sons' sons
^aEzra 9:12; Ps. 37:25 ^bProv. 28:8; Job 27:16, 17; Eccles. 2:26

23 ¹Lit., there is what is swept

24 ¹Lit., seeks him diligently with discipline
^aProv. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 29:15, 17 ^bProv. 3:12; Deut. 8:5; Heb. 12:7

25 ¹Lit., eats to the satisfaction of his soul
^aProv. 10:3; Ps. 34:10; 103:5; 132:15 ^bProv. 13:18; Luke 15:14

2 ^aProv. 19:1; 28:6 ^bProv. 2:15

3 ¹Lit., of pride

5 ¹Lit., breathes out
^aRev. 1:5; 3:14 ^bProv. 6:19; 12:17; Ex. 23:1; Deut. 19:16
^cProv. 19:5

7 ¹Lit., know ²Lit., lips
^aProv. 23:9

9 ¹Lit., guilt ²Or, the favor of God
^aIs. 1:11; Hos. 4:19 ^bProv. 3:34; 11:20

10 ^a1 Sam. 1:10; Job 21:25

12 ^aProv. 12:15; 16:25
^bRom. 6:21

13 ^aEccles. 2:1, 2

14 ¹Lit., from himself
^aProv. 1:31; 12:21 ^bProv. 12:14; 18:20

15 ¹Lit., simple

16 ¹Lit., fears
^aProv. 3:7; 22:3; Job 28:28; Ps. 34:14

18 ¹Lit., simple

19 ^aProv. 11:29; 1 Sam. 2:36

- 21 ^aAdversity pursues sinners,
But the ^brighteous will be rewarded with prosperity.
- 22 A good man ^aleaves an inheritance to his ¹children's children,
And the ^bwealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.
- 23 Abundant food is in the fallow ground of the poor,
But ¹it is swept away by injustice.
- 24 He who ^as pares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him ^{1b}disciplines him diligently.
- 25 The ^arighteous ¹has enough to satisfy his appetite,
But the stomach of the ^bwicked is in want.

CHAPTER 14

- T**HE wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.
- 2 He who ^awalks in his uprightness fears the LORD,
But he who is ^bcrooked in his ways despises Him.
- 3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod ¹for his back,
But the lips of the wise will preserve them.
- 4 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean,
But much increase comes by the strength of the ox.
- 5 A ^afaithful witness will not lie,
But a ^bfalse witness ^{1c}speaks lies.
- 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and *finds* none,
But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding.
- 7 Leave the ^apresence of a fool,
Or you will not ¹discern ²words of knowledge.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way,
But the folly of fools is deceit.
- 9 ^aFools mock at ¹sin,
But ^bamong the upright there is ²good will.
- 10 The heart knows its own ^abitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.
- 11 The house of the wicked will be destroyed,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.
- 12 There ^ais a way *which seems* right to a man,
But its ^bend is the way of death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart may be in pain,
And the ^aend of joy may be grief.
- 14 The backslider in heart will have his ^afill of his own ways,
But a good man will ^bbe satisfied ¹with his.
- 15 The ¹naive believes everything,
But the prudent man considers his steps.
- 16 A wise man ¹is cautious and ^aturns away from evil,
But a fool is arrogant and careless.
- 17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,
And a man of evil devices is hated.
- 18 The ¹naive inherit folly,
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The ^aevil will bow down before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor is hated even by his neighbor,
But those who love the rich are many.

- 21 He who ^adespises his neighbor sins,
But ^bhappy is he who is gracious to the ¹poor.
- 22 Will they not go astray who ^adevise evil?
But kindness and truth *will be* to those who devise good.
- 23 In all labor there is profit,
But ¹more talk *leads* only to poverty.
- 24 The ^acrown of the wise is their riches,
But the folly of fools is foolishness.
- 25 A truthful witness saves lives,
But he who ^{1a}speaks lies is ²treacherous.
- 26 In the ^{1a}fear of the LORD there is strong confidence,
And his children will have refuge.
- 27 The ¹fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
That one may avoid the snares of death.
- 28 In a ^amultitude of people is a king's glory,
But in the dearth of people is a prince's ruin.
- 29 He who is ^aslow to anger has great understanding,
But he who is ¹quick-tempered exalts folly.
- 30 A ^atranquil heart is life to the body,
But passion is ^brottenness to the bones.
- 31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.
- 32 The wicked is ^athrust down by his ¹wrong-doing,
But the ^brighteous has a refuge when he dies.
- 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding,
But in the ¹bosom of fools it is made known.
- 34 Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.
- 35 The king's favor is toward a servant who acts wisely,
But his anger is toward him who acts shamefully.

CHAPTER 15

- A** ^aGENTLE answer turns away wrath,
But a ^{1b}harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The ^atongue of the wise makes knowledge ¹acceptable,
But the ^bmouth of fools spouts folly.
- 3 The ^aeyes of the LORD are in every place,
Watching the evil and the good.
- 4 A ¹soothing tongue is a tree of life,
But perversion in it ²crushes the spirit.
- 5 A fool ¹rejects his father's discipline,
But he who regards reproof is prudent.
- 6 Much wealth is *in* the house of the ^arighteous,
But trouble is in the income of the wicked.
- 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
But the hearts of fools are not so.
- 8 The ^asacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
But ^bthe prayer of the upright is His delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
But He loves him who pursues righteousness.
- 10 Stern discipline is for him who forsakes the way;
He who hates reproof will die.

21 ¹Or, *afflicted*
^aProv. 11:12 ^bProv. 19:17;
28:8; Ps. 41:1

22 ^aProv. 3:29; 12:2; Ps.
36:4; Mic. 2:1

23 ¹Lit., *word of lips*

24 ^aProv. 10:22; 13:8; 21:20

25 ¹Lit., *breathes out* ²Lit.,
treachery
^aProv. 14:5

26 ¹Or, *reverence*
^aProv. 18:10; 19:23; Is. 33:6

27 ¹Or, *reverence*

28 ¹ Kin. 4:20

29 ¹Lit., *short of spirit*
^aProv. 16:32; 19:11; Eccles.
7:9; James 1:19

30 ^aProv. 15:13 ^bProv. 12:4;
Hab. 3:16

32 ¹Or, *calamity*
^aProv. 6:15; 24:16 ^bGen.
49:18; Ps. 16:11; 17:15; 37:37;
73:24; 2 Cor. 1:9; 5:8; 2 Tim.
4:18

33 ¹Lit., *midst*

1 ¹Lit., *painful*
^aProv. 15:18; 25:15; Judg.
8:1-3 ^b Sam. 25:10-13

2 ¹Lit., *good*
^aProv. 15:7 ^bProv. 15:28;
12:23; 13:16

3 ^aJob 31:4; Heb. 4:13

4 ¹Lit., *healing* ²Lit., *is the*
crushing of the spirit.

5 ¹Or, *despises*

6 ^aProv. 8:21

8 ^aProv. 21:27; Eccles. 5:1;
Is. 1:11; Jer. 6:20; Mic. 6:7
^bProv. 15:29

11 ¹I.e., the nether world
²I.e., destruction ³Lit., sons
of Adam
^aJob 26:6; Ps. 139:8 ^b1 Sam.
16:7; ^cChr. 6:30; Ps. 44:21;
Acts 1:24

12 ^aProv. 13:1; Amos 5:10

13 ¹Lit., good ²Lit., in
sadness of heart
^aProv. 17:22 ^bProv. 12:25
^cProv. 17:22; 18:14

14 ^aProv. 18:15

15 ¹Lit., good

16 ¹Or, reverence
^aProv. 16:8; Ps. 37:16; Eccles.
4:6; 1 Tim. 6:6

17 ¹Or, portion ²Or, herbs
^aProv. 17:1 ^bMatt. 22:4;
Luke 15:23

18 ^aProv. 16:28; 26:21;
29:22 ^bProv. 14:29 ^cProv. 10:
16:4; Gen. 13:8; Eccles. 10:4

20 ^aProv. 10:1; 29:3 ^bProv.
30:17

21 ¹Lit., heart
^aProv. 14:8; Eph. 5:15

22 ¹Or, are established

23 ¹Lit., answer of his
mouth
^aProv. 12:14 ^bProv. 25:11; Is.
50:4

24 ¹I.e., the nether world
^aIs. 4:18

25 ^aProv. 12:7; 14:11 ^bProv.
23:10; Deut. 19:14 ^cPs. 68:5;
146:9

27 ^aProv. 1:19; 28:25;
1 Tim. 6:10 ^bEx. 23:8; Deut.
16:19; 1 Sam. 12:3; Is. 33:15

28 ^a1 Pet. 3:15 ^bProv. 15:2;
10:32

29 ^aProv. 1:28; Ps. 18:41
^bPs. 145:18, 19

30 ¹Lit., the light of the
eyes

32 ¹Lit., heart
^aProv. 1:7; 8:33 ^bProv. 8:36
^cProv. 15:5

33 ¹Or, reverence

1 ^aProv. 16:9; 19:21

2 ¹Lit., spirits

3 ¹Lit., Roll
^aProv. 3:6; Ps. 37:5; 55:22;
1 Pet. 5:7

4 ¹Or, His
^aGen. 1:31; Eccles. 3:11 ^bJob
31:30; Rom. 9:22

- 11 ^{1a}Sheol and ²Abaddon *lie open* before the LORD,
How much more the ^bhearts of ³men!
12 A ^ascoffer does not love one who reproves him,
He will not go to the wise.
13 A ^ajoyful heart makes a ¹cheerful face,
But ²when the heart is ^bsad, the ^cspirit is broken.
14 The ^amind of the intelligent seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.
15 All the days of the afflicted are bad,
But a ¹cheerful heart *has* a continual feast.
16 ^aBetter is a little with the ¹fear of the LORD,
Than great treasure and turmoil with it.
17 ^aBetter is a ¹dish of ²vegetables where love is,
Than a ^bfattened ox and hatred with it.
18 A ^ahot-tempered man stirs up strife,
But the ^bslow to anger ^cpacifies contention.
19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns,
But the path of the upright is a highway.
20 A ^awise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man ^bdespises his mother.
21 Folly is joy to him who lacks ¹sense,
But a man of understanding ^awalks straight.
22 Without consultation, plans are frustrated,
But with many counselors they ¹succeed.
23 A ^aman has joy in an ¹apt answer,
And how delightful is a timely ^bword!
24 The ^apath of life *leads* upward for the wise,
That he may keep away from ¹Sheol below.
25 The LORD will ^atear down the house of the proud,
But He will ^bestablish the boundary of the ^cwidow.
26 Evil plans are an abomination to the LORD,
But pleasant words are pure.
27 He who ^aprofits illicitly troubles his own house,
But he who ^bhates bribes will live.
28 The heart of the righteous ^aponders how to answer,
But the ^bmouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
29 The LORD is ^afar from the wicked,
But He ^bhears the prayer of the righteous.
30 ¹Bright eyes gladden the heart;
Good news puts fat on the bones.
31 He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof
Will dwell among the wise.
32 He who ^aneglects discipline ^bdespises himself,
But he who ^clistens to reproof acquires ¹understanding.
33 The ¹fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor *comes* humility.

CHAPTER 16

- T**HE ^aplans of the heart belong to man,
But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.
2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,
But the LORD weighs the ¹motives.
3 ^{1a}Commit your works to the LORD,
And your plans will be established.
4 The LORD ^ahas made everything for ¹its own purpose,
Even the ^bwicked for the day of evil.

- 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD;
Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.
- 6 By ^alovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for,
And by the ^bfear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD,
He ^amakes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness
Than great income with injustice.
- 9 The mind of ^aman plans his way,
But ^bthe LORD directs his steps.
- 10 A divine ^adecision is in the lips of the king;
His mouth should not ^lerr in judgment.
- 11 A ^ajust balance and scales belong to the LORD;
All the ^lweights of the bag are His ²concern.
- 12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness,
For a ^athrone is established on righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings,
And he who speaks right is loved.
- 14 The wrath of a king is *as* messengers of death,
But a wise man will appease it.
- 15 In the light of a king's face is life,
And his favor is like a cloud with the ^{1a}spring rain.
- 16 How much ^abetter it is to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.
- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil;
He who watches his way preserves his ^llife.
- 18 ^aPride *goes* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before stumbling.
- 19 It is better to be of a ^ahumble spirit with the lowly,
Than to ^bdivide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He who gives attention to the word shall ^afind good,
And ^bblessed is he who trusts in the LORD.
- 21 The ^awise in heart will be called discerning,
And sweetness of ^lspeech ^bincreases ²persuasiveness.
- 22 Understanding is a fountain of life to him who has it,
But the discipline of fools is folly.
- 23 The ^aheart of the wise teaches his mouth,
And adds ^lpersuasiveness to his lips.
- 24 ^aPleasant words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and ^bhealing to the bones.
- 25 There is a way *which seems* right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.
- 26 A worker's appetite works for him,
For his ^lhunger urges him *on*.
- 27 A ^aworthless man digs up evil,
While ^lhis words are as a ^bscorching fire.
- 28 A perverse man spreads strife,
And a slanderer separates intimate friends.
- 29 A man of violence ^aentices his neighbor,
And leads him in a way that is not good.
- 30 He who winks his eyes *does* so to devise perverse things;
He who compresses his lips brings evil to pass.
- 31 A ^agray head is a crown of glory;
It ^bis found in the way of righteousness.

⁶ ^lOr, *reverence*
^aDan. 4:27; Luke 11:41
^bProv. 8:13; 14:16

⁷ ^aGen. 33:4; 2 Chr. 17:10

⁹ ^aProv. 16:1; 19:21 ^bProv. 20:24; Ps. 37:23; Jer. 10:23

¹⁰ ^lLit., *be unfaithful*
^a1 Kin. 3:28

¹¹ ^lLit., *stones* ²Lit., *work*
^aProv. 11:1

¹² ^aProv. 25:5

¹⁵ ^lLit., *letter*
^aJob 29:23

¹⁶ ^aProv. 8:10, 19

¹⁷ ^lLit., *soul*

¹⁸ ^aProv. 11:2; 18:12; Jer. 49:16; Obad. 3, 4

¹⁹ ^aProv. 3:34; 29:23; Is. 57:15 ^bProv. 1:13, 14; Ex. 15:9; Judg. 5:30

²⁰ ^aProv. 19:8 ^bPs. 2:12; 34:8; Jer. 17:7

²¹ ^lLit., *lips* ²Or, *learning*
^aHos. 14:9 ^bProv. 16:23

²³ ^lOr, *learning*
^aProv. 15:28; Ps. 37:30; Matt. 12:34

²⁴ ^aProv. 15:26; 24:13, 14; Ps. 19:10 ^bProv. 4:22; 17:22

²⁶ ^lLit., *mouth*

²⁷ ^lLit., *on his lips*
^aProv. 6:12, 14, 18 ^bJames 3:6

²⁹ ^aProv. 1:10; 12:26

³¹ ^aProv. 20:29 ^bProv. 3:1, 2

33 ^aProv. 16:18 ^bProv. 29:26

¹ ¹Lit., *sacrifices of strife*
^aProv. 15:17

³ ^aProv. 27:21 ^bProv. 15:11; 1 Chr. 29:17; Ps. 26:2; Jer. 17:10; Mal. 3:3

⁴ ¹Lit., *falsehood*
^aProv. 14:15

⁵ ^aProv. 14:31 ^bProv. 24:17; Job 31:29; Obad. 12

⁶ ^aProv. 13:22; Gen. 48:11
^bEx. 20:12; Mal. 1:6

⁷ ¹Lit., *a lip of abundance*
^aProv. 24:7 ^bProv. 12:22; Ps. 31:18

⁸ ¹Lit., *stone of favor*
^aProv. 21:14; Is. 1:23; Amos 5:12

⁹ ^aProv. 10:12; James 5:20; 1 Pet. 4:8 ^bProv. 16:28

¹² ^a2 Sam. 17:8; Hos. 13:8
^bProv. 29:9

¹³ ^aPs. 35:12; 109:5; Jer. 18:20 ^bProv. 13:21; 2 Sam. 12:10; 1 Kin. 21:22

¹⁴ ^aProv. 20:3; 25:8

¹⁵ ^aProv. 18:5; 24:24; Ex. 23:7; Is. 5:23

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *there is no heart*
^aProv. 23:23

¹⁷ ^aProv. 18:24; Ruth 1:16

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *heart* ²Lit., *shakes hands*
^aProv. 6:1; 11:15; 22:26

¹⁹ ^aProv. 29:22 ^bProv. 11:2; 16:18; 29:23

²⁰ ¹Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 24:20 ^bJames 3:8

²¹ ^aProv. 17:25; 10:1; 19:13

²² ¹Lit., *causes good healing*
^aProv. 15:13 ^bPs. 22:15

- 32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.
33 The ^alot is cast into the lap,
But its every ^bdecision is from the LORD.

CHAPTER 17

- ^a**BETTER** is a dry morsel and quietness with it
Than a house full of ¹feasting with strife.
2 A servant who acts wisely will rule over a son who acts
shamefully,
And will share in the inheritance among brothers.
3 The ^arefining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold,
But ^bthe LORD tests hearts.
4 An ^aevildoer listens to wicked lips,
A ¹liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.
5 He who mocks the ^apoor reproaches his Maker;
He who ^brejoices at calamity will not go unpunished.
6 ^aGrandchildren are the crown of old men,
And the ^bglory of sons is their fathers.
7 ^{1a}Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool;
Much less are ^blying lips to a prince.
8 A ^abribe is a ¹charm in the sight of its owner;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.
9 He who ^acovers a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter ^bseparates intimate
friends.
10 A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding
Than a hundred blows into a fool.
11 A rebellious man seeks only evil,
So a cruel messenger will be sent against him.
12 Let a ^aman meet a ^bbear robbed of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
13 He who ^areturns evil for good,
^bEvil will not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife is *like* letting out water,
So ^aabandon the quarrel before it breaks out.
15 He who ^ajustifies the wicked, and he who condemns
the righteous,
Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.
16 Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to ^abuy
wisdom,
When ¹he has no sense?
17 A ^afriend loves at all times,
And a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man lacking in ¹sense ^{2a}pledges,
And becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor.
19 He who ^aloves transgression loves strife;
He who ^braises his door seeks destruction.
20 He who has a crooked ¹mind ^afinds no good,
And he who is ^bperverted in his language falls into evil.
21 He who ^abegets a fool *does* so to his sorrow,
And the father of a fool has no joy.
22 A ^ajoyful heart ¹is good medicine,
But a broken spirit ^bdries up the bones.

- 23 A wicked man receives a ^abribe from the bosom
To ^bpervert the ways of justice.
- 24 Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has
understanding,
But the ^aeyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son is a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her who bore him.
- 26 It is also not good to fine the righteous,
Nor to strike the noble for *their* uprightness.
- 27 He who ^arestrains his words ¹has knowledge,
And he who has a ^bcool spirit is a man of
understanding.
- 28 Even a fool, when he ^akeeps silent, is considered wise;
When he closes his lips, he is *counted* prudent.

CHAPTER 18

- HE who separates himself seeks *his own* desire,
He ¹quarrels against all sound wisdom.
- 2 A fool does not delight in understanding,
But only ^ain revealing his own ¹mind.
- 3 When a wicked man comes, contempt also comes,
And with dishonor *comes* reproach.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are ^adeep waters;
¹The fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.
- 5 To ^ashow partiality to the wicked is not good,
Nor to ^bthrust aside the righteous in judgment.
- 6 A fool's lips ¹bring strife,
And his mouth calls for blows.
- 7 A ^afool's mouth is his ruin,
And his lips are the snare of his soul.
- 8 The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels,
And they go down into the ¹innermost parts of the
body.
- 9 He also who is ^aslack in his work
Is brother to him who destroys.
- 10 The ^aname of the LORD is a ^bstrong tower;
The righteous runs into it and ^cis ¹safe.
- 11 A rich man's wealth is his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own imagination.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
But humility *goes* before honor.
- 13 He who ^agives an answer before he hears,
It is folly and shame to him.
- 14 The spirit of a man can endure his sickness,
But a ^abroken spirit who can bear?
- 15 The ¹mind of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's ^agift makes room for him,
And brings him before great men.
- 17 The first ¹to plead his case *seems* just,
Until ²another comes and examines him.
- 18 The ¹lot puts an end to contentions,
And ¹decides between the mighty.
- 19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong
city,
And contentions are like the bars of a castle.

23 ^aProv. 17:8 ^bEx. 23:8;
Mic. 3:11; 7:3

24 ^aEccles. 2:14

27 ¹Lit., *knows*
^aProv. 10:19; James 1:19
^bProv. 14:29

28 ^aJob 13:5

¹ ¹Lit., *breaks out*

² ¹Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 12:23; 13:16; Eccles. 10:3

⁴ ¹Or, *A bubbling brook, a fountain of wisdom*
^aProv. 20:5

⁵ ^aProv. 17:15; 24:23;
28:21; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17;
16:19; Ps. 82:2 ^bProv. 17:26;
31:5; Ex. 23:2, 6; Mic. 3:9

⁶ ¹Lit., *come with*

⁷ ^aProv. 10:14; 12:13; 13:3;
Ps. 64:8; 140:9 Eccles. 10:12

⁸ ¹Lit., *chambers of the belly*

⁹ ^aProv. 10:4

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *set on high*
^aEx. 3:15 ^b2 Sam. 22:2, 3, 33;
Ps. 18:2; 61:3; 91:2; 144:2
^cProv. 29:25

13 ^aProv. 20:25; John 7:51

14 ^aProv. 15:13

15 ¹Lit., *heart*

16 ^aGen. 32:20; 1 Sam. 25:27

17 ¹Lit., *in his plea* ²Lit., *his neighbor*

18 ¹Lit., *makes a division*
^aProv. 16:33

20 ¹L.e., speech

21 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aProv. 12:13; 13:3; Matt. 12:37 ^bProv. 13:2; Is. 3:10; Hos. 10:13

22 ^aProv. 12:4; 19:14; 31:10-31; Gen. 2:18

23 ^aProv. 19:7 ^bJames 2:3, 6
^c1 Kin. 12:13; 2 Chr. 10:13

24 ¹Lit., *be broken in pieces*
²Or, *lover*

1 ¹Lit., *his lips*
^aProv. 14:2; 20:7; Ps. 26:11

2 ¹Lit., *sins*

3 ^aProv. 11:3 ^bPs. 37:7; Is. 8:21

4 ^aProv. 14:20

5 ¹Lit., *breathes*
^aProv. 19:9; 21:28; Ex. 23:1; Deut. 19:16-19

6 ¹Or, *noble*
^aProv. 29:26 ^bProv. 18:16; 21:14

7 ¹Lit., *not*
^aPs. 38:11 ^bProv. 18:23

8 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 16:20

9 ¹Lit., *breathes*
^aProv. 19:5

10 ^aProv. 17:7; 26:1; Eccles. 10:6, 7 ^bProv. 30:22

11 ^aProv. 14:29; 16:32
^bMatt. 5:44; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

12 ^aGen. 27:28; Deut. 33:28; Ps. 133:3; Hos. 14:5; Mic. 5:7

13 ^aProv. 21:9, 19; 27:15

14 ² Cor. 12:14

15 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aProv. 6:9, 10; 24:33

16 ¹Lit., *despises*
^aProv. 16:17; Luke 10:28; 11:28

17 ¹Or, *benefits*
^aProv. 14:31; 28:27; Deut. 15:7, 8; Eccles. 11:1, 2; Matt. 10:42; 25:40; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; Heb. 6:10 ^bProv. 12:14; Luke 6:38

18 ¹Lit., *causing him to die*

20 ¹Lit., *in your latter end*
^aProv. 4:1; 8:33; 12:15

- 20 With the ¹fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied;
 He will be satisfied *with* the product of his lips.
- 21 ^aDeath and life are in the ¹power of the tongue,
 And those who love it will eat its ^bfruit.
- 22 He who finds a ^awife finds a good thing,
 And obtains favor from the LORD.
- 23 The ^apoor man utters supplications,
 But the ^brich man ^canswers roughly.
- 24 A man of *many* friends *comes* to ¹ruin,
 But there is a ²friend who sticks closer *than* a brother.

CHAPTER 19

- BETTER** is a poor man who ^awalks in his integrity
 Than he who is perverse in ¹speech and is a fool.
- 2 Also it is ¹not good for a person to be without
 knowledge,
 And he who makes haste with his feet ¹errs.
- 3 The ^afoolishness of man subverts his way,
 And his heart ^brages against the LORD.
- 4 ^aWealth adds many friends,
 But a poor man is separated from his friend.
- 5 A ^afalse witness will not go unpunished,
 And he who ¹tells lies will not escape.
- 6 ^aMany will entreat the favor of a ¹generous man,
 And every man is a friend to him who ^bgives gifts.
- 7 All the brothers of a poor man hate him;
 How much more do his ^afriends go far from him!
 He ^bpursues *them with words*, *but* they are ¹gone.
- 8 He who gets ¹wisdom loves his own soul;
 He who keeps understanding will ^afind good.
- 9 A ^afalse witness will not go unpunished,
 And he who ¹tells lies will perish.
- 10 Luxury is ^anot fitting for a fool;
 Much less for a ^bslave to rule over princes.
- 11 A man's ^adiscretion makes him slow to anger,
 And it is his glory ^bto overlook a transgression.
- 12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion,
 But his favor is like ^adew on the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is destruction to his father,
 And the ^acontentions of a wife are a constant dripping.
- 14 House and wealth are an ^ainheritance from fathers,
 But a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- 15 ^aLaziness casts into a deep sleep,
 And an idle ¹man will suffer hunger.
- 16 He who ^akeeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who ¹is careless of his ways will die.
- 17 He who ^ais gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD,
 And He will repay him for his ¹good deed.
- 18 Discipline your son while there is hope,
 And do not desire ¹his death.
- 19 *A man* of great anger shall bear the penalty,
 For if you rescue *him*, you will only have to do it again.
- 20 ^aListen to counsel and accept discipline,
 That you may be wise ¹the rest of your days.

- 21 Many are the plans in a man's heart,
But the ^acounsel of the LORD, it will stand.
- 22 What is desirable in a man is his ¹kindness,
And it is better to be a poor man than a liar.
- 23 The ^{1a}fear of the LORD *leads* to life,
So that one may sleep ^bsatisfied, ^{2c}untouched by evil.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand ^ain the dish,
And will not even bring it back to his mouth.
- 25 Strike a scoffer and the ¹naive may become shrewd,
But reprove one who has understanding and he will
²gain knowledge.
- 26 He who assaults *his* father *and* drives *his* mother away
Is a shameful and disgraceful son.
- 27 Cease listening, my son, to discipline,
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A rascally witness makes a mockery of justice,
And the mouth of the wicked ^{1a}spreads iniquity.
- 29 ¹Judgments are prepared for ^ascoffers,
And ^bblows for the back of fools.

21 ^aPs. 33:10, 11; Is. 14:26, 27

22 ¹Or, *loyalty*

23 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Lit., *not visited*
^aProv. 14:27; 1 Tim. 4:8 ^bPs. 25:13 ^cProv. 12:21; Ps. 91:10

24 ^aMatt. 26:23; Mark 14:20

25 ¹Lit., *simple* ²Lit., *discern*

26 ¹Or, *swallows*
^aJob 15:16; 20:12, 13; 34:7

29 ¹Gk., *Rods*
^aProv. 9:12; Ps. 1:1 ^bProv. 10:13; 18:6; 26:3

¹ ¹Lit., *errs*
^aProv. 23:29, 30; Gen. 9:21; Is. 28:7; Hos. 4:11 ^bProv. 31:4; Is. 5:22; 56:12

² ¹Lit., *sins against*
^aProv. 8:36; Num. 16:38; 1 Kin. 2:23; Hab. 2:10

³ ¹Lit., *ceasing* ²Lit., *burst out*

⁴ ¹Lit., *asks*

⁶ ^aProv. 25:14; Matt. 6:2; Luke 18:11 ^bPs. 12:1; Luke 18:8

⁷ ^aProv. 19:1 ^bPs. 37:26; 112:2

⁸ ¹Or, *sifts*

⁹ ^a1 Kin. 8:46; 2 Chr. 6:36; Job 14:4; Eccles. 7:20; Rom. 3:9; 1 John 1:8

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah*

¹¹ ¹Or, *makes himself known*
^aMatt. 7:16

¹² ^aEx. 4:11; Ps. 94:9

¹³ ¹Lit., *bread*
^aProv. 6:9, 10; 19:15; 24:33

¹⁵ ¹Or, *corals*

CHAPTER 20

- ^aWINE is a mocker, ^bstrong drink a brawler,
And whoever ¹is intoxicated by it is not wise.
- 2 The terror of a king is like the growling of a lion;
He who provokes him to anger ^{1a}forfeits his own life.
- 3 ¹Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man,
But any fool will ²quarrel.
- 4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn,
So he ¹begs during the harvest and has nothing.
- 5 A plan in the heart of a man is *like* deep water,
But a man of understanding draws it out.
- 6 Many a man ^aproclaims his own loyalty,
But who can find a ^btrustworthy man?
- 7 A righteous man who ^awalks in his integrity—
^bHow blessed are his sons after him.
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of justice
¹Disperses all evil with his eyes.
- 9 ^aWho can say, "I have cleansed my heart,
I am pure from my sin"?
- 10 ¹Differing weights and differing measures,—
Both of them are abominable to the LORD.
- 11 It is by his deeds that a lad ^{1a}distinguishes himself
If his conduct is pure and right.
- 12 The hearing ^aear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made both of them.
- 13 ^aDo not love sleep, lest you become poor;
Open your eyes, *and* you will be satisfied with ¹food.
- 14 "Bad, bad," says the buyer;
But when he goes his way, then he boasts.
- 15 There is gold, and an abundance of ¹jewels;
But the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing.
- 16 Take his garment when he becomes surety for a
stranger;
And for foreigners, hold him in pledge.

17 ^aProv. 9:17

18 ^aProv. 11:14; 15:22
^bLuke 14:31

19 ¹Lit., *one who opens his lips*

20 ^aProv. 30:11; Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Matt. 15:4 ^bProv. 13:9; 24:20; Job 18:5

22 ^aProv. 24:29; Matt. 5:39; Rom. 12:17, 19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:9 ^bPs. 27:14

23 ¹Lit., *A stone and a stone* ²Lit., *balance of deceit*

25 ^aEccles. 5:4, 5

26 ¹Lit., *turns*
^aProv. 20:8 ^bIs. 28:27

27 ¹Lit., *breath* ²Lit., *chambers of the body*
^a1 Cor. 2:11

28 ¹Lit., *covenant loyalty*
^aProv. 29:14

29 ¹Or, *splendor*

30 ¹Lit., *chambers of the body*

1 ^aExra 6:22

2 ^aProv. 16:2; 24:12; Luke 16:15

3 ^aProv. 11:14; 15:22

4 ^aLuke 14:31

6 ¹Lit., *seekers*
^aProv. 30:11; Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Matt. 15:4 ^bProv. 13:9; 24:20; Job 18:5

7 ^aProv. 24:29; Matt. 5:39; Rom. 12:17, 19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:9

8 ^aPs. 27:14

9 ¹Lit., *a woman of contentions and a house of association*

10 ^aJer. 10:23

11 ¹Lit., *simple*
^aEccles. 5:4, 5

12 ^aProv. 21:8

17 ^aBread obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

18 Prepare ^aplans by consultation, And ^bmake war by wise guidance.

19 He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with ¹a gossip.

20 He who ^acurses his father or his mother, His ^bblame will go out in time of darkness.

21 An inheritance gained hurriedly at the beginning, Will not be blessed in the end.

22 ^aDo not say, "I will repay evil"; ^bWait for the LORD, and He will save you.

23 ¹Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD, And a ²false scale is not good.

24 Man's steps are *ordained* by the LORD, How then can man understand his way?

25 It is a snare for a man to say rashly, "It is holy!" And ^aafter the vows to make inquiry.

26 A ^awise king winnows the wicked, And ¹drives the ^b*threshing*-wheel over them.

27 The ¹spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the ²innermost parts of his being.

28 ¹Loyalty and ^atruth preserve the king, And he upholds his throne by ¹righteousness.

29 The glory of young men is their strength, And the ¹honor of old men is their gray hair.

30 Stripes that wound scour away evil, And strokes *reach* the ¹innermost parts.

CHAPTER 21

THE king's heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD;

He ^aturns it wherever He wishes.

2 Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD ^aweighs the hearts.

3 To do ^arighteousness and justice Is desired by the LORD rather than sacrifice.

4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The ^alamp of the wicked, is sin.

5 The plans of the diligent *lead* surely to advantage, But everyone who is hasty *comes* surely to poverty.

6 The ^agetting of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the ¹pursuit of ^bdeath.

7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, Because they ^arefuse to act with justice.

8 The way of a guilty man is ^acrooked, But as for the pure, his conduct is upright.

9 It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than ¹in a house shared with a contentious woman.

10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; His ^aneighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

11 When the ^ascoffer is punished, the ¹naive becomes wise;

But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

12 The Righteous One considers the house of the wicked, Turning the ^awicked to ruin.

- 13 He who ^ashuts his ear to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not be ^banswered.
- 14 A ^agift in secret subdues anger,
And a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath.
- 15 The execution of justice is joy for the righteous,
But is ^aterror to the workers of iniquity.
- 16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will ^arest in the assembly of the ¹dead.
- 17 He who ^aloves pleasure *will become* a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.
- 18 The wicked is a ^aransom for the righteous,
And the treacherous is in the place of the upright.
- 19 It is better to live in a desert land,
Than with a contentious and vexing woman.
- 20 There is precious ^atreasure and oil in the dwelling of
the wise,
But a foolish man ^bswallows it up.
- 21 He who ^apursues righteousness and loyalty
Finds life, righteousness and honor.
- 22 A ^awise man scales the city of the mighty,
And brings down the ¹stronghold in which they trust.
- 23 He who ^aguards his mouth and his tongue
Guards his soul from troubles.
- 24 "Proud," "Haughty," "Scoffer," are his names,
Who acts with ^binsolent pride.
- 25 The desire of the sluggard puts him to death,
For his hands refuse to work;
- 26 All day long he ¹is craving,
While the righteous ^agives and does not hold back.
- 27 The ^asacrifice of the wicked is an abomination,
How much more when he brings it with evil intent!
- 28 A false witness will perish,
But the man who listens to *the truth* will speak forever.
- 29 A wicked man ¹shows a bold face,
But as for the ^bupright, he makes his way sure.
- 30 There is ^ano wisdom and no understanding
And no counsel against the LORD.
- 31 The ^ahorse is prepared for the day of battle,
But ^bvictory belongs to the LORD.

13 ^aMatt. 18:30-34; 1 John 3:17 ^bJames 2:13

14 ^aProv. 18:16; 19:6

15 ^aProv. 10:29

16 ¹Lit., *departed spirits*
^aPs. 49:14

17 ^aProv. 23:21

18 ^aIs. 43:3

20 ^aProv. 8:21; 22:4; Ps. 112:3 ^bJob 20:15, 18

21 ^aProv. 15:9; Matt. 5:6

22 ¹Lit., *strength of trust*
^aProv. 24:5; 2 Sam. 5:6-9;
Eccles. 7:19; 9:15, 16

23 ^aProv. 12:13; 13:3; 18:21;
James 3:2

24 ^aProv. 1:22; 3:34; 24:9;
Ps. 1:1; Is. 29:20 ^bIs. 16:6; Jer. 48:29

26 ¹Lit., *desires desire*
^aPs. 37:26; 112:5, 9; Matt. 5:42; Eph. 4:28

27 ^aProv. 15:8; Ps. 50:9; Is. 66:3; Jer. 6:20; Amos 5:22

29 ¹Lit., *makes firm with his face*
^aEccles. 8:1 ^bProv. 11:5; Ps. 119:5

30 ^aIs. 8:9, 10; Jer. 9:23; Acts 5:38, 39; 1 Cor. 3:19, 20

31 ^aPs. 20:7; 33:17; Is. 31:1
^bPs. 3:8; Jer. 3:23; 1 Cor. 15:57

2 ¹Lit., *meet together*
^aProv. 14:31; Job 31:15

3 ¹Lit., *simple*

4 ¹Or, *reverence*

6 ¹Lit., *according to his way*
^aEph. 6:4

7 ^aProv. 18:23; James 2:6

CHAPTER 22

- A GOOD name is to be more desired than great riches,
Favor is better than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor ¹have a common bond,
The LORD is the ^amaker of them all.
- 3 The prudent sees the evil and hides himself,
But the ¹naive go on, and are punished for it.
- 4 The reward of humility *and* the ¹fear of the LORD
Are riches, honor and life.
- 5 Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse;
He who guards himself will be far from them.
- 6 ^aTrain up a child ¹in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 7 The ^arich rules over the poor,
And the borrower *becomes* the lender's slave.

8 ^aProv. 24:16; Job 4:8 ^bPs. 125:3

9 ¹Lit., *has a good eye*
^aProv. 19:17; 2 Cor. 9:6
^bLuke 14:13

10 ^aProv. 18:6; Gen. 21:9,
10

11 ¹Lit., *has grace on his lips*
^aPs. 24:4; Matt. 5:8

13 ^aProv. 26:13

14 ¹Lit., *strange woman*
²Lit., *there*
^aProv. 5:3 ^bEccles. 7:26

15 ^aProv. 13:24; 23:14

18 ¹Lit., *They together*

19 ¹Lit., *made you know*

20 ¹Or, *previous*

21 ¹Lit., *truth* ²Lit., *return words of truth*
^aLuke 13, 4 ^bProv. 25:13

22 ^aProv. 23:10; Ex. 23:6;
Job 31:16
^bZech. 7:10; Mal. 3:5

23 ¹Lit., *rob the soul*
^aProv. 23:11; 1 Sam. 25:39;
Ps. 12:5; 35:10; 140:12; Jer. 51:36

24 ^aProv. 29:22

25 ¹Lit., *take*
^a1 Cor. 15:33

26 ¹Lit., *strike hands*

27 ^aProv. 20:16; Ex. 22:26

28 ^aProv. 23:10; Deut. 19:14; 27:17; Job 24:2

29 ^aRom. 12:11 ^bGen. 41:46; 1 Kin. 10:8

- 8 He who ^asows iniquity will reap vanity,
And the ^brod of his fury will perish.
- 9 He who ¹is ^agenerous will be blessed,
For he ^bgives some of his food to the poor.
- 10 ^aDrive out the scoffer, and contention will go out,
Even strife and dishonor will cease.
- 11 He who loves ^apurity of heart
And ¹whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend.
- 12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.
- 13 The ^asluggard says, "There is a lion outside;
I shall be slain in the streets!"
- 14 The mouth of ^{1a}an adulteress is a deep pit;
He who is ^bcursed of the LORD will fall ²into it.
- 15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The ^arod of discipline will remove it far from him.
- 16 He who oppresses the poor to make much for himself
Or who gives to the rich, *will only come to poverty.*
- 17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,
And apply your mind to my knowledge;
- 18 For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,
¹That they may be ready on your lips.
- 19 So that your trust may be in the LORD,
I have ¹taught you today, even you.
- 20 Have I not written to you ¹excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge,
- 21 To make you ^aknow the ¹certainty of the words of truth
That you may ^{2b}correctly answer to him who sent you?
- 22 ^aDo not rob the poor because he is poor,
Or ^bcrush the afflicted at the gate;
- 23 For the LORD will ^aplead their case,
And ¹take the life of those who rob them.
- 24 Do not associate with a man *given to anger*;
Or go with a ^ahot-tempered man,
Lest you ^alearn his ways,
And ¹find a snare for yourself.
- 26 Do not be among those who give ¹pledges,
Among those who become sureties for debts.
- 27 If you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he ^atake your bed from under you?
- 28 ^aDo not move the ancient boundary
Which your fathers have set.
- 29 Do you see a man ^askilled in his work?
He will ^bstand before kings;
He will not stand before obscure men.

CHAPTER 23

- WHEN you sit down to dine with a ruler,
 Consider carefully ¹what is before you;
 2 And put a knife to your throat,
 If you are a man of *great* appetite.
 3 Do not desire his ^adelicacies,
 For it is deceptive food.
 4 ^aDo not weary yourself to gain riches,
^bCease from your ¹consideration of it.
 5 ¹When you set your eyes on it, it is gone.
 For ^awealth certainly makes itself wings,
 Like an eagle that flies *toward* the heavens.
 6 ^aDo not eat the bread of a ^{1b}selfish man,
 Or desire his delicacies;
 7 For as he ¹thinks within himself, so he is.
 He says to you, "Eat and drink!"
 But his heart is not with you.
 8 You will vomit up ¹the morsel you have eaten,
 And waste your ²compliments.
 9 Do not speak in the ¹hearing of a fool,
 For he will despise the wisdom of your words.
 10 Do not move the ancient boundary,
 Or ^ago into the fields of the fatherless;
 11 For their ^aRedeemer is strong;
 He will plead their case against you.
 12 Apply your heart to discipline,
 And your ears to words of knowledge.
 13 Do not hold back discipline from the child,
 Although you ¹beat him with the rod, he will not die.
 14 You shall ¹beat him with the rod,
 And ^adeliver his soul from Sheol.
 15 My son, if your heart is wise,
 My own heart also will be glad;
 16 And my ¹inmost being will rejoice,
 When your lips speak what is right.
 17 ^aDo not let your heart envy sinners,
 But *live* in the ¹fear of the LORD ²always.
 18 Surely there is a ^{1a}future,
 And your ^bhope will not be cut off.
 19 Listen, my son, and ^abe wise,
 And ^bdirect your heart in the way.
 20 Do not be with ^aheavy drinkers of wine,
 Or with ^bgluttonous eaters of meat;
 21 For the heavy drinker and the glutton will come to
 poverty,
 And drowsiness will clothe *a man* with rags.
 22 Listen to your father who begot you,
 And do not despise your mother when she is old.

1 ¹Or, who

3 ^aPs. 141:4; Dan. 1:5, 8,
13, 15, 16

4 ¹Or, *understanding*
^aProv. 15:27; 28:20; Matt.
6:19; 1 Tim. 6:9; Heb. 13:5
^bProv. 3:5, 7; Rom. 12:16

5 ¹Lit., *Will your eyes fly
upon it and it is not?*
^aProv. 27:24; 1 Tim. 6:17

6 ¹Lit., *evil eye*
^aPs. 141:4 ^bProv. 28:22

7 ¹Lit., *reckons in his soul*

8 ¹Lit., *your* ²Lit.,
pleasant words

9 ¹Lit., *ears*

10 ^aJer. 22:3; Zech. 7:10

11 ^aJob 19:25

13 ¹Lit., *smite*

14 ¹Lit., *smite*
^a1 Cor. 5:5

16 ¹Lit., *kidneys*

17 ¹Or, *reverence* ²Lit., *all
the day*
^aProv. 24:1, 19; Ps. 37:1

18 ¹Lit., *latter end*
^aProv. 24:14; Ps. 19:11; 58:11
^bPs. 9:18

19 ^aProv. 6:6 ^bProv. 4:23;
9:6

20 ^aProv. 23:29, 30; 20:1; Is.
5:22; Matt. 24:49; Luke
21:34; Rom. 13:13; Eph. 5:18
^bProv. 28:7; Deut. 21:20

23 ^aProv. 4:7; 18:15; Matt. 13:44

24 ^aProv. 10:1; 15:20; 29:3

26 ¹Another reading is, *observe*
^aPs. 1:2; 119:24

27 ¹Lit., *strange*

28 ¹Lit., *treacherous*
^aProv. 6:26; 7:12; Eccles. 7:26

29 ^aIs. 5:11, 22

30 ¹Or, *search out*
^aProv. 20:1; 1 Sam. 25:36; Is. 5:11; 28:7; Eph. 5:18 ^bPs. 75:8

31 ¹Lit., *gives its eye*
^aSong of Sol. 7:9

32 ^aJob 20:16 ^bPs. 91:13; Is. 11:8

33 ¹Lit., *heart*

34 ¹Lit., *heart* ²Or, *lookout*

35 ¹Lit., *if yet again*
^aJer. 5:3 ^bProv. 26:11; Is. 56:12

1 ^aProv. 24:19; 3:31; 23:17; Ps. 37:1 ^bProv. 1:15; Ps. 1:1

2 ¹Lit., *hearts*
^aIs. 30:12; Jer. 22:17 ^bJob 15:35; Ps. 10:7; 38:12

5 ¹Lit., *in strength* ²Lit., *strengthens power*

6 ¹Lit., *make battle for yourself*

7 ^aProv. 14:6; 17:16; Ps. 10:5 ^bJob 5:4; Ps. 127:5

23 ^aBuy truth, and do not sell it,
Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And ^ahe who begets a wise son will be glad in him.

25 Let your father and your mother be glad,
And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.

26 Give me your heart, my son,
And let your eyes ^{1a}delight in my ways.

27 For a harlot is a deep pit,
And an ¹adulterous woman is a narrow well.

28 Surely she ¹lurks as a robber,
And increases the ¹faithless among men.

29 Who has ^awoe? Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions? Who has complaining?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?

30 Those who ^alinger long over wine,
Those who go to ¹taste ^bmixed wine.

31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it ¹sparkles in the cup,
When it ^agoes down smoothly;

32 At the last it ^abites like a serpent,
And stings like a ^bviper.

33 Your eyes will see strange things,
And your ¹mind will utter perverse things.

34 And you will be like one who lies down in the ¹middle
of the sea,

Or like one who lies down on the top of a ²mast.

35 "They ^astruck me, *but* I did not become ill;
They beat me, *but* I did not know it.
When shall I awake?
I will ^bseek ¹another drink."

CHAPTER 24

Do not be ^aenvious of evil men,
Nor desire to ^bbe with them;

2 For their ¹minds devise ^aviolence,
And their lips ^btalk of trouble.

3 By wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
4 And by knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is ¹strong,
And a man of knowledge ²increases power.

6 For by wise guidance you will ¹wage war,
And in abundance of counselors there is victory.

7 Wisdom is ^atoo high for a fool,
He does not open his mouth ^bin the gate.

- 8 He who ^aplans to do evil,
Men will call him a ¹schemer.
- 9 The ^adevising of folly is sin,
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.
- 10 If you ^aare slack in the day of distress,
Your strength is limited.
- 11 ^aDeliver those who are being taken away to death,
And those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold
them back.
- 12 If you say, "See, we did not know this,"
Does He not ^aconsider *it* ^bwho weighs the hearts?
And ^cdoes He not know *it* who ^dkeeps your soul?
And will He not ^erender to man according to his work?
- 13 My son, eat ^ahoney, for it is good,
Yes, the ^bhoney from the comb is sweet to your taste;
- 14 Know *that* wisdom is thus for your soul;
If you find *it*, then there will be a ¹future,
And your hope will not be cut off.
- 15 ^aDo not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling
of the righteous;
Do not destroy his resting place;
- 16 For a ^arighteous man falls seven times, and rises again,
But the ^bwicked stumble in *time* of calamity.
- 17 ^aDo not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
- 18 Lest the LORD see *it* and ¹be displeased,
And He turn away His anger from him.
- 19 ^aDo not fret yourself because of evildoers,
Or be ^benvious of the wicked;
- 20 For ^athere will be no ¹future for the evil man;
The ^clamp of the wicked will be put out.
- 21 My son, ^{1a}fear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those who are given to change;
- 22 For their ^acalamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin *that comes* from both of
them?
- 23 These also are ^asayings of the wise.
To ^{1b}show partiality in judgment is not good.
- 24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous,"
Peoples will curse him, nations will abhor him;
- 25 But to those who rebuke the *wicked* will be delight,
And a good blessing will come upon them.
- 26 He kisses the lips
Who gives a ¹right answer.
- 27 Prepare your work outside,
And make it ready for yourself in the field;
Afterwards, then, build your house.
- 8 ¹Or, *deviser of evil*
^aProv. 6:14; 14:22; Rom. 1:30
- 9 ^aIs. 59:7
- 10 ^aDeut. 20:8; Job 4:5; Jer. 51:46; Heb. 12:3
- 11 ^aPs. 82:4; Is. 58:6, 7
- 12 ¹Lit., *bring back*
^aProv. 21:2; 1 Sam. 16:7
^bEccles. 5:8 ^cPs. 121:3-8 ^dPs. 94:9-11 ^eProv. 12:14; Job 34:11
- 13 ^aProv. 25:16; Ps. 19:10; 119:103; Song of Sol. 5:1
^bProv. 16:24; 27:7; Song of Sol. 4:11
- 14 ¹Lit., *latter end*
- 15 ^aPs. 109, 10
- 16 ^aJob 5:19; Ps. 37:24; Mic. 7:8 ^bProv. 24:22; 6:15; 14:32; Jer. 18:17
- 17 ^aProv. 17:5; Job 31:29; Ps. 35:15, 19; Obad. 12
- 18 ¹Lit., *it is evil in His eyes*
- 19 ^aPs. 37:1 ^bProv. 24:1; 23:17
- 20 ¹Lit., *latter end*
^aJob 15:31 ^bProv. 23:18
^cProv. 13:9; 20:20; Job 18:5, 6; 21:17
- 21 ¹Or, *reverence*
^aRom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:17
- 22 ^aProv. 24:16
- 23 ¹Lit., *regard the face*
^aProv. 1:6; 22:17 ^bProv. 18:5; 28:21
- 26 ¹Or, *honest*

28 ^aProv. 25:18 ^bLev. 6:2, 3; 19:11; Eph. 4:25

29 ¹Lit., *bring back*
^aProv. 20:22; Matt. 5:39;
Rom. 12:17

30 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aProv. 6:32

31 ¹I.e., a kind of weed
^aJob 30:7 ^bIs. 5:5

32 ¹Lit., *set my heart*

34 ¹Or, a *vagabond*; lit.,
one who walks ²Lit., a *man*
of a shield

1 ^aProv. 1:1

2 ^aDeut. 29:29; Rom.
11:33 ^bEzra 6:1

4 ^aProv. 26:23; Ezek. 22:18
^bMal. 3:2, 3

5 ^aProv. 20:8

7 ^aLuke 14:7-11

8 ¹Lit., *contend* ²Lit., *Lest*
³Lit., *its*
^aProv. 17:14; Matt. 5:25

9 ¹Lit., *Contend*
^aMatt. 18:15 ^bProv. 11:13

10 ¹Lit., *return*

11 ¹Lit., *its*
^aProv. 15:23

12 ¹Or, a *nose ring*
^aEx. 32:2; 35:22; Ezek. 16:12
^{b2}Sam. 1:24 ^cJob 28:17
^dProv. 15:31; 20:12

13 ¹Lit., *day*

14 ¹Lit., *in a gift of*
falsehood
^aJude 1:12 ^bJer. 5:13; Mic.
2:11

- 28 Do not be a ^awitness against your neighbor without cause,
And ^bdo not deceive with your lips.
- 29 ^aDo not say, "Thus I shall do to him as he has done to me;
I will ¹render to the man according to his work."
- 30 I passed by the field of the sluggard,
And by the vineyard of the man ^alacking ¹sense;
- 31 And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles,
Its surface was covered with ^{1a}nettles,
And its stone ^bwall was broken down.
- 32 When I saw, I ¹reflected upon it;
I looked, *and* received instruction.
- 33 "A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest,"
- 34 Then your poverty will come as ^{1a} robber,
And your want like ²an armed man.

CHAPTER 25

THESE also are ^aproverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah transcribed.

- 2 It is the glory of God to ^aconceal a matter,
But the glory of ^bkings is to search out a matter.
- 3 As the heavens for height and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- 4 Take away the ^adross from the silver,
And there comes out a vessel for the ^bsmith;
- 5 Take away the ^awicked *from* before the king,
And his throne will be established in righteousness.
- 6 Do not claim honor in the presence of the king,
And do not stand in the place of great men;
- 7 For ^ait is better that it be said to you, "Come up here,"
Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.
- 8 Do not go out ^ahastily to ¹argue *your case*;
²Otherwise, what will you do in ³the end,
When your neighbor puts you to shame?
- 9 ^{1a}Argue your case with your neighbor,
And ^bdo not reveal the secret of another,
- 10 Lest he who hears *it* reproach you,
And the evil report about you not ¹pass away.
- 11 *Like* apples of gold in settings of silver
Is a ^aword spoken in ¹right circumstances.
- 12 *Like* ^{1a}an ^aearring of gold and an ^bornament of ^cfine gold
Is a wise reprover to a ^dlistening ear.
- 13 Like the cold of snow in the ¹time of harvest
Is a faithful messenger to those who send him,
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- 14 *Like* ^aclouds and ^bwind without rain
Is a man who boasts ¹of his gifts falsely.

- 15 By ^{1a}forbearance a ruler may be persuaded,
And a soft tongue breaks the bone.
- 16 Have you ^afound honey? Eat *only* ¹what you need,
Lest you have it in excess and vomit it.
- 17 Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house,
Lest he become ¹weary of you and hate you.
- 18 *Like* a club and a ^asword and a sharp ^barrow
Is a man who bears ^cfalse witness against his neighbor.
- 19 *Like* a bad tooth and ¹an unsteady foot
Is confidence in a ^afaithless man in time of trouble.
- 20 *Like* one who takes off a garment on a cold day, *or like*
vinegar on ¹soda,
Is he who sings songs to a ²troubled heart.
- 21 ^aIf ¹your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;
And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
- 22 For you will ¹heap burning coals on his head,
And ^athe LORD will reward you.
- 23 The north wind brings forth rain,
And a ^{1a}backbiting tongue, an angry countenance.
- 24 It is better to live in a corner of the roof
Than ¹in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- 25 *Like* cold water to a weary soul,
So is good news from a distant land.
- 26 *Like* a ^atrampled spring and a ¹polluted well
Is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey,
Nor is it glory to search out ¹one's own glory.
- 28 *Like* a ^acity that is broken into *and* without walls
Is a man ^bwho has no control over his spirit.

CHAPTER 26

- L**IKE snow in summer and like ^arain in harvest,
So honor is not ^bfitting for a fool.
- 2 Like a ^asparrow in its ¹fitting, like a swallow in its
flying,
So a ^bcurse without cause does not ²alight.
- 3 A ^awhip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
And a ^brod for the back of fools.
- 4 ^aDo not answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest you also be like him.
- 5 ^aAnswer a fool as his folly *deserves*,
Lest he be ^bwise in his own eyes.
- 6 He cuts off *his own* feet, *and* drinks violence
Who sends a message by the hand of a fool.
- 7 *Like* the legs *which* hang down from the lame,
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 8 Like ¹one who binds a stone in a sling,
So is he who gives honor to a fool.
- 9 *Like* a thorn *which* ¹falls into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 10 ¹*Like* an archer who wounds everyone,
So is he who hires a fool or who hires those who pass
by.
- 11 Like ^aa dog that returns to its vomit
Is a fool who ^brepeats ¹his folly.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *length of anger*
^aGen. 32:4; ¹Sam. 25:24;
Eccles. 10:4

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *your sufficiency*
^aJudg. 14:8; ¹Sam. 14:25

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *surfeited with*

¹⁸ ^aProv. 12:18; Ps. 57:4
^bJer. 9:8 ^cProv. 24:28; Ex. 20:16

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *a slipping foot*
^aJob 6:15

²⁰ ¹i.e., *natron* ²Lit., *evil*

²¹ ¹Lit., *one who hates you*
^aEx. 23:4, 5; ²Kin. 6:22;
²Chr. 28:15; Matt. 5:44;
Rom. 12:20

²² ¹Lit., *snatch up*
^aMatt. 6:4, 6

²³ ¹Lit., *tongue of secrecy*
^aPs. 101:5

²⁴ ¹Lit., *a woman of contentions and a house of association*

²⁶ ¹Lit., *ruined*
^aEzek. 32:2; 34:18, 19

²⁷ ¹Lit., *their*

²⁸ ^aProv. 16:32 ^{b2}Chr. 32:5; Neh. 1:3

¹ ^{a1}Sam. 12:17 ^bProv. 17:7

² ¹Lit., *wandering* ²Lit., *come*
^aProv. 27:8; Is. 16:2 ^bNum. 23:8; Deut. 23:5; ²Sam. 16:12

³ ^aPs. 32:9 ^bProv. 10:13; 19:29

⁴ ^aProv. 23:9; 29:9

⁵ ^aMatt. 16:1-4; 21:24-27
^bProv. 3:7; 28:11; Rom. 12:16

⁸ ¹Lit., *the binding of*

⁹ ¹Lit., *goes up*

¹⁰ ¹Or, *A master workman produces all things. But he who hires a fool is like one who hires those who pass by.*

¹¹ ¹Lit., *with his*
^{a2} Pet. 2:22 ^bEx. 8:15

12 *Prov. 3:7; 26:5
 13 ¹Lit., *within*
 16 ¹Lit., *return discreetly*
 *Prov. 27:11; 1 Pet. 3:15
 17 ¹Lit., *infuriates himself*
 *Prov. 3:30
 18 *Is. 50:11
 19 *Prov. 24:28
 20 *Prov. 16:28
 22 ¹Lit., *chambers of the belly*
 23 *Matt. 23:27; Luke 11:39
 24 ¹Lit., *inward part*
 *Prov. 10:18; Ps. 41:6 ^bProv. 12:20
 25 ¹Lit., *his voice is gracious*
 *Prov. 26:23; Ps. 28:3; Jer. 9:8
 26 *Matt. 23:28 ^bLuke 8:17
 28 ¹Lit., *its crushed ones*
 1 ^aLuke 12:19, 20; James 4:14
 2 *Prov. 25:27; 2 Cor. 10:12, 18; 12:11
 5 *Prov. 28:23; Gal. 2:14
 6 ¹Or, *excessive*
 *Prov. 20:30; Ps. 141:5
^bMatt. 26:49
 7 ¹Lit., *soul* ²Lit., *tramples on*

12 Do you see a man ^awise in his own eyes?
 There is more hope for a fool than for him.
 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road!
 A lion is ¹in the open square!"
 14 *Like* the door turns on its hinges,
 So *does* the sluggard on his bed.
 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;
 He is weary of bringing it to his mouth again.
 16 The sluggard is ^awiser in his own eyes
 Than seven men who can ¹give a discreet answer.
 17 *Like* one who takes a dog by the ears
 Is he who passes by *and* ¹meddles with ^astrife not be-
 longing to him.
 18 Like a madman who throws
^aFirebrands, arrows and death,
 19 So is the man who ^adeceives his neighbor,
 And says, "Was I not joking?"
 20 For lack of wood the fire goes out,
 And where there is no ^awhisperer, contention quiets
 down.
 21 *Like* charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
 So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
 22 The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels,
 And they go down into the ¹innermost parts of the
 body.
 23 *Like* an earthen ^avessel overlaid with silver dross
 Are burning lips and a wicked heart.
 24 He who ^ahates disguises *it* with his lips,
 But he lays up ^bdeceit in his ¹heart.
 25 When ¹he ^aspeaks graciously, do not believe him,
 For there are seven abominations in his heart.
 26 *Though his* hatred ^acovers itself with guile,
 His wickedness will be ^brevealed before the assembly.
 27 He who digs a pit will fall into it,
 And he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
 28 A lying tongue hates ¹those it crushes,
 And a flattering mouth works ruin.

CHAPTER 27

Do not boast about tomorrow,
 For you ^ado not know what a day may bring forth.
 2 Let ^aanother praise you, and not your own mouth;
 A stranger, and not your own lips.
 3 A stone is heavy and the sand weighty,
 But the provocation of a fool is heavier than both of
 them.
 4 Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood,
 But who can stand before jealousy?
 5 Better is ^aopen rebuke
 Than love that is concealed.
 6 Faithful are the ^awounds of a friend,
 But ¹deceitful are the ^bkisses of an enemy.
 7 A sated ¹man ²loathes honey,
 But to a famished ¹man any bitter thing is sweet.

- 8 Like a ^abird that wanders from her nest,
So is a man who ^bwanders from his ¹home.
- 9 ^aOil and perfume make the heart glad,
So a ¹man's counsel is sweet to his friend.
- 10 Do not forsake your own friend or ^ayour father's friend,
And do not go to your brother's house in the day of
your calamity;
Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother far
away.
- 11 ^aBe wise, my son, and make my heart glad,
That I may ^breply to him who reproaches me.
- 12 A prudent man sees evil *and* hides himself,
The ¹naive proceed *and* pay the penalty.
- 13 Take his garment when he becomes surety for a
stranger;
And for an ¹adulterous woman hold him in pledge.
- 14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the
morning,
It will be reckoned a curse to him.
- 15 A constant dripping on a day of steady rain
And a contentious woman are alike;
- 16 He who would ¹restrain her ¹restrains the wind,
And ²grasps oil with his right hand.
- 17 Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another.
- 18 He who tends the ^afig tree will eat its fruit;
And he who ^bcares for his master will be honored.
- 19 As in water face *reflects* face,
So the heart of man *reflects* man.
- 20 ^{1a}Sheol and ²Abaddon are ^bnever satisfied,
Nor are the ^ceyes of man ever satisfied.
- 21 The crucible is for silver and the furnace for gold,
And a man ^ais *tested* by the praise accorded him.
- 22 Though you ^apound a fool in a mortar with a pestle
along with crushed grain,
Yet his folly will not depart from him.
- 23 ^aKnow well the ¹condition of your flocks,
And pay attention to your herds;
- 24 For riches are not forever,
Nor does a ^acrown *endure* to all generations.
- 25 *When* the grass disappears, the new growth is seen,
And the herbs of the mountains are ^agathered in,
- 26 The lambs *will be* for your clothing,
And the goats *will bring* the price of a field,
And *there will be* goats' milk enough for your food,
For the food of your household,
And sustenance for your maidens.

⁸ ¹Lit., *place*
^aProv. 26:2; Is. 16:2 ^bGen. 21:14

⁹ ¹Lit., *soul's*
^aPs. 23:5; 141:5

¹⁰ ¹ Kin. 12:6-8; 2 Chr. 10:6-8

¹¹ ^aProv. 10:1; 23:15; 29:3
^bPs. 119:42

¹² ¹Lit., *simple*

¹³ ¹Lit., *strange*

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *hide(s)* ²Lit.,
encounters

¹⁸ ^{a2} Kin. 18:31; Song of
Sol. 8:12; Is. 36:16; 1 Cor.
3:8; 9:7; 2 Tim. 2:6 ^bLuke
12:42-44; 19:17

²⁰ ¹e., The nether world
²i.e., the place of perishing
^aProv. 15:11; Job 26:6 ^bProv.
30:15, 16; Hab. 2:5 ^cEccl. 1:8;
4:8

²¹ ^aLuke 6:26

²² ^aProv. 23:35; 26:11; Jer.
5:3

²³ ¹Lit., *face*
^aJer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:12; John
10:3

²⁴ ^aJob 19:9; Ps. 89:39; Jer.
13:18; Lam. 5:16; Ezek.
21:26

²⁵ ^aIs. 17:5; Jer. 40:10, 12

¹ ¹Lit., *confident*
^aLev. 26:17, 36; Ps. 53:5

² ¹ Kin. 16:8-28; 2 Kin.
15:8-15

CHAPTER 28

THE wicked ^aflee when no one is pursuing,
But the righteous are ¹bold as a lion.

- 2 By the transgression of a land ^amany are its princes,
But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge, so it
endures.

3 ¹Lit., and there is no bread
^aMatt. 18:28

4 ^aPs. 49:18; Rom. 1:32
^{b1} Kin. 18:18; Neh. 13:11, 15; Matt. 3:7; 14:4; Eph. 5:11

5 ^aPs. 92:6; Is. 6:9; 44:18
^bProv. 2:9; Ps. 119:100; John 7:17; 1 Cor. 2:15; 1 John 2:20, 27

6 ¹Lit., perverse of two ways

8 ^aEx. 22:25; Lev. 25:36
^bProv. 13:22; Job 27:17

9 ^aProv. 15:8; 21:27; Ps. 66:18; 109:7

10 ^aProv. 26:27; Ps. 7:15
^bMatt. 6:33; Heb. 6:12; 1 Pet. 3:9

11 ¹Lit., examine him

12 ¹Lit., will be searched for
^aProv. 28:28; Eccles. 10:5, 6

13 ^aJob 31:33; Ps. 32:3 ^bPs. 32:5; 1 John 1:9

14 ^aProv. 23:17 ^bPs. 95:8; Rom. 2:5

15 ^aProv. 19:12; 1 Pet. 5:8
^bProv. 29:2; Ex. 1:14; Matt. 2:16

16 ^aEccles. 10:16; Is. 3:12

17 ¹Lit., flee to the pit
^aGen. 9:6; Ex. 21:14

18 ¹Lit., perverse of two ways

20 ^aProv. 10:6; Matt. 24:45; 25:21 ^bProv. 28:22; 20:21; 1 Tim. 6:9

21 ¹Lit., regard the face
^aProv. 24:23 ^bEzek. 13:19

22 ^aProv. 23:6

25 ¹Lit., broad soul ²Lit., be made fat

26 ^aProv. 3:5

27 ¹Lit., hides
^aProv. 11:24; 19:17

- 3 A ^apoor man who oppresses the lowly
Is *like* a driving rain ¹which leaves no food.
- 4 Those who forsake the law ^apraise the wicked,
But those who keep the law ^bstrive with them.
- 5 Evil men ^ado not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD ^bunderstand all things.
- 6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity,
Than he who is ¹crooked though he be rich.
- 7 He who keeps the law is a discerning son,
But he who is a companion of gluttons humiliates his father.
- 8 He who increases his wealth by ^ainterest and usury,
Gathers it ^bfor him who is gracious to the poor.
- 9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law,
Even his ^aprayer is an abomination.
- 10 He who leads the upright astray in an evil way
Will ^ahimself fall into his own pit,
But the ^bblameless will inherit good.
- 11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding ¹sees through him.
- 12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory,
But ^awhen the wicked rise, men ¹hide themselves.
- 13 He who ^aconceals his transgressions will not prosper,
But he who ^bconfesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.
- 14 How blessed is the man who ^afears always,
But he who ^bhardens his heart will fall into calamity.
- 15 *Like* a ^aroaring lion and a rushing bear
Is a ^bwicked ruler over a poor people.
- 16 A ^aleader who is a great oppressor lacks understanding,
But he who hates unjust gain will prolong *his* days.
- 17 A man who is ^aladen with the guilt of human blood
Will ¹be a fugitive until death; let no one support him.
- 18 He who walks blamelessly will be delivered,
But he who is ¹crooked will fall all at once.
- 19 He who tills his land will have plenty of food,
But he who follows empty *pursuits* will have poverty in plenty.
- 20 A ^afaithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who ^bmakes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.
- 21 To ¹show partiality is not good,
^bBecause for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
- 22 A man with an ^aevil eye hastens after wealth,
And does not know that want will come upon him.
- 23 He who rebukes a man will afterward find *more* favor
Than he who flatters with the tongue.
- 24 He who robs his father or his mother,
And says, "It is not a transgression,"
Is the companion of a man who destroys.
- 25 An ¹arrogant man stirs up strife,
But he who trusts in the LORD will ²prosper.
- 26 He who ^atrusts in his own heart is a fool,
But he who walks wisely, will be delivered.
- 27 He who ^agives to the poor will never want,
But he who ¹shuts his eyes will have many curses.

- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

CHAPTER 29

- A MAN who hardens *his* neck after ^amuch reproof
Will suddenly be broken ¹beyond remedy.
- 2 When the ^arighteous ¹increase, the people rejoice,
But when a wicked man rules, people groan.
- 3 A man who ^aloves wisdom makes his father glad,
But he who ^bkeeps company with harlots wastes *his*
wealth.
- 4 The ^aking gives stability to the land by justice,
But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.
- 5 A man who ^aflatters his neighbor
Is spreading a net for his steps.
- 6 By transgression an evil man is ^aensnared,
But the righteous ^bsings and rejoices.
- 7 The ^arighteous ¹is concerned for the rights of the poor,
The wicked does not understand *such* ²concern.
- 8 Scorners set a city aflame,
But wise men turn away anger.
- 9 When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man,
¹The foolish man either rages or laughs, and there is no
rest.
- 10 Men of ^abloodshed hate the blameless,
But the upright ¹are concerned for his life.
- 11 A fool ¹always loses his temper,
But a ^awise man holds it back.
- 12 If a ^aruler pays attention to falsehood,
All his ministers *become* wicked.
- 13 The poor man and the oppressor ¹have this in
common:
The LORD gives ^alight to the eyes of both.
- 14 If a ^aking judges the poor with truth,
His throne will be established forever.
- 15 The ^arod and reproof give wisdom,
But a child ¹who gets his own way brings shame to his
mother.
- 16 When the wicked ¹increase, transgression increases;
But the ^arighteous will see their fall.
- 17 ^aCorrect your son, and he will give you comfort;
He will also ¹delight your soul.
- 18 Where there is ^ano ¹vision, the people ^bare
unrestrained,
But ^ahappy is he who keeps the law.
- 19 A slave will not be instructed by words *alone*;
For though he understands, there will be no response.
- 20 Do you see a man who is ^ahasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 21 He who pampers his slave from childhood
Will in the end find him to be a son.
- 22 An angry man stirs up strife,
And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.
- 23 A man's ^apride will bring him low,
But a ^bhumble spirit will obtain honor.

¹ Lit., *and there is no remedy*
^aProv. 1:24-31; 1 Sam. 2:25;
2 Chr. 36:16

² Or, *become great*
^aProv. 11:10; 28:12; Esth. 8:15

³ ^aProv. 10:1; 15:20; 27:11;
28:7 ^bProv. 5:10; 6:26; Luke 15:30

⁴ ^aProv. 28:14; 8:15; 2 Chr. 9:8

⁵ ^aPs. 5:9

⁶ ^aProv. 22:5; Eccles. 9:12
^bEx. 15:1

⁷ Lit., *knows the cause*
²Lit., *knowledge*
^aProv. 31:8, 9; Job 29:16; Ps. 41:1

⁹ Lit., *He*

¹⁰ Lit., *seek his soul*
^aGen. 4:5-8; 1 John 3:12

¹¹ Lit., *sends forth all his spirit*
^aProv. 19:11

¹² ^a1 Kin. 12:14

¹³ Lit., *meet together*
^aEzra 9:8; Ps. 13:3

¹⁴ ^aPs. 72:4; Is. 11:4

¹⁵ Lit., *left to himself*
^aProv. 13:24; 22:15

¹⁶ Or, *become great*
^aProv. 21:12; Ps. 37:34, 36;
58:10; 91:8; 92:11

¹⁷ Lit., *give delight to*
^aProv. 29:15

¹⁸ Or, *revelation*
^a1 Sam. 3:1; Ps. 74:9; Amos 8:11, 12 ^bEx. 32:25 ^cProv. 8:32; Ps. 1:1, 2; 106:3; 119:2; John 13:17

²⁰ ^aJames 1:19

²³ ^aProv. 11:2; 16:18;
2 Sam. 22:28; Dan. 4:30, 31;
Matt. 23:12; James 4:6
^bProv. 15:33; 18:12; 22:4; Is. 66:2; Luke 14:11; 18:14;
James 4:10

24 *Lev. 5:1

25 ¹Lit., *gives*
 *Gen. 12:12; 20:2; Luke 12:4;
 John 12:42, 43 ^bProv. 18:10;
 28:25; Ps. 91:1-16

26 ¹Lit., *face*
 *Is. 49:4; 1 Cor. 4:4

27 *Prov. 12:8; Ps. 6:8;
 139:21, 22 ^bProv. 29:10; Ps.
 69:4; Matt. 10:22, 24:9; John
 15:18; 17:14; 1 John 3:13

1 ¹Or, *burden*

2 *Prov. 12:1; Ps. 49:10

4 ¹Lit., *the*
 *Ps. 68:18; John 3:13; Eph.
 4:8 ^bEx. 15:10; Ps. 135:7 ^cJob
 26:8; 38:8, 9 ^dPs. 24:2; Is.
 45:18 ^eRev. 19:12

5 *Ps. 12:6; 18:30 ^bProv.
 2:7; Ps. 3:3; 84:11

6 *Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Rev.
 22:18

8 ¹Lit., *words of falsehood*
 *Job 23:12; Matt. 6:11

9 *Deut. 8:12; 31:20; Neh.
 9:25; Hos. 13:6 ^bJosh. 24:27;
 Job 31:28 ^cEx. 20:7

10 *Eccles. 7:21

11 ¹Or, *generation*
 *Prov. 20:20; Ex. 21:17

12 ¹Or, *generation*
 *Prov. 16:2; Luke 18:11

13 ¹Or, *generation*
 *Prov. 6:17; Is. 2:11; 5:15

14 ¹Or, *generation*
 *Ps. 57:4 ^bJob 29:17 ^cPs. 14:4;
 Amos 8:4

- 24 He who is a partner with a thief hates his own life;
 He ^ahears the oath but tells nothing.
- 25 The ^afear of man ¹brings a snare,
 But he who ^btrusts in the LORD will be exalted.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's ¹favor,
 But ^ajustice for man *comes* from the LORD.
- 27 An ^aunjust man is abominable to the righteous,
 And he who is ^bupright in the way is abominable to the
 wicked.

CHAPTER 30

THE words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the ¹oracle.
 The man declares to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

- 2 Surely I am more ^astupid than any man,
 And I do not have the understanding of a man.
- 3 And I have not learned wisdom,
 But I have knowledge of the Holy One.
- 4 Who has ^aascended into heaven and descended?
 Who has gathered the ^bwind in His fists?
 Who has ^cwrapped the waters in ¹His garment?
 Who has ^destablished all the ends of the earth?
 What is His ^ename or His son's name?
 Surely you know!
- 5 Every ^aword of God is tested;
 He is a ^bshield to those who take refuge in Him.
- 6 ^aDo not add to His words
 Lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar.
- 7 Two things I asked of Thee,
 Do not refuse me before I die:
- 8 Keep deception and ¹lies far from me,
 Give me neither poverty nor riches,
 Feed me with the ^afood that is my portion,
- 9 Lest I be ^afull and deny ^bThee and say, "Who is the
 LORD?"
 Or lest I be in want and steal,
 And ^cprofane the name of my God.
- 10 Do not slander a slave to his master,
 Lest he ^acurse you and you be found guilty.
- 11 There is a ¹kind of *man* who ^acurses his father,
 And does not bless his mother.
- 12 There is a ¹kind who is ^apure in his own eyes,
 Yet is not washed from his filthiness.
- 13 There is a ¹kind—oh how ^alofty are his eyes!
 And his eyelids are raised *in arrogance*.
- 14 There is a ¹kind of *man* whose ^ateeth are *like* swords,
 And his ^bjaw teeth *like* knives,
 To ^cdevour the afflicted from the earth,
 And the needy from among men.
- 15 The leech has two daughters,
 "Give," "Give."

- There are three things that will not be satisfied,
Four that will not say, "Enough":
- 16 ¹Sheol, and the ^bbarren womb,
Earth that is never satisfied with water,
And fire that never says, "Enough."
- 17 The eye that ^amocks a father,
And ¹scorns a mother,
The ^bravens of the valley will pick it out,
And the young ^beagles will eat it.
- 18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me,
Four which I do not understand:
- 19 The way of an ^aeagle in the sky,
The way of a serpent on a rock,
The way of a ship in the middle of the sea,
And the way of a man with a maid.
- 20 This is the way of an adulterous woman:
She eats and wipes her mouth,
And says, "I have done no wrong."
- 21 Under three things the earth quakes,
And under four, it cannot bear up:
- 22 Under a slave when he becomes king,
And a fool when he is satisfied with food,
- 23 Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband,
And a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.
- 24 Four things are small on the earth,
But they are exceedingly wise:
- 25 The ants are not a strong folk,
But they prepare their food in the summer;
- 26 The ^abadgers are not mighty folk,
Yet they make their houses in the rocks;
- 27 The locusts have no king,
Yet all of them go out in ^aranks;
- 28 The lizard you may grasp with the hands,
Yet it is in kings' palaces.
- 29 There are three things which are stately in *their* march,
Even four which are stately when they walk:
- 30 The lion *which* is ^amighty among beasts
And does not ^{1b}retreat before any,
- 31 The ¹strutting cock, the male goat also,
And a king *when his* army is with him.
- 32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself
Or if you have plotted *evil*, ^aput your hand on your mouth.
- 33 For the ¹churning of milk produces butter,
And pressing the nose brings forth blood;
So the ¹churning of anger produces strife.

16 ¹i.e., The nether world
^aProv. 27:20 ^bGen. 30:1

17 ¹Lit., *despises to obey*
^aGen. 9:22 ^bDeut. 28:26

19 ^aDeut. 28:49; Jer. 48:40;
49:22

26 ^aLev. 11:5; Ps. 104:18

27 ^aJoel 2:7

30 ¹Lit., *turn back*
^aJudg. 14:18; 2 Sam. 1:23
^bMic. 5:8

31 ¹Heb., *girt in the loins*

32 ^aJob 21:5; 40:4; Mic. 7:16

33 ¹Lit., *pressing*

¹ Or, *burden*

CHAPTER 31

THE words of King Lemuel, the ¹oracle which his mother taught him.

Proverbs 31

2 ^aIs. 49:15 ^{b1} Sam. 1:11

3 ^aDeut. 17:17; 1 Kin. 11:1; Neh. 13:26

4 ^aEccles. 10:17 ^bProv. 20:1; Is. 5:22; Hos. 4:11

5 ¹Lit., *judgment* ²Lit., *sons of affliction*
^aProv. 17:15; Ex. 23:6; Deut. 16:19

6 ¹Lit., *bitter of soul*
^aJob 29:13 ^bJob 3:20; Is. 38:15

8 ¹Lit., *judgment* ²Lit., *sons of passing away*
^aProv. 24:11; Job 29:12-17; Ps. 82

9 ¹Lit., *judge the afflicted*
^aLev. 19:15; Deut. 1:16 ^{b1s.} 1:17; Jer. 22:16

10 ^aProv. 12:4; 19:14; Ruth 3:11 ^bProv. 8:11; Job 28:18

13 ¹Lit., *palms* ²Or, *willingly*

14 ^aEzek. 27:25

15 ¹Or, *prescribed tasks*
^aProv. 20:13; Rom. 12:11
^bLuke 12:42

16 ¹Lit., *the fruit of her palms*

17 ¹Lit., *her loins*
^{a1} Kin. 18:46; 2 Kin. 4:29; Job 38:3

19 ¹Lit., *palms*

20 ¹Lit., *spreads out her palm*
^aProv. 22:9; Deut. 15:11; Job 31:16-20; Rom. 12:13; Eph. 4:28

21 ^{a2} Sam. 1:24

22 ^aProv. 7:16 ^bGen. 41:42; Rev. 19:8, 14 ^cJudg. 8:26; Luke 16:19

23 ^aRuth 4:1, 11

24 ¹Lit., *gives* ²Lit., *Canaanite*
^aJudg. 14:12

25 ¹Lit., *latter days*

26 ¹Or, *law*

2 What, O my son?
And what, O ^ason of my womb?
And what, O son of my ^bvows?

3 Do not give your strength to women,
Or your ways to that which ^adestroys kings.

4 It is not for ^akings, O Lemuel,
It is not for kings to ^bdrink wine,
Or for rulers to desire strong drink.

5 Lest they drink and forget what is decreed,
And ^apervert the ¹rights of all the ²afflicted.

6 Give strong drink to him who is ^aperishing,
And wine to him ^{1b}whose life is bitter.

7 Let him drink and forget his poverty,
And remember his trouble no more.

8 ^aOpen your mouth for the dumb,
For the ¹rights of all the ²unfortunate.

9 Open your mouth, ^ajudge righteously,
And ^{1d}defend the ^brights of the afflicted and needy.

10 An ^aexcellent wife, who can find?
For her worth is far ^babove jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,
And he will have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.

13 She looks for wool and flax,
And works with her ¹hands ²in delight.

14 She is like ^amerchant ships;
She brings her food from afar.

15 She ^aarises also while it is still night,
And ^bgives food to her household,
And ¹portions to her maidens.

16 She considers a field and buys it;
From ¹her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She ^agirds ¹herself with strength,
And makes her arms strong.

18 She senses that her gain is good;
Her lamp does not go out at night.

19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her ¹hands grasp the spindle.

20 She ^{1a}extends her hand to the poor;
And she stretches out her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household,
For all her household are ^aclothed with scarlet.

22 She makes ^acoverings for herself;
Her clothing is ^bfine linen and ^cpurple.

23 Her husband is known ^ain the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.

24 She makes ^alinen garments and sells *them*,
And ¹supplies belts to the ²tradesmen.

25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,
And she smiles at the ¹future.

26 She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the ¹teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

27 She looks well to the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

- 28 Her children rise up and bless her;
Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:
29 "Many daughters have done nobly,
But you excel them all."
30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,
But a woman who ¹fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
31 Give her the ¹product of her hands,
And let her works praise her in the gates.

30 ¹Or, *reverences*

31 ¹Lit., *fruit*

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

The Futility of All Endeavor.

THE words of the ^aPreacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 "^{1a}Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"¹Vanity of vanities! All is ²vanity."

3 ^aWhat advantage does man have in all his work
Which he does under the sun?

¹ ^aEccles. 1:12; 7:27; 12:8-10

4 A generation goes and a generation comes,
But the ^aearth ¹remains forever.

² ¹Or, *Futility of futilities*
^aOr, *futile*
^aEccles. 12:8; Ps. 39:5, 6; 62:9; 144:4; Rom. 8:20

5 Also, ^athe sun rises and the sun sets;
And ¹hastening to its place it rises there *again*.

6 ^{1a}Blowing toward the south,
Then turning toward the north,
The wind continues ²swirling along;
And on its circular courses the wind returns.

³ ^aEccles. 2:11; 3:9; 5:16

7 All the rivers ¹flow into the sea,
Yet the sea is not full.
To the place where the rivers ¹flow,
There they ¹flow again.

⁴ ¹Lit., *stands*
^aPs. 104:5; 119:90

8 All things are wearisome;
Man is not able to tell *it*.

⁵ ¹Lit., *panting*
^aPs. 19:4-6

^aThe eye is not satisfied with seeing,
Nor is the ear filled with hearing.

⁶ ¹Lit., *Going* ²Lit., *turning*
^aEccles. 11:5

9 ^aThat which has been is that which will be,
And that which has been done is that which will be done.

⁷ ¹Lit., *go*

So, there is nothing new under the sun.

⁸ ^aEccles. 4:8; Prov. 27:20

10 Is there anything of which one might say,
"See this, it is new?"

⁹ ^aEccles. 2:12; 3:15; 6:10

Already it has existed for ages
Which were before us.

¹¹ ¹Lit., *first or former*
²Lit., *latter or after*
^aEccles. 2:16; 9:5

11 There is ^ano remembrance of ¹earlier things;
And also of the ²later things which will occur,
There will be for them no remembrance
Among those who will come ²later *still*.

¹² ^aEccles. 1:12; 7:27; 12:8-10

12 I, the ^aPreacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

¹³ ¹Lit., *heart*
^aEccles. 1:17 ^bEccles. 3:10, 11; 7:25; 8:17

13 And I ^aset my ¹mind to seek and ^bexplore by wisdom

13 ²Lit., *evil*
^cEccles. 2:23, 26; 3:10

14 ¹Or, *futility*
^aEccles. 2:11, 17; 4:4; 6:9

15 ^aEccles. 7:13

16 ¹Lit., *spoke with my heart, saying* ²Lit., *heart*
³Lit., *abundance*
^aEccles. 2:9; 1 Kin. 3:12; 4:30; 10:23

17 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aEccles. 1:13 ^bEccles. 2:12; 7:25

18 ^aEccles. 2:23; 12:12

1 ¹Lit., *in my heart* ²Lit., *consider with goodness*
^aEccles. 7:4; 8:15

2 ^aEccles. 7:3, 6; Prov. 14:13

3 ¹Lit., *heart* ²Lit., *which they do* ³Lit., *days*
^aEccles. 10:19; Judg. 9:13; Ps. 104:15 ^bEccles. 7:25 ^cEccles. 1:24; 3:12, 13; 5:18; 6:12; 8:15; 12:13

4 ¹ Kin. 7:1-12 ^bSong of Sol. 8:10, 11

5 ^aSong of Sol. 4:16; 5:1 ^bNeh. 2:8

6 ^aNeh. 2:14; 3:15, 16

7 ¹Lit., *sons of the house*
^aGen. 14:14; 15:3 ^b1 Kin. 4:23

8 ¹ Kin. 9:28; 10:10, 14, 21 ^b1 Kin. 20:14; Lam. 1:1 ^c2 Sam. 19:35

9 ^aEccles. 1:16; 1 Chr. 29:25

10 ^aEccles. 6:2 ^bEccles. 3:22; 5:18; 9:9

11 ¹Lit., *labored to do* ²Or, *futility, and so throughout the chap.*
^aEccles. 2:22, 23; 1:14 ^bEccles. 1:3; 3:9; 5:16

12 ^aEccles. 1:17 ^bEccles. 1:9, 10

13 ^aEccles. 7:11, 12, 19; 9:18; 10:10

concerning all that has been done under heaven. *It* is a ²grievous ^ctask *which* God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with.

14 I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is ^{1a}vanity and striving after wind.

15 What is ^acrooked cannot be straightened, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

16 I ¹said to myself, "Behold, I have magnified and increased ^awisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my ²mind has observed a ³wealth of wisdom and knowledge."

17 And I ^aset my ¹mind to know wisdom and to ^bknow madness and folly; I realized that this also is striving after wind.

18 Because ^ain much wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge *results in* increasing pain.

CHAPTER 2

I SAID ¹to myself, "Come now, I will test you with ^apleasure. So ²enjoy yourself." And behold, it too was futility.

2 ^aI said of laughter, "It is madness," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?"

3 I explored with my ¹mind *how* to ^astimulate my body with wine while my ¹mind was guiding *me* wisely, and how to take hold of ^bfolly, until I could see ^cwhat good there is for the sons of men ²to do under heaven the ³few years of their lives.

4 I enlarged my works: I ^abuilt houses for myself, I planted ^bvineyards for myself;

5 I made ^agardens and ^bparks for myself, and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees;

6 I made ^aponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees.

7 I bought male and female slaves, and I had ^{1a}homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and ^bherds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.

8 Also, I collected for myself silver and ^agold, and the treasure of ^bkings and provinces. I provided for myself ^cmale and female singers and the pleasures of men—many concubines.

9 Then I became ^agreat and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me.

10 And ^aall that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my ^breward for all my labor.

11 Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had ¹exerted, and behold all was ^{2a}vanity and striving after wind and there was ^bno profit under the sun.

12 So I turned to ^aconsider wisdom, madness and folly, for what *will* the man *do* who will come after the king *except* ^bwhat has already been done?

13 And I saw that ^awisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

**The Futility of Labor.
A Time for Everything.**

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the ^afool walks in darkness. And yet I know that ^bone fate befalls them both.

15 Then I said ¹to myself, "^aAs is the fate of the fool, it will also befall me. ^bWhy then have I been extremely wise?" So ²I said to myself, "This too is vanity."

16 For there is ^ano ¹lasting remembrance of the wise man *as* with the fool, inasmuch as *in* the coming days all will be forgotten. And ^bhow the wise man and the fool alike die!

17 So I ^ahated life, for the work which had been done under the sun was ¹grievous to me; because everything is futility and striving after wind.

18 Thus I hated ^aall the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must ^bleave it to the man who will come after me.

19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have ¹control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity.

20 Therefore I ¹completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun.

21 When there is a man who has labored with wisdom, knowledge and ^askill, then he ^bgives his ¹legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too is vanity and a great evil.

22 For what does a man get in ^aall his labor and in ¹his striving with which he labors under the sun?

23 Because all his days his task is painful and ^agrievous; even at night his ¹mind ^bdoes not rest. This too is vanity.

24 There is ^anothing better for a man *than* to eat and drink and ¹tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen, that it is ^bfrom the hand of God.

25 For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without ¹Him?

26 For to a person who is good in His sight ^aHe has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while ^bto the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that He may ^cgive to one who is good in God's sight. This too is ^dvanity and striving after wind.

CHAPTER 3

THERE is an appointed time for everything. And there is a ^atime for every ¹event under heaven—

- 2 A time to give birth, and a ^atime to die;
A time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted.
- 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to tear down, and a time to build up.
- 4 A time to ^aweep, and a time to ^blaugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to ^cdance.
- 5 A time to throw stones, and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, and a time to shun embracing.
- 6 A time to search, and a time to give up as lost;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away.
- 7 A time to tear apart, and a time to sew together;
A time to ^abe silent, and a time to speak.
- 8 A time to love, and a time to ^ahate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 2, 3

14 ^aProv. 17:24; 1 John 2:11
^bEccles. 3:19; 6:6; 7:2; 9:2, 3; Ps. 49:10

15 ¹Lit., *in my heart* ²Lit., *I spoke in heart*
^aEccles. 2:16 ^bEccles. 6:8, 11

16 ¹Lit., *forever*
^aEccles. 1:11; 4:16; 9:5
^bEccles. 2:14

17 ¹Lit., *evil*
^aEccles. 4:2

18 ^aEccles. 2:11; 1:3 ^bPs. 39:6; 49:10

19 ¹Lit., *dominion*

20 ¹Lit., *turned aside my heart to despair*

21 ¹Lit., *share*
^aEccles. 4:4 ^bEccles. 2:18

22 ¹Lit., *the striving of his heart*
^aEccles. 2:11; 1:3

23 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aEccles. 1:18; 5:17; Job 5:7; 14:1 ^bPs. 127:2

24 ¹Lit., *causes his soul to see good in his labor*
^aEccles. 2:3; 3:12, 13, 22; 5:18; 6:12; 8:15; 9:7; 1 Tim. 6:17 ^bEccles. 3:13

25 ¹So Gk.; Heb., *me*

26 ^aJob 32:8; Prov. 2:6 ^bJob 15:20 ^cJob 27:16, 17; Prov. 13:22 ^dEccles. 1:14

1 ¹Lit., *delight*
^aEccles. 3:17; 8:6

2 ^aJob 14:5; Heb. 9:27

4 ^aRom. 12:15 ^bPs. 126:2
^cEx. 15:20

7 ^aAmos 5:13

8 ^aPs. 101:3; Prov. 13:5

9 •Eccles. 1:3; 2:11; 5:16

10 •Eccles. 1:13; 2:26

11 ¹Lit. *beautiful* ²Or, *without which men*
•Gen. 1:31 ³Eccles. 7:23;
8:17; Job 5:9; Rom. 11:33

12 •Eccles. 2:24

13 •Eccles. 2:24; 5:19

14 ¹Or, *be in awe before Him*
•Eccles. 5:7; 7:18; 8:12, 13;
12:13

15 •Eccles. 1:9; 6:10

16 •Eccles. 4:1; 5:8; 8:9

17 ¹Lit. *in my heart* ²Or, *delight*
•Eccles. 11:9; Gen. 18:25; Ps.
96:13; 98:9; Matt. 16:27;
Rom. 2:6-10; 2 Thess. 1:6-9
³Eccles. 3:1; 8:6

18 ¹Lit. *in my heart*
•Ps. 49:12, 20; 73:22

19 ¹Lit. *and they have one fate* ²Or, *futility*
•Eccles. 9:12

20 •Eccles. 12:7; Gen. 3:19;
Ps. 103:14

21 •Eccles. 12:7

22 •Eccles. 2:24^bEccles.
2:18; 6:12; 8:7; 10:14

1 •Eccles. 3:16; 5:8; Job
35:9; Ps. 12:5; Is. 5:7 ^bLam.
1:9

2 •Eccles. 2:17; Job 3:11-
26

3 •Eccles. 6:3

4 ¹Or, *futility*, and so
throughout the chap.
•Eccles. 2:21 ²Eccles. 1:14

5 •Prov. 6:10; 24:33 ^bIs.
9:20

6 •Prov. 15:16, 17; 16:8

9 ^aWhat profit is there to the worker from that in which he toils?

10 I have seen the ^atask which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.

11 He has ^amade everything ¹appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, ²yet so that man ^bwill not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

12 I know that there is ^anothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime,

13 moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the ^agift of God.

14 I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should ¹fear Him.

15 That ^awhich is has been already, and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.

16 Furthermore, I have seen under the sun *that* in the place of justice there is ^awickedness, and in the place of righteousness there is wickedness.

17 I said ¹to myself, "God will judge both the righteous man and the wicked man," for a ^btime for every ²matter and for every deed is there.

18 I said ¹to myself concerning the sons of men, "God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they are but ^abeasts."

19 ^aFor the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts ¹is the same. As one dies so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath and there is no advantage for man over beast, for all is ²vanity.

20 All go to the same place. All came from the ^adust and all return to the dust.

21 Who knows that the ^abreath of man ascends upward and the breath of the beast descends downward to the earth?

22 And I have seen that ^anothing is better than that man should be happy in his activities, for that is his *lot*. For who will bring him to see ^bwhat will occur after him?

CHAPTER 4

THEN I looked again at all the acts of ^aoppression which were being done under the sun. And behold *I saw* the tears of the oppressed and *that* they had ^bno one to comfort *them*; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they had no one to comfort *them*.

2 So ^aI congratulated the dead who are already dead more than the living who are still living.

3 But ^abetter *off* than both of them is the one who has never existed, who has never seen the evil activity that is done under the sun.

4 And I have seen that every labor and every ^askill which is done is *the result of rivalry* between a man and his neighbor. This too is ¹vanity and striving after wind.

5 The fool ^afolds his hands and ^bconsumes his own flesh.

6 One hand full of rest is ^abetter than two fists full of labor and striving after wind.

**Solitariness Difficult.
Attitude Toward God. Injustice.**

7 Then I looked again at vanity under the sun.

8 There was a certain man without a ¹dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet there was no end to all his labor. Indeed, ²his eyes were not satisfied with riches *and he never asked*, "And ³for whom am I laboring and depriving myself of pleasure?" This too is vanity and it is a ⁴grievous task.

9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

10 For if ¹either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not ²another to lift him up.

11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they ¹keep warm, but ²how can one be warm *alone*?

12 And if ¹one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

13 A ²poor, yet wise lad is better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows *how* to receive ¹instruction.

14 For he has come ²out of prison to become king, even though he was born poor in his kingdom.

15 I have seen all the living under the sun throng to the side of the second lad who ¹replaces him.

16 There is no end to all the people, to all who were before them, and even the ones who will come later will not be happy with him, for this too is ²vanity and striving after wind.

CHAPTER 5

^{1a}
GUARD your steps as you go to the house of God, and draw near to listen rather than to offer the ²sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil.

2 ¹Do not be ²hasty ³in word or ⁴impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your ⁵words be few.

3 For the dream comes through much ¹effort, and the voice of a ²fool through many words.

4 When you ³make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. ⁴Pay what you vow!

5 It is ²better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

6 Do not let your ¹speech cause ²you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that it was a ³mistake. Why should God be angry on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

7 For in many dreams and in many words there is ¹emptiness. Rather ²fear ³God.

8 If you see ²oppression of the poor and ³denial of justice and righteousness in the province, do not be ⁴shocked at the ⁵sight, for one ⁶official watches over another ⁷official, and there are ⁸higher ⁹officials over them.

9 After all, a king who cultivates the field is an advantage to the land.

10 ²He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance *with its* income. This too is ¹vanity.

11 ²When good things increase, those who consume them

Ecclesiastes 4, 5

⁸ ¹Lit., *second*
²Eccles. 1:8; 5:10; Prov. 27:20
³Eccles. 2:21 ⁴Eccles. 1:13

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *they fall* ²Lit., *a second*

¹¹ ¹Lit., *have warmth*
²1 Kin. 1:1

¹² ¹Lit., *he*

¹³ ¹Or, *warning*
²Eccles. 7:19; 9:15

¹⁴ ¹Gen. 41:14, 41-43

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *stands in his stead*

¹⁶ ¹Eccles. 1:14

¹ 14:17 in Heb.
²Ex. 3:5; 30:18-20; Is. 1:12
³1 Sam. 15:22; Prov. 15:8; 21:27

² 15:1 in Heb. ²Lit., *with your mouth* ³Lit., *hurry your heart*
⁴Prov. 20:25 ⁵Prov. 10:19; Matt. 6:7

³ ¹Lit., *task*
²Eccles. 10:14; Job 11:2

⁴ ¹Num. 30:2; Ps. 50:14; 76:11 ²Ps. 66:13, 14

⁵ ¹Prov. 20:25; Acts 5:4

⁶ ¹Lit., *mouth* ² Lit., *your body*
³Lev. 4:2, 22; Num. 15:25

⁷ ¹Lit., *vanity* ²Or, *reverse*
³Eccles. 3:14; 7:18; 8:12, 13; 12:13

⁸ ¹Lit., *delight* ²Lit., *high one* ³Lit., *ones*
⁴Eccles. 4:1 ⁵Ezek. 18:18
⁶1 Pet. 4:12 ⁷Ex. 2:25; Ps. 12:5

¹⁰ ¹Or, *futility*
²Eccles. 2:10, 11

¹¹ ¹Eccles. 2:9

11 ¹Lit., see with their eyes

12 ¹Lit., satiety
^aProv. 3:24

13 ¹Lit., guarded
^aEccles. 6:2

14 ¹Lit., evil task ²Lit., in his hand

15 ^aJob 1:21 ^bPs. 49:17;
¹Tim. 6:7

16 ¹Lit., comes ²Lit., go
^aEccles. 1:3; 2:11; 3:9 ^bProv. 11:29

17 ^aEccles. 2:23

18 ¹Lit., beautiful ²Lit., see good
¹Or, days ⁴Or, share
^aEccles. 2:24 ^bEccles. 2:10

19 ¹Or, share
^aEccles. 6:2; 2 Chr. 1:12
^bEccles. 6:2 ^cEccles. 3:13

20 ¹Lit., remember ²Or, days
³So with Ck.

¹Lit., upon
^aEccles. 5:13

²Lit., eats from them
²Or, futility
^a1 Kin. 3:13 ^bPs. 17:14; 73:7

³Lit., the days of his years
^aIs. 14:20; Jer. 8:2; 22:19
^bEccles. 4:3; Job 3:16

⁵Lit., more rest has this one than that

⁶Lit., see
^aEccles. 2:14

⁷Lit., soul ²Lit., filled
^aProv. 16:26

⁸Eccles. 2:15

⁹Lit., goes after
^aEccles. 11:9 ^bEccles. 1:14

¹⁰Eccles. 1:9; 3:15

increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to ¹look on?

12 The sleep of the working man is ^apleasant, whether he eats little or much. But the ¹full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil *which* I have seen under the sun: ^ariches being ¹hoarded by their owner to his hurt.

14 When those riches were lost through a ¹bad investment and he had fathered a son, then there was nothing ²to support him.

15 ^aAs he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will take ^bnothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

16 And this also is a grievous evil—exactly as a man ¹is born, thus will he ²die. So, ^awhat is the advantage to him who ^btoils for the wind?

17 Throughout his life *he* also eats in darkness with ^agreat vexation, sickness and anger.

18 Here is what I have seen to be ^agood and ¹fitting: to eat, to drink and ²enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun *during* the few ³years of his life which God has given him; for this is his ⁴reward.

19 Furthermore, as for every man to whom ^aGod has given riches and wealth, He has also ^bempowered him to eat from them and to receive his ¹reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the ^cgift of God.

20 For he will not often ¹consider the ²years of his life, because God keeps ³him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

THERE is an ^aevil which I have seen under the sun and it is prevalent ¹among men—

2 a man to whom God has ^agiven riches and wealth and honor so that his soul ^bblacks nothing of all that he desires, but God has not empowered him to eat from them, for a foreigner ¹enjoys them. This is ²vanity and a sore affliction.

3 If a man fathers a hundred *children* and lives many years, however many ¹they be, but his soul is not satisfied with good things, and he does not even have a *proper* ^aburial, *then* I say, "Better ^bthe miscarriage than he,

4 for it comes in futility and goes into obscurity; and its name is covered in obscurity.

5 "It never sees the sun and it never knows *anything*: ¹it is better off than he.

6 "Even if the *other* man lives a thousand years twice and does not ¹enjoy good things—*"do not all go to one place?"*

7 ^aAll a man's labor is for his mouth and yet the ¹appetite is not ²satisfied.

8 For ^awhat advantage does the wise man have over the fool? What *advantage* does the poor man have, knowing *how* to walk before the living?

9 What the eyes ^asee is better than what the soul ¹desires. This too is ^bfutility and a striving after wind.

10 Whatever ^aexists has already been named, and it is

known what man is; for he ^bcannot dispute with him who is stronger than he is.

11 For there are many words which increase futility. What *then* is the advantage to a man?

12 For who knows what is good for a man during *his* lifetime, *during* the few ¹years of his futile life? He will ²spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man ^awhat will be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

A ^aGOOD name is better than a good ointment,
And the ^bday of *one's* death is better than the day of one's birth.

2 It is better to go to a house of mourning
Than to go to a house of feasting,
Because ¹that is the ^aend of every man,
And the living ^{2b}takes it to ³heart.

3 ^aSorrow is better than laughter,
For ^bwhen a face is sad a heart may be happy.

4 The ¹mind of the wise is in the house of mourning,
While the ¹mind of fools is in the house of pleasure.

5 It is better to ^alisten to the rebuke of a wise man
Than for one to listen to the song of fools.

6 For as the ¹crackling of ^athorn bushes under a pot,
So is the ^blaughter of the fool,
And this too is futility.

7 For ^aoppression makes a wise man mad,
And a ^bbribe ¹corrupts the heart.

8 The ^aend of a matter is better than its beginning;
^bPatience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.

9 Do not be ^{1a}eager in your heart to be angry,
For anger resides in the bosom of fools.

10 Do not say, "Why is it that the former days were better than these?"

For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this.

11 Wisdom along with an inheritance is good
And an ^aadvantage to those who see the sun.

12 For ^awisdom is ¹protection *just as* money is ¹protection.

But the advantage of knowledge is that ^bwisdom preserves the lives of its possessors.

13 Consider the ^awork of God,
For who is ^bable to straighten what He has bent?

14 ^aIn the day of prosperity be happy,
But ^bin the day of adversity consider—
God has made the one as well as the other
So that man may ^cnot discover anything *that will be* after him.

15 I have seen everything during my ^{1a}lifetime of futility;
there is ^{ba}a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and
there is ^{ca}a wicked man who prolongs *his life* in his wickedness.

16 Do not be excessively righteous, and do not ^abe overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself?

17 Do not be excessively wicked, and do not be a fool. Why should you ^adie before your time?

10 ^bProv. 21:30; Job 9:32; 40:2; Is. 45:9

12 ¹Lit., *days* ²Lit., *do*
^aEccles. 3:22

1 ^aProv. 22:1 ^bEccles. 7:8; 4:2

2 ¹Lit., *death* ²Lit., *gives*
³Lit., *his heart*
^aEccles. 2:16; 3:19, 20; 6:6; 9:2, 3 ^bPs. 90:12

3 ^aEccles. 2:2 ^{b2} Cor. 7:10

4 ¹Lit., *heart*

5 ^aEccles. 9:17; Ps. 141:5; Prov. 6:23; 13:18; 15:31, 32; 25:12

6 ¹Lit., *voice*
^aPs. 58:9; 118:12 ^bEccles. 2:2

7 ¹Lit., *destroys*
^aEccles. 4:1; 5:8 ^bEx. 23:8; Deut. 16:19; Prov. 17:8, 23

8 ^aEccles. 7:1 ^bProv. 14:29; 16:32; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2

9 ¹Lit., *hasty in your spirit*
^aProv. 14:17; James 1:19

11 ^aProv. 8:10, 11

12 ¹Lit., *in a shadow*
^aEccles. 7:19; 9:18 ^bProv. 3:18; 8:35

13 ^aEccles. 3:11; 8:17
^bEccles. 1:15

14 ^aEccles. 3:22; 9:7; 11:9; Deut. 26:11 ^bDeut. 8:5
^cEccles. 3:22

15 ¹Lit., *days*
^aEccles. 6:12; 9:9 ^bEccles. 8:14 ^cEccles. 8:12, 13

16 ^aRom. 12:3

17 ^aJob 22:16; Ps. 55:23; Prov. 10:27

18 ¹Lit., *rest your hand*
²Lit., *all*
^aEccles. 7:16 ^bEccles. 7:17
^cEccles. 3:14; 5:7; 8:12, 13;
12:13

19 ^aEccles. 7:12; 9:13-18

20 ^a1 Kin. 8:46; 2 Chr. 6:36;
Ps. 143:2; Prov. 20:9; Rom.
3:23

21 ¹Lit., *give your heart to*
^aProv. 30:1

22 ¹Lit., *your heart knows*
also

23 ^aEccles. 3:11; 8:17

24 ¹Lit., *deep*
^aRom. 11:33 ^bJob 11:7; 37:23

25 ¹Lit., *turned about* ²Lit.,
heart
^aEccles. 1:17; 10:13

26 ^aProv. 5:4 ^bProv. 7:23
^cProv. 6:23, 24 ^dProv. 22:14

28 ¹Lit., *mysoul*
^a1 Kin. 11:3

29 ^aGen. 1:27

1 ¹Lit., *his face* ²Or,
change
^aEx. 34:29, 30 ^bDeut. 28:50

2 ¹Lit., *mouth* ²Lit., *of*
^aEx. 22:11; 2 Sam. 21:7;
Ezek. 17:18

3 ¹Lit., *to go out from his*
presence
^aEccles. 10:4

4 ^aJob 9:12; Dan. 4:35

5 ¹Lit., *evil thing*
^aEccles. 12:13 ^bProv. 12:21

6 ^aEccles. 3:1, 17

7 ^aEccles. 3:22; 6:12; 7:14;
9:12

8 ¹Lit., *its possessors*
^aPs. 49:7-9 ^bDeut. 20:5-8
^cEccles. 8:13

9 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aEccles. 4:1; 5:8; 7:7

18 It is good that you grasp ^aone thing, and also not ^{1b}let go of the other, for the one who ^cfears God comes forth with ²both of them.

19 ^aWisdom strengthens a wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

20 Indeed, ^athere is not a righteous man on earth who *continually* does good and who never sins.

21 Also, do not ¹take seriously all words which are spoken, lest you hear your servant ^acursing you.

22 For ¹you also have realized that you likewise have many times cursed others.

23 I tested all this with wisdom, *and* I said, "I will be wise," ^abut it was far from me.

24 What has been is remote and ^aexceedingly ¹mysterious. ^bWho can discover it?

25 I ¹directed my ²mind to know, to investigate, and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the ^afoolishness of madness.

26 And I discovered more ^abitter than death the woman whose heart is ^bsnared and nets, whose hands are chains. ^cOne who is pleasing to God will escape from her, but ^dthe sinner will be captured by her.

27 "Behold, I have discovered this," says the Preacher, "*adding* one thing to another to find an explanation,

28 which ¹I am still seeking but have not found. I have found one man among a thousand, but I have not found a ^awoman among all these.

29 "Behold, I have found only this, that ^aGod made men upright, but they have sought out many devices."

CHAPTER 8

WHO is like the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man's wisdom illumines ^{1a}him and causes his ^bstern face to ²beam.

2 I say, "Keep the ¹command of the king because of the ^aoath ²before God.

3 Do not be in a hurry ^{1a}to leave him. Do not join in an evil matter, for he will do whatever he pleases.

4 Since the word of the king is authoritative, ^awho will say to him, "What are you doing?"

5 He who ^akeeps a *royal* command ^bexperiences no ¹trouble, for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure.

6 For there is a proper time and procedure ^afor every delight, when a man's trouble is heavy upon him.

7 If no one ^aknows what will happen, who can tell him when it will happen?

8 ^aNo man has authority to restrain the wind with the wind, or authority over the day of death; and there is no ^bdischarge in the time of war, and evil ^cwill not deliver ¹those who practice it.

9 All this I have seen and applied my ¹mind to every deed that has been done under the sun wherein a man has exercised ^aauthority over *another* man to his hurt.

10 So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and they are ^asoon forgotten in the city where they did thus. This too is futility.

11 Because the ^asentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore ^bthe hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

12 Although a sinner does evil a hundred *times* and may ^alengthen his *life*, still I know that it will be ^bwell for those who fear God, who fear ¹Him openly.

13 But it will ^anot be well for the evil man and he will not lengthen his days like a ^bshadow, because he does not fear God.

14 There is futility which is done on the earth, that is, there are ^arighteous men to whom it ¹happens according to the deeds of the wicked. On the other hand, there are ^bevil men to whom it ¹happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I say that this too is futility.

15 So I commended pleasure, for there is nothing good for ^aa man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be merry, and this will stand by him in his ¹toils *throughout* the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.

16 When I ^agave my heart to know wisdom and to see the task which has been done on the earth (even though one should ^bnever sleep day or night),

17 and I saw every work of God, I *concluded* that ^aman cannot discover the work which has been done under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and ^bthough the wise man should say, "I know," he cannot discover.

CHAPTER 9

FOR I have taken all this to my heart and explain ¹it that righteous men, wise men, and their deeds are ^ain the hand of God. ^bMan does not know whether *it will be* ^alove or hatred; anything ²awaits him.

2 ^aIt is the same for all. There is ^bone fate for the righteous and for the wicked; for the good, for the clean, and for the unclean; for the man who offers a sacrifice and for the one who does not sacrifice. As the good man is, so is the sinner; as the swearer is, so is the one who ¹is afraid to swear.

3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is ^aone fate for all men. Furthermore, ^bthe hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and ^cinsanity is in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they *go* to the dead.

4 For whoever is joined with the living, there is hope; surely a live dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know they will die; but the dead do not ^aknow anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their ^bmemory is forgotten.

6 Indeed their love, their hate, and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a ^ashare in all that is done under the sun.

7 *Go then*, eat your bread in happiness, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.

10 ^aEccles. 1:11; 2:16; 4:16; 9:5, 15

11 ^aEx. 34:6; Ps. 86:15; Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9 ^bEccles. 9:3

12 ¹Lit., *before Him*
^aEccles. 7:15; Is. 65:20
^bDeut. 4:40; 12:25; Ps. 37:11; Prov. 1:33; Is. 3:10

13 ^aEccles. 8:8; Is. 3:11
^bEccles. 6:12; Job 14:2

14 ¹Lit., *strikes*
^aEccles. 7:15; Ps. 73:14 ^bJob 21:7; Ps. 73:3; Jer. 12:1; Mal. 3:15

15 ¹Lit., *labor*
^aEccles. 2:24; 3:12, 13; 5:18; 9:7

16 ¹Lit., *see no sleep in his eyes*
^aEccles. 1:13, 14 ^bEccles. 2:23

17 ^aEccles. 3:11 ^bEccles. 7:23; Ps. 73:16; Rom. 11:33

1 ¹Lit., *all this* ²Lit., *is before them*
^aDeut. 33:3; Job 12:10; Ps. 110:109 ^bEccles. 10:14
^cEccles. 9:6

2 ¹Lit., *fears an oath*
^aEccles. 9:11 ^bJob 9:22
^bEccles. 2:14; 3:19; 6:6; 7:2

3 ^aEccles. 9:2 ^bEccles. 8:11
^cEccles. 1:7

5 ^aJob 14:21 ^bEccles. 1:11; 2:16; 8:10; Ps. 88:12; Is. 26:14

6 ^aEccles. 2:10; 3:22

7 ^aEccles. 2:24

8 ^aRev. 3:4 ^bPs. 23:5

9 ¹Lit., *life of vanity*
^aEccles. 6:12; 7:15

10 ^aEccles. 11:6; Rom. 12:11; Col. 3:23 ^bEccles. 9:5
^cGen. 37:35; Job 21:13; Is. 38:10

11 ^aAmos 2:14, 15 ^{b2}Chr. 20:15; Ps. 76:5; Is. 40:29;
Zech. 4:6 ^cDeut. 8:17, 18
^{d1}Sam. 6:9

12 ^aEccles. 8:7 ^bProv. 7:23
^cProv. 29:6; Is. 24:18; Hos. 9:8 ^dLuke 21:34, 35

13 ¹Lit., *great it was to me*

15 ¹Or, *might have delivered*
^aEccles. 4:13 ^{b2}Sam. 20:22
^cEccles. 2:16; 8:10

16 ^aEccles. 7:12, 19

17 ^aEccles. 7:5; 10:12

18 ^aEccles. 9:16 ^bJosh. 7:1-26; 2 Kin. 21:2-17

1 ^aEx. 30:25

3 ¹Lit., *heart* ²Lit., *says*
^aProv. 13:16; 18:2

4 ¹Lit., *spirit*
^aEccles. 8:3 ^{b1}Sam. 25:24-33; Prov. 25:15

5 ^aEccles. 5:6

6 ^aEsth. 3:1; Prov. 28:12; 29:2

7 ^aProv. 19:10 ^bEsth. 6:8

8 ^aPs. 7:15; Prov. 26:27
^bAmos 5:19

10 ¹Lit., *iron* ²Lit., *strengthen*

8 Let your ^aclothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your ^bhead.

9 Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your ¹fleeting ^alife which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life, and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

10 Whatever your hand finds to do, verily, ^ado it with all your might; for there is no ^bactivity or planning or wisdom in ^cSheol where you are going.

11 I again saw under the sun that the ^arace is not to the swift, and the ^bbattle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise, nor ^cwealth to the discerning, nor favor to men of ability; for time and ^dchance overtake them all.

12 Moreover, man does not ^aknow his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net, and ^bbirds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men are ^censnared at an evil time when it ^dsuddenly falls on them.

13 Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and it ¹impressed me.

14 There was a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it, and constructed large siege-works against it.

15 But there was found in it a ^apoor wise man and he ¹delivered the city ^bby his wisdom. Yet ^cno one remembered that poor man.

16 So I said, "^aWisdom is better than strength." But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded.

17 The ^awords of the wise heard in quietness are *better* than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

18 ^aWisdom is better than weapons of war, but ^bone sinner destroys much good.

CHAPTER 10

DEAD flies make a ^aperfumer's oil stink, so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom *and* honor.

2 A wise man's heart *directs him* toward the right, but the foolish man's heart *directs him* toward the left.

3 Even when the fool walks along the road his ¹sense is lacking, and he ^{2a}demonstrates to everyone *that* he is a fool.

4 If the ruler's ¹temper rises against you, ^ado not abandon your position, because ^bcomposure allays great offenses.

5 There is an evil I have seen under the sun, like an ^aerror which goes forth from the ruler—

6 ^afolly is set in many exalted places while rich men sit in humble places.

7 I have seen ^aslaves *riding* ^bon horses and princes walking like slaves on the land.

8 ^aHe who digs a pit may fall into it, and a ^bserpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.

9 He who quarries stones may be hurt by them, and he who splits logs may be endangered by them.

10 If the ¹axe is dull and he does not sharpen *its* edge, then he must ²exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.

11 If the serpent bites ^abefore ¹being charmed, there is no profit for the charmer.

12 ^aWords from the mouth of a wise man are gracious, while the lips of a ^bfool consume him;

13 the beginning of ¹his talking is folly, and the end of ²it is wicked ^amadness.

14 Yet the ^afool multiplies words. No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him ^bwhat will come after him?

15 The toil of a ¹fool so wearies him that he does not *even* know how to go to a city.

16 Woe to you, O land, whose ^aking is a lad and whose princes ¹feast in the morning.

17 Blessed are you, O land, whose king is of nobility and whose princes eat at the appropriate time—for strength, and not for ^adrunkenness.

18 Through ^aindolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

19 *Men* prepare a meal for enjoyment, and ^awine makes life merry, and ^bmoney ¹is the answer to everything.

20 Furthermore, ^ain your bedchamber do not ^bcurse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound, and the winged creature will make the matter known.

CHAPTER 11

^a**C**AST your bread on the surface of the waters, for you ^bwill find it ¹after many days.

2 ^aDivide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what ^bmisfortune may occur on the earth.

3 If the clouds are full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it ¹lies.

4 He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap.

5 Just as you do not ^aknow ¹the path of the wind and ^bhow bones *are formed* in the womb of the ²pregnant woman, so you do not ^cknow the activity of God who makes all things.

6 Sow your seed ^ain the morning, and do not ¹be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether ²morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good.

7 The light is pleasant, and *it is good* for the eyes to ^asee the sun.

8 Indeed, if a man should live many years, let him ^are-joice in them all, and let him remember the ^bdays of darkness, for they shall be many. Everything that is to come *will be* futility.

9 ^aRejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And ^bfollow the ¹impulses of your heart and the ²desires of your eyes. Yet know that ^cGod will bring you to judgment for all these things.

10 So, remove vexation from your heart and put away ^{1a}pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life are fleeting.

11 ¹Lit., *without enchantment*
^aPs. 58:4, 5; Jer. 8:17

12 ¹Prov. 10:32; 22:11; Luke 4:22 ^bEccles. 4:5; Prov. 10:14; 18:7

13 ¹Lit., *the words of his mouth* ²Lit., *his mouth*
^aEccles. 7:25

14 ^aEccles. 5:3; Prov. 15:2
^bEccles. 3:22; 6:12; 7:14; 8:7

15 ¹Lit., *fools*

16 ¹Lit., *eat*
^aIs. 3:4, 12

17 ^aProv. 31:4; Is. 5:11

18 ^aProv. 24:30-34

19 ¹Lit., *answers all*
^aEccles. 2:3; Judg. 9:13; Ps. 104:15 ^bEccles. 7:12

20 ^a2 Kin. 6:12; Luke 12:3
^bEx. 22:28; Acts 23:5

1 ¹Lit., *in, within*
^aIs. 32:20 ^bDeut. 15:10; Prov. 19:17; Matt. 10:42; 2 Cor. 9:8; Gal. 6:9; Heb. 6:10

2 ^aPs. 112:9; Matt. 5:42; Luke 6:30; 1 Tim. 6:18, 19
^bEccles. 11:8; 12:1

3 ¹Lit., *is*

5 ¹Or, with many mss., *how the spirit enters the bones in the womb* ²Lit., *full*
^aJohn 3:8 ^bPs. 139:13-16
^cEccles. 1:13; 3:10, 11; 8:17

6 ¹Lit., *let down your hand* ²Lit., *this or that*
^aEccles. 9:10

7 ^aEccles. 6:5; 7:11

8 ^aEccles. 9:7 ^bEccles. 12:1

9 ¹Lit., *ways* ²Lit., *sights*
^aEccles. 2:10 ^bNum. 15:39; Job 31:7 ^cEccles. 3:17; 12:4; Rom. 14:10

10 ¹Lit., *evil*
^a2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Tim. 2:22

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aDeut. 8:18; Neh. 4:14;
Ps. 63:6; 119:55 ^bEccles. 11:8
^c2 Sam. 19:35

2 ^aIs. 5:30; 13:10; Ezek.
32:7, 8; Joel 3:5; Matt. 24:29

3 ¹Or, *holes*
^aPs. 35:14; 38:6 ^bGen. 27:1;
48:10; 1 Sam. 3:2

4 ¹Lit., *be brought low*
^aPs. 141:3 ^bJer. 25:10; Rev.
18:22 ^c2 Sam. 19:35

5 ¹Lit., *they*
^aJob 17:13; 30:32 ^bGen.
50:10; Jer. 9:7

6 ¹So with Gk.; Heb.,
removed
^aZech. 4:2, 3

7 ¹Or, *breath*
^aEccles. 3:20; Gen. 3:19; Job
34:15; Ps. 104:29 ^bEccles.
3:21; Job 34:14; Luke 23:46;
Acts 7:59 ^cNum. 16:22;
27:16; Is. 57:16; Zech. 12:1

8 ^aEccles. 1:2

9 ^a1 Kin. 4:32

10 ^aProv. 10:32 ^bProv.
22:20, 21

11 ¹Lit., *planted*
^aEccles. 7:5; 10:12; Prov. 1:6;
22:17 ^bActs 2:37 ^cEzra 9:8; Is.
22:23

12 ¹Lit., *making*
^a1 Kin. 4:32, 33 ^bEccles. 1:18

13 ^aEccles. 3:14; 5:7; 7:18;
8:12 ^bEccles. 8:5; Deut. 4:2
^cDeut. 10:12; Mic. 6:8

14 ^aEccles. 3:17; 11:9; Matt.
10:26; Rom. 2:16; 1 Cor. 4:5

^a**REMEMBER** also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the ^bevil days come and the years draw near when you will say, “^cI have no delight in them”;

2 before the ^asun, the light, the moon, and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain;

3 in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men ^astoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and ^bthose who look through ¹windows grow dim;

4 and the ^adoors on the street are shut as the ^bsound of the grinding mill is low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the ^cdaughters of song will ¹sing softly.

5 Furthermore, ¹men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry is ineffective. For man goes to his eternal ^ahome while ^bmourners go about in the street.

6 *Remember Him* before the silver cord is ¹broken and the ^agolden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed;

7 then the ^adust will return to the earth as it was, and the ^bspirit will return to ^cGod who gave it.

8 “^aVanity of vanities,” says the Preacher, “all is vanity!”

9 In addition to being a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out and arranged ^amany proverbs.

10 The Preacher sought to find ^adelightful words and to write ^bwords of truth correctly.

11 The ^awords of wise men are like ^bgoads, and masters of these collections are like ¹well-driven ^cnails; they are given by one Shepherd.

12 But beyond this, my son, be warned: the ¹writing of ^amany books is endless, and excessive ^bdevotion to books is wearying to the body.

13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: ^afear God and ^bkeep His commandments, because this *applies to* ^cevery person.

14 Because ^aGod will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden is good or evil.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The Bride Speaks to Jerusalem's Daughters.

- T**HE ¹Song of ^aSongs, which is Solomon's.
- 2** ¹"May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!
For your ^alove is better than wine.
- 3** ¹"Your ^aoils have a pleasing fragrance,
Your ^bname is *like* ¹purified oil;
Therefore the ^{2c}maidens love you.
- 4** ¹"Draw me after you *and* let us run *together!*
The ^aking has brought me into his chambers.
- ¹We will rejoice in you and be glad;
We will ²extol your ^blove more than wine.
Rightly do they love you.
- 5** ¹"I am black but ^alovely,
O ^bdaughters of Jerusalem,
Like the ^ctents of ^dKedar,
Like the curtains of Solomon.
- 6** ¹"Do not stare at me because I am ¹swarthy,
For the sun has burned me.
My ^amother's sons were angry with me;
They made me ^bcaretaker of the vineyards,
But I have not taken care of my own vineyard.
- 7** ¹"Tell me, O you ^awhom my soul loves,
Where do you ^bpasture your flock,
Where do you make it ^clie down at noon?
For why should I be like one who ¹veils herself
Beside the flocks of ^dyour companions?"
- 8** ¹"If you yourself do not know,
^aMost beautiful among women,
Go forth on the trail of the flock,
And pasture your young goats
By the tents of the shepherds."
- 9** ¹"To me, ^amy darling, you are like
My ^bmare among the chariots of Pharaoh.
- 10** ¹"Your ^acheeks are lovely with ornaments,
Your neck with strings of ^bbeads.
- 11** ¹"We will make for you ornaments of gold
With beads of silver."
- 12** ¹"While the king was at his ²table,
My ³perfume gave forth its fragrance.
- 13** ¹"My beloved is to me a pouch of ^amyrrh
Which lies all night between my breasts.
- 14** ¹"My beloved is to me a cluster of ^ahenna blossoms
In the vineyards of ^bEn-gedi."
- 15** ^{1,2}"How beautiful ^ayou are, my darling,

¹ ¹Or, *Best of the Songs*
¹ Kin. 4:32

2 ¹BRIDE
^aSong of Sol. 1:4; 4:10

³ ¹Lit., *which is emptied*
(from one vessel to another)
²Or, *virgins*
^aSong of Sol. 4:10; John 12:3
^bEccles. 7:1 ^cPs. 45:14

4 ¹CHORUS ²Lit.,
mention with praise
^aPs. 45:14, 15 ^bSong of Sol.
1:4; 4:10

5 ¹BRIDE
^aSong of Sol. 2:14; 4:3; 6:4
^bSong of Sol. 2:7; 3:5, 10; 5:8,
16; 8:4 ^cPs. 120:5 ^dIs. 60:7

⁶ ¹Or, *black*
^aPs. 69:8 ^bSong of Sol. 8:11;
Job 27:18

⁷ ¹Some versions read:
wanders
^aSong of Sol. 3:1-4 ^bSong of
Sol. 2:16; 6:3 ^cIs. 13:20; Jer.
33:12 ^dSong of Sol. 8:13

8 ¹BRIDEGROOM
^aSong of Sol. 5:9; 6:1

⁹ ¹Lit., *I have compared*
you to
^aSong of Sol. 1:15; 2:2, 10, 13
^{b2} Chr. 1:16, 17

¹⁰ ^aSong of Sol. 5:13 ^bGen.
24:53; Is. 61:10

11 ¹CHORUS

12 ¹BRIDE ²Or, *couch*
¹Lit., *nard*
^aSong of Sol. 4:13, 14; Mark
14:3; John 12:3

¹³ ^aPs. 45:8; John 19:39

¹⁴ ^aSong of Sol. 4:13
^{b1} Sam. 23:29

15 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Lit.,
Behold
^aSong of Sol. 1:16; 2:10, 13;
4:1, 7; 6:4, 10

15 ²Lit., *Behold*
^bSong of Sol. 4:1; 5:12

16 ¹BRIDE ²Lit., *Behold*
^aSong of Sol. 2:3, 9, 17; 5:2, 5, 6, 8

17 ¹Or, *junipers*
^a1 Kin. 6:9, 10; Jer. 22:14
^b2 Chr. 3:5

1 ¹BRIDE ²Lit., *crocus*
^aIs. 35:1 ^bIs. 33:9; 35:2 ^cSong
of Sol. 5:13; 7:2; Hos. 14:5

2 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Lit.,
daughter
^aSong of Sol. 1:9

3 ¹BRIDE ²Or, *apricot*
³Lit., *sons* ⁴Lit., *palate*
^aSong of Sol. 8:5 ^bSong of
Sol. 4:13, 16; 8:11, 12

4 ¹Lit., *house of wine*
^aSong of Sol. 1:4 ^bPs. 20:5

5 ¹Or, *apricots*
^a2 Sam. 6:19; 1 Chr. 16:3;
Hos. 3:1 ^bSong of Sol. 7:8
^cSong of Sol. 5:8

6 ^aSong of Sol. 8:3 ^bProv.
4:8

7 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Or,
it
^aSong of Sol. 3:5; 5:8, 9; 8:4
^bSong of Sol. 1:5 ^cSong of
Sol. 2:9, 17; 3:5; 8:14; Prov.
6:5 ^dGen. 49:21; Ps. 18:33;
Hab. 3:19

8 ¹BRIDE
^aSong of Sol. 2:17; Is. 52:7

9 ¹Lit., *of the stags*
^aSong of Sol. 2:9, 17; 3:5;
8:14; Prov. 6:5 ^bSong of Sol.
2:17; 8:14 ^cJudg. 5:28

10 ^aSong of Sol. 2:13

12 ¹Or, *singing*
^aGen. 15:9; Ps. 74:19; Jer. 8:7

13 ^aMatt. 24:32 ^bSong of
Sol. 7:12

²How beautiful you are!
Your ^beyes are *like* doves.”

- 16 “^{1,2}How handsome you are, ^amy beloved,
And so pleasant!
Indeed, our couch is luxuriant!
17 “The beams of our houses are ^acedars,
Our rafters, ^{1b}cypresses.

CHAPTER 2

“¹I AM the ^{2a}rose of ^bSharon,
The ^clily of the valleys.”

- 2 “¹Like a lily among the thorns,
So is ^amy darling among the ²maidens.”
- 3 “¹Like an ^{2a}apple tree among the trees of the forest,
So is my beloved among the ³young men.
In his shade I took great delight and sat down,
And his ^bfruit was sweet to my ⁴taste.
- 4 “He has ^abrought me to *his* ^{1b}banquet hall,
And his ^bbanner over me is love.
- 5 “Sustain me with ^araisin cakes,
Refresh me with ^{1b}apples,
Because ^cI am lovesick.
- 6 “*Let* ^ahis left hand be under my head
And ^ahis right hand ^bembrace me.”
- 7 “I ^aadjure you, O ^bdaughters of Jerusalem,
By the ^cgazelles or by the ^dhinds of the field,
^aThat you will not arouse or awaken *my* love,
Until ²she pleases.”
- 8 “¹Listen, my beloved!
Behold, he is coming,
Climbing ^aon the mountains,
Leaping on the hills!
- 9 “My beloved is like a ^agazelle or a ^byoung ¹stag.
Behold, he is standing behind our wall,
He is looking through the windows,
He is peering ^cthrough the lattice.
- 10 “My beloved responded and said to me,
^aArise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along.
- 11 “For behold, the winter is past,
The rain is over *and* gone.
- 12 “The flowers have *already* appeared in the land;
The time has arrived for ¹pruning *the vines*,
And the voice of the ^aturtledove has been heard in our
land.
- 13 “The ^afig tree has ripened its figs,
And the ^bvines in blossom have given forth *their*
fragrance.
Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along!

**The Bride's Reverie.
The Procession.**

- 14 'O ^amy dove, ^bin the clefts of the ¹rock,
In the secret place of the steep ²pathway,
Let me see your ³form,
^cLet me hear your voice;
For your voice is sweet,
And your ³form is ^dlovely.'
- 15 "Catch the foxes for us,
The ¹little foxes that are ruining the vineyards,
While our ^avineyards are in blossom.
- 16 "^aMy beloved is mine, and I am his;
He ^bpastures *his flock* among the lilies.
- 17 "^aUntil ¹the cool of the day when the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved, and be like a ^bgazelle
Or a young stag ^con the mountains of ²Bether."

CHAPTER 3

- ^a1 ON my bed night after night I sought him
^aWhom my soul loves;
I ^bsought him but did not find him.
- 2 'I must arise now and ¹go about the city;
In the ^astreets and in the squares
¹I must seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him but did not find him.
- 3 "^aThe watchmen who make the rounds in the city found
me,
And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
- 4 "Scarcely had I ¹left them
When I found him whom my soul loves;
I held on to him and would not let him go,
Until I had ^abrought him to my mother's house,
And into the room of her who conceived me."
- 5 "¹I ^aadjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the ^bgazelles or by the hinds of the field,
That you will not arouse or awaken *my* love,
Until ²she pleases."
- 6 ^{1,2a}What is this coming up from the wilderness
Like ^bcolumns of smoke,
Perfumed with ^cmyrrh and ^dfrankincense,
With all scented powders of the merchant?
- 7 Behold, it is the *traveling* couch of Solomon;
Sixty mighty men around it,
Of the mighty men of Israel.
- 8 All of them are wielders of the sword,
^aExpert in war;
Each man has his ^bsword at his side,
Guarding against the ^{1c}terrors of the night.
- 9 King Solomon has made for himself a sedan chair
From the timber of Lebanon.
- 10 He made its posts of silver,
Its ¹back of gold
And its seat of purple fabric,

Song of Songs 2, 3

14 ¹Or, *crag* ²Or, *cliff* ³Lit.,
appearance
^aSong of Sol. 5:2; 6:9 ^bJer.
48:28 ^cSong of Sol. 8:13
^dSong of Sol. 1:5

15 ¹Or, *young*
^aSong of Sol. 2:13

16 ^aSong of Sol. 6:3; 7:10
^bSong of Sol. 4:5; 6:2, 3

17 ¹Lit., *the day blows* ²Or,
cleavage; or a kind of spice
^aSong of Sol. 4:6 ^bSong of
Sol. 2:9 ^cSong of Sol. 2:8

1 ¹BRIDE
^aSong of Sol. 1:7 ^bSong of
Sol. 5:6

2 ¹Or, *Let me*
arise . . . go . . . search
^aJer. 5:1

3 ^aSong of Sol. 5:7

4 ¹Lit., *passed*
^aSong of Sol. 8:2

5 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Or,
if
^aSong of Sol. 2:7; 8:4 ^bSong
of Sol. 2:7

6 ¹CHORUS ²Lit., *Who*
^aSong of Sol. 8:5 ^bEx. 13:21;
Joel 2:30 ^cSong of Sol. 1:13;
4:6, 14; Matt. 2:11 ^dEx.
30:34; Rev. 18:13

8 ¹Lit., *terror in the nights*
^aJer. 50:9 ^bPs. 45:3 ^cPs. 91:5

10 ¹Or, *support*

10 *Song of Sol. 1:5

11 ¹Or, *wreath*
^aIs. 3:16, 17; 4:4 ^bIs. 62:51 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Lit.,
Behold
^aSong of Sol. 1:15 ^bSong of
Sol. 1:15; 5:12 ^cSong of Sol.
6:7 ^dSong of Sol. 6:5 ^eMic.
7:142 ¹Or, *miscarried*
^aSong of Sol. 6:63 ^aJosh. 2:18 ^bSong of Sol.
5:16 ^cSong of Sol. 6:74 ¹Or, *for an arsenal*
^aSong of Sol. 7:4 ^bNeh. 3:19
^cEzek. 27:10, 11 ^{d2} Sam. 1:215 ^aSong of Sol. 7:3 ^bSong
of Sol. 2:16; 6:2, 36 ¹Lit., *the day blows*
^aSong of Sol. 2:17 ^bSong of
Sol. 4:147 ^aSong of Sol. 1:158 ¹Or, *Look*
^{a1} Kin. 4:33; Ps. 72:16 ^bSong
of Sol. 5:1; Is. 62:5 ^{c2} Kin.
5:12 ^dDeut. 3:9; 1 Chr. 5:23;
Ezek. 27:59 ^aSong of Sol. 4:10, 12;
5:1, 2 ^bGen. 41:42; Prov. 1:9;
Ezek. 16:11; Dan. 5:710 ¹Or, *balsam odors*
^aSong of Sol. 7:6 ^bSong of
Sol. 1:2, 4 ^cSong of Sol. 1:311 ^aProv. 5:3 ^bPs. 19:10;
Prov. 24:13 ^cGen. 27:27;
Hos. 14:6

- With its interior lovingly fitted out
By the ^adaughters of Jerusalem.
11 Go forth, O ^adaughters of Zion,
And gaze on King Solomon with the ¹crown
With which his mother has crowned him
On the ^bday of his wedding,
And on the day of his gladness of heart.

CHAPTER 4

- ^{a1,2} **H**OW beautiful ^ayou are, my darling,
²How beautiful you are!
Your ^beyes are *like* doves ^cbehind your veil;
Your ^dhair is like a flock of goats
That have descended from Mount ^eGilead.
2 “Your ^ateeth are like a flock of *newly* shorn ewes
Which have come up from *their* washing,
All of which bear twins,
And not one among them has ¹lost her young.
3 “Your lips are like a scarlet ^athread,
And your ^bmouth is lovely.
Your ^ctemples are like a slice of a pomegranate
Behind your veil.
4 “Your ^aneck is like the tower of David
Built ¹with ^bbrows of stones,
On which are ^chung a thousand shields,
All the round ^dshields of the mighty men.
5 “Your ^atwo breasts are like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle,
Which ^bfeed among the lilies.
6 “^aUntil ¹the cool of the day
When the shadows flee away,
I will go my way to the mountain of ^bmyrrh
And to the hill of ^bfrankincense.
7 “^aYou are altogether beautiful, my darling,
And there is no blemish in you.
8 “*Come* with me from ^aLebanon, *my* ^bbride,
May you come with me from Lebanon.
¹Journey down from the summit of ^cAmana,
From the summit of ^dSenir and Hermon,
From the dens of lions,
From the mountains of leopards.
9 “You have made my heart beat faster, ^amy sister, *my*
bride;
You have made my heart beat faster with a single
glance of your eyes,
With a single ^bstrand of your necklace.
10 “^aHow beautiful is your love, my sister, *my* bride!
How much ^bbetter is your love than wine,
And the ^cfragrance of your oils
Than all *kinds* of ¹spices!
11 “Your lips, *my* bride, ^adrip ^bhoney;
Honey and milk are under your tongue,
And the fragrance of your garments is like the ^cfragrance
of Lebanon.

- 12 "A garden locked is my sister, *my* bride,
A ¹rock-garden locked, a ²spring ^bsealed up.
- 13 "Your shoots are an ^{1a}orchard of ^bpomegranates
With ^cchoice fruits, ^dhenna with nard plants,
- 14 "^aNard and saffron, ^bcalainus and cinnamon,
With all the trees of ^cfrankincense,
^dMyrrh and aloes, along with all the finest ¹spices.
- 15 "You are a garden spring,
A well of ^{1a}fresh water,
And streams flowing from Lebanon."
- 16 "¹Awake, O north wind,
And come, *wind* of the south;
Make my ^agarden breathe out *fragrance*,
Let its ²spices ³be wafted abroad.
May ^bmy beloved come into his garden
And eat its 'choice fruits!'"

CHAPTER 5

- ^{c1} I HAVE ^acome into my garden, ^bmy sister, *my* bride;
I have gathered my ^cmyrrh along with my balsam.
I have eaten my ^dhoneycomb ²and my honey;
I have ^cdrunk my wine ²and my milk.
Eat, ^ffriends;
Drink and ³imbibe deeply, O lovers."
- 2 "I was asleep, but my heart was awake.
A voice! My beloved was knocking:
'Open to me, ^amy sister, my darling,
^bMy dove, my perfect one!
For my head is ²drenched with dew,
My ^clocks with the ³damp of the night.'
- 3 "I have ^ataken off my dress,
How can I put it on *again*?
I have ^bwashed my feet,
How can I dirty them *again*?
- 4 "My beloved extended his hand through the opening,
And my ^{1a}feelings were aroused for him.
- 5 "I arose to open to my beloved;
And my hands ^adripped with myrrh,
And my fingers with ¹liquid myrrh,
On the handles of the bolt.
- 6 "I opened to my beloved,
But my beloved had ^aturned away *and* had gone!
My ¹heart went out *to him* as he ^bspoke.
I ^csearched for him, but I did not find him;
I ^dcalled him, but he did not answer me.
- 7 "The ^awatchmen who make the rounds in the city found
me,
They struck me *and* wounded me;
The guardsmen of the walls took away my shawl from
me.
- 8 "I ^aadjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
If you find my beloved,

12 ¹Lit., *stone heap*
^aProv. 5:15-18 ^bGen. 29:3

13 ¹Or, *park*; or *paradise*
^aNeh. 2:8; Eccles. 2:5 ^bSong
of Sol. 6:11; 7:12 ^cSong of
Sol. 4:16; 2:3; 7:13 ^dSong of
Sol. 1:14

14 ¹Or, *balsam odors*
^aSong of Sol. 1:12 ^bEx. 30:23
^cSong of Sol. 4:6 ^dSong of
Sol. 3:6; Ps. 45:8; John 19:39

15 ¹Lit., *living*
^aZech. 14:8

16 ¹BRIDE ²Or, *balsam odors*
³Lit., *flow forth*
^aSong of Sol. 5:1; 6:2 ^bSong
of Sol. 1:13; 2:3; 8; 6:2 ^cSong
of Sol. 4:13

1 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Lit.,
with ³Or, *become drunk*
^aSong of Sol. 6:2 ^bSong of
Sol. 4:9 ^cSong of Sol. 1:13;
4:14 ^dSong of Sol. 4:11 ^eProv.
9:5; Is. 5:1 ^fJudg. 14:11, 20;
John 3:29

2 ¹BRIDE ²Lit., *filled*
³Lit., *drops*
^aSong of Sol. 4:9 ^bSong of
Sol. 2:14; 6:9 ^cSong of Sol.
5:11

3 ^aLuke 11:7 ^bGen. 19:2

4 ¹Lit., *bowels*
^aJer. 31:20

5 ¹Lit., *passing*
^aSong of Sol. 5:13

6 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aSong of Sol. 6:1 ^bSong of
Sol. 5:2 ^cSong of Sol. 3:1
^dProv. 1:28

7 ^aSong of Sol. 3:3

8 ^aSong of Sol. 2:7; 3:5

8 ^bSong of Sol. 2:5

9 ¹CHORUS ²Or, *What is your beloved more than another beloved*
^aSong of Sol. 1:8; 6:1

10 ¹BRIDE ²Lit., *lifted up banner*
^a1 Sam. 16:12 ^bPs. 45:2

11 ^aSong of Sol. 5:2

12 ¹Lit., *sitting upon*
^aSong of Sol. 1:15; 4:1 ^bEx. 25:7

13 ^aSong of Sol. 6:2 ^bSong of Sol. 2:1 ^cSong of Sol. 5:5

14 ¹Lit., *lapis lazuli*
^aEx. 28:20; 39:13; Ezek. 1:16; Dan. 10:6 ^bEx. 24:10; 28:18; Job 28:16; Is. 54:11

15 ^aSong of Sol. 7:4 ^b1 Kin. 4:33; Ps. 80:10; Ezek. 17:23; 31:8

16 ¹Lit., *palate*
^aSong of Sol. 7:9 ^b2 Sam. 1:23

1 ¹CHORUS
^aSong of Sol. 5:6 ^bSong of Sol. 1:8

2 ¹BRIDE
^aSong of Sol. 4:16; 5:1 ^bSong of Sol. 5:13 ^cSong of Sol. 1:7 ^dSong of Sol. 2:1; 5:15

3 ^aSong of Sol. 2:16; 7:10
^bSong of Sol. 2:16; 4:5

4 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Lit., *bannered ones*
^aSong of Sol. 1:15 ^b1 Kin. 14:17 ^cSong of Sol. 1:5 ^dPs. 48:2; 50:2 ^eSong of Sol. 6:10

5 ^aSong of Sol. 4:1

6 ^aSong of Sol. 4:2

As to what you will tell him:
For ^bI am lovesick."

9 "1,2 What kind of beloved is your beloved,
O ^amost beautiful among women?
2 What kind of beloved is your beloved,
Thus you adjure us?"

10 "1 My beloved is dazzling and ^aruddy,
2^b Outstanding among ten thousand.

11 "His hand is *like* gold, pure gold;
His ^alocks are *like* clusters of dates,
And black as a raven.

12 "His ^aeyes are like doves,
Beside streams of water,
Bathed in milk,
And ¹reposed in *their* ^bsetting.

13 "His cheeks are like a ^abed of balsam,
Banks of sweet-scented herbs;
His lips are ^blilies,
^cDripping with liquid myrrh.

14 "His hands are rods of gold
Set with ^aberyl;
His abdomen is carved ivory
Inlaid with ¹sapphires.

15 "His legs are pillars of alabaster
Set on pedestals of pure gold;
His appearance is like ^aLebanon,
Choice as the ^bcedars.

16 "His ¹mouth is *full* of sweetness.
And he is wholly ^bdesirable.
This is my beloved and this my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem."

CHAPTER 6

“1^a **W**HERE has your beloved gone,
O ^bmost beautiful among women?
Where has your beloved turned,
That we may seek him with you?”

2 "1 My beloved has gone down to his ^agarden,
To the ^bbeds of balsam,
To ^cpasture *his flock* in the gardens
And gather ^dlilies.

3 "1 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine,
He who ^bpastures *his flock* among the lilies."

4 "1^a You are as beautiful as ^bTirzah, my darling,
As ^clovely as ^dJerusalem,
As ^eawesome as ²an army with banners.

5 "Turn your eyes away from me,
For they have confused me;
^aYour hair is like a flock of goats
That have descended from Gilead.

6 "2^a Your teeth are like a flock of ewes
Which have come up from *their* washing,

- All of which bear twins,
 And not one among them has ¹lost her young.
- 7 ^aYour temples are like a slice of a pomegranate
 Behind your veil.
- 8 ^aThere are sixty ^aqueens and eighty concubines,
 And ^bmaidens without number;
- 9 ^aBut ^amy dove, my perfect one, is ¹unique:
 She is her mother's ¹only *daughter*;
 She is the pure *child* of the one who bore her.
 The ²maidens saw her and called her blessed,
 The ^cqueens and the concubines *also*, and they praised
 her, *saying*,
- 10 ¹Who is this that ¹grows like the dawn,
 As beautiful as the full ^amoon,
 As pure ^bas the sun,
 As ^cawesome as ²an army with banners? ”
- 11 “I went down to the orchard of nut trees
 To see the blossoms of the valley,
 To see whether ^athe vine had budded
 Or the ^bpomegranates had bloomed.
- 12 “Before I was aware, my soul set me
 Over the chariots of ¹my noble people.”
- 13 ^{1,2}Come back, come back, O Shulammitte;
 Come back, come back, that we may gaze at you!”
- ³Why should you gaze at the Shulammitte,
 As at the ^adance of ⁴the two companies?”

CHAPTER 7

- ¹HOW beautiful are your ²feet in sandals,
 O ³prince's daughter!
 The curves of your hips are like ⁴jewels,
 The work of the hands of an artist.
- 2 “Your navel is *like* a round goblet
 Which never lacks mixed wine;
 Your belly is like a heap of wheat
 Fenced about with lilies.
- 3 “Your ^atwo breasts are like two fawns,
 Twins of a gazelle.
- 4 “Your ^aneck is *like* a tower of ivory,
 Your eyes *like* the pools in ^bHeshbon
 By the gate of Bath-rabbim;
 Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon,
 Which faces toward Damascus.
- 5 “Your head ¹crowns you like ^aCarmel,
 And the flowing locks of your head are like purple
 threads;
The king is captivated by your tresses.
- 6 “How ^abeautiful and how delightful you are,
¹My love, with *all* your charms!
- 7 ¹Your stature is like a palm tree,
 And your breasts are *like its* clusters.
- 8 “I said, ‘I will climb the palm tree,

6 ¹Or, *miscarried*

7 ^aSong of Sol. 4:3

8 ¹Or, *virgins*
^a1 Kin. 11:3 ^bSong of Sol. 1:3

9 ¹Lit., *one* ²Lit.,
daughters
^aSong of Sol. 2:14; 5:2 ^bGen.
 30:13 ^c1 Kin. 11:3

10 ¹Lit., *looks down* ²Lit.,
bannered ones
^aJob 31:26 ^bMatt. 17:2; Rev.
 1:16 ^cSong of Sol. 6:4

11 ^aSong of Sol. 7:12 ^bSong
 of Sol. 4:13

12 ¹Another reading is
Ammi-nadib

13 ¹CHORUS ²Chap. 7:1
 in Heb. ³BRIDECROOM
⁴Or, *Mahanaim*
^aJudg. 21:21 ^bGen. 32:2;
 2 Sam. 17:24

1 ¹Chap. 7:2 in Heb. ²Lit.,
footsteps ³Or, *nobleman's*
⁴Or, *ornaments*
^aPs. 45:13

3 ^aSong of Sol. 4:5

4 ^aSong of Sol. 4:4 ^bNum.
 21:26

5 ¹Lit., *is upon*
^aIs. 35:2

6 ¹Or, *with love among
 your delights*
^aSong of Sol. 1:15, 16; 4:10

7 ¹Lit., *This stature of
 yours*

8 ¹Lit., nose ²Or, apricots
^aSong of Sol. 2:5

9 ¹Lit., palate ²BRIDE
^aSong of Sol. 5:16 ^bProv.
23:31

10 ^aSong of Sol. 2:16; 6:3
^bPs. 45:11

11 ¹Lit., field

12 ^aSong of Sol. 6:11

13 ^aCen. 30:14 ^bSong of
Sol. 2:3; 4:13, 16

2 ^aSong of Sol. 3:4

3 ^aSong of Sol. 2:6

4 ¹BRIDEGROOM ²Or,
Why should you arouse ¹Or,
it
^aSong of Sol. 2:7; 3:5

5 ¹CHORUS
²BRIDEGROOM ¹Or,
apricot
^aSong of Sol. 3:6 ^bSong of
Sol. 2:3

6 ¹Or, signet ²Or, Its ardor
is as inflexible ¹Another
reading is: a vehement
flame.
^aIs. 49:16; Jer. 22:24; Hag.
2:23 ^bProv. 6:34

I will take hold of its fruit stalks.'

Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
And the fragrance of your ¹breath like ^{2a}apples,

9 And your ^{1a}mouth like the best wine!"

²It ^bgoes down smoothly for my beloved,

Flowing gently *through* the lips of those who fall
asleep.

10 "I am my beloved's,

And his ^bdesire is for me.

11 "Come, my beloved, let us go out into the ¹country,

Let us spend the night in the villages.

12 "Let us rise early *and go* to the vineyards;

Let us ^asee whether the vine has budded

And its blossoms have opened,

And whether the pomegranates have bloomed.

There I will give you my love.

13 "The ^amandrakes have given forth fragrance;

And over our doors are all ^bchoice *fruits,*

Both new and old,

Which I have saved up for you, my beloved.

CHAPTER 8

"OH that you were like a brother to me
Who nursed at my mother's breasts.

If I found you outdoors, I would kiss you;

No one would despise me, either.

2 "I would lead you *and* ^abring you

Into the house of my mother, who used to instruct me;

I would give you spiced wine to drink from the juice of
my pomegranates.

3 "Let ^ahis left hand be under my head,

And his right hand embrace me."

4 "^{1a}I want you to swear, O daughters of Jerusalem,

²Do not arouse or awaken *my* love,

Until ³she pleases."

5 "^{1a}Who is this coming up from the wilderness,

Leaning on her beloved?"

²"Beneath the ^{3b}apple tree I awakened you;

There your mother was in labor with you,

There she was in labor *and* gave you birth.

6 "Put me like a ¹seal over your heart,

Like a ^aseal on your arm.

For love is as strong as death,

^{2b}Jealousy is as severe as Sheol;

Its flashes are flashes of fire,

³The *very* flame of the LORD.

7 "Many waters cannot quench love,

Nor will rivers overflow it;

If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love,

It would be utterly despised."

- 8 "1We have a little sister,
And she ^ahas no breasts;
What shall we do for our sister
On the day when she is spoken for?
- 9 "If she is a wall,
We shall build on her a battlement of silver;
But if she is a door,
We shall barricade her with ^aplanks of cedar."
- 10 "1I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers;
Then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace.
- 11 "Solomon had a ^avineyard at Baal-hamon;
He ^bentrusted the vineyard to ^ccaretakers;
Each one was to bring a ^dthousand *shekels* of silver for
its ^efruit.
- 12 "My very own vineyard is ¹at my disposal;
The thousand *shekels* are for you, Solomon,
And two hundred are for those who take care of its
fruit."
- 13 "1O you who sit in the gardens,
My ^acompanions are listening for your voice—
Let me hear it!"
- 14 "1,2Hurry, my beloved,
And be ^alike a gazelle or a young ³stag
On the ^bmountains of spices."

8 ¹CHORUS
^aEzek. 16:7

9 ¹Kin. 6:15

10 ¹BRIDE

11 ^aEccles. 2:4 ^bMatt. 21:33
^cSong of Sol. 1:6 ^dIs. 7:23
^eSong of Sol. 8:12; 2:3

12 ¹Lit., *before me*

13 ¹BRIDECROOM
^aSong of Sol. 1:7

14 ¹BRIDE ²Lit., *Flee*
³Lit., *of the stags*
^aSong of Sol. 2:7, 9, 17 ^bSong
of Sol. 4:6

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Rebellion of God's People.

THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, concerning ^aJudah and Jerusalem which he saw during the ¹reigns of ^bUzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and ^cHezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 ^aListen, O heavens, and hear, O ^bearth;
For the LORD speaks:

"^cSons I have reared and brought up,
But they have ^drevolted against Me.

3 "An ox knows its owner,
And a donkey its master's manger,
But Israel does not know,
My people do not understand."

4 Alas, sinful nation,
People weighed down with iniquity,
¹Offspring of evildoers,
Sons who act corruptly!
They have ^aabandoned the LORD,
They have ^bdespised the Holy One of Israel,
They have turned away ²from Him.

5 Where will you be stricken again,
As you ^acontinue in *your* rebellion?

1 ¹Lit., *days*
^aIs. 2:1; 40:9 ^{b2} Kin. 15:1, 13
^{c2} Kin. 18:1

²Deut. 32:1 ^bMic. 1:2
^cJer. 3:22 ^dIs. 30:1, 9; 65:2

4 ¹Lit., *Seed* ²Lit.,
backward
^aIs. 1:28 ^bIs. 5:24

5 ^aIs. 31:6

5 ^bIs. 33:24; Ezek. 34:4, 16

6 ^aPs. 38:3

7 ¹Lit., And
^aRev. 26:33; Jer. 44:6

9 ^aRom. 9:29 ^bIs. 10:20-22;
11:11, 16; 37:4, 31, 32; 46:3

11 ¹Or, *am sated with*
^aJer. 6:20; Mal. 1:10

12 ¹Lit., *of your hand*
^aEx. 23:17

13 ^a1 Chr. 23:31 ^bEx. 12:16
^cJer. 7:9, 10

15 ^a1 Kin. 8:22; Lam. 1:17
^bMic. 3:4

16 ^aPs. 26:6 ^bIs. 52:11 ^cJer.
25:5

17 ¹Or, *vindicate the*
fatherless
^aJer. 22:3; Zeph. 2:3 ^bPs. 82:3

Consequences of Rebellion. Enough of Offerings. God Turns Away from Them.

- The whole head is ^bsick,
And the whole heart is faint.
- 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head
There is ^anothing sound in it.
Only bruises, welts, and raw wounds,
Not pressed out or bandaged,
Nor softened with oil.
- 7 Your ^aland is desolate,
Your cities are burned with fire,
Your fields—strangers are devouring them in your
presence,
¹It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.
- 8 And the daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a
vineyard,
Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a be-
sieged city.
- 9 ^aUnless the LORD of hosts
Had left us a few ^bsurvivors,
We would be like Sodom,
We would be like Gomorrah.
- 10 Hear the word of the LORD,
You rulers of Sodom;
Give ear to the instruction of our God,
You people of Gomorrah.
- 11 ^a“What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?”
Says the LORD.
“I ¹have had enough of burnt offerings of rams,
And the fat of fed cattle.
And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or
goats.
- 12 “When you come ^ato appear before Me,
Who requires ¹of you this trampling of My courts?”
- 13 “Bring your worthless offerings no longer,
Their incense is an abomination to Me.
^aNew moon and sabbath, the ^bcalling of assemblies—
I cannot ^cendure iniquity and the solemn assembly.
- 14 “I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed
feasts,
They have become a burden to Me.
I am weary of bearing *them*.
- 15 “So when you ^aspread out your hands *in prayer*,
I will hide my eyes from you,
Yes, even though you ^bmultiply prayers,
I will not listen.
Your hands are full of bloodshed.
- 16 ^a“Wash yourselves, ^bmake yourselves clean;
Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.
^cCease to do evil,
- 17 “Learn to do good;
^aSeek justice,
^bReprove the ruthless;
¹Defend the orphan,
Plead for the widow.

"Come, Let Us Reason."

Zion Corrupted, to Be Redeemed.

Isalah 1

- 18 "Come now, and ^alet us reason together,"
Says the LORD,
"bThough your sins are as scarlet,
They will be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They will be like wool.
- 19 "aIf you consent and obey,
You will eat the best of the land:
- 20 "But if you refuse and rebel,
You will be devoured by the sword."
Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
- 21 How the faithful city has become a harlot,
She *who* was full of justice!
Righteousness once lodged in her,
But now murderers.
- 22 Your silver has become dross,
Your drink diluted with water.
- 23 Your ^arulers are rebels,
And companions of thieves;
Every one ^bloves a bribe,
And chases after rewards.
They ^cdo not ¹defend the ²orphan,
Nor does the widow's plea come before them.
- 24 Therefore the Lord ¹GOD of hosts,
The Mighty One of Israel declares,
"Ah, I will be relieved of My adversaries,
And ^aavenge Myself on My foes.
- 25 "I will also turn My hand against you,
And will ^asmelt away your dross as with lye,
And will remove all your alloy.
- 26 "Then I will restore your ^ajudges as at the first,
And your counselors as at the beginning;
After that you will be called the ^bcity of righteousness,
A faithful city."
- 27 Zion will be ^aredeemed with justice,
And her ¹repentant ones with righteousness.
- 28 But ¹transgressors and sinners will be ^acrushed together,
And those who forsake the LORD shall come to an end.
- 29 Surely, ¹you will be ashamed of the ^{2a}oaks which you
have desired,
And you will be embarrassed at the ^bgardens which you
have chosen.
- 30 For you will be like an ¹oak whose ^aleaf fades away,
Or as a garden that has no water.
- 31 And the strong man will become tinder,
His work also a spark.
Thus they shall both ^aburn together,
And there will be none to quench *them*.

18 ^aIs. 41:1, 21; 43:26; Mic. 6:2 ^bIs. 44:22; 43:25; Ps. 51:7; Rev. 7:14

19 ^aDeut. 30:15, 16

23 ¹Or, *vindicate* ²Or, *fatherless*
^aHos. 5:10; Mic. 7:3 ^bEx. 23:8; Mic. 7:3 ^cJer. 5:28; Ezek. 22:7; Zech. 7:10

24 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aIs. 35:4; 59:18

25 ^aEzek. 22:19-22; Mal. 3:3

26 ^aIs. 60:17; Jer. 33:7, 11
^bIs. 33:5; 60:14; 62:1, 2; Zech. 8:3

27 ¹Or, *returnees*
^aIs. 35:9; 62:12; 63:4

28 ¹Lit., the *crushing of transgressors and sinners shall be together*
^aIs. 66:24; Ps. 9:5; 2 Thess. 1:8, 9

29 ¹So with some mss.; M.T. *they* ²Or, *terebinths*
^aIs. 57:5 ^bIs. 65:3; 66:17

30 ¹Or, *terebinth*
^aIs. 64:6

31 ^aIs. 5:24; 9:19; 26:11; 33:11-14

1^aIs. 1:1

2¹Lit., on
^aMic. 4:1-3 ^bIs. 27:13; 66:20
^cIs. 56:7

3¹Or, some of²Or,
 instruction
^aIs. 51:4, 5; Luke 24:47

4¹Or, *reprove many*
^aIs. 32:17, 18; Joel 3:10 ^bIs.
 9:5, 7; 11:6-9; Hos. 2:18;
 Zech. 9:10

5^aIs. 58:1 ^bIs. 60:1, 2, 19,
 20; 1 John 1:5

6^aDeut. 31:17 ^{b2}Kin. 1:2
^{c2}Kin. 16:7, 8; Prov. 6:1

8^aIs. 10:11 ^bIs. 17:8; 37:19;
 40:19; 44:17; Ps. 115:4-8

9^aIs. 5:15; Ps. 49:2; 62:9

10^aIs. 2:19, 21; Rev. 6:15,
 16 ^{b2}Thess. 1:9

11¹Lit., *eyes of the
 loftiness of men*
^aIs. 5:15; 37:23 ^bIs. 13:11;
 23:9; Ps. 18:27; 2 Cor. 10:5

12^aIs. 24:4, 21; Job 40:11,
 12; Mal. 4:1

THE word which ^aIsaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that

- 2^aIn the last days,
 The ^bmountain of the house of the LORD
 Will be established ¹as the chief of the mountains,
 And will be raised above the hills;
 And ^call the nations will stream to it.
- 3
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 To the house of the God of Jacob;
 That He may teach us ¹concerning His ways,
 And that we may walk in His paths.
 For the ²law will go forth ^afrom Zion,
 And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."
- 4
 And He will judge between the nations,
 And will ¹render decisions for many peoples;
 And ^athey will hammer their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks.
^bNation will not lift up sword against nation,
 And never again will they learn war.
- 5
 Come, ^ahouse of Jacob, and let us walk in the ^blight of the LORD.
- 6
 For Thou hast ^aabandoned Thy people, the house of Jacob,
 Because they are filled with influences from the East,
 And *they are* soothsayers ^blike the Philistines,
 And they ^cstrike *bargains* with the children of foreigners.
- 7
 Their land has also been filled with silver and gold,
 And there is no end to their treasures,
 Their land has also been filled with horses,
 And there is no end to their chariots.
- 8
 Their land has also been ^afilled with idols;
 They worship the ^bwork of their hands,
 That which their fingers have made.
- 9
 So the ^acommon man has been humbled,
 And the man of ^aimportance has been abased,
 But do not forgive them.
- 10
^aEnter the rock and hide in the dust
^bFrom the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.
- 11
 The ¹proud look of man will be abased,
 And the ^bloftiness of man will be humbled,
 And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.
- 12
 For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning,
 Against ^aeveryone who is proud and lofty,
 And against everyone who is lifted up,
 That he may be abased.
- 13
 And *it will be* against all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up,
 Against all the oaks of Bashan,

- 14 Against all the ^alofty mountains,
Against all the hills that are lifted up,
- 15 Against every ^ahigh tower,
Against every fortified wall,
- 16 Against all the ^aships of Tarshish,
And against all the beautiful craft.
- 17 And the pride of man will be humbled,
And the loftiness of men will be abased,
And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.
- 18 But the ^aidols will completely vanish.
- 19 And *men* will go into caves of the rocks,
And into holes of the ¹ground
Before the terror of the LORD,
And before the splendor of His majesty,
When He arises ^ato make the earth tremble.
- 20 In that day men will ^acast away to the moles and the bats
Their idols of ¹silver and their idols of gold,
Which they made for themselves to worship,
- 21 In order to ^ago into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs,
Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty,
When He arises to make the earth tremble.
- 22 ^{1a}Stop regarding man, whose breath *of life* is in his nostrils;
For ^{2b}why should he be esteemed?

14 *Is. 40:4

15 *Is. 25:12

16 *Is. 23:1, 14; 60:9; 1 Kin. 10:22

18 *Is. 21:9; Mic. 1:7

19 ¹Lit., *dust*
*Is. 13:13; 24:1, 19, 20; Ps. 18:7; Hag. 2:6, 7; Heb. 12:26

20 *Is. 30:22; 31:7

21 *Is. 3:19

22 ¹Lit., *Cease from man*
²Lit., *in what*
*Ps. 146:3; Jer. 17:5 ^bIs. 40:15, 17; Ps. 8:4; 144:3, 4; James 4:14

CHAPTER 3

FOR behold, the Lord ¹GOD of hosts, ^ais going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah
Both ²supply and support, the whole ²supply of bread,
And the whole ²supply of water;

2 ^aThe mighty man and the warrior,
The judge and the prophet,
The diviner and the elder,

3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man,
The counselor and the expert artisan,
And the skillful enchanter.

4 And I will make mere ^alads their princes
And ¹capricious children will rule over them,

5 And the people will be ^aoppressed,
Each one by another, and each one by his ^bneighbor;
The youth will storm against the elder,
And the inferior against the honorable.

6 When a man ^alays hold of his brother in his father's house, *saying*,
"You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler,
And these ruins will be under your ¹charge,"

7 On that day will he ¹protest, *saying*,
"I will not be *your* ^{2a}healer,
For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak;
You should not appoint me ruler of the people."

¹ YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Lit., *staff*
*Is. 5:13; 9:20; Lev. 26:26; Ezek. 4:16

2 *Is. 9:14, 15; 2 Kin. 24:14; Ezek. 17:12, 13

4 ¹Lit., *arbitrary power will rule*
*Eccles. 10:16

5 *Mic. 7:3-6 ^bIs. 9:19; Jer. 9:3-8

6 ¹Lit., *hand*
*Is. 4:1

7 ¹Lit., *lift up his voice*
²Lit., *bander of wounds*
*Ezek. 34:4; Hos. 5:13

8 ¹Lit., *tongue* ²Lit., *the eyes of His glory*
^aIs. 1:7; 6:11 ^bIs. 9:17; 59:3;
Ps. 73:9-11

9 ¹Or, *Their partiality bears* ²Lit., *their soul*
^aIs. 1:10; Gen. 13:13 ^bProv. 8:36; 15:32; Rom. 6:23

10 ^aIs. 54:17; Deut. 28:1-14;
Eccles. 8:12

11 ¹Lit., *the dealing of his hands*
^aIs. 65:6, 7; Deut. 28:15-68

12 ¹Or, *deal severely*
^aIs. 3:4 ^bIs. 9:16; 28:14, 15

13 ^aIs. 66:16; Hos. 4:1; Mic. 6:2

14 ^aEzek. 20:35, 36; Job 22:4; Ps. 143:2 ^bMic. 3:3; Ps. 144:4 ^cIs. 10:1, 2; Job 24:9, 14; Ps. 10:9; Prov. 30:14; Ezek. 18:12; James 2:6

15 ¹YHW¹¹, usually rendered *Lord*
^aPs. 94:5

16 ¹Lit., *outstretched necks*

18 ^aJudg. 8:21, 26

20 ^aEx. 39:28

21 ¹Or, *signet rings*
^aGen. 24:47; Ezek. 16:12

24 ¹Or, *balsam oil*
^aEsth. 2:12 ^b1 Pet. 3:3 ^cIs. 22:12; Ezek. 27:31; Amos 8:10 ^dIs. 15:3; Lam. 2:10

25 ¹Lit., *strength*
^aIs. 1:20; 65:12

26 ¹Lit., *entrances*
^aJer. 14:2; Lam. 1:4 ^bLam. 2:10

- 8 For ^aJerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen,
Because their ¹speech and their actions are against the
LORD,
To rebel against ²His glorious presence.
- 9 ¹The expression of their faces bears witness against
them.
And they display their sin like ^aSodom;
They do not *even* conceal it.
Woe to ²them!
For they have ^bbrought evil on themselves.
- 10 Say to the ^arighteous that *it will go well with them*,
For they will eat the fruit of their actions.
- 11 Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly with him*,
For ^{1a}what he deserves will be done to him.
- 12 O My people! Their oppressors ¹are ^achildren,
And women rule over them.
O My people! ^bThose who guide you lead you astray,
And confuse the direction of your path.
- 13 ^aThe LORD arises to contend,
And stands to judge the people.
- 14 The LORD ^aenters into judgment with the elders and
princes of His people:
“It is you who have ^bdevoured the vineyard;
The ^cplunder of the poor is in your houses.
- 15 “What do you mean by ^acrushing My people,
And grinding the face of the poor?”
Declares the Lord ¹God of hosts.
- 16 Moreover, the LORD said, “Because the daughters of
Zion are proud,
And walk with ¹heads held high and seductive eyes,
And go along with mincing steps,
And tinkle the bangles on their feet,
- 17 Therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp of the daugh-
ters of Zion with scabs,
And the LORD will make their foreheads bare.
- 18 In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of *their*
anklets, headbands, ^acrescent ornaments,
19 dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,
20 ^aheaddresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes,
amulets,
- 21 ¹finger rings, ^anose rings,
22 festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses,
23 hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans, and veils.
24 Now it will come about that instead of ¹sweet ^aperfume
there will be putrefaction;
Instead of a belt, a rope;
Instead of ^bwell-set hair, a ^cplucked-out scalp;
Instead of fine clothes, a ^ddonning of sackcloth;
And branding instead of beauty.
- 25 Your men will ^afall by the sword,
And your ¹mighty ones in battle.
- 26 And her ^{1a}gates will lament and mourn;
And deserted she will ^bsit on the ground.

CHAPTER 4

FOR seven women will take hold of ^aone man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; ^btake away our reproach!"

2 In that day the ^aBranch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the ^bfruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the ^csurvivors of Israel.

3 And it will come about that he who is ^aleft in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called ^bholy—everyone who is ^crecorded for life in Jerusalem.

4 When the LORD has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and ¹purged the ^abloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the ^bspirit of judgment and the ^cspirit of burning,

5 then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies ^aa cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

6 And there will be a ^ashelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and ¹protection from the storm and the rain.

CHAPTER 5

LET me sing now for my well-beloved a song of my beloved concerning his vineyard.

My well-beloved had a ^avineyard on a ¹fertile hill.

2 And he dug it all around, removed its stones,
And planted it with ¹the ^achoicest vine.
And he built a tower in the middle of it,
And hewed out a ²wine vat in it;
Then he ^bexpected it to produce good grapes,
But it produced *only* ³worthless ones.

3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
^aJudge between Me and My vineyard.

4 "What more was there to do for My vineyard ¹that I have not done in it?
Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce ²worthless ones?

5 "So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard:

I will ^aremove its hedge and it will be consumed;
I will ^bbreak down its wall and it will become ^ctrampled ground.

6 "And I will ^alay it waste;
It will not be pruned or hoed,
But briars and thorns will come up.
I will also charge the clouds to ^brain no rain on it."

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
And the men of Judah His delightful plant.
Thus He looked for justice, but behold, ^abloodshed;
For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

¹ Is. 13:12 ^b Is. 54:4; Gen. 30:23

² Is. 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12 ^b Ps. 72:16 ^c Is. 10:20; 37:31, 32; Joel 2:32; Obad. 17

³ Is. 28:5; 46:3; Rom. 11:4, 5 ^b Is. 52:1; 62:12 ^c Ex. 32:32; Ps. 69:28; Luke 10:20

⁴ ¹ Lit., *rinsed away* ^a Is. 1:15 ^b Is. 28:6 ^c Is. 1:31; 9:19

⁵ ^a Ex. 13:21, 22; Num. 9:15-23

⁶ ¹ Lit., *a hiding place* ^a Is. 25:4; 32:1, 2; Ps. 27:5

¹ ¹ Lit., *a horn, the son of fatness* ^a Ps. 80:8; Jer. 12:10; Matt. 21:33; Mark 12:1; Luke 20:9

² ¹ Lit., *a bright red grape* ² Or, *winepress* ³ Or, *wild grapes* ^a Jer. 2:21 ^b Matt. 21:19; Mark 11:13; Luke 13:6

³ ^a Matt. 21:40

⁴ ¹ Lit., *and I have not done* ² Or, *wild grapes* ^a 2 Chr. 36:15; Jer. 2:5; 7:25, 26; Mic. 6:3; Matt. 23:37

⁵ ^a Ps. 89:40 ^b Ps. 80:12 ^c Is. 10:6; 28:18; Lam. 1:15; Luke 21:24; Rev. 11:2

⁶ ^a 2 Chr. 36:19-21; Jer. 25:11 ^b 1 Kin. 8:35; 17:1; Jer. 14:1-22

⁷ ^a Is. 3:14, 15; 30:12; 59:13

8 ^aJer. 22:13-17; Mic. 2:2;
Hab. 2:9-12

9 ^aIs. 6:11, 12 ^bMatt. 23:38

10 ¹Lit., about 1½ gal.
²Lit., ⅓ of a homer
^aIs. 7:23; Lev. 26:26; Hag.
1:6; 2:16

11 ^aIs. 22:13; 28:1, 3, 7, 8;
Prov. 23:29, 30; Eccles.
10:16, 17

12 ^aAmos 6:5, 6 ^bJob 34:27;
Ps. 28:5

13 ¹Lit., their glory are men
of famine
^aIs. 1:3; 27:11; Hos. 4:6

14 ¹Or, appetite ²Lit., her

15 ^aIs. 2:11; 10:33

16 ^aIs. 8:13; 29:23; 1 Pet.
3:15 ^bIs. 2:11, 17; 33:5, 10 ^cIs.
8:13; 29:23; 1 Pet. 3:15

17 ¹Lit., the fat
^aIs. 7:25; Mic. 2:12; Zeph.
2:6

18 ¹Or, worthlessness
^aIs. 59:4-8; Jer. 23:10-14

19 ^aEzek. 12:22; 2 Pet. 3:4

20 ¹Lit., set
^aProv. 17:15; Amos 5:7 ^bJob
17:12; Matt. 6:22, 23; Luke
11:34, 35

21 ^aProv. 3:7; Rom. 12:16;
1 Cor. 3:18-20

22 ^aIs. 6:11; Is. 56:12; Prov.
23:20; Hab. 2:15

23 ^aIs. 1:23; 10:1, 2; Ex.
23:8; Mic. 3:11; 7:3

- 8 Woe to those who ^aadd house to house *and* join field to field,
Until there is no more room,
So that you have to live alone in the midst of the land!
- 9 In my ears the LORD of hosts *has sworn*, "Surely, ^amany houses shall become ^bdesolate,
Even great and fine ones, without occupants.
- 10 "For ^aten acres of vineyard will yield *only* one ¹bath of wine,
And a homer of seed will yield *but* an ²ephah of grain."
- 11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue ^astrong drink;
Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them!
- 12 And their banquets are *accompanied* by lyre and ^aharp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine;
But they ^bdo not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD,
Nor do they consider the work of His hands.
- 13 Therefore My people go into exile for their ^alack of knowledge;
And ¹their honorable men are famished,
And their multitude is parched with thirst.
- 14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its ¹throat and opened its mouth without measure;
And ²Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry, and the jubilant within her, descend *into it*.
- 15 So the *common* man will be humbled, and the man of *importance* abased,
^aThe eyes of the proud also will be abased.
- 16 But the ^aLORD of hosts will be ^bexalted in judgment,
And the holy God will show Himself ^choly in righteousness.
- 17 ^aThen the lambs will graze as in their pasture,
And strangers will eat in the waste places of the ¹wealthy.
- 18 Woe to those who drag ^ainiquity with the cords of ¹falsehood,
And sin as if with cart ropes;
- 19 ^aWho say, "Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it;
And let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near
And come to pass, that we may know *it!*"
- 20 Woe to those who ^acall evil good, and good evil;
Who ¹substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;
Who ¹substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe to those who are ^awise in their own eyes,
And clever in their own sight!
- 22 ^aWoe to those who are heroes in drinking wine,
And valiant men in mixing strong drink;
- 23 ^aWho justify the wicked for a bribe,

And ^btake away the ^lrights of the ones who are in the right!

- 24 Therefore, ^aas a tongue of fire consumes stubble,
And dry grass collapses into the flame,
So their ^broot will become ^clike rot and their blossom
^lblow away as dust;
For they have ^drejected the law of the LORD of hosts,
And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- 25 On this account the ^aanger of the LORD has burned
against His people,
And He has stretched out His hand against them and
struck them down,
And the mountains quaked; and their ^bcorpses ^llay like
refuse in the middle of the streets.
^cFor all this His anger ²is not spent,
But His ^dhand is still stretched out.

- 26 He will also lift up a ^astandard to the nations afar off,
And will ^bwhistle for ^lit ^cfrom the ends of the earth;
And behold, it will ^dcome with speed swiftly.
- 27 ^aNo one in it is weary or stumbles,
None slumbers or sleeps;
Nor is the ^bbelt at its waist undone,
Nor its sandal strap broken.
- 28 ^lIts arrows are sharp, and all its bows are bent;
The hoofs of its horses ²seem like flint, and its *chariot*
^bwheels like a whirlwind.
- 29 Its ^aroaring is like a lioness, and it roars like young lions;
It growls as it ^bseizes the prey,
And carries *it* off with ^cno one to deliver *it*.
- 30 And it shall ^agrowl over it in that day like the roaring of
the sea.
If one ^blooks to the land, behold, there is darkness *and*
distress;
Even the light is darkened by its clouds.

CHAPTER 6

IN the year of King Uzziah's death, ^aI saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

2 Seraphim stood above Him, ^aeach having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the ^lwhole earth is full of His glory."

4 And the ^lfoundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of Him who called out, while the ²temple was filling with smoke.

5 Then I said, "^aWoe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of ^bunclean lips, And I live among a ^cpeople of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the ^dKing, the LORD of hosts."

23 ¹Lit., *righteousness*
^bPs. 94:21; James 5:6

24 ¹Lit., *ascend*
^aIs. 9:18, 19; Joel 2:5; ^bJob 18:16; ^cHos. 5:12; ^dIs. 8:6; 30:9, 12; Acts 13:41

25 ¹Lit., *were* ²Lit., *has not turned away*
^aIs. 66:15; 2 Kin. 22:13, 17
^b2 Kin. 9:37; Jer. 16:4; ^cIs. 9:12, 17, 21; 10:4; Jer. 4:8; Dan. 9:16; ^dIs. 23:11; Ex. 7:19

26 ¹Probably Assyria
^aIs. 13:2, 3; ^bIs. 7:18; Zech. 10:8; ^cDeut. 28:49; ^dIs. 13:4, 5

27 ^aJoel 2:7, 8; ^bJob 12:18; Dan. 5:6

28 ¹Lit., *Which, its arrows*
²Lit., *are regarded as*
^aIs. 13:18; Ps. 7:12, 13; 45:5
^bIs. 21:1; Jer. 4:13

29 ^aJer. 51:38; Zeph. 3:3; Zech. 11:3; ^bIs. 10:6; 49:24; 25; Mic. 5:8; ^cIs. 42:22

30 ^aIs. 17:12; Jer. 6:23; Luke 21:25; ^bIs. 8:22; Jer. 4:23-28; Joel 2:10; Luke 21:25, 26

1 ^aJohn 12:41; Rev. 4:2, 3; 20:11

2 ^aRev. 4:8

3 ¹Lit., *fulness of the whole earth is His glory*
^aNum. 14:21; Ps. 72:19

4 ¹Lit., *door sockets* ²Lit., *house*

5 ^aEx. 33:20; Luke 5:8; ^bEx. 6:12, 30; ^cIs. 59:3; Jer. 9:3-8; ^dJer. 51:57

7 ¹Lit., *atoned for*
^aJer. 1:9; Dan. 10:16 ^bIs. 40:2;
 53:5, 6, 11; John 1:7

8 ^aEzek. 10:5; Acts 9:4
^bActs 26:19

10 ¹Lit., *fat* ²Lit., *heavy*
¹Lit., *besmearred*
^aJer. 5:21

11 ^aPs. 79:5 ^bLev. 26:31; Is.
 1:7; 3:8, 26

12 ¹Or, *forsakenness will be*
great
^aJer. 4:29

13 ^aJob 14:7 ^bDeut. 7:6;
 Ezra 9:2

1 ¹Lit., *fight against*
^aIs. 7:6, 7

2 ¹Lit., *has settled down*
 on ²Lit., *from before*
^aIs. 7:13; 22:22 ^bIs. 8:12 ^cIs.
 9:9

3 ¹i.e., a remnant shall
 return ²i.e., laundryman's
^aIs. 36:2; 2 Kin. 18:17

4 ^aIs. 30:15; Ex. 14:13;
 Lam. 3:26 ^bIs. 10:24; Matt.
 24:6 ^cIs. 35:4; Deut. 20:3;
 1 Sam. 17:32 ^dAmos 4:11;
 Zech. 3:2 ^eIs. 7:1, 9

5 ^aIs. 7:2

6 ¹Lit., *cause it a*
sickening dread ²Lit., *it*

7 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD
^aIs. 8:10; 28:18; Ps. 2:4-6;
 Acts 4:25, 26

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a burning coal in his hand which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

7 And he ^atouchd my mouth *with it* and said, "Behold, this has touchd your lips; and ^byour iniquity is taken away, and your sin is ¹forgiven."

8 Then I heard the ^avoice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then ^bI said, "Here am I. Send me!"

9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people:
 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive;
 Keep on looking, but do not understand.'

10 "Render the hearts of this people ¹insensitive,
 Their ears ²dull,
 And their eyes ³dim,
^aLest they see with their eyes,
 Hear with their ears,
 Understand with their hearts,
 And repent and be healed."

11 Then I said, "Lord, ^ahow long?" And He answered,
 "Until ^bcities are devastated *and* without inhabitant,
 Houses are without people,
 And the land is utterly desolate,

12 "The LORD has removed men far away,
 And the ^{1a}forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 "Yet there will be a tenth portion in it,
 And it will again be *subject* to burning,
 Like a terebinth or an ^aoak
 Whose stump remains when it is felled.
 The ^bholy seed is its stump."

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to *wage* war against it, but ^acould not ¹conquer it.

2 When it was reported to the ^ahouse of David saying, "Syria ^{1b}has camped in ^cEphraim," his heart and the hearts of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake ²with the wind.

3 Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son ¹Shearjashub, at the end of the ^aconduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the ²fuller's field,

4 and say to him, 'Take care, and be ^acalm, have no ^bfear and ^cdo not be fainthearted because of these two stubs of smoldering ^dfirebrands, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the ^eson of Remaliah.

5 'Because ^aSyria, *with* Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has planned evil against you, saying,

6 "Let us go up against Judah and ¹terrorize it, and make for ourselves a breach in ²its walls, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,"

7 thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "It shall not stand nor shall it come to pass.

8 "For the head of Syria is Damascus and the head of

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^aDamascus is Rezin (now within another 65 years Ephraim will be shattered, *so that it is no longer a people*),

9 and the head of Ephraim is Samaria and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. ^aIf you will not believe, you surely shall not ¹last.”

10 Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 “Ask a ^asign for yourself from the LORD your God; ¹make it deep as Sheol or high as ²heaven.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!”

13 Then he said, “Listen now, O ^ahouse of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will ^btry the patience of ^cmy God as well?”

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, ^aa ¹virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name ²Immanuel.

15 He will eat ^acurds and honey ¹at the time He knows *enough* to refuse evil and choose good.

16 ^aFor before the boy will know *enough* to refuse evil and choose good, ^bthe land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken.

17 The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father’s house such days as have never come since the day that ^aEphraim separated from Judah—the ^bking of Assyria.

18 And it will come about in that day, that the LORD will ^awhistle for the fly that is in the ¹remotest part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the ²land of Assyria.

19 And they will all come and settle on the steep ¹ravines, on the ^aledges of the cliffs, ^bon all the thorn bushes, and on all the ²watering places.

20 In that day the Lord will ^ashave with a ^brazor, ^chired from regions beyond ^dthe ¹Euphrates (*that is, with the king of Assyria*), the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard.

21 Now it will come about in that day that a man may keep alive a ^aheifer and a pair of sheep;

22 and it will happen that because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for every one that is left within the land will eat ^acurds and honey.

23 And it will come about in that day, ^athat every place where there used to be a thousand vines, *valued* at a thousand *shekels* of silver, will become ^bbriars and thorns.

24 *People* will come there with bows and arrows because all the land will be briars and thorns.

25 And as for all the hills which used to be cultivated with the hoe, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for ¹pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.

CHAPTER 8

THEN the LORD said to me, “Take for yourself a large tablet and ^awrite on it ¹in ordinary letters: ²Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey.

2 “And I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, ^aUriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.”

8 ^aIs. 17:1-3; Gen. 14:15

9 ¹Or, *be established*
^aIs. 5:24; 8:6-8; 30:12-14;
2 Chr. 20:20

11 ¹So with the versions; M.T. *make the request deep or high* . . . ²Lit., *heights*
^aIs. 37:30; 38:7, 8; 55:13;
2 Kin. 19:29

13 ^aIs. 7:2 ^bIs. 1:14; 43:24
^cIs. 25:1

14 ¹Or, *maiden* ²i.e., *God is with us*
^aMatt. 1:23 ^bIs. 8:8, 10

15 ¹Lit., *with respect to his knowing*
^aIs. 7:22

16 ^aIs. 8:4 ^bIs. 8:14; 17:3;
Jer. 7:15; Hos. 5:3, 9, 14;
Amos 1:3-5

17 ¹ ^aKin. 12:16 ^bIs. 8:7, 8;
10:5, 6; 2 Chr. 28:20

18 ¹Or, *mouth of the rivers*, i.e., the Nile Delta
^aIs. 5:26 ^bIs. 13:5

19 ¹Or, *wadis* ²Or, *pastures*
^aIs. 2:19; Jer. 16:16 ^bIs. 24:25

20 ¹Lit., *River*
^aIs. 24:1; 2 Kin. 18:13-16
^bEzek. 5:1-4 ^cIs. 10:5, 15 ^dIs. 8:7; 11:15; Jer. 2:18

21 ^aIs. 14:30; 27:10; Jer. 39:10

22 ^aIs. 8:15

23 ^aIs. 5:10; 32:13, 14 ^bIs. 5:6

25 ¹Lit., *sending*
^aIs. 5:17

1 ¹Lit., *with the stylus of man* ²Heb., *Maher-shalhash-baz*; cf. v. 3
^aIs. 30:8; Hab. 2:2

2 ¹Another reading, *take for me*
^a2 Kin. 16:10, 11, 15, 16

3 ¹I.e., Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey; cf. v. 1

4 ^aIs. 1:20; 5:24; 7:9; 30:12

6 ^aIs. 1:20; 5:24; 7:9; 30:12

7 ¹Lit., River
^aIs. 17:12, 13 ^bAmos 8:8; 9:5

8 ¹Lit., be the fulness of
²Or, Your
^aIs. 10:6 ^bIs. 30:28 ^cIs. 7:14

9 ¹Or, dismayed
^aIs. 17:12-14 ^bDan. 2:34, 35

10 ¹Lit., word ²Heb.,
Immanu-el
^aIs. 28:18; Job 5:12 ^bIs. 7:7
^cIs. 8:8; Rom. 8:31

11 ¹Lit., with strength of
the hand
^aEzek. 3:14 ^bEzek. 2:8

12 ¹Lit., their fear
^aIs. 7:2; 30:1 ^b1 Pet. 3:14, 15

13 ^aIs. 5:16; 29:23 ^bNum.
20:12

14 ^aIs. 4:6; 25:4; Ezek. 11:16
^bLuke 2:34; Rom. 9:33;
1 Pet. 2:8 ^cIs. 24:17, 18

16 ¹Or, teaching
^aIs. 8:1, 2; 29:11, 12 ^bDan.
12:4 ^cIs. 50:4

17 ^aIs. 25:9; 30:18; Hab. 2:3
^bIs. 1:15; 45:15; 54:8; Deut.
31:17

18 ^aHeb. 2:13 ^bLuke 2:34
^cPs. 9:11; Zech. 8:3

19 ^aIs. 19:3; 29:4; 47:12, 13;
Lev. 20:6; 2 Kin. 21:6; 23:24

3 So I approached the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Name him ¹Mahe-shalal-hash-baz;

4 for ^abefore the boy knows how to cry out 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria."

5 And again the LORD spoke to me further, saying,

6 "Inasmuch as these people have ^arejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah,
And rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah;

7 "Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant ^awaters of the ¹Euphrates,

Even the king of Assyria and all his glory;
And it will ^brise up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

8 "Then ^ait will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through,
It will ^bbreach even to the neck;

And the spread of its wings will ¹fill the breadth of ²your land, O ^cImmanuel.

9 "Be broken, O peoples, and be ^{1b}shattered;
And give ear all remote places of the earth.
Gird yourselves, yet be ¹shattered;
Gird yourselves, yet be ¹shattered.

10 "Devise a plan but it will be thwarted;
State a ¹proposal, but ^bit will not stand,
For ^{2c}God is with us."

11 For thus the LORD spoke to me ¹with ^amighty power and instructed me ^bnot to walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 "You are not to say, 'It is a ^aconspiracy!'
In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy,
And ^byou are not to fear ¹what they fear or be in dread of it.

13 "It is the ^aLORD of hosts ^bwhom you should regard as holy.
And He shall be your fear,
And He shall be your dread.

14 "Then He shall become a ^asanctuary;
But to both the houses of Israel, a ^bstone to strike and a rock to stumble over,
And a snare and a ^ctrap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 "And many will stumble over them,
Then they will fall and be broken;
They will even be snared and caught."

16 ^aBind up the testimony, ^bseal the ¹law among ^cmy disciples.

17 And I will ^await for the LORD ^bwho is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him.

18 ^aBehold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for ^bsigns and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who ^cdwells on Mount Zion.

19 And when they say to you, "Consult the mediums and

the wizards who whisper and mutter," should not a people^b consult their God? *Should they consult* the dead on behalf of the living?

20 To the ^{1a}law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.

21 And they will pass through ¹the land ^ahard pressed and famished, and it will turn out that when they are hungry, they will be enraged and curse ²their king and their God as they face upward.

22 Then they will ^alook to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and *they will be* driven away into darkness.

¹**B**UT there will be no *more* ^agloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He ^btreated the land of ^cZebulun and the land of Naphthali with contempt, but later on He shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the ²Gentiles.

2 ¹The people who walk in darkness
Will see a great light;
Those who live in a dark land,
The light will shine on them.

3 ^aThou shalt multiply the nation,
Thou ^bshalt ¹increase ²their gladness;
They will be glad in Thy presence
As with the gladness ³of harvest,
As ^amen rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou shalt break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders,

5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the *battle* tumult,
And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

6 For a ^achild will be born to us, ¹a ^bson will be given to us;
And the ^cgovernment will ¹rest ^don His shoulders;
And His name will be called ^eWonderful, Counselor,
^fMighty God,
Eternal ^gFather, Prince of ^hPeace.

7 There will be ^ano end to the increase of *His* government or of peace,
On the ^bthrone of David and over his kingdom,
To establish it and to uphold it with ^cjustice and righteousness
From then on and forevermore.

^dThe zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

8 The Lord sends a ¹message against Jacob,
And it falls on Israel.

9 And all the people know *it*,
That is, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria,
Asserting in pride and in ^aarrogance of heart:

10 "The bricks have fallen down,
But we will ^arebuild with smooth stones;

19 ^bIs. 30:2; 45:11

20 ¹Or, *teaching*
^aIs. 8:16; 1:10; Luke 16:29

21 ¹Lit., *it* ²Or, *by their King*
^aIs. 9:20, 21

22 ^aJer. 13:16; Amos 5:18, 20; Zeph. 1:14, 15

¹Ch. 8:23 in Heb. ²Or, *nations*
^aIs. 8:22 ^b2 Kin. 15:29; 2 Chr. 16:4 ^cMatt. 4:15, 16

2 ¹Ch. 9:1 in Heb. text

3 ¹Another reading: *not increase* ²Lit., *the* ³Lit., *in* ⁴Lit., *they*
^aIs. 26:15 ^bIs. 35:10; 65:14, 18, 19; 66:10

4 ¹Lit., *as in the day of Midian*
^aIs. 14:4; 49:26; 51:13; 54:14

6 ¹Lit., *be*
^aIs. 7:14; 11:1, 2; 53:2; Luke 2:11 ^bJohn 3:16 ^cMatt. 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:25 ^dIs. 22:22 ^eIs. 28:29 ^fIs. 10:21; Deut. 10:17; Neh. 9:32 ^gIs. 63:16; 64:8 ^hIs. 26:3, 12; 53:5; 54:10; 66:12
the King

7 ^aDan. 2:44; Luke 1:32, 33 ^bIs. 16:5 ^cIs. 11:4, 5; 32:1; 42:3, 4; 63:1 ^dIs. 37:32; 59:17
the King

8 ¹Lit., *word*

9 ^aIs. 46:12

10 ^aMal. 1:4

12 ¹Lit., *the whole mouth*
²Chr. 28:18 ^bPs. 79:7; Jer.
 10:25 ^cIs. 5:25

13 ^aJer. 5:3; Hos. 7:10 ^bIs.
 31:1; Hos. 3:5

14 ^aIs. 19:15 ^bRev. 18:8

15 ^aIs. 3:2, 3

16 ¹Or, *swallowed up*
^aIs. 27:11; Matt. 15:14; 23:16,
 24

17 ¹Or, *fatherless*
^aJer. 18:21; Amos 4:10; 8:13
^bIs. 27:11 ^cIs. 10:6; 32:6
^dMatt. 12:34

18 ^aIs. 1:7; Ps. 83:14; Nah.
 1:10; Mal. 4:1

19 ^aIs. 10:6; 13:9, 13; 42:25
^bJoel 2:3 ^cIs. 1:31; 24:6 ^dMic.
 7:2, 6

20 ¹Lit., *he*
^aIs. 8:21, 22 ^bIs. 49:26

21 ^aIs. 11:13; 2 Chr. 28:6, 8

1 ¹Lit., *mischievous*
 or *misfortune*
^aIs. 29:21; 59:4, 13; Ps. 94:20

2 ¹Lit., *turn aside from*
²Or, *fatherless*
^aIs. 5:23 ^bIs. 1:23; 3:14, 15

The sycamores have been cut down,
 But we will replace *them* with cedars."

11 Therefore the LORD raises against them adversaries
 from Rezin,

And spurs their enemies on,

12 The Syrians on the east and the ^aPhilistines on the
 west;

And they ^bdevour Israel with ¹gaping jaws.

^cIn spite of all this His anger does not turn away,

And His hand is still stretched out.

13 Yet the people ^ado not turn back to Him who struck
 them,

Nor do they ^bseek the LORD of hosts.

14 So the LORD cuts off ^ahead and tail from Israel,

Both palm branch and bulrush ^bin a single day.

15 The head is ^athe elder and honorable man,

And the prophet who teaches falsehood is the tail.

16 ^aFor those who guide this people are leading *them*
 astray;

And those who are guided by them are ¹brought to
 confusion.

17 Therefore the Lord does ^anot take pleasure in their
 young men,

^bNor does He have pity on their ¹orphans or their
 widows;

For every one of them is ^cgodless and an evildoer,

And every ^dmouth is speaking foolishness.

In spite of all this His anger does not turn away,

And His hand is still stretched out.

18 ^aFor wickedness burns like a fire;

It consumes briars and thorns;

It even sets the thickets of the forest aflame,

And they roll upward in a column of smoke.

19 By the ^afury of the LORD of hosts the ^bland is burned
 up,

And the ^cpeople are like fuel for the fire

No ^dman spares his brother.

20 And ¹they slice off *what is* on the right hand but *still*
 are ^ahungry,

And ¹they eat *what is* on the left hand but they are not
 satisfied;

Each of them eats the ^bflesh of his own arm.

21 Manasseh *devours* Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh,

^aAnd together they are against Judah.

In spite of all this His anger does not turn away,

And His hand is still stretched out.

CHAPTER 10

WOE to those who ^aenact evil statutes,
 And to those who constantly record ¹unjust decisions,

2 So as ^ato deprive the needy of justice,
 And rob the poor of My people of *their* rights,
 In order ^bthat widows may be their spoil,
 And that they may plunder the ²orphans.

- 3 Now ^awhat will you do in the ^bday of punishment,
 And in the devastation which will come ^cfrom afar?
^dTo whom will you flee for help?
 And where will you leave your ¹wealth?
- 4 Nothing *remains* but to crouch ¹among the ^acaptives
 Or fall ¹among the ^bslain.
 In *spite of* all this His anger does not turn away,
 And His hand is still stretched out.
- 5 Woe to ^aAssyria, the ^brod of My anger
 And the staff in whose hands is ^cMy indignation,
- 6 I send it against a ^agodless nation
 And commission it against the ^bpeople of My fury
^cTo capture booty and ^dto seize plunder,
 And to ¹trample them down like ^emud in the streets.
- 7 Yet it ^adoes not so intend
 Nor does ¹it plan so in its heart,
 But rather it is ²its purpose to destroy,
 And to cut off ³many nations.
- 8 For it says, "Are not my princes ¹all kings?"
- 9 "Is not Calno like Carchemish,
 Or Hamath like Arpad,
 Or Samaria like Damascus?"
- 10 "As my hand has reached to the ^akingdoms of the idols,
 Whose graven images *were* greater than those of Jeru-
 salem and Samaria,
- 11 Shall I not ¹do to Jerusalem and her images
 Just as I have done to Samaria and ^aher idols?"
- 12 So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His
^awork on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *He will say*, "I will
¹punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of ^aAssyria
 and ^bthe pomp of ²his haughtiness."
- 13 For ^ahe has said,
 "By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did
this,
 For I have understanding;
 And I ^bremoved the boundaries of the peoples,
 And plundered their treasures,
 And like a mighty man I brought down ¹their
 inhabitants,
- 14 "And my hand reached to the riches of the peoples
 like a ^anest,
 And as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all
 the earth;
 And there was not one that flapped its wing or
 opened *its* beak or chirped."
- 15 Is the ^aaxe to ^bboast itself over the one who chops with
 it?
 Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it?
That would be like ^aa ¹club wielding those who lift it,
 Or like ^da rod lifting *him who* is not wood.
- 16 Therefore the Lord, the ¹God of hosts, will send a
^awasting disease among his ^bstout warriors;
 And under his ^cglory a fire will be kindled like a burning
 flame.

3 ¹Lit., *glory*
^aJob 31:14 ^bIs. 13:6; 26:14,
 21; 29:6; Jer. 9:9; Hos. 9:7;
 Luke 19:44 ^cIs. 5:26 ^dIs. 20:6;
 30:57; 31:3

4 ¹Lit., *under*
^aIs. 24:22 ^bIs. 22:2; 34:3;
 66:16

5 ^aIs. 7:17; 8:7 ^bJer. 51:20
^cIs. 13:5; 30:30; 34:2; 66:14

6 ¹Lit., *make them a
 trampled place*
^aIs. 9:17 ^bIs. 9:19 ^cIs. 37:26,
 27 ^dIs. 59:29 ^eIs. 5:25

7 ¹Lit., *its heart so plan*
²Lit., *in its heart* ³Lit., *not a
 few*
^aGen. 50:20; Micah 4:11, 12;
 Acts 2:23, 24

8 ¹Lit., *altogether*

10 ^a2 Kin. 19:17, 18

11 ¹Lit., *do thus*
^aIs. 2:8

12 ¹Lit., *visit* ²Lit.,
haughtiness of his eyes
^aIs. 28:21, 22; 29:14; 65:7;
 2 Kin. 19:31 ^bIs. 37:23

13 ¹Or, *those who sit on
 thrones*
^aIs. 37:24-27; 2 Kin. 19:22-24;
 Ezek. 28:4; Dan. 4:30 ^bHab.
 2:6-11

14 ^aJer. 49:16; Obad. 4

15 ¹Lit., *staff*
^aJer. 51:20 ^bIs. 29:16; 45:9;
 Rom. 9:20, 21 ^cIs. 10:5 ^dIs.
 10:5

16 ¹YHWH¹¹, usually
 rendered **LORD**
^aPs. 106:15 ^bIs. 17:4 ^cIs.
 10:18; 8:7

17 ^aIs. 30:33; 31:9 ^bIs. 37:23
^cIs. 27:4; 33:12; Num. 11:1-3;
Jer. 4:4; 7:20

18 ^aIs. 10:33, 34

19 ^aIs. 21:17

20 ^aIs. 17:7, 8; 50:10; 2 Chr.
14:11

21 ^aIs. 7:3

22 ^aRom. 9:27, 28 ^bIs.
28:22; Dan. 9:27; Rom. 9:28

23 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD

24 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD ²Lit., he
^aPs. 8:5, 6 ^bEx. 5:14-16

25 ^aIs. 17:14; Hag. 2:6

26 ^aIs. 37:36-38 ^bEx. 14:16
^cEx. 14:27

27 ¹i.e., The Assyrian
^aIs. 9:4; 14:25 ^bIs. 30:23; 55:2

28 ^aJudg. 18:21; 1 Sam.
17:22

30 ¹An ancient version
reads, Answer her, O
Anathoth

32 ¹Another reading is,
house of
^aIs. 19:16; Zech. 2:9 ^bIs. 1:8;
Jer. 6:23

33 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^aIs. 37:24, 36-38; Ezek. 31:3;
Amos 2:9

17 And the ^alight of Israel will become a fire and his ^bHoly
One a flame,
And it will ^cburn and devour his thorns and his briars in
a single day.

18 And He will ^adestroy the glory of his forest and of his
fruitful garden, both soul and body;
And it will be as when a sick man wastes away.

19 And the ^arest of the trees of his forest will be so small in
number
That a child could write them down.

20 Now it will come about in that day that the remnant of
Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will
never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly
^arely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

21 A ^aremnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the
mighty God.

22 For ^athough your people, O Israel, may be like the sand
of the sea,

Only a remnant within them will return;

A ^bdestruction is determined, overflowing with
righteousness.

23 For a complete destruction, one that is decreed, the
LORD ¹GOD of hosts will execute in the midst of the whole land.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord ¹GOD of hosts, "O My
people who dwell in ^aZion, do not fear the Assyrian ²who
^bstrikes you with the rod and lifts up his staff against you, the
way Egypt *did*.

25 "For in a very ^alittle while My indignation *against you*
will be spent, and My anger *will be directed* to their
destruction."

26 And the LORD of hosts will ^aarouse a scourge against
him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and His
^bstaff will be over the sea, and He will lift it up ^cthe way *He did*
in Egypt.

27 So it will be in that day, that ¹his ^aburden will be re-
moved from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and
the yoke will be broken because ^bof fatness.

28 He has come against Aiath,

He has passed through Migron;

At Michmash he deposited his ^abaggage,

29 They have gone through the pass, saying,

"They have made a lodging place in Geba."

Ramah is terrified, and Gibeah of Saul has fled away.

30 Cry aloud with your voice, O daughter of Gallim!

Pay attention, Laishah and ¹wretched Anathoth!

31 Madmenah has fled.

The inhabitants of Gebim have sought refuge.

32 Yet today he will halt at Nob;

He ^ashakes his fist at the mountain of the ¹daughter of
Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the ¹GOD of hosts, will lop off the
boughs with a terrible crash;
Those also who are ^atall in stature will be cut down,
And those who are lofty will be abased.

34 And He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an iron *axe*,
And Lebanon will fall ¹by the Mighty One.

34 ¹Or, *as a mighty one*

¹Is. 4:2; 53:2 ^bIs. 11:10;
9:7; Acts 13:23 ^cIs. 6:13; Jer.
23:5; Zech. 3:8

CHAPTER 11

THEN a ^ashoot will spring from the ^bstem of Jesse,
And a ^cbranch from his roots will bear fruit.

2 And He ^aSpirit of the LORD will rest on Him,
The spirit of ^bwisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and ^cstrength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

²Is. 42:1; 48:16; 61:1;
Matt. 3:16; John 1:32 ^bJohn
16:13; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:17,
18 ^c2 Tim. 1:7

3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,
And He will not judge by what His eyes ^asee,
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

³John 2:25; 7:24

4 But with ^arighteousness He will judge the ^bpoor,
And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;
And He will strike the earth with the ^crod of His
mouth,
And with the ^dbreath of His lips He will slay the
wicked.

⁴Is. 9:7; 16:5; 32:1 ^bIs.
3:14; Ps. 72:2, 14 ^cIs. 49:2; Ps.
2:9; Mal. 4:6 ^dIs. 30:28, 33;
Job 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:8

5 Also ^arighteousness will be the belt about His loins,
And ^bfaithfulness the belt about His waist.

⁵Eph. 6:14 ^bIs. 25:1

6 And the ^awolf will dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard will lie down with the kid,
And the calf and the young lion ¹and the fatling
together;

⁶Some versions read, *will
feed together*
^aIs. 65:25

And a little boy will lead them.

7 Also the cow and the bear will graze;
Their young will lie down together;
And the ^alion will eat straw like the ox.

⁷Is. 65:25

8 And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's
den.

⁹Is. 65:25; Job 5:23;
Ezek. 34:25; Hos. 2:18 ^bIs.
45:6; 52:10; 66:18-23; Ps.
98:2, 3; Hab. 2:14

9 They will ^anot hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the ^bearth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ ¹Or, *standard* ²Lit.,
glory
^aLuke 2:32; Acts 11:18 ^bIs.
11:1; Rom. 15:12 ^cIs. 11:12;
49:22; 62:10; John 3:14, 15;
12:32

10 Then it will come about in that day
That the ^anations will resort to the ^broot of Jesse,
Who will stand as a ¹signal for the peoples;
And His resting place will be ²glorious.

¹¹ ¹Or, *coastlands*
^aIs. 24:15; 42:4, 10, 12; 49:1;
51:5; 60:9; 66:19

11 Then it will happen on that day that the Lord
Will again recover the second time with His hand
The remnant of His people, who will remain,
From **Assyria**, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar,
Hamath,

¹²Is. 56:8; Zeph. 3:10;
Zech. 10:6

And from the ¹islands of the sea.

12 And He will lift up a standard for the nations,
And will ^aassemble the banished ones of Israel,
And will gather the dispersed of Judah
From the four corners of the earth.

¹³Is. 9:21; Jer. 3:18; Ezek.
37:16, 17, 22; Hos. 1:11

13 Then the ^ajealousy of Ephraim will depart,
And those who harass Judah will be cut off;

14 ¹Lit., *Edom and Moab will be the outstretching of their hand* ²Lit., *their obedience*
^aJer. 48:40; 49:22; Hab. 1:8
^bJer. 49:28

15 ¹Another reading is, *dry up the tongue* ²Perhaps the Red Sea ³I.e., the Euphrates
⁴Lit., *in sandals*
^aIs. 43:16; 44:27; 50:2; 51:10, 11
^bIs. 7:20; 8:7

16 ^aIs. 19:23; 35:8; 40:3;
 62:10 ^bEx. 14:26-29

1 ^aIs. 25:1; Ps. 9:1 ^bIs. 40:1, 2; 54:7-10; Ps. 30:5

2 ^aIs. 32:2; 45:17; 62:11 ^bIs. 26:3 ^cEx. 15:2; Ps. 118:14

3 ^aJohn 4:10; 7:37, 38 ^bIs. 41:18; Jer. 2:13

4 ¹Or, *Proclaim to them that*
^aIs. 24:15; 42:12; 48:20 ^bPs. 105:1 ^cPs. 145:4

5 ¹Or, *gloriously*
^aIs. 24:14; 42:10, 11; 44:23;
 Ex. 15:1; Ps. 98:1

6 ^aIs. 52:9; 54:1; Zeph. 3:14 ^bIs. 1:24; 49:26; 60:16;
 Zeph. 3:15-17; Zech. 2:5, 10, 11

1 ¹Lit., *burden of*

2 ¹Or, *wind-swept mountain*
^aIs. 5:26; Jer. 50:2 ^bJer. 51:25
^cIs. 10:32; 19:16 ^dIs. 45:1-3;
 Jer. 51:58

3 ^aJoel 3:11

4 ^aIs. 5:30; 17:12; Joel 3:14

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 A Song of Thanksgiving. The Oracle About Babylon.**

- Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,
 And Judah will not harass Ephraim.
- 14 And they will ^aswoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west;
 Together they will ^bplunder the sons of the east;
¹They will possess Edom and Moab;
 And the sons of Ammon will be ²subject to them.
- 15 And the LORD will ¹utterly destroy
 The tongue of the ²Sea of Egypt;
 And He will wave His hand over the ³bRiver
 With His scorching wind;
 And He will strike it into seven streams,
 And make *men* walk over ⁴dry-shod.
- 16 And there will be a ^ahighway from Assyria
 For the remnant of His people who will be left,
 Just as there was for Israel
 In ^bthe day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

- T**HEN you will say on that day,
 "I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD;
 For ^balthough Thou wast angry with me,
 Thine anger is turned away,
 And Thou dost comfort me.
- 2 "Behold, ^aGod is my salvation,
 I will ^btrust and not be afraid;
 For ^cthe LORD GOD is my strength and song,
 And He has become my salvation."
- 3 Therefore you will joyously ^adraw water
 From the ^bsprings of salvation.
- 4 And in that day you will ^asay,
 "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name.
^cMake known His deeds among the peoples;
¹Make *them* remember that His name is exalted."
- 5 ^aPraise the LORD in song, for He has done ^bexcellent things;
 Let this be known throughout the earth.
- 6 ^aCry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
 For ^bgreat in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

CHAPTER 13

- T**HE ¹oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.
- 2 ^aLift up a standard on the ¹bare hill,
 Raise your voice to them,
^cWave the hand that they may ^denter the doors of the nobles.
- 3 I have commanded My consecrated ones,
 I have even called My ^amighty warriors,
 My proudly exulting ones,
 To *execute* My anger.
- 4 A ^asound of tumult on the mountains,
 Like that of many people!
 A sound of the uproar of kingdoms,

- Of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle.
- 5 They are coming from a far country
From the ¹farthest horizons,
The LORD and His instruments of indignation,
To destroy the whole land.
- 6 Wail, for the ²day of the LORD is near!
It will come as destruction from ¹the Almighty.
- 7 Therefore all hands will fall limp,
And every man's ³heart will melt.
- 8 And they will be ⁴terrified,
Pains and anguish will take hold of *them*;
They will ⁵writhe like a woman in labor,
They will look at one another in astonishment,
Their faces aflame.
- 9 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming,
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,
To make the land a desolation;
And He will exterminate its sinners from it.
- 10 For the ⁶stars of heaven and their constellations
Will not flash forth their light;
The ⁷sun will be dark when it rises,
And the moon will not shed its light.
- 11 Thus I will punish the world for its evil,
And the wicked for their iniquity;
I will also put an end to the ⁸arrogance of the proud,
And abase the ⁹haughtiness of the ¹ruthless.
- 12 I will make mortal man ¹⁰scarcer than pure gold,
And mankind than the gold of Ophir.
- 13 Therefore I shall make the ¹¹heavens tremble,
And the earth will be shaken from its place
At the fury of the LORD of hosts
In the day of His burning anger.
- 14 And it will be that like a hunted gazelle,
Or like ¹²sheep with none to gather *them*,
They will each turn to his own people,
And each one flee to his own land.
- 15 Anyone who is found will be ¹³thrust through,
And anyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
- 16 Their ¹⁴little ones also will be dashed to pieces
Before their eyes;
Their houses will be plundered
And their wives ravished.
- 17 Behold, I am going to stir up the Medes against them,
Who will not value silver or ¹⁵take pleasure in gold,
- 18 And *their* bows will ¹⁶mow down the ¹⁷young men,
They will not even have compassion on the fruit of the
womb,
Nor will their ¹⁸eye pity ¹⁹children.
- 19 And Babylon, the ²⁰beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the
Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God ²¹overthrew Sodom and
Gomorrah.
- 20 It will ²²never be inhabited or lived in from generation
to generation;

⁵ ¹Lit., *end of heaven*
²Is. 5:26; 7:18

⁶ ¹Heb., *Shaddai*
¹Is. 13:9; 2:12; 10:3; 34:2, 8;
61:2; Ezek. 30:3; Amos 5:18;
Zeph. 1:7

⁷ ¹Is. 19:1; Ezek. 21:7;
Nah. 2:10

⁸ ¹Is. 21:3; 2 Kin. 19:26;
Jer. 46:5 ²Is. 26:17; Jer. 4:31;
John 16:21

¹⁰ ¹Is. 5:30; Joel 2:10; Matt.
24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke
21:25 ²Is. 24:23; 50:3; Acts
2:20

¹¹ ¹Or, *tyrants, despots*
¹Is. 2:11; 23:9; Dan. 5:22, 23
²Jer. 48:29

¹² ¹Lit., *more precious*
¹Is. 4:1; 6:11, 12

¹³ ¹Is. 34:4; 51:6

¹⁴ ¹Kin. 22:17; Matt.
9:36; Mark 6:34; 1 Pet. 2:25

¹⁵ ¹Is. 14:19; Jer. 50:25;
51:3, 4

¹⁶ ¹Is. 13:18; 14:21; Ps.
137:8, 9; Hos. 10:14; Nah.
3:10

¹⁷ ¹Prov. 6:34, 35

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *dash in pieces*
²Lit., *sons*
²Kin. 8:12; 2 Chr. 36:17
³Ezek. 9:5, 10

¹⁹ ¹Dan. 4:30; Rev. 18:11-
16, 19 ²Gen. 19:24; Deut.
29:23; Jer. 49:18; Amos 4:11

²⁰ ¹Is. 14:23; 34:10-15; Jer.
51:37-43

20 b2 Chr. 17:11

21 ¹Or, howling creatures
²Or, goat demons שׂוֹרִים
³Is. 34:11-15; Zeph. 2:14

22 ¹Or, howling creatures
²Lit., is near to come
³Is. 25:2; 32:14; 34:13

1 ¹Is. 49:13, 15; 54:7, 8; Ps.
 102:13 ²Is. 41:8, 9; 44:1; 49:7;
 Zech. 1:17; 2:12

2 ¹Is. 45:14; 49:23; 54:3 ²Is.
 60:10; 61:5; Dan. 7:18, 27

3 ¹Is. 11:10; 40:2; Ezra 9:8,
 9; Jer. 30:10; 46:27

4 ¹Or, proverb ²Amended
 from the meaningless
 medhebah to marshebah

6 ¹Or, ruled
²Is. 10:14; 47:6

7 ¹Ps. 47:1-3; 98:1-9; 126:1-3

9 ¹Or, shades (Heb.,
 Repha'im) ²Lit., male goats

10 ¹Ezek. 32:2111 ¹Is. 5:14; Ezek. 28:13

12 ¹Lit., Helel; i.e., shining
 one
²Is. 34:4; Luke 10:18; Rev.
 9:1

- Nor will the ^bArab pitch *his* tent there,
 Nor will shepherds make *their flocks* lie down there.
 21 But ^adesert creatures will lie down there,
 And their houses will be full of ¹owls,
 Ostriches also will live there, and ²shaggy goats will
 frolic there.
 22 And ¹hyenas will howl in their fortified towers
 And jackals in their luxurious ^apalaces.
 Her *fateful* time also ²will soon come
 And her days will not be prolonged.

CHAPTER 14

WHEN the LORD will ^ahave compassion on Jacob, and
 again ^bchoose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then
 strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of
 Jacob.

2 And the peoples will take them along and bring them
 to their place, and the ^ahouse of Israel will possess them as an
 inheritance in the land of the LORD ^{as} male and female ^{ser-}
 vants; and they will take them as their captors, and will rule
 over their oppressors.

3 And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you ^arest
 from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you
 have been enslaved,

4 that you will take up this ¹taunt against the king of
 Babylon, and say:

“How the oppressor has ceased,
 And how ²fury has ceased!

5 “The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,
 The scepter of rulers

6 ^aWhich used to strike the peoples in fury with unceas-
 ing strokes,
 Which ¹subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained
 persecution.

7 “The whole earth is at rest *and* is quiet;
 They ^abreak forth into shouts of joy.

8 “Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, *and* the cedars
 of Lebanon, *saying*,
 ‘Since you were laid low, no *tree* cutter comes up
 against us.’

9 “Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you
 when you come;
 It arouses for you the ¹spirits of the dead, all the ²lead-
 ers of the earth;

It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones.

10 “^aThey will all respond and say to you,
 ‘Even you have been made weak as we,
 You have become like us.’

11 ‘Your ^apomp *and* the music of your harps
 Have been brought down to Sheol;
 Maggots are spread out *as your bed* beneath you,
 And worms are your covering.’

12 “How you have ^afallen from heaven,
 O ¹star of the morning, son of the dawn!

You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!

13 "But you said in your heart,
'I will ascend to heaven;
'I will praise my throne above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the mount of assembly
In the recesses of the north.

14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
'I will make myself like the Most High.'

15 "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol,
To the recesses of the pit.

16 "Those who see you will gaze at you,
They will ponder over you, saying,
'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
Who shook kingdoms,

17 Who made the world like a wilderness
And overthrew its cities,
Who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'

18 "All the kings of the nations lie in glory,
Each in his own tomb.

19 "But you have been cast out of your tomb
Like a rejected branch,
Clothed with the slain who are pierced with a sword,
Who go down to the stones of the pit,
Like a trampled corpse.

20 "You will not be united with them in burial,
Because you have ruined your country,
You have slain your people.
May the offspring of evildoers not be mentioned
forever.

21 "Prepare for his sons a place of slaughter
Because of the iniquity of their fathers.
They must not arise and take possession of the earth
And fill the face of the world with cities.

22 "And I will rise up against them," declares the LORD of
hosts, "and will cut off from Babylon a name and survivors,
offspring and posterity," declares the LORD.

23 "I will also make it a possession for the hedgehog, and
swamps of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,"
declares the LORD of hosts.

24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, as just as I
have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so
it will stand,

25 to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on
My mountains. Then his yoke will be removed from them,
and his burden removed from their shoulder.

26 "This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and
this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations.

27 "For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate
it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it
back?"

28 In the year that King Ahaz died this oracle came:

29 "Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you,
Because the rod that struck you is broken;
For from the serpent's root a viper will come out,
And its fruit will be a flying serpent.

13 ^aEzek. 28:2 ^bDan. 5:22;
8:10; 2 Thess. 2:4

16 ¹Lit., show themselves
attentive to

17 ¹Lit., open
MA T E S T A M E N T S

18 ¹Lit., house

19 ¹Lit., an abhorred
branch ²Or, As the clothing
of those who are slain
^aIs. 5:25

20 ^aIs. 1:4; 31:2; Job 18:16,
19; Ps. 21:10; 37:28

21 ^aIs. 13:16; Ex. 20:5; Lev.
26:39; Matt. 23:35

22 ^aProv. 10:7 ^bIs. 47:9; Job
18:19

23 ^aIs. 13:6; 1 Kin. 14:10

24 ^aIs. 46:11; 55:8, 9; Job
23:13; Acts 4:28

25 ^aIs. 9:4; 10:27; Nah. 1:13

26 ¹Lit., planned
^aIs. 23:9; Zeph. 3:6, 8 ^bEx.
15:12

27 ^aIs. 43:13; 2 Chr. 20:6;
Dan. 4:31, 35

28 ¹Or, burden
^a2 Kin. 16:20; 2 Chr. 28:27

29 ^a2 Chr. 26:6

30 ¹Lit., *the first-born of the helpless* ²Lit., *put to death*
^aIs. 3:14, 15; 7:21, 22; 11:4
^bIs. 8:21; 9:20; 51:19

31 ¹Or, *Become demoralized*
^aIs. 3:26; 24:12; 45:2 ^bJer. 1:14 ^cIs. 34:16

32 ^aIs. 37:9 ^bIs. 4:6; 25:4; 57:13; Zeph. 3:12; Heb. 11:10; James 2:5

1 ¹Or, *burden of*

2 ¹Lit., *house*
^aLev. 21:5; Jer. 48:37

3 ¹Lit., *going down in weeping*
^aJon. 3:6-8 ^bJer. 48:38 ^cIs. 22:4

4 ¹Another reading is, *the loins of*

5 ^aIs. 59:7; Jer. 4:20

6 ¹Lit., *desolations* ²Lit., *come to an end*
^aIs. 19:5-7; Jer. 48:34 ^bJoel 1:10-12; 2:3

7 ¹Or, *the poplars*
^aIs. 30:6; Jer. 48:36

9 ¹Heb., *dam* (a word-play)
^a2 Kin. 17:25; Jer. 50:17

1 ¹I.e., *Petra in Edom*
^a2 Kin. 3:4; Ezra 7:17 ^bIs. 42:11; 2 Kin. 14:7 ^cIs. 10:32

2 ¹Or, *fluttering* ²Lit., *nest*
^aProv. 27:8

- 30 "And ¹those who are most ^ahelpless will eat,
 And the needy will lie down in security;
 I will ²destroy your root with ^bfamine,
 And it will kill off your survivors.
- 31 "Wail, O ^agate; cry, O city;
¹Melt away, O Philistia, all of you;
 For smoke comes from the ^bnorth,
 And ^cthere is no straggler in his ranks.
- 32 "How then will one answer the ^amessengers of the nation?
 That the LORD has founded Zion,
 And ^bthe afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it."

CHAPTER 15

- THE ¹oracle concerning Moab.
 Surely in a night Ar of Moab is devastated *and* ruined,
 Surely in a night Kir of Moab is devastated *and* ruined.
- 2 They have gone up to the ¹temple and to Dibon, *even*
 to the high places to weep.
 Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba;
 Everyone's head is ^abald and every beard is cut off.
- 3 In their streets they have girded themselves with
^asackcloth;
^bOn their housetops and in their squares
 Everyone is wailing, ^{1c}dissolved in tears.
- 4 Heshbon and Elealeh also cry out,
 Their voice is heard all the way to Jahaz;
 Therefore the ¹armed men of Moab cry aloud;
 His soul trembles within him.
- 5 My heart cries out for Moab;
 His fugitives are as far as Zoar *and* Eglath-shelishiyah.
 For they go up the ascent of Luhith weeping;
 Surely on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of
 distress ^aover *their* ruin.
- 6 For the ^awaters of Nimrim are ¹desolate.
 Surely the grass is withered, the tender grass ²died out.
 There is ^bno green thing.
- 7 Therefore the ^aabundance *which* they have acquired
 and stored up
 They carry off over the brook of ¹Arabim.
- 8 For the cry of distress has gone around the territory of
 Moab,
 Its wail *goes* as far as Eglaim and its wailing even to
 Beer-elim.
- 9 For the waters of Dimon are full of ¹blood;
 Surely I will bring added *woes* upon Dimon,
 A ^alion upon the fugitives of Moab and upon the remnant
 of the land.

CHAPTER 16

- ^aSEND the *tribute* lamb to the ruler of the land,
 From ^{1b}Sela by way of the wilderness to the ^cmountain
 of the daughter of Zion.
- 2 Then, like ^{1a}fleeing birds or scattered ²nestlings,

The daughters of Moab will be at the fords of the Arnon.

- 3 ¹Give us advice, make a decision;
²Cast your ^ashadow like night ³at high noon;
 Hide the outcasts, do not betray the fugitive.
- 4 “Let the ¹outcasts of Moab stay with you;
 Be a hiding place to them from the destroyer.”
 For the extortioner has come to an end, destruction has ceased,
^aOppressors have completely *disappeared* from the land.
- 5 A ^athrone will even be established in lovingkindness,
 And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of ^bDavid;
 Moreover, he will seek justice
 And be prompt in righteousness.

- 6 ^aWe have heard of the pride of Moab, an excessive pride;
Even of his arrogance, pride, and fury;
^bHis idle boasts are ¹false.
- 7 Therefore Moab shall wail; everyone of Moab shall wail.
 You shall moan for the ^araisin cakes of ^bKir-hareseth
 As those who are utterly stricken.

- 8 For the fields of Heshbon have ¹withered, the vines of Sibmah *as well*;
 The lords of the nations have trampled down its choice clusters
 Which reached as far as Jazer *and* wandered to the deserts;
^aIts tendrils spread themselves out *and* passed over the sea.

- 9 Therefore I will ^aweep bitterly for Jazer for the vine of Sibmah;
 I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh;
 For the shouting over your ^bsummer fruits and your harvest has fallen away.

- 10 And ^agladness and joy are taken away from the fruitful field;
 In the ^bvineyards also there will be no cries of joy or jubilant shouting,
 No ^ctreacher treads out wine in the presses,
 For I have made the shouting to cease.
- 11 Therefore my ¹heart intones like a harp for Moab,
 And my inward ²feelings for Kir-hareseth.

- 12 So it will come about when Moab ^apresents himself,
 When he ^bwearies himself upon his ^chigh place,
 And comes to his sanctuary to pray,
 That he will not prevail.

13 This is the word which the LORD spoke earlier concerning Moab.

14 But now the LORD speaks, saying, “Within three years, as ¹a hired man would count them, the glory of ^bMoab will be

³ Lit., *bring* ² Lit., *set*
¹ Lit., *in the midst of the noon*
^a Is. 25:4; 32:2; 1 Kin. 18:4

⁴ So the Versions: M.T., *My outcasts, as for Moab* . . .
^a Is. 9:4; 14:4; 49:26; 51:13; 54:14

⁵ Is. 9:6, 7; 32:1; 55:4; Dan. 7:14; Mic. 4:7; Luke 1:33 ^b Is. 9:7

⁶ Lit., *not so*
^a Jer. 48:29; Amos 2:1; Obad. 3, 4; Zeph. 2:8, 10 ^b Jer. 48:30

⁷ ¹ Chr. 16:3 ² Kin. 3:25; Jer. 48:31

⁸ ¹ Or, *languished*
^a Jer. 48:32

⁹ ^a Jer. 48:32 ^b Jer. 40:10, 12; 48:32

¹⁰ ^a Is. 24:8; Jer. 48:33 ^b Is. 24:7; Judg. 9:27; Amos 11:17 ^c Job 24:11; Amos 9:13

¹¹ ¹ Lit., *entrails murmur*
² Lit., *inward part*
^a Is. 15:5; 63:15; Jer. 48:36; Hos. 11:8; Phil. 2:1

¹² ^a Num. 22:39-41; Jer. 48:35 ^b 1 Kin. 18:29 ^c Is. 15:2

¹⁴ ¹ Lit., *the years of a hiring*
^a Is. 21:16; Job 7:1; 16:6 ^b Is. 25:10; Jer. 48:42

14 ²Lit., not mighty

1 ¹Or, burden of
^aIs. 7:16; 8:4; 10:9 ^bIs. 25:2;
Jer. 49:2; Mic. 1:6

2 ¹Ck. reads, forever and
ever ²Lit., and they will lie
down
^aIs. 7:21, 22; Ezek. 25:5;
Zeph. 2:6 ^bMic. 4:4

3 ¹Or, fortification ²Or,
royal power, kingdom
^aIs. 7:8, 16; 8:4 ^bIs. 17:4; Hos.
9:11

4 ¹Lit., become thin
^aIs. 10:3

5 ¹Lit., gathering of the
harvest, the standing grain
^aIs. 17:11; Jer. 51:33; Joel
3:13; Matt. 13:30

6 ¹Lit., striking
^aIs. 24:13; 27:12; Deut. 4:27;
Obad. 5

7 ^aIs. 10:20; Hos. 3:5; 6:1;
Mic. 7:7

8 ¹Lit., wooden symbols of
a female deity ²Or, Sun
pillars
^aIs. 27:9; 2 Chr. 34:7 ^bIs. 2:8,
20; 30:22; 31:7 ^cEx. 34:13;
Deut. 7:5; Mic. 5:14

9 ¹Lit., man's ²Ck. reads,
the deserted places of the
Amorites and the Hivites
which they abandoned . . .
³Or, the tree-top ⁴Lit., it

10 ^aIs. 51:13 ^bIs. 12:2; 33:2;
61:10; 62:11; Ps. 68:19 ^cIs.
26:4; 30:29; 44:8; Deut. 32:4,
18, 31

11 ^aMatt. 21:23 ^bPs. 90:6
^cJob 4:8; Hos. 8:7; 10:13

12 ^aJer. 6:23; Ezek. 43:2;
Luke 21:25 ^bPs. 18:4

degraded along with all *his* great population, and *his* remnant will be very small *and* ²impotent."

CHAPTER 17

THE ¹oracle concerning Damascus.

Behold, Damascus is about to be ^aremoved from being a city,

And it will become a ^bfallen ruin.

2 The cities ¹of Aroer are forsaken;

They will be for ^aflocks ²to lie down in,
And there will be ^bno one to frighten *them*.

3 The ^{1a}fortified city will disappear from Ephraim,

And ²sovereignty from Damascus

And the remnant of Syria;

They will be like the ^bglory of the sons of Israel,
Declares the LORD of hosts.

4 Now it will come about in that day that the ^aglory of Jacob will ¹fade,

And the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

5 It will be ^aeven like the ¹reaper gathering the standing grain,

As his arm harvests the ears,

Or it will be like one gleaning ears of grain

In the valley of Rephaim.

6 Yet ^a gleanings will be left in it like the ¹shaking of an olive tree,

Two or three olives on the topmost bough,
Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree,

Declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

7 In that day man will ^ahave regard for his Maker,

And his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he will not have regard for the ^aaltars, the work of his hands,

Nor will he look to that which his ^bfingers have made,
Even the ^{1c}Asherim and ²incense stands.

9 In that day ¹their strong cities will be like ²forsaken places in the forest,

Or like ³branches which they abandoned before the sons of Israel;

And ⁴the land will be a desolation.

10 For ^ayou have forgotten the ^bGod of your salvation

And have not remembered the ^crock of your refuge.

Therefore you plant delightful plants

And set them with vine slips of a strange *god*.

11 In the day that you plant *it* you carefully ^afence *it* in,

And in the ^bmorning you bring your seed to blossom;
But the harvest will ^cbe a heap

In a day of sickliness and incurable pain.

12 Alas, the uproar of many peoples

^aWho roar like the roaring of the seas,

And the rumbling of nations

Who rush on like the ^brumbling of mighty waters!

- 13 The ^anations rumble on like the rumbling of many waters,
 But He will ^brebuke them and they will flee far away,
 And be chased ^clike chaff in the mountains before the wind,
 Or like whirling dust before a gale.
- 14 At evening time, behold, *there is* terror!
 Before morning ^athey are no more.
¹Such *will be* the portion of those who plunder us,
 And the lot of those who pillage us.

¹³ ^aIs. 33:3 ^bIs. 41:11; Ps. 9:5 ^cIs. 29:5; 41:15, 16; Job 21:18; Ps. 1:4; 83:13

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *this*
^aIs. 41:12; 2 Kin. 19:35

¹ Or, *Ethiopia*

CHAPTER 18

- ALAS, oh land of whirring wings
 Which lies beyond the rivers of ¹Cush,
- 2 Which sends envoys by the sea,
 Even in ^apapyrus vessels on the surface of the waters.
 Go, swift messengers, to a nation ^{1b}tall and smooth,
 To a people feared ²far and wide,
 A powerful and oppressive nation
 Whose land the rivers divide.
- 3 ^aAll you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth,
 As soon as a standard is raised on the mountains, you
 will see *it*,
 And as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear *it*.
- 4 For thus the LORD has told me:
 "I will look ¹from My ^adwelling place quietly
 Like dazzling heat in the ^{2b}sunshine,
 Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."
- 5 For ^abefore the harvest, as soon as the bud ¹blossoms
 And the flower becomes a ripening grape,
 Then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives
 And remove *and* cut away the spreading branches.
- 6 They will be left together for mountain birds ^aof prey,
 And for the beasts of the earth;
 And the birds of prey will spend the summer *feeding* on
 them,
 And all the beasts of the earth will spend harvest time
 on them.
- 7 At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the
 LORD of hosts
¹From a ^apeople ²tall and smooth,
 Even from a people feared ³far and wide,
 A powerful and oppressive nation,
 Whose land the rivers divide—
 To the ^bplace of the name of the LORD of hosts, *even*
 Mount Zion.

² ¹Lit., *drawn out* ²Lit., *from it and beyond*
^aIs. 18:7 ^bGen. 10:8, 9; 2 Chr. 12:2-4; 14:9; 16:8

³ ^aPs. 49:1; Mic. 1:2

⁴ ¹Lit., *in* ²Lit., *light*
^aIs. 26:21; Hos. 5:15 ^b2 Sam. 23:4

⁵ ¹Lit., *is finished*
^aIs. 17:10, 11; Ezek. 17:6-10

⁶ ^aIs. 46:11; 56:9; Jer. 7:33; Ezek. 32:4-6; 39:17-20

⁷ ¹So with some ancient versions and DSS; M.T. implies: *consisting of a people . . .* ²Lit., *drawn out*
¹Lit., *from it and beyond*
^aIs. 45:14; Ps. 68:31; Zeph. 3:10; Acts 8:27-38 ^bZech. 14:16, 17

¹ ¹Or, *burden of*
^aPs. 18:9, 10; 104:3; Matt. 26:64; Rev. 1:7 ^bEx. 12:12; Jer. 43:12; 44:8 ^cIs. 13:7; Josh. 2:11

CHAPTER 19

- THE ¹oracle concerning Egypt.
 Behold, the LORD is ^ariding on a swift cloud, and is
 about to come to Egypt;
 The ^bidols of Egypt will tremble at His presence,
 And the ^cheart of the Egyptians will melt within them.

² ¹Judg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20; 2 Chr. 20:23; Matt. 10:21, 36

³ ¹Or, *ghosts and spirits*
²Is. 8:19; 1 Chr. 10:13; Dan. 2:2

⁴ ¹Or, *fierce* ²YHWH, usually rendered LORD
²Is. 20:4; Jer. 46:26; Ezek. 29:19

⁵ ¹Is. 50:2; Jer. 51:36; Ezek. 30:12

⁶ ¹Lit., *rivers* ²Or, *Nile branches*; i.e., the delta
²Ex. 7:18 ^bIs. 37:25 ^cIs. 15:6; Ex. 2:3; Job 8:11

⁷ ¹Or, *mouth*
²Is. 23:3, 10

⁸ ¹Lit., *hook* ²Or, *languish*
²Ezek. 47:10; Hab. 1:15

⁹ ¹Lit., *ashamed*
²Prov. 7:16; Ezek. 27:7

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *her pillars or, her weavers*
²Ps. 11:13

¹¹ ¹Or, *Tanis* ²Or, *brutish*
²Gen. 41:38, 39; 1 Kin. 4:30; Acts 7:22

¹² ¹Or, *know*
²Is. 14:24; Rom. 9:17

¹³ ¹Or, *Tanis* ²Or, *have caused Egypt to stagger*
²Jer. 2:16; 46:14, 19; Ezek. 30:13 ^bZech. 10:4

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *its work* ²Or, *goes astray*
²Prov. 12:8; Matt. 17:17 ^bIs. 3:12; 9:16

¹⁵ ¹Is. 9:14, 15

¹⁶ ²Cor. 5:11; Heb. 10:31

- 2 "So I will incite Egyptians against Egyptians;
And they will ^aeach fight against his brother, and each
against his neighbor,
City against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.
- 3 "Then the spirit of the Egyptians will be demoralized
within them;
And I will confound their strategy,
So that ^athey will resort to idols and ghosts of the dead,
And to ¹mediums and spiritists.
- 4 "Moreover, I will deliver the Egyptians into the hand of
a ^acruel master,
And a ¹mighty king will rule over them," declares the
Lord ²GOD of hosts.
- 5 ^aAnd the waters from the sea will dry up,
And the river will be parched and dry.
- 6 And the ^{1a}canals will emit a stench,
The ^{2b}streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up;
^cThe reeds and rushes will rot away.
- 7 The bulrushes by the ^aNile, by the ¹edge of the Nile
And all the sown fields by the Nile
Will become dry, be driven away, and be no more.
- 8 And the ^afishermen will lament,
And all those who cast a ¹line into the Nile will mourn.
And those who spread nets on the waters will ²pine
away.
- 9 Moreover, the manufacturers of linen made from
combed flax
And the weavers of white ^acloth will be ¹utterly
dejected.
- 10 And ¹the ^apillars of *Egypt* will be crushed;
All the hired laborers will be grieved in soul.
- 11 The princes of ¹Zoan are mere fools;
The advice of Pharaoh's wisest advisors has become
²stupid.
How can you *men* say to Pharaoh,
"I am a son of the ^awise, a son of ancient kings"?
- 12 Well then, where are your wise men?
Please let them tell you,
And let them ¹understand what the LORD of hosts
Has ^apurposed against Egypt.
- 13 The princes of ¹Zoan have acted foolishly,
The princes of ^aMemphis are deluded;
Those who are the ^bcornerstone of her tribes
Have ²led Egypt astray.
- 14 The LORD has mixed within her a spirit of ^adistortion;
^bThey have led Egypt astray in all ¹that it does,
As a drunken man ²staggers in his vomit.
- 15 And there will be no work for Egypt
^aWhich *its* head or tail, *its* palm branch or bulrush,
may do.
- 16 In that day the Egyptians will become like women, and
they will tremble and be in ^adread because of the waving of the

hand of the LORD of hosts, which He is going to wave over them.

17 And the land of Judah will become a ¹terror to Egypt; everyone ²to whom it is mentioned will be in dread of it, because of the ^apurpose of the LORD of hosts which He is purposing against them.

18 In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will be speaking the language of Canaan and ^aswearing *allegiance* to the LORD of hosts; one will be called the City of ¹Destruction.

19 In that day there will be an ^aaltar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a ^bpillar to the LORD near its border.

20 And it will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a ^aSavior and a ^{1b}Champion, and He will deliver them.

21 Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will even worship with ^asacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the LORD and perform it.

22 And the LORD will strike Egypt, striking but ^ahealing; so they will ^breturn to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

23 In that day there will be a ^ahighway from Egypt to **Assyria**, and the **Assyrians** will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into **Assyria**, and the Egyptians will ^bworship with the **Assyrians**.

24 In that day Israel will be the third *party* with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is ^aEgypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

CHAPTER 20

IN the year that the ¹commander came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of **Assyria** sent him and he fought against Ashdod and captured it,

2 at that time the LORD spoke through Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go and loosen the ^asackcloth from your hips, and take your ^bshoes off your feet." And he did so, going ^cnaked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, "Even as My servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot three years as a ^{1a}sign and token against Egypt and ^{2b}Cush,

4 so the ^aking of **Assyria** will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, ^byoung and old, naked and barefoot with buttocks uncovered, to the ¹shame of Egypt.

5 "Then they shall be ^adismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and Egypt their ^bboast.

6 "So the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, 'Behold, such is our hope, where we fled ^afor help to be delivered from the king of **Assyria**; and we, ^bhow shall we escape?'"

17 ¹Or, *cause of shame*
²Lit., *who mentions it will be in dread to it*
^aIs. 14:24; Dan. 4:35

18 ¹Some ancient mss. and versions read, *the Sun*
^aIs. 45:23; 65:16

19 ^aIs. 56:7; 60:7 ^bGen. 28:18; Ex. 24:4; Josh. 22:10, 26, 27

20 ¹Lit., *Mighty One*
^aIs. 43:3, 11; 45:15, 21; 49:26; 60:16; 63:8 ^bIs. 49:25

21 ^aIs. 56:7; 60:7; Zech. 14:16-18

22 ^aIs. 30:26; 57:18; Deut. 32:39; Heb. 12:11 ^bIs. 27:13; 45:14; Hos. 14:1

23 ^aIs. 11:16; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10 ^bIs. 27:13

25 ^aIs. 45:14

1 ¹Heb., *Tartan*

2 ^aZech. 13:4; Matt. 3:4
^bEzek. 24:17, 23 ^c1 Sam. 19:24; Mic. 1:8

3 ¹Or, *wonder* ²Or, *Ethiopia*, so in v. 4, 5
^aIs. 8:18 ^bIs. 37:9; 43:3

4 ¹Lit., *nakedness*
^aIs. 19:4 ^bIs. 47:2, 3

5 ^aIs. 30:3-5; 31:1; 2 Kin. 18:21; Ezek. 29:6, 7 ^bJer. 9:23, 24; 17:5; 1 Cor. 3:21

6 ^aIs. 10:3; 30:7; 31:3; Jer. 30:1, 7, 15-17; 31:1-3 ^bMatt. 23:33; 1 Thess. 5:3; Heb. 2:3

CHAPTER 21

- THE ¹oracle concerning the ^{2a}wilderness of the sea.
As ^bwindstorms in the ³Negev sweep on,
It comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.
- 2 A ^aharsh vision has been shown to me;
The ^btreacherous one still deals treacherously, and the
destroyer still destroys.
Go up, Elam, lay siege, Media;
I have made an end of all ¹the groaning she has caused.
- 3 For this reason my ^aloins are full of anguish;
Pains have seized me like the pains of a ^bwoman in
labor.
I am so bewildered I cannot hear, so terrified I cannot
see.
- 4 My ¹mind reels, ²horror overwhelms me;
The twilight I longed for has been ^aturned for me into
trembling.
- 5 They ^aset the table, they ¹spread out the cloth, they
eat, they drink;
“Rise up, captains, oil the shields,”
- 6 For thus the Lord says to me,
“Go, station the sentry, let him ^areport what he sees.
- 7 “When he sees ^ariders, horsemen in pairs,
A train of donkeys, a train of camels,
Let him pay close attention, very close attention.”
- 8 Then ¹the sentry called *like* a lion,
“O Lord, I stand continually by day on the watchtower,
And I am stationed every night at my guard post.
- 9 “Now behold, here comes a troop of riders, horsemen in
pairs.”
And one answered and said, “^aFallen, fallen is Babylon;
And all the ^bimages of her gods ¹are shattered on the
ground.”
- 10 O my ^athreshed *people*, and my ¹afflicted of the thresh-
ing floor!
What I have heard from the LORD of hosts,
The God of Israel, I make known to you.
- 11 The ¹oracle concerning ^{2a}Edom.
One keeps calling to me from ^bSeir,
“Watchman, ³how far gone is the night?
Watchman, ³how far gone is the night?”
- 12 The watchman says,
“Morning comes but also night.
If you would inquire, inquire;
Come back again.”
- 13 The ¹oracle about ^aArabia.
In the thickets of Arabia you ²must spend the night,
O caravans of ^bDedanites.
- 14 Bring water ¹for the thirsty,
O inhabitants of the land of ^aTema,
Meet the fugitive with bread.
- 15 For they have ^afled from the swords,
From the drawn sword, and from the bent bow,
And from the press of battle.

¹ Or, burden of ²Or, sandy wastes, sea country
³I.e., South country
^aIs. 13:20-22; 14:23; Jer. 51:42 ^bDan. 11:40; Zech. 9:14

² Lit., her groaning
^aPs. 60:3 ^bIs. 24:16; 33:1

³ ^aIs. 13:8; 16:11 ^bIs. 13:8; 26:17; Ps. 48:6; 1 Thess. 5:3

⁴ Lit., heart has wandered ²Lit., shuddering
^aDeut. 28:67

⁵ Or, spread out the rugs; or possibly, they arranged the seating
^aJer. 51:39, 57; Dan. 5:1-4

⁶ ^a2 Kin. 9:17-20

⁷ ^aIs. 21:9

⁸ Lit., he, i.e., the sentry, cf. v. 6
^aHab. 2:1

⁹ Lit., he has shattered to the earth
^aIs. 13:19; 47:5, 9; 48:14; Jer. 51:8; Rev. 14:8 ^bIs. 46:1; Jer. 50:2; 51:44

¹⁰ Lit., son
^aJer. 51:33; Mic. 4:13

¹¹ Lit., burden ²So the Ck.; Heb., Dumah, silence
³Lit., what is the time of the night?
^aCen. 25:14 ^bCen. 32:3

¹³ Or, burden ²Or, will spend
^aJer. 25:23, 24; 49:28 ^bGen. 10:7; Ezek. 27:15

¹⁴ Lit., to meet
^aCen. 25:15; Job 6:19

¹⁵ ^aIs. 13:14, 15; 17:13

16 For thus the Lord said to me, "In a ^ayear, as ^{1a} hired man would count it, all the splendor of Kedar will terminate;
17 and the ^aremainder of the number of bowmen, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, will be few; for the LORD God of Israel ^bhas spoken."

CHAPTER 22

THE ¹oracle concerning the ^avalley of vision.

What is the matter with you now, that you have all gone up to the ^bhousetops?

2 You who were full of noise,
You boisterous town, you ^aexultant city;
Your slain were ^bnot slain with the sword,
Nor ¹did they die in battle.

3 All your rulers have fled together,
And have been captured ¹without the bow;
All of you who were found were taken captive together,
²Though they had fled far away.

4 Therefore I say, "Turn your eyes away from me,
Let me weep bitterly,
Do not ¹try to comfort me concerning the destruction
of the daughter of my people."

5 ^aFor the Lord ¹God of hosts has a ^bday of panic, ^csubjugation, and confusion

^dIn the valley of vision,
A breaking down of walls
And a crying ²to the mountain.

6 And ^aElam took up the quiver
With the chariots, ¹infantry, and horsemen;
And Kir uncovered the shield.

7 Then your choicest valleys were ^afull of chariots,
And the horsemen took up fixed positions at the gate.
8 And He removed the ¹defense of Judah.

In that day you ²depended on the weapons of the
^ahouse of the forest,

9 And you saw that the breaches
In the wall of the city of David were many;
And you ^acollected the waters of the lower pool.

10 Then you counted the houses of Jerusalem,
And you tore down houses to fortify the wall.

11 And you made a reservoir ^abetween the two walls
For the waters of the ^bold pool.
But you did not ¹depend on Him who made it,
Nor did you ²take into consideration Him who planned
it long ago.

12 Therefore in that day the Lord ¹God of hosts, called
you to ^aweeping, to wailing,
To shaving the head, and to wearing sackcloth.

13 Instead, there is ^agaiety and gladness,
Killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep,
Eating of meat and drinking of wine:

"^bLct us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die."

14 But the LORD of hosts revealed Himself ¹to me,

16 ¹Lit., *the years of a hiring*
^aIs. 16:14

17 ^aIs. 10:19 ^bNum. 23:19;
Zech. 1:6

¹ Or, *burden of*
^aPs. 125:2; Jer. 21:13; Joel
3:12, 14 ^bIs. 15:3

² Lit., *dead in battle*
^aIs. 23:7; 32:13 ^bJer. 14:18;
Lam. 2:20

³ Lit., *from a bow* ²So
with ancient versions; Heb.,
they fled far away

⁴ Lit., *insist*

⁵ YHWH, usually
rendered LORD ²Or, *against*
^aLam. 1:5; 2:2 ^bIs. 37:3 ^cIs.
10:6; 63:3 ^dIs. 22:1

⁶ Lit., *man*
^aIs. 21:2; Jer. 49:35

⁷ ²Chr. 32:1

⁸ Lit., *screen, covering*
²Or, *looked to, considered*
^a1 Kin. 7:2; 10:17

⁹ ^aNeh. 3:16

¹¹ Or, *look to, consider*
²Lit., *see . . . Him*
^a2 Kin. 25:4; Jer. 39:4 ^b2 Kin.
20:20; ²Chr. 32:3, 4

¹² YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^aIs. 32:11; Joel 1:13; 2:17

¹³ ^aIs. 5:11, 22; 28:7, 8;
Luke 17:26-29 ^bIs. 56:12;
1 Cor. 15:32

¹⁴ Lit., *in my ears*

14 ²Lit., *be atoned for*
¹YHWH, usually rendered
 LORD
^aIs. 65:20

15 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD

16 ¹Lit., *himself*
^a2 Sam. 18:18; 2 Chr. 16:14;
 Matt. 27:60

18 ^aIs. 17:13; Job 18:18

19 ¹So with many ancient
 versions; Heb., *He*
^aJob 40:11, 12; Ezek. 17:24

20 ^aIs. 36:3, 22; 37:2; 2 Kin.
 18:18

21 ¹Lit., *rule*
^aGen. 45:8

22 ^aRev. 3:7 ^bIs. 7:2, 13 ^cJob
 12:14

23 ^aEzra 9:8; Zech. 10:4
^b1 Sam. 2:8; Job 36:7

24 ¹Or *perhaps, leaf*

25 ^aIs. 22:23 ^bEsth. 9:24, 25
^cIs. 46:11; Mic. 4:4

¹ Or, *burden of* ²Lit.,
entering ³Heb., *Kittim*
^aJosh. 19:29; 1 Kin. 5:1; Jer.
 25:22; 47:4; Ezek. 26:1-28;
 Amos 1:9; Zech. 9:2-4 ^bIs.
 2:16 ^cGen. 10:4; 1 Kin. 10:22
^dIs. 24:10 ^eIs. 23:12; Gen.
 10:4; Ezek. 27:6

² So DSS; M.T., *who*
passed over the sea, they
replenished you.
^aIs. 47:5

³ Heb., *Shihor*
^aIs. 19:7-9 ^bJosh. 13:3; 1 Chr.
 13:5; Jer. 2:18 ^cEzek. 27:3-23

“Surely this iniquity shall not be ²forgiven you
^aUntil you die,” says the Lord ³GOD of hosts.

- 15 Thus says the Lord ¹GOD of hosts,
 “Come, go to this steward,
 To Shebna, who is in charge of the *royal* household:
- 16 “What right do you have here,
 And whom do you have here,
 That you have ^ahewn a tomb for yourself here,
 You who hew a tomb on the height,
 You who carve a resting place for ¹yourself in the rock?”
- 17 “Behold, the LORD is about to hurl you headlong, O
 man.
 And He is about to grasp you firmly,
 And roll you tightly like a ball,
 To be ^acast into a vast country;
 There you will die,
 And there your splendid chariots will be,
 You shame of your master’s house.”
- 19 “And I will ^adepose you from your office,
 And ¹I will pull you down from your station.
- 20 “Then it will come about in that day,
 That I will summon My servant ^aEliakim the son of
 Hilkiah
- 21 “And I will clothe him with your tunic,
 And tie your sash securely about him,
 I will entrust him with your ¹authority,
 And he will become a ^afather to the inhabitants of
 Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
- 22 “Then I will set ^athe key of the ^bhouse of David on his
 shoulder,
 When he opens no one will shut,
 When he shuts no one will ^copen.
- 23 “And I will drive him *like* a ^apeg in a firm place,
 And he will become a ^bthrone of glory to his father’s
 house.
- 24 “So they will hang on him all the glory of his father’s
 house, offspring and ¹issue, all the least of vessels, from bowls
 to all the jars.
- 25 “In that day,” declares the LORD of hosts, “the ^apeg
 driven in a firm place will give way; it will even ^bbreak off and
 fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut off, for the ^cLORD
 has spoken.”

CHAPTER 23

THE ¹oracle concerning ^aTyre.
 Wail, O ^bships of ^cTarshish,
 For Tyre is destroyed, without house or ²dharbor;
 It is reported to them from the land of ³cCyprus.

2 ^aBe silent, you inhabitants of the coastland,
 You merchants of Sidon;
¹Your messengers crossed the sea

3 And *were* on many waters.
^aThe grain of the ¹b Nile, the harvest of the River was
 her revenue;
 And she was the ^cmarket of nations.

- 4 Be ashamed, O ^aSidon;
For the sea speaks, the stronghold of the sea, saying,
“I have neither travailed nor given birth,
I have neither brought up young men *nor* reared
virgins.”
- 5 When the report *reaches* Egypt,
They will be in ^aanguish at the report of Tyre.
- 6 Pass over to Tarshish;
Wail, O inhabitants of the coastland.
- 7 Is this your ^ajoyful city,
Whose origin is from antiquity,
Whose feet used to carry her to ¹colonize distant
places?
- 8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the bestower of
crowns,
Whose merchants were princes, whose traders were the
honored of the earth?
- 9 ^aThe LORD of hosts has planned it to ^bdefile the pride
of all beauty,
To despise all the ^chonored of the earth.
- 10 ¹Overflow your land like the Nile, O daughter of
Tarshish,
There is no more ²restraint.
- 11 He has ^astretched His hand out ^bover the sea,
He has made the kingdoms tremble;
The LORD has given a command concerning Canaan to
^cdemolish its strongholds.
- 12 And He has said, “You shall exult no more, O crushed
virgin daughter of Sidon.
Arise, pass over to ¹Cyprus; even there you will find no
rest.”
- 13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans—this is the people
which was not; ^aAssyria appointed it for ^bdesert creatures—
they erected their siege towers, they stripped its palaces, ^cthey
made it a ruin.
- 14 Wail, O ships of Tarshish,
For your stronghold is destroyed.
- 15 Now it will come about in that day that Tyre will be
forgotten for ^aseventy years like the days of one king. At the
end of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as *in* the song of the
harlot:
- 16 Take your harp, walk about the city,
O forgotten harlot;
Pluck the strings skillfully, sing many songs,
That you may be remembered.
- 17 And it will come about at the end of seventy years that
the LORD will visit Tyre. Then she will go back to her harlot’s
wages, and will ^aplay the harlot with all the kingdoms ¹on the
face of the earth.
- 18 And her ^again and her harlot’s wages will be ^bset apart
to the LORD; it will not be stored up or hoarded, but her gain
will become sufficient food and choice attire for those who
dwell in the presence of the LORD.

⁴ Gen. 10:15, 19; Josh.
11:8; Judg. 10:6; Jer. 25:22;
27:3; 47:4; Ezek. 28:21, 22

⁵ Ex. 15:14-16; Josh. 2:9-
11

⁷ ¹ Lit., *sojourn afar off*
^a Is. 22:2; 32:13

⁹ ^a Is. 2:11; 13:11 ^b Job
40:11, 12; Dan. 4:37 ^c Is. 5:13;
9:15

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., *Pass over* ² Perhaps
girdle or shipyard

¹¹ ^a Is. 14:26; Ex. 14:21 ^b Is.
19:5; 50:2 ^c Is. 25:2; Zech. 9:3,
4

¹² ¹ Heb., *Kittim*

¹³ ^a Is. 10:5 ^b Is. 13:21; 18:6
^c Is. 10:7

¹⁵ ^a Jer. 25:11, 22

¹⁷ ¹ Lit., *of the earth on the
face of the land*
^a Ezek. 16:25-29; Nah. 3:4

¹⁸ ^a Is. 60:5-9; Ps. 72:10, 11;
Mic. 4:13 ^b Ex. 28:36; Zech.
14:20

1 ^aIs. 24:19, 20; 2:19; 13:13;
30:32; 32:9

2 ^aLev. 25:36, 37; Deut.
23:19, 20

4 ^aIs. 24:21; 2:12

5 ¹Lit., *under*
^aIs. 9:17; 10:6; Gen. 3:17;
Num. 35:33 ^bIs. 33:8

6 ^aIs. 34:5; 43:28; Josh.
23:15; Zech. 5:3, 4

7 ^aIs. 16:10; Joel 1:10, 12

9 ^aIs. 5:11, 22 ^bIs. 5:20

10 ^aIs. 34:11; Gen. 1:2 ^bIs.
23:1

11 ¹Lit., *is darkened*
^aJer. 14:2; 46:12 ^bIs. 10:10;
32:13

12 ^aIs. 14:31; 45:2

13 ¹Lit., *striking*
^aIs. 17:6; 27:12

14 ¹Lit., *see*
^aIs. 12:6; 48:20; 52:8; 54:1

15 ¹Lit., *region of light* ²Or,
islands
^aIs. 25:3 ^bMal. 1:1 ^cIs. 11:11;
42:4, 10, 12; 49:1; 51:5; 60:9;
66:19

16 ¹Lit., *Wasting to me!*
^aIs. 11:12; 42:10 ^bIs. 28:5;
60:21 ^cLev. 26:39 ^dIs. 21:2;
33:1; Jer. 3:20; 5:1

17 ¹Lit., *Are upon you*

18 ¹Lit., *sound of terror*
²Lit., *goes up from the midst*
³Lit., *from the height; i.e.,*
heaven
^aGen. 7:11 ^bIs. 2:19, 21;
13:13; Ps. 18:7; 46:2

BEHOLD, the LORD ^alays the earth waste, devastates it, dis-
torts its surface, and scatters its inhabitants.

2 And the people will be like the priest, the servant like
his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller,
the lender like the borrower, the ^acreditor like the debtor.

3 The earth will be completely laid waste and completely
despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word.

4 The earth mourns *and* withers, the world fades *and*
withers, the ^aexalted of the people of the earth fade away.

5 The earth is also ^apolluted ¹by its inhabitants, for they
transgressed laws, violated statutes, ^bbroke the everlasting
covenant.

6 Therefore, a ^acurse devours the earth, and those who
live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth
are burned, and few men are left.

7 The ^anew wine mourns,
The vine decays,
All the merry-hearted sigh.

8 The gaiety of tambourines ceases,
The noise of revelers stops,
The gaiety of the harp ceases.

9 They do not drink wine with song;
^aStrong drink is ^bbitter to those who drink it.

10 The ^acity of chaos is broken down;
^bEvery house is shut up so that none may enter.

11 There is an ^aoutcry in the streets concerning the wine;
^bAll joy ¹turns to gloom.

12 Desolation is left in the city,
And the ^agate is battered to ruins.

13 For ^athus it will be in the midst of the earth among the
peoples,

As the ¹shaking of an olive tree,
As the gleanings when the grape harvest is over.

14 ^aThey raise their voices, they shout for joy.
They cry out from the ¹west concerning the majesty of
the LORD.

15 Therefore ^aglorify the LORD in the ¹east,
The ^bname of the LORD, the God of Israel
In the ^{2c}coastlands of the sea.

16 From the ^aends of the earth we hear songs, "bGlory to
the Righteous One,"

But I say, "cWoe to me! Woe to me! Alas for me!
The ^dtreacherous deal treacherously,
And the treacherous deal very treacherously."

17 Terror and pit and snare
¹Confront you, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 Then it will be that he who flees the ¹report of disaster
will fall into the pit,

And he who ²climbs out of the pit will be caught in the
snare;

For the ^awindows ³above are opened, and the ^bfounda-
tions of the earth shake.

19 The earth is broken asunder,

**The Earth Reels.
Song of Praise for God's Favor.**

Isalah 24, 25

- The earth is ^asplit through,
The earth is shaken violently.
- 20 The earth ^areels to and fro like a drunkard,
And it totters like a ¹shack,
For its ^btransgression is heavy upon it,
And it will fall, ^cnever to rise again.
- 21 So it will happen in that day,
That the LORD will ^apunish the host of ¹heaven, on high,
And the ^bkings of the earth, on earth.
- 22 And they will be gathered together
Like ^aprisoners in the ¹dungeon,
And will be confined in prison;
And after many days they will ^bbe punished.
- 23 Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,
For the ^aLORD of hosts will reign on ^bMount Zion and in Jerusalem,
And His glory will be before His elders.

19 ^aNum. 16:31, 32; Deut. 11:6

20 ¹Or, *hut*
^aIs. 24:1; 19:14; 28:7 ^bIs. 1:28; 43:27; 66:24 ^cDan. 11:19; Amos 8:14

21 ¹Lit., *the height in the height*
^aIs. 10:12; 13:11 ^bPs. 76:12

22 ¹Lit., *pit*
^aIs. 10:4; 42:22 ^bEzek. 38:8; Zech. 9:11, 12

23 ^aIs. 60:19, 20; Zech. 14:6, 7; Rev. 21:23; 22:5 ^bMic. 4:7; Heb. 12:22

CHAPTER 25

- O** LORD, Thou art ^amy God;
I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name;
For Thou hast ^bworked wonders,
^cPlans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.
- 2 For Thou hast made a city into a ^aheap,
A fortified city into a ruin;
A ^bpalace of strangers is a city no more,
It will never be rebuilt.
- 3 Therefore a strong people will ^aglorify Thee;
^bCities of ruthless nations will revere Thee.
- 4 For Thou hast been a ^adefense for the helpless.
A defense for the needy in his distress,
A ^brefuge from the storm, a shade from the heat,
For the breath of the ^cruthless
Is like a *rain storm against* a wall.
- 5 Like heat in drought, Thou dost subdue the ^auproar of aliens;
Like heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the ruthless is ¹silenced.
- 6 And the LORD of hosts will prepare a ¹lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain;
A banquet of ²aged wine, ³choice pieces with marrow,
And ⁴refined, aged wine.
- 7 And on this mountain He will swallow up the ^{1a}covering which is over all peoples,
Even the veil which is ²stretched over all nations.
- 8 He will ^aswallow up death for all time,
And the Lord ¹GOD will ^bwipe tears away from all faces,
And He will remove the ^creproach of His people from all the earth;
For the LORD has spoken.
- 9 And it will be said in that day,
"Behold, ^athis is our God for whom we have ^bwaited that ^cHe might save us.

¹Is. 7:13; 49:4, 5; 61:10; Ex. 15:2; Ps. 118:28 ^bPs. 40:5; 98:1 ^cEph. 1:11

²Is. 17:1; 26:5; 27:10; 32:19 ^bIs. 13:22; 32:14; 34:13

³Is. 24:15 ^bIs. 13:11

⁴Is. 14:32; 17:10; 27:5; 33:16 ^bIs. 4:6; 32:2 ^cIs. 29:5; 20; 49:25

⁵ ¹Lit., *humbled*
^aJer. 51:54-56

⁶ ¹Lit., *feast of fat things*; i.e., abundance ²Lit., *wine on the lees* ³Lit., *fat pieces* ⁴Lit., *wine refined on the lees*.

⁷ ¹Lit., *face of the covering* ²Lit., *woven*
^a2 Cor. 3:15, 16; Eph. 4:18

⁸ ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aHos. 13:14; 1 Cor. 15:54 ^bIs. 30:19; 35:10; 51:11; 65:19; Rev. 7:17; 21:4 ^cIs. 51:7; 54:4; Ps. 69:9; 89:50, 51; Matt. 5:11; 1 Pet. 4:14

⁹ ^aIs. 35:2; 40:9; 52:10 ^bIs. 8:17; 30:18; 33:2 ^cIs. 33:32; 35:4; 49:25, 26; 60:16

9 ^dIs. 35:1, 2, 10; 65:18;
66:10; Ps. 20:5

11 ^aIs. 16:6, 14

12 ^aIs. 25:2; 15:1; 26:5

1 ¹Or, *salvation*
^aIs. 4:2; 12:1 ^bIs. 14:31; 31:5;
9; 33:5, 6, 20-24 ^cIs. 60:18

2 ¹Lit., *keeps faithfulness*
^aIs. 60:11, 18; 62:10 ^bIs.
45:25; 54:14, 17; 58:8; 60:21;
61:3; 62:1, 2

3 ¹Or, *keep the man of*
²Or, *safety* ³Or, *he*
^aIs. 26:12; 27:5; 57:19; 66:12

4 ¹YAH, usually rendered
LORD
^aIs. 12:2; 50:10; 51:5 ^bIs.
17:10; 30:29; 44:8

5 ^aJob 40:11-13

6 ^aIs. 3:14, 15; 11:4; 29:19

7 ^aIs. 57:2 ^bIs. 42:16; 52:12;
Ps. 25:4, 5; 27:11

8 ^aIs. 26:13; 12:4; 24:15;
25:1 ^bEx. 3:15

9 ¹Lit., *with my soul I long*
²Lit., *with my spirit . . . I*
seek ³Lit., *has*
^aIs. 50:10; Ps. 63:5, 6; 77:2;
119:62; Luke 6:12 ^bIs. 55:6;
Ps. 63:1; 78:34; Matt. 6:33
^cHos. 5:15

10 ^aIs. 22:12, 13; 32:6, 7
^bHos. 11:7; John 5:37, 38

11 ¹Or, *Let them*
see . . . and be ²Or, *let the*
fire for Thine adversaries
devour them
^aIs. 9:7; 37:32; 59:17

13 ¹Or, *cause to be*
remembered
^aIs. 2:8; 10:11 ^bIs. 63:7

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
^dLet us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

- 10 For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain,
And Moab will be trodden down in his place
As straw is trodden down in the water of a manure pile.
- 11 And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it
As a swimmer spreads out *his hands* to swim,
But the Lord will ^alay low his pride together with the
trickery of his hands.
- 12 And the ^aunassailable fortifications of your walls He
will bring down,
Lay low, *and* cast to the ground, even to the dust.

CHAPTER 26

IN that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

- "We have a ^bstrong city;
He sets up walls and ramparts for ¹csecurity.
- 2 "Open the ^agates, that the ^bbrighteous nation may enter,
The one that ¹remains faithful.
- 3 "Thou wilt ¹keep *the nation* of steadfast purpose in
perfect ²apeace,
Because ³it trusts in Thee.
- 4 "Trust in the LORD forever,
For in ¹GOD the LORD, *we have* an everlasting ^bRock.
- 5 "For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the
unassailable city;
^aHe lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it
to the dust.
- 6 "The foot will trample it,
The feet of the ^aafflicted, the steps of the helpless."
- 7 The ^away of the righteous is smooth;
O Upright One, ^bmake the path of the righteous level.
- 8 Indeed, *while following* the way of Thy judgments, O
LORD,
We have waited for Thee eagerly;
^aThy name, even Thy ^bmemory, is the desire of *our*
souls.
- 9 ^aAt night ¹my soul longs for Thee,
Indeed, ²my spirit within me ^bseeks Thee diligently;
For when the earth ³experiences Thy judgments
The inhabitants of the world ^alearn righteousness.
- 10 *Though* the wicked is shown favor,
He does not ^alearn righteousness;
He ^bdeals unjustly in the land of uprightness,
And does not perceive the majesty of the LORD.
- 11 O LORD, Thy hand is lifted up *yet* they do not see it.
¹They see ^aThy zeal for the people and are put to
shame;
Indeed, ²fire will devour Thine enemies.
- 12 LORD, Thou wilt establish peace for us,
Since Thou hast also performed for us all our works.
- 13 O LORD our God, ^aother masters than Thou have ruled
us;
But through Thee alone we ¹bconfess Thy name.

- 14 ^aThe dead will not live, the ¹departed spirits will not rise;
Therefore Thou hast ^bpunished and destroyed them,
And Thou hast wiped out all remembrance of them.
- 15 ^aThou hast increased the nation, O LORD,
Thou hast increased the nation, Thou art glorified;
Thou hast ^bextended all the borders of the land.
- 16 O LORD, they sought Thee ^ain distress;
They ¹could only whisper a prayer,
Your chastening was upon them.
- 17 ^aAs the pregnant woman approaches *the time* to give birth,
She writhes *and* cries out in her labor pains,
Thus were we before Thee, O LORD.
- 18 We were pregnant, we writhed in *labor*,
We ^agave birth, as it were, *only* to wind.
We could not accomplish deliverance for the earth
Nor were inhabitants of the world ¹born.
- 19 Your ^adead will live;
¹Their corpses will rise.
You who lie in the dust, ^bawake and shout for joy,
For your dew is as the dew of the ²dawn,
And the earth will ³give birth to the ⁴departed spirits.

14 ¹Or, *shades*
^aIs. 8:19; Deut. 4:28; Ps. 135:17; Hab. 2:19 ^bIs. 10:3

15 ^aIs. 9:3 ^bIs. 33:17; 54:2, 3

16 ¹Lit., *sound forth a whisper*
^aIs. 37:3; Hos. 5:15

17 ^aIs. 13:8; 21:3; John 16:21

18 ¹Lit., *fallen*
^aIs. 33:11; 59:4

19 ¹So with some ancient versions; Heb., *My* ²Lit., *lights* ³Lit., *cause to fall* ⁴Or, *shades*
^aIs. 25:8; Ezek. 37:1-14; Dan. 12:2; Hos. 13:14 ^bEph. 5:14

20 ¹Lit., *moment* ²Lit., *passes over*
^aEx. 12:22, 23; Ps. 91:1, 4 ^bIs. 54:7, 8; Ps. 30:5; 2 Cor. 4:17

21 ^aMic. 1:3; Jude 14 ^bJob 16:18; Luke 11:50

1 ¹Or, *sea monster*
^aJob 3:8; 41:1; Ps. 74:14; 104:26

CHAPTER 27

- IN that day the LORD will punish ^{1a}Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
With His fierce and great and mighty sword,
Even ¹Leviathan the twisted serpent;
And He will kill the dragon who *lives* in the sea.
- 2 In that day,
“A ^{1a}vineyard of wine, sing of it!
- 3 “I the LORD am its keeper;
I water it every moment.
Lest any one ¹damage it,
I ^aguard it night and day.
- 4 “I have no wrath.
Should ¹someone give me ^abriars *and* thorns in battle,
Then I would step on them, ^bI would burn them ²completely.
- 5 “Or let him ¹rely on My protection,
Let him make peace with Me,
Let him ^amake peace with Me.”

2 ¹Some mss. read, *a vineyard of delight*
^aIs. 5:7; Ps. 80:8; Jer. 2:21

3 ¹Lit., *punish*
^aIs. 31:5; 1 Sam. 2:9; John 10:28

4 ¹Lit., *who* ²Lit., *altogether*
^aIs. 10:17; 2 Sam. 23:6 ^bIs. 33:12; Matt. 3:12; Heb. 6:8

5 ¹Lit., *take hold of*
^aIs. 26:3, 12; Job 22:21; Rom. 5:1; 2 Cor. 5:20

**Deliverance and Ingathering of Israel.
Ephraim Condemned.**

Isalah 27, 28

6 ¹Lit., *those coming* ²Lit.,
face of
^aIs. 35:1, 2; Hos. 14:5, 6

7 ¹Lit., *he was slain*
^aIs. 10:12, 17; 30:31-33; 31:8,
9; 37:36-38

8 ¹Some ancient versions
read, by *exact measure*
^aIs. 50:1; 54:7 ^bJer. 4:11;
Ezek. 19:12; Hos. 13:15

9 ¹Lit., *all the fruit* ²Lit.,
removing ¹Lit., wooden
symbols of female deities
^aIs. 1:25; 48:10; Dan. 11:35
^bRom. 11:27 ^cIs. 17:8; Ex.
34:13; Deut. 12:3; 2 Kin.
10:26

10 ¹Lit., *pasture* ²Lit.,
consume

11 ^aIs. 1:3; 5:13; Deut.
32:28; Jer. 8:7 ^bIs. 43:1, 7;
44:2, 21, 24; Deut. 32:18

12 ^aIs. 11:11; 17:6; 24:13;
56:8 ^bDeut. 30:3, 4; Neh. 1:9

13 ^aLev. 25:9; 1 Chr. 15:24;
Matt. 24:31; Rev. 11:15 ^bIs.
19:21, 23; 49:7; 66:23; Zech.
14:16; Heb. 12:22

1 ¹Lit., *valley of fatness*
²Lit., *smitten*

2 ^aIs. 8:7; 40:10 ^bIs. 8:6, 7;
30:28; Nah. 1:8

4 ¹Lit., *valley of fatness*
²Lit., *the one seeing sees*
³Lit., *while it is yet* ⁴Lit.,
palm
^aHos. 9:10; Mic. 7:1; Nah.
3:12

- 6 ¹In the days to come Jacob will take root,
Israel will ^ablossom and sprout;
And they will fill the ²whole world with fruit.
- 7 Like the striking of Him who has struck them, has ^aHe
struck them?
Or like the slaughter of His slain, ¹have they been slain?
- 8 Thou didst contend with them ¹by banishing them, by
^adriving them away.
With His fierce wind He has expelled *them* on the day
of the ^abeast wind.
- 9 Therefore through this Jacob's iniquity will be
^aforgiven;
And this will be ¹the full price of the ²bpardoning of his
sin:
When he makes all the ^aaltar stones like pulverized
chalk stones;
When ³Asherim and incense altars will not stand.
- 10 For the fortified city is isolated,
A ¹homestead forlorn and forsaken like the desert;
There the calf will graze,
And there it will lie down and ²feed on its branches.
- 11 When its limbs are dry, they are broken off;
Women come *and* make a fire with them.
For they are not a people of ^adiscernment.
Therefore ^btheir Maker will not have compassion on
them.
And their Creator will not be gracious to them.
- 12 And it will come about in that day, that the LORD ^awill
start *His* threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates
to the brook of Egypt; and you will be ^bgathered up one by
one, O sons of Israel.
- 13 It will come about also in that day that a great ^atrum-
pet will be blown; and those who were perishing in the land of
Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come
and ^bworship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

- W**OE to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim,
And to the fading flower of its glorious beauty,
Which is at the head of the ¹fertile valley
Of those who are ²overcome with wine!
- 2 Behold, the Lord has a strong and ^amighty *agent*;
As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction,
Like a storm of ^bmighty overflowing waters,
He has cast *it* down to the earth with *His* hand.
- 3 The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim are
trodden under foot.
- 4 And the fading flower of its glorious beauty,
Which is at the head of the ¹fertile valley,
Will be like the ^afirst-ripe fig prior to summer;
Which ²one sees,
And ³as soon as it is in his ⁴hand,
He swallows it.

5 In that day the ^aLORD of hosts will become a beautiful ^bcrown
And a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people,
6 ^aA ^aspirit of justice for him who sits on judgment,
A ^bstrength to those who repel the ¹onslaught at the gate.
7 And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink:
^aThe priest and ^bthe prophet reel with strong drink,
They are confused by wine, they stagger from ^cstrong drink;
They reel while ¹having visions,
They totter *when rendering* judgment.
8 For all the tables are full of filthy ^avomit, without a *single clean place.*
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9 "To ^awhom would he teach knowledge?
And to whom would he interpret the message?
Those *just* weaned from milk?
Those *just* taken from the breast?
10 "For *he says*,
^{1a}Order on order, order on order,
Line on line, line on line,
A little here, a little there." "
11 Indeed, He will speak to this people
Through ^astammering lips and a foreign tongue,
12 He who said to them, "Here is ^arest, give rest to the weary,"
And, "Here is repose," but they would not listen.
13 So the word of the LORD to them will be,
"¹Order on order, order on order,
Line on line, line on line,
A little here, a little there,"
That they may go and ^astumble backward, be broken,
snared, and taken captive.
14 Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, O ^ascoffers,
Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,
15 Because you have said, "We have made a ^acovenant with death,
And with ¹Sheol we have made a ²pact.
^bThe overwhelming ³scourge will not reach us when it passes by,
For we have made ^cfalsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception."
16 Therefore thus says the Lord ¹God,
"^aBehold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested ^bstone,
A costly cornerstone *for the foundation*, ²firmly placed.
He who believes *in it* will not be ³disturbed.
17 "And I will make ^ajustice the measuring-line,
And righteousness the level;
Then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
And the waters shall overflow the secret place.
18 "And your covenant with death shall be ¹canceled,
And your pact with Sheol shall not stand;

5 ^aIs. 41:16; 45:25; 60:1, 19
^bIs. 62:3

6 ¹Lit. *battle*
^aIs. 11:2; 32:15, 16; 1 Kin. 3:28; John 5:30 ^bIs. 25:4; 2 Chr. 32:6-8

7 ¹Lit. *seeing*
^aIs. 24:2 ^bIs. 9:15 ^cHab. 2:15, 16

8 ^aJer. 48:26

9 ^aIs. 28:26; 2:3; 30:20; 48:17; 50:4; 54:13

10 ¹Heb., *Sav lasav sav lasav, Kav lakav Kav lakav Ze'er sham ze'er sham.* These Hebrew monosyllables, imitating the babbling of a child, mock the prophet's preaching. ²Chr. 36:15; Neh. 9:30

11 ^aIs. 33:19; 1 Cor. 14:21

12 ^aIs. 11:10; 30:15; 32:17, 18; Jer. 6:16; Matt. 11:28, 29

13 ¹Heb., same as note, v. 10. The Lord responds to their scoffing by imitating their mockery, to represent the unintelligible language of a conqueror. ^aIs. 8:15; Matt. 21:44

14 ^aIs. 29:20

15 ¹i.e., the nether world ²So some ancient versions; Heb., *seer* ³Or, *flood* ^aIs. 28:18 ^bIs. 28:2; 8:8; 30:28; Dan. 11:22 ^cIs. 9:15; 30:9; 44:20; 59:3, 4; Ezek. 13:22

16 ¹YHWH, usually rendered Lord ²Lit., *well-laid* ³Lit., *in a hurry* ^aRom. 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:6 ^bIs. 8:14, 15; Ps. 118:22; Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20

17 ^aIs. 5:16; 30:18; 61:8; 2 Kin. 21:13; Amos 7:7-9

18 ¹Lit., *covered over*

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Ariel and Her Enemies.**

Isalah 28, 29

18 ^aIs. 28:3; Dan. 8:13

19 ¹Lit., *take* ²Lit., *only*
¹Lit., *the report, or message*
² Kin. 24:2 ^bIs. 50:4

20 ¹Lit., *narrow*
^aIs. 59:6

21 ¹Lit., *His task is strange*
²Lit., *His work is alien*
^a2 Sam. 5:20; 1 Chr. 14:11
^bIs. 10:12; 29:14; 65:7 ^cLam.
2:15; 3:33; Luke 19:41-44

22 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD

24 ¹Lit., *plowman* ²Lit., *all*
day ³Lit., *open*

25 ¹Lit., *put* ²Lit., *region*
^aMatt. 23:23 ^bEx. 9:32
^cAmos 1:3

27 ¹Lit., *rolled*
^aAmos 1:3

28 ¹Lit., *discomfit*

29 ^aIs. 9:6 ^bIs. 31:2; Rom.
11:33

1 ¹Lit., *Lion of God, or,*
Jerusalem ²Lit., *let your*
feasts run their round
^a2 Sam. 5:9 ^bIs. 9:13; 1:14;
5:12; 22:12, 13

2 ^aIs. 3:26; Lam. 2:5

3 ¹Lit., *like a circle*
^aLuke 19:43, 44

4 ¹Or, *ghost*
^aIs. 8:19

When the overwhelming scourge passes through,
Then you become its ^atrampling *place*.
19 As ^aoften as it passes through, it will ¹seize you.
For ^bmorning after morning it will pass through, *any-*
time during the day or night.
And it will be ²sheer terror to understand ³what it
means.”

20 The bed is too short on which to stretch out,
And the ^ablanket is too ¹small to wrap oneself in.

21 For the LORD will rise up as *at* Mount ^aPerazim,
He will be stirred up as in the valley of Gibeon;
To do His ^btask, His ¹unusual task,
And to work His work, His ²extraordinary work.

22 And now do not carry on as scoffers,
Lest your fetters be made stronger;
For I have heard from the Lord ¹God of hosts,
Of decisive destruction on all the earth.

23 Give ear and hear my voice,
Listen and hear my words.

24 Does the ¹farmer plow ²continually to plant seed?
Does he *continually* ³turn and harrow the ground?

25 Does he not level its surface,
And sow dill and scatter ^acummin,
And ¹plant ^bwheat in rows,
Barley in its place, and ^crye within its ²arca?

26 For his God instructs and teaches him properly.

27 For dill is not threshed with a ^athreshing sledge,
Nor is the cartwheel ¹driven over cummin;
But dill is beaten out with a rod, and cummin with a
club.

28 *Grain for bread* is crushed,
Indeed, he does not continue to thresh it forever.
Because the wheel of *his* cart and his horses *eventually*
¹damage it,

He does not thresh it longer.

29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts,
Who has made *His* counsel ^awonderful and *His* wis-
dom ^bgreat.

CHAPTER 29

WOE, O ¹Ariel, ¹Ariel the city *where* David *once* ^acamped!
Add year to year, ²observe *your* feasts on schedule.

2 And I will bring distress to Ariel,
And she shall be *a city of* lamenting and ^amourning;
And she shall be like an Ariel to me.

3 And I will ^acamp against you ¹encircling you,
And I will set siege-works against you,
And I will raise up battle towers against you.

4 Then you shall ^abe brought low;
From the earth you shall speak.
And from the dust *where* you are prostrate,
Your words *shall come*.
Your voice shall also be like that of a ¹spirit from the
ground,
And your speech shall whisper from the dust.

- 5 But the multitude of your ¹enemies shall become like fine ^adust,
And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which ²blows away;
And it shall happen ^binstantly, suddenly.
- 6 From the LORD of hosts you will be punished with ^athunder and earthquake and loud noise,
With whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a consuming fire.
- 7 And the ^amultitude of all the nations who wage war against ¹Ariel,
Even all who wage war against her and her stronghold, and who distress her,
Shall be like a dream, a ^bvision of the night.
- 8 And it will be as when a hungry man dreams—
And behold, he is eating;
But when he awakens, his ¹hunger is not satisfied,
Or as when a thirsty man dreams—
And behold, he is drinking,
But when he awakens, behold, he is faint,
And his ¹thirst is not quenched.
^aThus the multitude of all the nations shall be,
Who wage war against Mount Zion.
- 9 Be delayed and wait.
Blind yourselves and be blind.
They become drunk, but not with wine;
They stagger, but not with strong drink.
- 10 For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of deep ^asleep,
He has ^bshut your eyes, the prophets;
And He has covered your heads, the seers.
- 11 And the entire vision shall be to you like the words of a scaled ¹book, which when they give it to the one who ²is literate, saying, "Please read this," he will say, "I cannot, for it is scaled."
- 12 Then the ¹book will be given to the one who ²is illiterate, saying, "Please read this." And he will say, "I ³cannot read."
- 13 Then the Lord said,
"Because ^athis people draw near with their ¹words
And honor Me with their ²lipservice,
But they remove their hearts far from Me,
And their ³reverence for Me ⁴consists of ⁵tradition
learned *by rote*,
- 14 Therefore behold, I will once again deal ^amarvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous;
And ^bthe wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
And the discernment of their discerning men shall be concealed.
- 15 Woe to those who deeply ^ahide their ¹plans from the LORD,
And whose deeds are *done* in a dark place,
And they say, "^bWho sees us?" or "Who knows us?"
- 16 You turn *things* around!

⁵ ¹Lit., *strangers* ²Lit., *passes away*
^aIs. 17:13; 41:15, 16 ^bIs. 17:14; 30:13; 47:11; 1 Thess. 5:3

⁶ ^a1 Sam. 2:10; Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Rev. 11:13, 19; 16:18

⁷ ^aSee note, v. 1
^bMic. 4:11, 12; Zech. 12:9
^bIs. 17:14; Job 20:8; Ps. 73:20

⁸ ¹Lit., *soul*
^aIs. 54:17

¹⁰ ^aIs. 6:9, 10; Ps. 69:23; Mic. 3:6; Rom. 11:8 ^bIs. 44:18; 2 Thess. 2:9-12

¹¹ ¹Or, *scroll* ²Lit., *knows books*
^aIs. 8:16; Dan. 12:4, 9; Matt. 13:11

¹² ¹Or, *scroll* ²Lit., *does not know books* ³Lit., *do not know books*

¹³ ¹Lit., *mouth* ²Lit., *lips*
³Lit., *fear of Me* ⁴Lit., *is*
⁵Lit., *commandment of rulers*
^aEzek. 33:31; Matt. 15:8, 9; Mark 7:6, 7

¹⁴ ^aIs. 6:9, 10; 28:21; 65:7; Hab. 1:5 ^bIs. 44:25; Jer. 8:9; 49:7; 1 Cor. 1:19

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *counsel*
^aIs. 28:15; 30:1; Ps. 10:11, 13
^bIs. 47:10; Ps. 94:7; Mal. 2:17

16 ¹Lit., *like*
^aIs. 45:9; 64:8; Jer. 18:1-6;
Rom. 9:19-21

17 ¹Lit., *and*
^aIs. 32:15; Ps. 84:6; 107:33, 35

18 ^aIs. 32:3; Ps. 119:18;
Prov. 20:12

19 ^aIs. 11:4; 61:1; Ps. 25:9;
37:11; Matt. 5:5; 11:29 ^bIs.
3:14, 15; 11:4; 14:30, 32; 25:4;
26:6; Matt. 11:5; James 1:9;
2:5

20 ¹Lit., *watch evil*
^aIs. 59:4

21 ¹Lit., *bring a person
under condemnation* ²Lit.,
turn aside ³Lit., *confusion*
^aAmos 5:10 ^bIs. 32:7; Amos
5:12

22 ^aIs. 41:8; 51:2; 63:16

23 ¹Or, *his children see*
^aIs. 26:12; 45:11; Eph. 2:10
^bIs. 5:16; 8:13

24 ¹Lit., *spirit* ²Lit.,
understanding ³Lit.,
murmur ⁴Lit., *learn*
^aIs. 30:21; Heb. 5:2 ^bIs.
41:20; 60:16 ^cIs. 54:13

1 ¹Lit., *pour out a drink
offering*
^aIs. 29:15 ^bIs. 8:11, 12

2 ¹Lit., *My mouth*
^aIs. 31:1; Jer. 43:7 ^bIs. 8:19
^cIs. 36:9

3 ^aIs. 20:5, 6; 36:6; Jer.
42:18, 22

4 ^aIs. 19:11

5 ^aJer. 2:36 ^bIs. 30:7; 10:3;
31:3

6 ¹Lit., *burden*
^aIs. 46:1, 2; 1 Kin. 10:2 ^bGen.
12:9

Shall the potter be considered ¹as equal with the clay,
That ^awhat is made should say to its maker, "He did
not make me";

Or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has
no understanding"?

17 Is it not yet just a little while

¹Before Lebanon will be turned into a ^afertile field,
And the fertile field will be considered as a forest?

18 And on that day the deaf shall hear words of a book,
And out of *their* gloom and darkness the ^aeyes of the
blind shall see.

19 The ^aafflicted also shall increase their gladness in the
LORD,

And the ^bneedy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy
One of Israel.

20 For the ruthless will come to an end, and the scorner
will be finished,

Indeed ^aall who ¹are intent on doing evil will be cut off;

21 Who ¹cause a person to be indicted by a word,
And ^aensnare him who adjudicates at the gate,
And ²defraud the one in the right with ³meaningless
arguments.

22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed ^aAbra-
ham, concerning the house of Jacob:

"Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now
turn pale;

23 But when ¹he sees his children, the ^awork of My hands,
in his midst,

They will sanctify My name;

Indeed, they will ^bsanctify the Holy One of Jacob,
And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

24 "And those who ^aerr in ¹mind will ^bknow ²the truth,
And those who ³criticize will ^caccept instruction.

CHAPTER 30

"WOE to the rebellious children," declares the LORD,

"Who ^aexecute a plan but not Mine,
And ^bmake an alliance but not of My Spirit,
In order to add sin to sin;

2 Who ^aproceed down to Egypt,
Without ^bconsulting ¹Me,

^cTo take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh,
And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

3 "Therefore the safety of Pharaoh will be ^ayour shame,
And the shelter in the shadow of Egypt, your
humiliation.

4 "For ^atheir princes are at Zoan,
And their ambassadors arrive at Hanes.

5 "Everyone will be ^aashamed because of a people who
cannot profit them,

Who are ^bnot for help or profit, but for shame and also
for reproach."

6 The ¹oracle concerning the ^abeasts of the ^bNegev.

Through a land of ^cdistress and anguish,
 From ²where *come* lioness and lion, viper and ^dflying
 serpent,

They ^ccarry their riches on the ³backs of young donkeys
 And their treasures on camels' humps,
 To a people who cannot profit *them*;

7 Even Egypt, whose help is vain and empty.
 Therefore, I have called ¹her
^{2a}Rahab who has been exterminated.

8 Now go, ^awrite it on a tablet before them
 And inscribe it on a scroll,
 That it may ¹serve in the time to come
²As a witness forever.

9 For this is a rebellious people, ^afalse sons,
 Sons who ¹refuse to ^blisten
 To the ²instruction of the LORD;

10 Who say to the seers, "You must not see *visions*";
 And to the prophets, "You must not ^aprophecy to us
 what is right,

^bSpeak to us ¹pleasant words,
 Prophecy illusions.

11 "Get out of the ¹way, turn aside from the path,
¹Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
 "Since you have rejected this word,
 And have put your trust in ^boppression and guile, and
 have relied on them,

13 Therefore this iniquity will be to you
 Like a ^abreach about to fall,
 A bulge in a high wall,
 Whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant.

14 And whose collapse is like the smashing of a ^apotter's
 jar;

¹So ruthlessly shattered
 That a sherd will not be found among its pieces
 To ²take fire from a hearth,
 Or to scoop water from a cistern."

15 For thus the Lord ¹God, the Holy One of Israel, has
 said:

"In ^{2a}repentance and ^brest you shall be saved,
 In ^cquietness and trust is your strength."
 But you were not willing,

16 And you said, "No, for we will flee on ^ahorses,"
 Therefore you shall flee!

"And we will ride on swift *horses*."
 Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift.

17 ^aOne thousand *shall flee* at the threat of one *man*,
 You shall flee at the threat of five;
 Until you ^bare left as a ¹flag on a mountain top,
 And as a signal on a hill.

18 Therefore the LORD ^{1a}longs to be gracious to you,
 And therefore He ²waits on ^bhigh to have compassion
 on you.

For the LORD is a ^cGod of justice;
 How blessed are all those who ^{3d}long for Him.

⁶ Lit., *them* ¹ Lit.,
shoulders
^cIs. 5:30; 8:22; Ex. 5:10, 21;
 Deut. 4:20; 8:15; Jer. 11:4 ^dIs.
 14:29; Deut. 8:15 ^cIs. 15:17;
 46:1, 2

⁷ Lit., *this one* ² M.T.
 reads; *They are Rahab (or*
arrogance), to remain
^aIs. 51:9; Job 9:13; Ps. 87:4;
 89:10

⁸ Lit., *be* ² So the versions;
 Heb., *forever and ever*
^aIs. 8:1

⁹ Lit., *are not willing*
² Or, *law*
^aIs. 28:15; 59:3, 4 ^bIs. 1:10;
 5:24; 24:5

¹⁰ Lit., *smooth things*
^aIs. 5:20; Jer. 11:21; Amos
 2:12; 7:13 ^b1 Kin. 22:8, 13;
 Jer. 6:14; 23:17, 26; Ezek.
 13:7; Rom. 16:18; 2 Tim. 4:3,
 4

¹¹ Lit., *Cause to cease*
 from our presence the ...

¹² ^aIs. 5:24; 7:9; 8:6 ^bIs.
 3:14, 15; 5:7; 59:13

¹³ ^aIs. 58:12; 1 Kin. 20:30;
 Ps. 62:4

¹⁴ Lit., *crushed, it will not*
be spared ² Lit., *snatch up*
^aPs. 2:9; Jer. 19:10, 11

¹⁵ YHWH, usually
 rendered Lord ² Lit.,
returning
^aIs. 7:4; Ps. 116:7 ^bIs. 28:12
^cIs. 32:17

¹⁶ ^aIs. 2:7; 31:1, 3

¹⁷ Lit., *pole*
^aLev. 26:36; Deut. 28:25;
 32:30; Josh. 23:10; Prov. 28:1
^bIs. 6:13; 27:11

¹⁸ Lit., *waits* ² Lit., *is on*
high ³ Lit., *wait*
^aIs. 42:14, 16; 48:9; Jon. 3:4,
 10; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15 ^bIs. 2:11, 17;
 33:5 ^cIs. 5:16; 28:17; 61:8 ^dIs.
 8:17; 25:9; 26:8; 33:2

**God Will Bless and Prosper the People.
Victory over Assyria.**

Isalah 30

19 ¹M.T. reads: *A people will inhabit Zion, Jerusalem.*
¹Is. 65:9; Ezek. 37:25, 28 ^bIs. 25:8; 60:20; 61:1-3 ^cIs. 58:9; 65:24; Ps. 50:15; Matt. 7:7-11

20 ¹Kin. 22:27; Ps. 80:5
^bPs. 74:9; Amos 8:11

21 ¹Lit., *saying, This*
¹Is. 35:8, 9; 42:16; Ps. 25:8, 9;
Prov. 3:6 ^bIs. 29:24

22 ¹Lit., *it "Go out"*
¹Is. 46:6; Ex. 32:2, 4; Judg. 17:3, 4

23 ¹Lit., *your* ²Lit., *fatness*
³Lit., *fat*
¹Is. 32:20; Ps. 144:13; Hos. 4:16

24 ¹Lit., *one winnows*
²Matt. 3:12; Luke 3:17

25 ¹Lit., *canals, streams of water*
¹Is. 35:6, 7; 41:18; 43:19, 20

26 ¹Lit., *of His blow*
¹Is. 24:23; 60:19, 20; Rev. 21:23; 22:5 ^bIs. 61:1 ^cIs. 13:14; 1:6 ^dIs. 33:24; Deut. 32:39; Job 5:18; Jer. 33:6; Hos. 6:1, 2

27 ¹Lit., *distance* ²Lit., *heaviness* ³Lit., *uplifting*
¹Is. 59:19 ^bIs. 10:5; 13:5;
66:14 ^cIs. 66:15

28 ¹Lit., *sifting of the worthless* ²Lit., *misteads*
¹Is. 30:33; 11:4; 2 Thess. 2:8
^bIs. 8:8 ^cAmos 9:9 ^dIs. 37:29;
2 Kin. 19:28

29 ¹Lit., *the song*

30 ¹Lit., *the majesty of His voice* ²Lit., *descent*

31 ¹Is. 11:4 ^bIs. 10:26; 11:4

32 ¹Lit., *passing* ²Lit., *staff of foundation*
¹Is. 10:24 ^b1 Sam. 18:6; Jer. 31:4 ^cEzek. 32:10

33 ¹I.e., *the place of human sacrifice to Molech.*

19 ¹O people in Zion, ^ainhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

20 Although the Lord has given you ^abread of privation and water of oppression, *He*, your Teacher will no longer ^bhide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher.

21 And your ears will hear a word behind you, ¹"This is the ^away, walk in it," whenever you ^bturn to the right or to the left.

22 And you will defile your graven ^aimages, overlaid with silver, and your molten ^aimages plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing; *and* say to ¹them, "Be gone!"

23 Then He will give you rain for ¹the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread *from* the yield of the ground, and it will be ²rich and ³plenteous; on that day ^ayour livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

24 Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which ¹has been ^awinnowed with shovel and fork.

25 And on every lofty mountain and on ^aevery high hill there will be ¹streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall;

26 And ^athe light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times *brighter*, like the light of seven days, on that day that ^bthe LORD binds up the ^cfracture of His people and ^dheals the bruise ¹He has inflicted.

27 Behold, ^athe name of the LORD comes from a ¹remote place;

Burning is His anger, and ²dense is His ³smoke; His lips are filled with ^bindignation, And His tongue is like a ^cconsuming fire;

28 And His ^abreath is like an overflowing torrent, Which ^breaches to the neck,

To ^cshake the nations back and forth in a ¹sieve, And to *put* in the jaws of the peoples ^dthe bridle which ²leads to ruin.

29 You will have ¹songs as in the night when you keep the festival;

And gladness of heart as when one marches to *the sound of the flute*,

To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

30 And the LORD will cause ¹His voice of authority to be heard.

And the ²descending of His arm to be seen, And in the flame of a consuming fire, In cloudburst, downpour, and hailstones.

31 For ^aat the voice of the LORD *Assyria* will be terrified, *When* He strikes with the ^brod.

32 And every ¹blow of the ²rod of punishment, Which the LORD will lay on him,

Will be with *the music of* ^btambourines and lyres; And in battles, ^cbrandishing weapons, He will fight them.

33 For ¹Topheth has long been ready, Indeed, it has been prepared for the king.

**Help Is Not In Egypt,
but In the Lord.**

He has made it deep and large,
2A pyre of fire with plenty of wood;
The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of ^abrimstone,
sets it afire.

CHAPTER 31

WOE to those who go down to Egypt for help,
And ^arely on horses,
And trust in chariots because they are many,
And in horsemen because they are very strong,
But they do not ^blook to the ^cHoly One of Israel, nor
seek the LORD!

2 Yet He also is ^awise and will bring disaster,
And does ^bnot retract His words,
But will arise against the house of evildoers,
And against the help of the ^cworkers of iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians are ^amen, and not God,
And their ^bhorses are flesh and not spirit;
So the LORD will ^cstretch out His hand,
And he who helps will stumble
And he who is helped will fall,
And all of them will come to an end together.

4 For thus says the LORD to me,
"As the ^alion or the young lion grows over his prey,
Against which a band of shepherds is called out,
Will not be terrified at their voice, nor disturbed at
their noise,
So will the LORD of hosts come down to wage ^bwar on
Mount Zion and on its hill."

5 Like ¹flying ^abirds so the LORD of hosts will protect
Jerusalem.
He will protect and deliver *it*;
He will pass over and rescue *it*.

6 ^aReturn to Him from whom ¹you have deeply de-
fected, O sons of Israel.

7 For in that day every man will ^acast away his silver idols
and his gold idols, which your hands have made as a sin.

8 And the ^aAssyrian will fall by a sword not of man,
And a sword not of man will devour him.
So he will ¹not escape the sword,
And his young men will become ^cforced laborers.

9 "And his ^arock will pass away because of panic,
And his princes will be terrified at the ^bstandard,"
Declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion and whose
furnace is in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

BEHOLD, a ^aking will reign righteously,
And princes will rule justly.

2 And each will be like a ^arefuge from the wind,
And a shelter from the storm,
Like ¹streams of water in a dry country,
Like the ^ashade of a ²huge rock in a ³parched land.

Isalah 30, 31, 32

³³ ²Lit., *its pile*
⁴Is. 34:9; Gen. 19:24

¹ Is. 2:7; 30:16; Deut. 17:16; Ps. 20:7; 33:17 ^bIs. 9:13; Dan. 9:13; Amos 5:4-8
^cIs. 10:17; 43:15; Hos. 11:9;
Hab. 1:12; 3:3

² Is. 28:29; Rom. 16:27
^bNum. 23:19; Jer. 44:29 ^cIs. 22:14; 32:6

³ Ezek. 28:9; 2 Thess. 2:4
^bIs. 36:9 ^cIs. 9:17; Jer. 15:6;
Ezek. 20:33, 34

⁴ ^aNum. 24:9; Hos. 11:10;
Amos 3:8 ^bIs. 42:13; Zech. 12:8

⁵ ¹Or, *hovering*
^aDeut. 32:11; Ps. 91:4

⁶ ¹Heb., *they*
^aIs. 44:22; 55:7; Jer. 3:10, 14,
22; Ezek. 18:31, 32

⁷ Is. 2:20; 30:22

⁸ ¹Lit., *flee*
^aIs. 10:12, 14; 25; 30:31-33;
37:7, 36-38 ^bIs. 21:15 ^cIs. 14:2; Gen. 49:15

⁹ ^aDeut. 32:31, 37 ^bIs. 5:26; 13:2; 18:3

¹ Is. 9:6, 7; 11:4, 5; Ps. 72:1-4; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Ezek. 37:24; Zech. 9:9

² ¹Lit., *canals* ²Lit., *heavy*
³Lit., *exhausted*
^aIs. 4:6; 25:4 ^bIs. 35:6; 41:18;
43:19, 20

3 ¹Or, *turned away*

4 ¹Lit., *heart* ²Lit.,
knowledge
³Is. 29:24

5 ¹Sam. 25:25

6 ¹Or, *does* ²Lit., *make empty the hungry soul* ³Lit.,
he causes to lack
⁴Is. 59:7, 13; Prov. 19:3; 24:7-9
⁵Is. 9:17; 10:6 ⁶Is. 3:15; 10:2

7 ¹Lit., *words of falsehood*
²Lit., *justly*
³Jer. 5:26-28; Mic. 7:3 ⁴Is. 5:23

9 ¹Is. 47:8; Zeph. 2:15

10 ¹Is. 5:5, 6; 7:23; 24:7

11 ¹Is. 22:12

13 ¹Is. 5:6, 10, 17; 27:10 ²Is. 22:2; 23:9

14 ¹Lit., *multitude of* ²Or,
Ophel
³Is. 13:22; 25:2; 34:13 ⁴Is. 6:11; 22:2; 24:10, 12 ⁵Is. 13:21; 34:13

15 ¹Is. 11:2; 44:3; 59:21;
Ezek. 39:29; Joel 2:28 ²Is. 29:17; 35:1, 2; Ps. 107:35

16 ¹Is. 33:5

17 ¹Or, *security*
²Is. 2:4; Ps. 72:2, 3; 85:8;
119:165; Rom. 14:17; James 3:18

18 ¹Is. 26:3, 12 ²Is. 11:10;
14:3; 30:15; Hos. 2:18-23;
Zech. 2:5; 3:10

19 ¹Is. 24:10, 12; 26:5; 27:10;
29:4

20 ¹Lit., *send out the foot of the ox*
²Is. 30:23, 24; Eccles. 11:1

- 3 Then the eyes of those who see will not be ¹blinded,
And ears of those who hear will listen.
- 4 And the ¹mind of the ²hasty will discern the ²truth,
And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak
clearly.
- 5 No longer will the ²fool be called noble,
Or the rogue be spoken of as generous.
- 6 For a fool speaks nonsense,
And his heart ¹inclines toward wickedness,
To practice ¹ungodliness and to speak error against the
LORD,
To ²keep the hungry person unsatisfied
And to ³withhold drink from the thirsty.
- 7 As for a rogue, his weapons are evil;
He ²devises wicked schemes,
To destroy *the* afflicted with ¹slander,
²Even though *the* needy one speaks ²what is right.
- 8 But the noble man devises noble plans;
And by noble plans he stands.
- 9 Rise up you ²women who are at ease,
And hear my voice;
Give ear to my word
You complacent daughters.
- 10 Within a year and *a few* days,
You will be troubled O complacent daughters;
²For the vintage is ended,
And the *fruit* gathering will not come.
- 11 Tremble, you *women* who are at ease;
²Be troubled, you complacent *daughters*;
Strip, undress, and put on *sackcloth* on your waist,
- 12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful
vine,
- 13 ²For the land of my people *in which* thorns and briars
shall come up;
Yea, for all the joyful houses, and for the ²joyful city.
- 14 Because ²the palace has been abandoned, the ¹popu-
lated ²city forsaken.
²Hill and watch-tower have become ²caves forever,
A delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;
- 15 Until the ²Spirit is poured out upon us from on high,
And the wilderness becomes a ²fertile field
And the fertile field is considered as a forest.
- 16 Then ²justice will dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.
- 17 And the ²work of righteousness will be peace,
And the service of righteousness, quietness and ¹confi-
dence forever.
- 18 Then my people will live in a ²peaceful habitation,
And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed ²resting
places;
- 19 And it will hail when the forest comes down.
And ²the city will be utterly laid low.
- 20 How ²blessed will you be, you who sow beside all
waters,
Who ¹let out freely the ox and the donkey.

CHAPTER 33

W^OE ^ato you, O destroyer,
While you were not destroyed;
And he ^bwho is treacherous, while *others* did not deal
treacherously with him.
As soon as you shall finish destroying, ^cyou shall be
destroyed;
As soon as you shall cease to deal treacherously, *others*
shall ^ddeal treacherously with you.

2 O LORD, ^abe gracious to us; we have ^bwaited for Thee.
Be Thou ¹their ²strength every morning,
Our salvation also in the ^dtime of distress.

3 At the sound of the tumult peoples flee;
At the ^alifting up of Thyself nations disperse.

4 And your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers;
As locusts rushing about, men rush about on it.

5 The LORD is ^aexalted, for He dwells on high;
He has ^bfilled Zion with justice and righteousness.

6 And He shall be the ^{1a}stability of your times,
A ^bwealth of salvation, wisdom, and ^cknowledge;
The ^dfear of the LORD is his treasure.

7 Behold, their brave men cry in ¹the streets,
The ^{2a}ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.

8 The highways are desolate, the ^{1a}traveler has ceased,
He has ^bbroken the covenant, he has despised the
cities,
He has no regard for man.

9 ^aThe land mourns and pines away,
^bLebanon is shamed and withers;
^cSharon is like a desert plain,
And Bashan and Carmel ¹lose their foliage.

10 "Now ^aI will arise," says the LORD,
Now I will be exalted, now I will be lifted up.

11 "You have ^aconceived ¹chaff, you will give birth to
stubble;
²My ^bbreath will consume you like a fire.

12 "And the peoples will be burned to lime,
^aLike cut thorns which are burned in the fire.

13 "You who are far away, ^ahear what I have done;
And you who are near, ¹acknowledge My might."

14 ^aSinners in Zion are terrified;
^bTrembling has seized the godless.
"Who among us can live with ^cthe consuming fire?
"Who among us can live with ¹continual ^dburning?"

15 He who ^awalks righteously, and speaks with sincerity,
He who rejects ¹unjust gain,
And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe;
He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed,
And ^bshuts his eyes from looking upon evil;

16 He will dwell on the heights;
His refuge will be the ¹impregnable rock;
^aHis bread will be given *him*;
His water will be sure.

¹ Is. 10:6; 21:2 ^bIs. 24:16;
48:8 ^cIs. 10:12; 14:25; 13:8;
Hab. 2:8 ^dJer. 25:12-14;
Matt. 7:2

² ¹Some versions read, *our*
²Lit., *arm*
^aIs. 30:18, 19 ^bIs. 25:9 ^cIs.
40:10; 51:5; 59:16 ^dIs. 37:3

³ ^aIs. 10:33; 17:13; 59:16-
18; Jer. 25:30, 31

⁵ ^aPs. 97:9 ^bIs. 1:26; 28:6;
32:16

⁶ ¹Or, *faithfulness*
^aIs. 33:20 ^bIs. 45:17; 51:6 ^cIs.
11:9 ^dIs. 11:3; 2 Kin. 18:7; Ps.
112:1-3; Matt. 6:33

⁷ ¹Lit., *the outside* ²Lit.,
messengers
^a2 Kin. 18:18, 37

⁸ ¹Lit., *He who passes*
along the way
^aIs. 35:8 ^bIs. 24:5

⁹ ¹Lit., *shake off*
^aIs. 3:26; 24:4; 29:2 ^bIs. 2:13;
10:34 ^cIs. 35:2; 65:10

¹⁰ ^aIs. 2:19, 21; Ps. 12:5

¹¹ ¹Lit., *dry grass* ²So one
ancient version; M.T. reads:
Your breath will
^aIs. 26:18; 59:4; Ps. 7:14;
James 1:15 ^bIs. 1:31

¹² ^aIs. 10:17; 27:4; 2 Sam.
23:6, 7

¹³ ¹Lit., *know*
^aIs. 49:1; Ps. 48:10

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *everlasting*
^aIs. 1:28 ^bIs. 32:11 ^cIs. 30:27;
30; Heb. 12:29 ^dIs. 9:18, 19;
10:16; 47:14

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *gain of*
extortioners
^aIs. 58:6-11; Ps. 15:2; 24:4
^bPs. 119:37

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *stronghold of rock*
^aIs. 49:10

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17 ^aIs. 33:21, 22; 6:5; 24:23
^bIs. 26:15

18 ^a1 Cor. 1:20

19 ¹Lit., *deepness of lip*
²Lit., *from hearing* ³Lit.,
there is no understanding
^aIs. 28:11; Deut. 28:49, 50;
Jer. 5:15

20 ^aPs. 48:12 ^bIs. 32:18; Ps.
46:5; 125:1, 2 ^cIs. 54:2

21 ^aIs. 41:18; 43:19, 20;
48:18; 66:12

22 ^aIs. 2:4; 11:4; 16:5; 51:5
^bIs. 1:10; 51:4, 7; James 4:12
^cIs. 33:17; Ps. 89:18; Zech.
9:9 ^dIs. 25:9; 35:4; 49:25, 26;
60:16

23 ^a2 Kin. 7:16 ^bIs. 35:6;
2 Kin. 7:8

24 ¹Lit., *in it*
^aIs. 40:2; 44:22; Jer. 50:20;
Mic. 7:18, 19; 1 John 1:7-9

1 ¹Lit., *its fullness*
^aIs. 41:1; 43:9; Ps. 49:1 ^bIs.
1:2; Deut. 32:1

2 ¹Lit., *put under the ban*

3 ¹Lit., *their stench will go*
^{up} ²Lit., *dissolve*
^aEzek. 14:19; 35:6; 38:22

4 ¹Lit., *rot*
^aIs. 13:13; 51:6; Ezek. 32:7, 8;
Joel 2:31; Matt. 24:29; 2 Pet.
3:10 ^bRev. 6:12-14

5 ^aIs. 24:6; 43:28

6 ¹Lit., *made fat*

- 17 Your eyes will see ^athe king in his beauty;
They will behold ^ba far-distant land.
- 18 Your heart will meditate on terror;
“Where is ^ahe who counts?
Where is he who weighs?
Where is he who counts the towers?”
- 19 You will no longer see a fierce people,
A people of ¹unintelligible speech ²which no one
comprehends,
Of a stammering tongue ³which no one understands.
- 20 ^aLook upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts;
Your eyes shall see Jerusalem an ^bundisturbed
habitation,
^cA tent which shall not be folded,
Its stakes shall never be pulled up
Nor any of its cords be torn apart.
- 21 But there the majestic *One*, the LORD, shall be for us;
A place of ^arivers and wide canals,
On which no boat with oars shall go,
And on which no mighty ship shall pass—
- 22 For the LORD is our ^ajudge,
The LORD is ^bour lawgiver,
The LORD is ^cour king;
^dHe will save us—
- 23 Your tackle hangs slack;
It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly,
Nor spread out the sail.
Then the ^aprey of an abundant spoil will be divided;
^bThe lame will take the plunder.
- 24 And no resident will say, “I am sick”;
The people who dwell ¹there will be ^aforgiven *their*
iniquity.

CHAPTER 34

- D**RAW near, ^aO nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples!
^bLet the earth and ¹all it contains hear, and the world
and all that springs from it.
- 2 For the LORD's indignation is against all the nations,
And *His* wrath against all their armies;
He has ¹utterly destroyed them,
He has given them over to slaughter.
- 3 So their slain will be thrown out,
And their corpses ¹will give off their stench,
And the mountains will ²be drenched with their ^ablood.
- 4 And ^aall the host of heaven will ¹wear away,
And the ^bsky will be rolled up like a scroll;
All their hosts will also wither away
As a leaf withers from the vine,
Or as *one* withers from the fig tree.
- 5 For My sword is satiated in heaven,
Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom,
And upon the people whom I have ^adevoted to
destruction.
- 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood,
It is ¹sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats,

- With the fat of the kidneys of rams.
 For the LORD has a sacrifice in ^aBozrah,
 And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
- 7 ^aWild oxen shall also ¹fall with them,
 And ^byoung bulls with strong ones;
 Thus their land shall be soaked with blood,
 And their dust ²become greasy with fat.
- 8 For the LORD has a day of ^avengeance,
 A year of recompense for the ¹cause of Zion.
- 9 And ¹its streams shall be turned into pitch,
 And its loose earth into brimstone,
 And its land shall become burning pitch.
- 10 It shall ^anot be quenched night or day;
 Its ^bsmoke shall go up forever;
 From ^cgeneration to generation it shall be desolate;
^dNone shall pass through it forever and ever.
- 11 But ¹pelican and hedgehog shall possess it,
 And ²owl and raven shall dwell in it;
 And He shall stretch over it the ^aline of ³desolation
 And the ⁴plumb line of emptiness.
- 12 Its nobles—there is ^ano one there
Whom they may proclaim King—
 And all its princes shall be nothing.
- 13 And thorns shall come up in its ^afortified towers,
 Nettles and thistles in its fortified cities;
 It shall also be a haunt of ^bjackals
And an abode of ostriches.
- 14 And the desert ^acreatures shall meet with the ¹wolves,
 The ²hairy goat also shall cry to its kind;
 Yes, the ³night-monster shall settle there
 And shall find herself a resting place.
- 15 The snake shall make its nest and lay *eggs* there,
 And it will hatch *them* and gather *its brood* under its
 shade;
 Yes, the ¹hawks shall be gathered there,
 Every one with its kind.
- 16 Seek from the ^abook of the LORD, and read:
 Not one of these will be missing;
 None will lack its mate.
 For ¹His^a mouth has commanded,
 And His Spirit has gathered them.
- 17 And He has cast the ^alot for them,
 And His hand has divided it to them by line.
 They shall possess it forever;
 From generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

6 ^aIs. 63:1; Jer. 49:13

7 ¹Lit., *go down* ²Lit.,
made fat
^aNum. 23:22; Ps. 22:21 ^bPs.
 68:30; Jer. 50:27

8 ¹Or, *controversy*
^aIs. 13:6; 35:4; 47:3; 61:2; 63:4

9 ¹i.e., Edom's

10 ^aIs. 1:31; 66:24 ^bRev.
 14:11; 19:3 ^cIs. 34:10-15;
 13:20-22; 24:1; Mal. 1:3, 4
^dEzek. 29:11

11 ¹Or, owl; or, *jackdaw*
²Or, *great horned owl* ³Or,
formlessness ⁴Lit., *the stones*
of void
^aIs. 24:10; 2 Kin. 21:13; Lam.
 2:8

12 ^aJer. 27:20; 39:6

13 ^aIs. 13:22; 25:2; 32:13
^bPs. 44:19; Jer. 9:11; 10:22

14 ¹Or, *howling creatures*
²Or, *demon* ³Heb., *Lilith*
^aIs. 13:21 ^bIs. 30:8

15 ¹Or, *kites*

16 ¹So DSS; M.T., My
^aIs. 30:8 ^bIs. 1:20; 40:5; 58:14

17 ^aIs. 17:13, 14; Jer. 13:25

1 ¹Or, *desert*
^aIs. 6:11; 7:21-25; 27:10;
 41:18; 55:12, 13 ^bIs. 41:19;
 51:3

2 ^aIs. 27:6; 32:15 ^bIs. 35:10;
 25:9; 55:12, 13; 66:10, 14 ^cIs.
 60:13

CHAPTER 35

- THE ^awilderness and the desert will be glad,
 And the ¹Arabah will rejoice and blossom;
 Like the crocus
- 2 It will ^ablossom profusely
 And ^brejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy.
 The ^cglory of Lebanon will be given to it,
 The majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

2 ^dIs. 25:93 ¹Lit., *slack hands* ²Lit.,
tottering knees^aJob 4:3, 4; Heb. 12:124 ^aIs. 32:4 ^bIs. 1:24; 47:3;
61:2; 63:4 ^cIs. 34:8; 59:18 ^dIs.
33:22; 35:4; Ps. 145:195 ^aIs. 29:18; 32:3, 4; 42:7,
16; 50:4; Matt. 11:5; John
9:6, 76 ¹Or, *desert*
^aMatt. 15:30; John 5:8, 9;
Acts 3:8 ^bMatt. 9:32; Luke
11:14 ^cIs. 35:1; 41:18; 43:19;
49:10; 51:3; John 7:387 ¹Or, *mirage*
^aIs. 49:10 ^bIs. 13:22; 34:138 ^aIs. 11:16; 19:23; 40:3;
49:11; 62:10 ^bIs. 30:21; 51:10
^cIs. 4:3; 52:1; Matt. 7:13, 14;
1 Pet. 1:15, 16 ^dIs. 33:8; Jer.
14:89 ¹Lit., *It*
^aIs. 51:10; 62:12; 63:410 ¹Lit., *overtake*
^aIs. 1:27; 51:11 ^bIs. 25:8;
30:19; 65:19; Rev. 7:17; 21:42 ¹i.e., *launderer's*
^aIs. 36:2-38:8; 2 Kin. 18:17-
20:11; 2 Chr. 32:9-244 ¹Lit., *trust*
^a2 Kin. 18:195 ¹Lit., *words of lips*
^a2 Kin. 18:76 ¹Lit., *palm*
^aEzek. 29:6, 7 ^bIs. 30:3, 5, 7;
Ps. 146:37 =Deut. 12:2-5; 2 Kin.
18:4, 5They will see the ^dglory of the LORD,
The majesty of our God.3 ^aEncourage the ¹exhausted, and strengthen the ²feeble.4 Say to those with ^apalpitating heart,
"Take courage, fear not.Behold, your ¹GOD will come *with* ^bvengeance;
The ^crecompense of God will come,
But He will ^dsave you."5 Then the ^aeyes of the blind will be opened,
And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.6 Then the ^alame will leap like a deer,
And the ^btongue of the dumb will shout for joy.
For waters will break forth in the ^cwilderness
And streams in the ¹Arabah.7 And the ¹scorched land will become a pool,
And the thirsty ground ^asprings of water;
In the ^bhaunt of jackals, its resting place,
Grass *becomes* reeds and rushes.8 And ^aa highway will be there, ^ba roadway,
And it will be called "the highway of ^choliness."
The unclean will not travel on it,
But it *will* be for him who walks *that way*,
And ^dfools will not wander *on it*.9 No lion will be there,
Nor will any vicious beast go up on it;
¹These will not be found there.
But ^athe redeemed will walk *there*,10 And ^athe ransomed of the LORD will return,
And come with joyful shouting to Zion,
With everlasting joy upon their heads.
They will ¹find gladness and joy,
And ^bsorrow and sighing will flee away.

CHAPTER 36

NOW it came about in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

2 And the ^aking of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the ¹fuller's field.

3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.

4 Then ^aRabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you ¹have?

5 "I say, 'your counsel and strength for the war are only ¹empty words.' Now on whom do you rely, that ^ayou have rebelled against me?

6 "Behold, you rely on the ^astaff of this crushed reed, *even* on Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his ¹hand and pierce it. ^bSo is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

7 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He ^awhose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has

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taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar?'

8 "Now therefore, ¹come make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.

9 "How then can you ¹repulse one ²official of the least of my master's servants, and ³rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 "And have I now come up ¹without the LORD's approval against this land to destroy it? ^aThe LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.' "

11 Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in ^aAramaic, for we ¹understand it; and do not speak with us in ²Judean, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, *and* not to the men who sit on the wall, *doomed* to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

13 Then Rabshakeh stood and ^acried with a loud voice in Judean, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 "Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah ^adeceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you;

15 nor let Hezekiah make you ^atrust in the LORD, saying, 'The LORD will surely deliver us, this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' "

16 'Do not listen to Hezekiah,' for thus says the king of Assyria, '¹Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his ^avine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the ^bwaters of his own cistern,

17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 'Beware lest Hezekiah misleads you, saying, "'^aThe LORD will deliver us.'" Has anyone of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 'Where are the gods of ^aHamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of ^aSepharvaim? And when have they ^bdelivered Samaria from my hand?

20 'Who among all the ^agods of these lands have delivered their land from my hand, that the ^bLORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'

21 But they were silent and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

22 Then ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and ^bShebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

8 ¹Lit., please exchange pledges

9 ¹Lit., turn away the face of ²Or, governor ³Lit., rely on for yourself
^aIs. 20:5; 30:2-5, 7; 31:3

10 ¹Lit., without the Lord
^a1 Kin. 13:18; 22:6, 12

11 ¹Lit., hear ²I.e., Hebrew
^aEzra 4:7; Dan. 2:4

13 ^a2 Chr. 32:18

14 ^aIs. 37:10

15 ^aIs. 36:18, 20; 37:10, 11

16 ¹Lit., Make with me a blessing
^a1 Kin. 4:25; Mic. 4:4; Zech. 3:10 ^bProv. 5:15

18 ^aIs. 36:15

19 ^aIs. 10:9-11; 37:11-13; Jer. 49:23 ^b2 Kin. 17:6

20 ^a1 Kin. 20:23, 28 ^bIs. 36:15

22 ^aIs. 36:3; 22:20 ^bIs. 22:15

1 ^aIs. 37:1-38; 2 Kin. 19:1-37

2 ^aIs. 22:20

CHAPTER 37

AND ^awhen King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent ^aEliakim who was over the household

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2 ^bIs. 22:15 ^cIs. 1:1; 20:2

3 ¹ ^{Lit.}, *give birth*
^aIs. 22:5; 26:16; 33:2 ^bIs.
26:17, 18; 66:9; Hos. 13:13

4 ^aIs. 36:15, 18, 20 ^bIs.
37:31, 32; 1:9; 10:20-22; 46:3

6 ^aIs. 7:4; 35:4

7 ^aIs. 37:9 ^bIs. 37:37, 38

8 ¹ ^{Lit.}, *he*
^aNum. 33:20; Josh. 10:29
^bJosh. 10:31, 32

9 ¹ ^{Or.}, *Ethiopia*
^aIs. 37:7 ^bIs. 18:1; 20:5

10 ¹ ^{Lit.}, *Judah, saying*
^aIs. 36:15

11 ¹ ^{Lit.}, *delivered*
^aIs. 10:9-11; 36:18-20

12 ¹ ^{Lit.}, *the*
^a2 Kin. 17:6; 18:11 ^bGen.
11:31; 12:1-4; Acts 7:2

14 ¹ ^{Lit.}, *letters* ² ^{Lit.},
Hezekiah spread

16 ^aEx. 25:22; 1 Sam. 4:4;
Ps. 80:1; 99:1 ^bDeut. 10:17;
Ps. 86:10; 136:2, 3 ^cIs. 42:5;
45:12; Jer. 10:12

17 ^a2 Chr. 6:40; Ps. 17:6;
Dan. 9:18 ^bPs. 74:22 ^cIs. 37:4

19 ^aIs. 2:8; 17:8; 41:24, 29
^bIs. 26:14

20 ¹ ^{So} DSS and 2 Kin.
19:19; M.T. omits *God*
^aIs. 25:9; 33:22; 35:4 ^bIs.
37:16; 1 Kin. 18:36, 37; Ps.
46:10; Ezek. 36:23

with ^bShebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to ^cIsaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a ^aday of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for ^bchildren have come to birth, and there is no strength to ¹deliver.

4 'Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to ^areproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for ^bthe remnant that is left.' "

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "^aDo not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he shall ^ahear a rumor and ^breturn to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.' "

8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against ^aLibnah, for he had heard that ¹the king had left ^bLachish.

9 When he ^aheard *them* say concerning Tirhakah king of ^bCush, "He has come out to fight against you," and when he heard *it* he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 "Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of ¹Judah. '^aDo not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 '^aBehold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be ¹spared?

12 'Did the gods of ¹those nations which my fathers have destroyed deliver them, *even* ^aCozan and ^bHaran and Rezep and the sons of Eden who *were* in Telassar?

13 'Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, *and of* Hena and Ivvah? "

14 Then Hezekiah took the ¹letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and ²spread it out before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying,

16 "O LORD of hosts the God of Israel, ^awho art enthroned *above* the cherubim, Thou art the ^bGod, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. ^cThou hast made heaven and earth.

17 '^aIncline Thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open Thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and ^blisten to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent to ^creproach the living God.

18 "Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands,

19 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the ^awork of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have ^bdestroyed them.

20 "And now, O LORD our God, ^adeliver us from his hand that ^ball the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou alone, LORD, ¹art God."

21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria,

- 22 this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:
 "She has despised you and mocked you,
 The ^avirgin ^bdaughter of Zion;
 She has ^cshaken *her* head behind you,
 The daughter of Jerusalem!
- 23 "Whom have you reproached and blasphemed?
 And against whom have you raised *your* voice,
 And ¹haughtily ^alifted up your eyes?
 Against the ^bHoly One of Israel!
- 24 Through your servants you have reproached the LORD,
 And you have said, 'With my many chariots I came up
 to the heights of the mountains,
 To the remotest parts of ^aLebanon;
 And I cut down its tall ^bcedars *and* its choice cypresses.
 And I will go to its ¹highest peak, its thickest forest.
- 25 'I dug *wells* and drank waters,
 And ^awith the sole of my feet I dried up
 All the rivers of ¹Egypt.'
- 26 "Have you not heard?
 Long ago I did it,
 From ancient times I ^bplanned it.
 Now I have brought it to pass,
 That ^cyou should turn fortified cities into ^druinous
 heaps.
- 27 "Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength,
 They were dismayed and put to shame;
 They were *as* the ^avegetation of the field and *as* the
 green herb,
 As ^bgrass on the housetops ¹is scorched, before it is
 grown up.
- 28 "But I ^aknow your sitting down,
 And your going out and your coming in,
 And your raging against Me.
- 29 "Because of your raging against Me,
 And because your ^{1a}arrogance has come up to my ears,
 Therefore I will put My ^bhook in your nose,
 And My ^cbridle in your lips,
 And I will turn you back ^dby the way which you came.
- 30 "Then this shall be the sign for you: ¹you shall eat this
 year what ^agrows of itself, in the second year what springs from
 the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and
 eat their fruit.
- 31 "And the ^asurviving ^bremnant of the house of Judah
 shall again ^ctake root downward and bear fruit upward.
- 32 "For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a ^aremnant, and out
 of Mount Zion ¹survivors. The ^bzeal of the LORD of hosts shall
 perform this." . . .
- 33 "Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of
 Assyria, 'He shall not come to this city, or shoot an arrow
 there; neither shall he come before it with a shield, nor throw
 up a ^amound against it.
- 34 ^aBy the way that he came, by the same he shall return,
 and he shall not come to this city,' declares the LORD.
- 35 'For I will ^adefend this city to save it ^bfor My own sake
 and for My servant David's sake.'

22 ^aJer. 14:17; Lam. 2:13
^bPs. 9:14; Zeph. 3:14; Zech.
 2:10 ^cJob 16:4

23 ¹Lit., *on high*
^aIs. 2:11; 5:15; 21 ^bEzek.
 39:7; Hab. 1:12

24 ¹Lit., *farthest height*
^aIs. 10:33; 34 ^bIs. 14:8

25 ¹Or, *the besieged place*
^aDeut. 11:10; 1 Kin. 20:10

26 ^aIs. 40:21; 28 ^bActs 2:23;
 4:27; 28; 1 Pet. 2:8 ^cIs. 10:6
^dIs. 17:1; 25:2

27 ¹So DSS and 2 Kin.
 19:26; M.T. as *a plowed field*
^aIs. 40:7 ^bPs. 129:6

28 ^aPs. 139:1

29 ¹Lit., *complacency*
^aIs. 10:12 ^bEzek. 29:4; 38:4
^cIs. 30:28 ^dIs. 37:34

30 ¹Leating
^aLev. 25:5, 11

31 ^aIs. 4:2; 10:20 ^bIs. 37:4
^cIs. 27:6

32 ¹Lit., *those who escape*
^aIs. 37:4 ^bIs. 9:7; 59:17; 2 Kin.
 19:31; Joel 2:18; Zech. 1:14

33 ^aJer. 6:6; 32:24

34 ^aIs. 37:29

35 ^aIs. 31:5; 38:6; 2 Kin.
 20:6 ^bIs. 43:25; 48:9, 11

36 ¹Lit., *they*
^aIs. 10:12, 33, 34; 2 Kin.
 19:35

37 ¹Lit., *went and returned*
^aGen. 10:11; Jon. 1:2; 3:3;
 4:11; Zeph. 2:13

38 ^aGen. 8:4; Jer. 51:27
^bEzra 4:2

1 ¹Lit., *sick to the point of death*
^aIs. 38:1-8; 2 Kin. 20:1-6, 9,
 11; 2 Chr. 32:24 ^bIs. 1:1; 37:2
^c2 Sam. 17:23

3 ¹Lit., *great weeping*
^aNeh. 13:14 ^b2 Kin. 18:5, 6;
^cPs. 26:3 ^d1 Chr. 28:9; 29:19
^eDeut. 6:18 ^fPs. 6:6-8

5 ¹Lit., *days*
^a2 Kin. 18:2, 13

6 ^aIs. 31:5; 37:35

7 ^aIs. 7:11, 14; 37:30; Judg.
 6:17, 21, 36-40

8 ^a2 Kin. 20:9-11 ^bJosh.
 10:12-14

9 ¹Lit., *he lived after his illness*

10 ¹Lit., *days*
^aPs. 102:24 ^bPs. 107:18 ^cJob
 17:11, 15; 2 Cor. 1:9

11 ^aPs. 27:13; 116:9

12 ^a2 Cor. 5:1, 4; 2 Pet.
 1:13, 14 ^bJob 7:6 ^cHeb. 1:12
^dJob 6:9 ^eJob 4:20; Ps. 73:14

13 ^aJob 10:16; 16:12 ^bPs.
 51:8; Dan. 6:24 ^cPs. 32:4

14 ^aJob 30:29; Ps. 102:6 ^bIs.
 59:11; Ezek. 7:16; Nah. 2:7
^cPs. 119:123 ^dJob 17:3; Ps.
 119:122

36 Then the ^aangel of the LORD went out, and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when ¹men arose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead bodies.

37 So Sennacherib, king of Assyria, departed and ¹returned home, and lived at ^aNineveh.

38 And it came about as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of ^aArarat. And ^bEsarhaddon his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 38

^aIN those days Hezekiah became ¹mortally ill. And ^bIsaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, ^cSet your house in order, for you shall die and not live."

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD,

3 and said, "^aRemember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, how I have ^bwalked before Thee in truth and with a ^cwhole heart, and ^dhave done what is good in Thy sight." And Hezekiah ^ewept ¹bitterly.

4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

5 "Go and say to Hezekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add ^afifteen years to your ¹life.

6 "And I will ^adeliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city."

7 "And this shall be the ^asign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken:

8 "Behold, I will ^acause the shadow on the stairway, which has gone down with the sun on the stairway of Ahaz, to go back ten steps." So the ^bsun's shadow went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down.

9 A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after his illness and ¹recovery:

10 I said, "^aIn the middle of my ¹life I am to enter the ^bgates of Sheol; I am to be ^cdeprived of the rest of my years."

11 I said, "I shall not see the LORD, The LORD ^ain the land of the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world.

12 "Like a shepherd's ^atent my dwelling is pulled up and removed from me;

As a ^bweaver I ^crolled up my life.

He ^dcuts me off from the loom;

From ^eday until night Thou dost make an end of me.

13 "I composed *my soul* until morning,

^aLike a lion—so He ^bbreaks all my bones,

From ^cday until night Thou dost make an end of me.

14 "^aLike a swallow, *like* a crane, so I twitter;

I ^bmoan like a dove;

My ^ceyes look wistfully to the heights;

O Lord, I am oppressed, be my ^dsecurity.

- 15 ^a“What shall I say?
¹For He has spoken to me, and He Himself has done it;
I shall ^bwander about all my years because of the ^cbitterness of my soul.
- 16 “O Lord, ^aby *these things men* live;
And in all these is the life of my spirit;
^{1b}O restore me to health, and ^clet me live!
- 17 “Lo, for *my own* welfare I had great bitterness;
It is Thou who hast ^{1a}kept my soul from the pit of
²nothingness,
For Thou hast ^bcast all my sins behind Thy back.
- 18 “For Sheol cannot thank Thee,
Death cannot praise Thee;
Those who go down ^ato the pit cannot hope for Thy faithfulness.
- 19 “It is the ^aliving who give thanks to Thee, as I do today;
A ^bfather tells his sons about Thy faithfulness.
- 20 “The LORD will surely save me;
So we will ^aplay my songs on stringed instruments
^bAll the days of our life ^cat the house of the LORD.”
- 21 Now Isaiah had said, “Let them take a cake of figs, and apply it to the boil, that he may recover.”
- 22 Then Hezekiah had said, “What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?”

CHAPTER 39

^aAT that time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered.

2 And Hezekiah ¹was ^apleased, and showed them all his treasure house, the ^bsilver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and his whole armory and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

3 Then Isaiah the ^aprophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?” And Hezekiah said, “They have come to me from a far ^bcountry, from Babylon.”

4 And he said, “What have they seen in your house?” So Hezekiah ^aanswered, “They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.”

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the ^aword of the LORD of hosts:

6 ‘Behold, the days are coming when ^aall that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,’ says the LORD.

7 ‘And *some* of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall beget, shall be taken away; and they shall become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”

8 ^aThen Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good.” For he ¹thought, “For there will be peace and truth ^bin my days.”

15 ¹Targum and DSS read, *And what shall I say for He ...*
^aPs. 39:9 ^{b1} Kin. 21:27 ^cIs. 38:17; Job 7:11; 10:1

16 ¹Lit., *Thou wilt*
^aPs. 119:71, 75 ^bPs. 39:13 ^cPs. 119:25

17 ¹So some versions; Heb., *loved* ²Or, *destruction*
^aPs. 30:3; 86:13; Jon. 2:6 ^bIs. 43:25; Jer. 31:34; Mic. 7:19

18 ^aNum. 16:33; Ps. 28:1

19 ^aPs. 118:17; 119:175
^bDeut. 6:7; 11:19; Ps. 78:5-7

20 ^aPs. 33:1-3; 68:24-26 ^bPs. 104:33; 116:2; 146:2 ^cPs. 116:17-19

1 ^aIs. 39:1-8; 2 Kin. 20:12-19; 2 Chr. 32:31

2 ¹Lit., *rejoiced over them*
^{a2} Chr. 32:25, 31; Job 31:25
^{b2} Kin. 18:15, 16

3 ^{a2} Sam. 12:1; 2 Chr. 16:7
^bDeut. 28:49; Jer. 5:15

4 ¹Lit., *said*

5 ^{a1} Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:16

6 ^{a2} Kin. 24:13; 25:13-15;
Jer. 20:5

8 ¹Lit., *said*
^{a2} Chr. 32:26 ^{b2} Chr. 34:28

1 ^aIs. 12:1; 49:13; 51:3, 12; 52:9; 61:2; 66:13; Jer. 31:10-14; Zeph. 3:14-17; 2 Cor. 1:4

2 ¹Lit., to the heart of ²Or, hard service ³Or, penalty of iniquity accepted as paid off ^aIs. 35:4; Zech. 1:13 ^bIs. 41:11-13; 49:25; 54:15, 17 ^cIs. 33:24; 53:5; 6, 11 ^dJer. 16:18; Zech. 9:12; Rev. 18:6

3 ¹Or, of one calling out ^aMatt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6; John 1:25 ^bMal. 3:1; 4:5, 6

4 ^aEzek. 17:24

5 ¹Or, in order that the... ^aIs. 6:3; Hab. 2:14 ^bIs. 52:10; Joel 2:28

6 ¹Another reading is, I said ²Or, constancy ^aJob 14:2; Ps. 102:11; 103:15; 1 Pet. 1:24, 25

7 ¹Or, Because ^aPs. 90:5, 6; James 1:10, 11

8 ^aIs. 55:11; 59:21; Matt. 5:18

9 ^aIs. 52:7 ^bIs. 61:1 ^cIs. 25:9; 35:2

10 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD ^aIs. 9:6, 7 ^bIs. 59:16, 18 ^cIs. 62:11; Rev. 22:12

11 ^aJer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:12-14, 23, 31; Mic. 5:4; John 10:11, 14-16

12 ¹DSS reads, waters of the sea ²Or, half cubit; i.e., 9 inches ³Lit., contained, or comprehended ^aIs. 48:13; Job 38:8-11; Ps. 102:25, 26; Heb. 1:10-12

13 ¹Or, measured, marked off ^aRom. 11:34; 1 Cor. 2:16 ^bIs. 41:28

14 ^aJob 38:4 ^bJob 21:22; Col. 2:3

“^aCOMFORT, O comfort My people,” says your God.

2 “^aSpeak ¹kindly to Jerusalem; And call out to her, that her ^{2b}warfare has ended, That her ³iniquity has been removed, That she has received of the LORD’s hand ^dDouble for all her sins.”

3 ^aA voice ¹is calling, ^b“Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert [a highway] for our God.

4 “Let every valley be ^alifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

5 “¹Then the ^aglory of the LORD will be revealed, And ^ball flesh will see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

6 A voice says, “Call out.” Then ¹He answered, “What shall I call out?” ^aAll flesh is grass, and all its ²loveliness is like the flower of the field.

7 The ^agrass withers, the flower fades, ¹When the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But ^athe word of our God stands forever.

9 Get yourself up on a ^ahigh mountain, O Zion, bearer of ^bgood news, Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift *it* up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “^cHere is your God!”

10 Behold, the Lord ¹GOD will come ^awith might, With His ^barm ruling for Him. Behold, His ^creward is with Him, And His recompense before Him.

11 Like a shepherd He will ^atend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs, And carry *them* in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

12 Who has ^ameasured the ¹waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the ²span, And ³calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance, And the hills in a pair of scales?

13 ^aWho has ¹directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His ^bcounselor has informed Him?

14 ^aWith whom did He consult and *who* ^bgave Him understanding?

- And *who* taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him, knowledge,
 And informed Him of ~~the way~~ of understanding?
- 15 Behold, the ^anations are like a drop from a bucket,
 And are regarded as a speck of ^bdust on the scales;
 Behold, He lifts up the ¹islands like fine dust.
- 16 Even Lebanon is not enough to burn,
 Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.
- 17 ^aAll the nations are as nothing before Him,
 They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and ¹meaningless.
- 18 ^aTo whom then will you liken God?
 Or what likeness will you compare with Him?
- 19 As for the ^aidol, a craftsman casts it,
 A goldsmith plates it with gold,
 And a silversmith *fashions* chains of silver.
- 20 He who is too impoverished for *such* an offering
 Selects a tree that does not rot;
 He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman
 To ¹prepare an idol that ^awill not totter.
- 21 ^aDo you not know? Have you not heard?
 Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?
 Have you not understood ^bfrom the foundations of the earth?
- 22 It is He who ¹sits above the ^{2a}vault of the earth,
 And its inhabitants are like ^bgrasshoppers,
 Who ^cstretches out the heavens like a ^dcurtain
 And spreads them out like a ^etent to dwell in.
- 23 He *it is* who reduces ^arulers to nothing,
 Who ^bmakes the judges of the earth ¹meaningless.
- 24 ¹Scarcely have they been planted,
¹Scarcely have they been sown,
¹Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,
 But He merely blows on them, and they wither,
 And the ^astorm carries them away like stubble.
- 25 ^a“To whom then will you liken Me
 That I should be *his* equal?” says the Holy One.
- 26 ^aLift up your eyes on high
 And see ^bwho has created these *stars*,
 The ^cOne who leads forth their host by number
 He calls them all by name;
 Because of the ^dgreatness of His might and the ¹strength of His power
^eNot one of *them* is missing.
- 27 ^aWhy do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,
^a“*My way* is ^bhidden from the LORD
 And the ^cjustice due me ¹escapes the notice of ^dmy God?”
- 28 ^aDo you not know? Have you not heard?
 The ^beverlasting God, the LORD, the creator of the ends of the earth
 Does not become weary or tired.
 His understanding is ^cinscrutable.

15 ¹Or, *coastlands*
^aJer. 10:10 ^bIs. 17:13; 29:5

17 ¹Or, *void*
^aIs. 29:7

18 ^aIs. 40:25; 46:5; Ex. 8:10;
 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2; Mic. 7:18

19 ^aIs. 41:7; 44:10; Ps. 115:4-8; Hab. 2:18, 19

20 ¹Or, *set up*
^aIs. 41:7; 46:7; 1 Sam. 5:3, 4

21 ^aIs. 37:26; Ps. 19:1; 50:6;
 Acts 14:17; Rom. 1:19 ^bIs. 48:13; 51:13

22 ¹Or, *is enthroned* ²Or, *circle*
^aJob 22:14; Prov. 8:27 ^bNum. 13:33 ^cIs. 37:16; 42:5; 44:24;
 Job 9:8 ^dPs. 104:2 ^eJob 36:29;
 Ps. 18:11; 19:4

23 ¹Or, *void*
^aIs. 34:12; Job 12:21; Ps. 107:40 ^bIs. 5:21; Jer. 25:18-27

24 ¹Or, *Not even*
^aIs. 17:13; 41:16

25 ^aIs. 40:18

26 ¹So DSS and ancient versions. M.T., *strong*
^aIs. 51:6 ^bIs. 42:5; 48:12, 13
^cPs. 147:4 ^dPs. 89:11-13 ^eIs. 34:16; 48:13

27 ¹Lit., *passes by my God*
^aIs. 49:4, 14 ^bIs. 54:8 ^cJob 27:2; 34:5; Luke 18:7, 8 ^dIs. 25:1

28 ^aIs. 40:21 ^bGen. 21:33;
 Ps. 90:2 ^cPs. 147:5; Rom. 11:33

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29 ^aIs. 50:4; Jer. 31:25 ^bIs. 41:10

30 ^aJer. 6:11; 9:21 ^bIs. 9:17

31 ¹Or, *hope in* ²Or, *sprout wings* ³Or, *pinions*
^aJob 17:9; Ps. 103:5; 2 Cor. 4:8-10, 16 ^bEx. 19:4; Deut. 32:11; Luke 18:1; 2 Cor. 4:1, 16; Gal. 6:9; Heb. 12:3

¹ ^aHab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13
^bIs. 40:31 ^cIs. 34:1; 48:16 ^dIs. 1:18; 43:26; 50:8

² ¹Lit., *foot*
^aIs. 41:25; 45:1-3; 46:11 ^bIs. 42:6 ^c2 Chr. 36:23; Ezra 1:2 ^dIs. 40:24

³ ¹Lit., *gong*

⁴ ^aIs. 41:26; 44:7; 46:10 ^bIs. 43:10; 44:6; Rev. 1:8, 17; 22:13 ^cIs. 43:13; 46:4; 48:12

⁵ ^aIs. 41:1; Ezek. 26:15, 16
^bJosh. 5:1; Ps. 67:7

⁶ ^aJoel 3:9-11

⁷ ^aIs. 40:20; 46:7

⁸ ^aIs. 29:22; 51:2; 63:16
^b2 Chr. 20:7; James 2:23

⁹ ¹Or, *taken hold of*
^aIs. 11:11 ^bDeut. 7:6; 14:2; Ps. 135:4

¹⁰ ^aIs. 41:13, 14; 43:2, 5; Deut. 20:1; 31:6; Josh. 1:9; Ps. 27:1; Rom. 8:31 ^bIs. 41:14; 44:2; 49:8 ^cPs. 89:13, 14

¹¹ ^aIs. 17:13; 29:5, 7, 8

- 29 He gives strength to the ^aweary,
And to *him who* lacks might He ^bincreases power.
- 30 Though ^ayouths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous ^byoung men stumble badly,
- 31 Yet those who ¹wait for the LORD
Will ^again new strength;
They will ^{2b}mount up with ³wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

CHAPTER 41

- “COASTLANDS, listen to Me ^ain silence,
And let the peoples ^bgain new strength;
^cLet them come forward, then let them speak;
^dLet us come together for judgment.
- 2 “^aWho has aroused one from the east
Whom He ^bcalls in righteousness to His ¹feet?
He ^cdelivers up nations before him,
And subdues kings.
He makes them like dust with his sword,
As the wind-driven ^dchaff with his bow.
- 3 “He pursues them, passing on in safety,
By a way he had not been ¹traversing with his feet.
- 4 “^aWho has performed and accomplished it,
Calling forth the generations from the beginning?
^bI, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. ^cI am He.”
- 5 The ^acoastlands have seen and are afraid;
The ^bbends of the earth tremble;
They have drawn near and have come.
- 6 Each one ^ahelps his neighbor,
And says to his brother, “Be strong!”
- 7 So the craftsman encourages the smelter,
And he who smooths *metal* with the hammer *encourages* him who beats the anvil,
Saying of the soldering, “It is good”;
And he fastens it with nails,
^aThat it should not totter.
- 8 “But you, Israel, My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
Descendant of ^aAbraham My ^bfriend.
- 9 “You whom I have ^{1a}taken from the ends of the earth,
And called from its remotest parts,
And said to you, “You are My servant,
I have ^bchosen you and not rejected you.
- 10 “Do not ^afear, for I am with you;
Do not anxiously look about you, for I ^aam your God.
I will strengthen you, surely ^bI will help you,
Surely, I will uphold you with My righteous ^cright hand.”
- 11 “Behold, all those who are angered at you will be
shamed and dishonored;
^aThose who contend with you will be as nothing, and
will perish.

**The Lord Who Upholds You.
Israel Assured of Help.**

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- 12 ^a"You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them,
Those who war with you will be as nothing, and non-existent.
- 13 "For I am the LORD your God, ^awho upholds your right hand,
Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'
- 14 "Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD, ¹"and ^ayour Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 "Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges;
^aYou will thresh the mountains, and pulverize *them*,
And will make the hills like chaff.
- 16 "You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away,
And the storm will scatter them;
But you will ^arejoice in the LORD,
You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 17 "The ¹afflicted and needy are seeking ^awater, but there is none,
And their tongue is parched with thirst;
I the LORD ^bwill answer them Myself,
As the God of Israel I ^cwill not forsake them.
- 18 "I will open ^arivers on the bare heights,
And springs in the midst of the valleys;
I will make ^bthe wilderness a pool of water,
And the dry land fountains of water.
- 19 "I will put the cedar in the wilderness,
The acacia, and the ^amyrtle, and the ¹olive tree;
I will place the ^ajuniper in the desert,
Together with the box tree and the cypress,
- 20 That they may see and recognize,
And consider and gain insight as well,
That the ^ahand of the LORD has done this,
And the Holy One of Israel has created it.
- 21 ¹"Present your case," the LORD says.
"Bring forward your strong *arguments*,"
The King of Jacob says.
- 22 ^aLet them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place;
As for the ^bformer *events*, declare what they *were*,
That we may consider them, and know their outcome;
Or announce to us what is coming.
- 23 ^aDeclare the things that are going to come afterward,
That we may know that you are gods;
Indeed, ^bdo good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together.
- 24 Behold, ^ayou are of ¹no account,
And your work amounts to nothing;
He who chooses you is an abomination.
- 25 "I have aroused ^aone from the north, and he has come;
From the rising of the sun he will call on My name;
- 12 ^aIs. 17:14; Job 20:7-9; Ps. 37:35, 36
- 13 ^aIs. 42:6; 45:1
- 14 ¹Or, *even your Redeemer, the Holy One*
^aIs. 35:10; 43:14; 46:6, 22-24
- 15 ^aMic. 4:13; Hab. 3:12
- 16 ^aIs. 25:9; 35:10; 51:3; 61:10
- 17 ¹Or, *poor*
^aIs. 43:20; 44:3; 49:10; 55:1
^bIs. 30:19; 65:24 ^cIs. 42:16; 62:12
- 18 ^aIs. 30:25; 43:19 ^bIs. 35:6, 7; Ps. 107:35
- 19 ¹Or, *oleaster*
^aIs. 35:1; 55:13; 60:13
- 20 ^aIs. 66:14; Job 12:9
- 21 ¹Lit., *bring near*
- 22 ^aIs. 44:7; 45:21; 46:10 ^bIs. 43:9
- 23 ^aIs. 42:9; 44:7, 8; 45:3; John 13:19 ^bJer. 10:5
- 24 ¹Lit., *nothing*
^aIs. 44:9; Ps. 115:8; 1 Cor. 8:4
- 25 ^aIs. 41:2; Jer. 50:3

**Molten Images are Wind and Emptiness.
God's Promise to His Servant.**

Isalah 41, 42

25 ^bIs. 10:6; 2 Sam. 22:43;
Mic. 7:10; Zech. 10:5

26 ^aIs. 41:22; 44:7; 45:21
^bHab. 2:18, 19

27 ^aIs. 48:3-8 ^bIs. 40:9;
44:28; 52:7; Nah. 1:15

28 ¹Lit. *out of those*
^aIs. 50:2; 59:16; 63:5 ^bIs.
40:13, 14

29 ¹Another reading is,
nothing
^aIs. 41:24; 2:8; 17:8 ^bJer. 5:13

¹ Or, *hold fast* ² Or,
Gentiles
^a Matt. 12:18-21 ^b Is. 41:8;
43:10; 49:3-6; 52:13; 53:11;
Matt. 12:18-21; Phil. 2:7
^c 1 Pet. 2:4, 6 ^d Matt. 3:17;
17:5 ^e Is. 11:2; 59:21; 61:1;
Matt. 3:16; Luke 4:18, 19, 21

3 ^a Is. 57:15 ^b Ps. 72:2, 4;
96:13

4 ¹ Or, *instruction*
^a Is. 40:28 ^b Is. 42:10, 12;
11:11; 24:15; 49:1; 51:5; 60:9;
66:19

5 ¹ Or, *vegetation*
^a Is. 45:18; Ps. 102:25, 26 ^b Is.
40:22; Ps. 104:2 ^c Ps. 24:1, 2;
136:6 ^d Is. 57:16; Job 12:10;
33:4; Dan. 5:23; Acts 17:25

6 ^a Is. 41:2; Jer. 23:5, 6 ^b Is.
26:3; 27:3 ^c Is. 49:6, 8 ^d Is.
51:4; 60:1, 3; Luke 2:32

7 ^a Is. 29:18; 35:5 ^b Is. 49:9;
61:1

8 ¹ Or, *idols*
^a Ex. 3:15; Ps. 83:18 ^b Is.
48:11; Ex. 20:3-5

9 ^a Is. 43:19; 48:6

10 ^a Ps. 33:3; 40:3; 98:1 ^b Is.
49:6; 62:11 ^c Ps. 65:5; 107:23
^d Ex. 20:11; 1 Chr. 16:32; Ps.
96:11

- And he will come upon rulers as *upon* ^b mortar,
Even as the potter treads clay.”
- 26 Who has ^a declared *this* from the beginning, that we
might know?
Or from former times, that we may say, “*He is right!*”
Surely there was ^b no one who declared,
Surely there was no one who proclaimed,
Surely there was no one who heard your words.
- 27 “^a Formerly *I said* to Zion, ‘Behold, here they are.’
And to Jerusalem, ‘I will give a ^b messenger of good
news.’
- 28 “But ^a when I look, there is no one,
And there is no ^b counselor ¹ among them
Who, if I ask, can give an answer.
- 29 “Behold, all of them are ¹ false;
Their ^a works are worthless,
Their molten images are ^b wind and emptiness.

CHAPTER 42

- “^a BEHOLD, My ^b Servant, whom I ¹ uphold;
My ^c chosen one *in whom* My ^d soul delights.
I have put My ^e Spirit upon him;
He will bring forth justice to the ² nations.
- 2 “He will not cry out or raise *His voice*,
Nor make His voice heard in the street.
- 3 “A ^a bruised reed He will not break,
And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish;
He will faithfully bring forth ^b justice.
- 4 “He will not be ^a disheartened or crushed,
Until He has established justice in the earth;
And the ^b coastlands will wait expectantly for His ¹ law.”
- 5 Thus says ¹ God the LORD,¹
Who ^a created the heavens and ^b stretched them out,
Who spread out the ^c earth and its ¹ offspring,
Who ^d gives breath to the people on it,
And spirit to those who walk in it,
- 6 “I am the LORD, I have ^a called you in righteousness,
I will also hold you by the hand and ^b watch over you.
And I will appoint you as a ^c covenant to the people,
As a ^d light to the nations,
- 7 To ^a open blind eyes,
To ^b bring out prisoners from the dungeon,
And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.
- 8 “I am the LORD, that is ^a My name;
I will not give My ^b glory to another,
Nor My praise to ¹ graven images.
- 9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass,
Now I declare ^a new things;
Before they spring forth I proclaim *them* to you.”
- 10 Sing to the LORD a ^a new song,
Sing His praise from the ^b end of the earth!
^c You who go down to the sea, and ^d all that is in it.
You islands and those who dwell on them.

**Hymn of Triumph.
Blinding of the People.**

- 11 Let the ^awilderness and its cities lift up *their voice*,
The settlements where ^bKedar inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of ^cSela sing aloud,
Let them shout for joy from the tops of the
^dmountains.
- 12 Let them give glory to the LORD,
And declare His praise in the coastlands.
- 13 The LORD will go forth like a warrior,
He will arouse *His* ^azeal like a man of war.
He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry.
He will ^bprevail against His enemies.
- 14 "I have kept silent for a long time,
I have kept still and restrained myself.
Now like a woman in labor I will groan,
I will both gasp and pant.
- 15 "I will ^alay waste the mountains and hills,
And wither all their vegetation;
I will ^bmake the rivers into coastlands,
And dry up the ponds.
- 16 "And I will ^alead the blind by [a way] they do not know,
In paths they do not know I will guide them.
I will ^bmake darkness into light before them
And ^crugged places into plains.
These are the things I will do,
And I will ^dnot leave them undone."
- 17 They shall be turned back and be ^autterly put to shame,
Who trust in ^bidols,
Who say to molten images,
"You are our gods."
- 18 ^aHear, you deaf!
And look, you blind, that you may see.
- 19 Who is blind but My servant,
Or so deaf as My ^amessenger whom I send?
Who is so blind as he that is ^bat peace with Me,
Or so blind as the servant of the LORD?
- 20 You have seen many things, but you do not observe
them;
Your ears are open, but none hears.
- 21 The LORD was pleased ^afor His righteousness sake
To make the law ^bgreat and glorious.
- 22 But this is a people plundered and despoiled;
All of them are ^atrapped in ^bcaves,
Or are hidden away in prisons;
They have become a prey with none to deliver *them*,
And a spoil, with none to say, "Give *them* back!"
- 23 Who among you will give ear to this?
Who will give heed and listen hereafter?
- 24 ^aWho gave Jacob up for spoil, and Israel to plunderers?
Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned,
And in whose ways they ^bwere not willing to walk,
And whose law they did not ^cobey?
- 25 So He poured out on him the heat of His anger
And the ^afierceness of battle;
- 11 ^aIs. 32:16; 35:1, 6 ^bIs.
21:16; 60:7 ^cIs. 16:1 ^dIs. 52:7;
Nah. 1:15
- 13 ^aIs. 9:7; 26:11; 37:32;
59:17 ^bIs. 66:14-16
- 15 ^aIs. 2:12-16; Ezek. 38:19,
20 ^bIs. 44:27; 50:2; Nah. 1:4-6
- 16 ^aIs. 29:18; 30:21; 32:3;
Jer. 31:8, 9; Luke 1:78, 79 ^bIs.
29:18; Eph. 5:8 ^cIs. 40:4;
Luke 3:5 ^dIs. 41:17; Josh. 1:5;
Ps. 94:14; Heb. 13:5
- 17 ¹Or, *graven images*
^aIs. 1:29; 44:9, 11; 45:16; Ps.
97:7
- 18 ^aIs. 29:18; 35:5
- 19 ¹Or, *the devoted one*
^aIs. 44:26 ^bIs. 26:3; 27:5
- 21 ^aIs. 43:25 ^bIs. 42:4; 51:4
- 22 ¹Or, *holes*
^aIs. 24:18
- 24 ^aIs. 10:5 ^bIs. 30:15 ^cIs.
48:18; 57:17
- 25 ^aIs. 5:25; 9:19

25 ¹Lit., *did not lay it to heart*
^bIs. 29:13; 47:7; 57:1; Hos. 7:9

1 ^aIs. 43:15 ^bIs. 43:7, 21; 44:2, 21, 24 ^cIs. 43:5 ^dIs. 44:22, 23; 48:20 ^eIs. 43:7; 45:3, 4; Gen. 32:28 ^fIs. 43:21

2 ^aIs. 8:7, 8; Ps. 66:12
^bDeut. 31:6, 8 ^cIs. 29:6; 30:27-29; Dan. 3:25, 27

3 ¹Or, *Ethiopia*
^aIs. 43:11; 19:20; 45:15, 21; 49:26; 60:16; 63:8

4 ^aIs. 63:9

5 ^aIs. 43:2; 8:10 ^bIs. 41:8; 49:12; 61:9 ^cIs. 49:12

6 ^aPs. 107:3 ^{b2} Cor. 6:18
^cIs. 45:22

7 ^aIs. 56:5; 62:2; James 2:7
^bIs. 29:23; Ps. 100:3; Eph. 2:10 ^cIs. 44:23; 46:13

9 ^aIs. 34:1; 41:1 ^bIs. 44:9

11 ^aIs. 43:3; 45:21; Hos. 13:4
^bIs. 44:6, 8

12 ^aDeut. 32:16; Ps. 81:9

And it set him aflame all around,
 Yet he did not recognize *it*;
 And it burned him, but he ^{1b}paid no attention.

CHAPTER 43

- BUT** now thus says the LORD your ^acreator, O Jacob,
 And He who ^bformed you, O Israel:
 "Do not ^cfear, for I have ^dredeemed you;
 I have ^ecalled you by name; you are ^fMine!
- 2 "When you ^apass through the waters, ^bI will be with you;
 And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.
 When you ^cwalk through the fire, you will not be scorched,
 Nor will the flame burn you.
- 3 "For I am the LORD your God,
 The Holy One of Israel, your ^aSaviour;
 I have given Egypt as your ransom,
¹Cush and Seba in your place.
- 4 "Since you are precious in My sight,
 Since you are ^afe honored and I ^alove you,
 I will give *other* men in your place and *other* peoples in exchange for your life.
- 5 "Do not fear, for ^aI am with you;
 I will bring ^byour offspring from the east,
 And ^cgather you from the west.
- 6 "I will say to the ^anorth, 'Give *them* up!'
 And to the south, 'Do not hold *them* back.'
 Bring My ^bsons from afar,
 And My daughters from the ^cends of the earth,
- 7 Every one who is ^acalled by My name,
 And whom I have ^bcreated for My ^cglory,
 Whom I have formed even whom I have made."
- 8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes,
 And the deaf, even though they have ears.
- 9 All the nations have ^agathered together
 In order that the peoples may be assembled.
 Who among them can declare this
 And proclaim to us the former things?
 Let them present ^btheir witnesses that they may be justified,
 Or let them hear and say, "It is true."
- 10 "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD,
 "And My servant whom I have chosen,
 In order that you may know and believe Me,
 And understand that I am He.
 Before Me there was no God formed,
 And there will be none after Me.
- 11 "I, even I, am the LORD;
 And there is no ^asaviour ^bbesides Me.
- 12 "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed.
 And there was no ^astrange god among you;
 So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD,
 "And I am God.

**Babylon Will Be Destroyed.
Israel's Shortcomings.**

Isalah 43

- 13 "Even ^afrom ¹eternity I am He;
And there is ^bnone who can deliver out of My hand;
^cI act and who can reverse it?"
- 14 Thus says the LORD your ^aRedeemer, the Holy One of
Israel:
"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,
And will bring them all down as fugitives,
¹Even the ^bChaldeans, into the ^cships ²in which they
rejoice.
- 15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,
The Creator of Israel, your ^aKing."
- 16 Thus says the LORD,
Who ^amakes a way through the sea
And a ^bpath through the mighty waters,
- 17 Who brings forth the ^achariot and the horse,
The army and the mighty man
(They will lie down together *and* not rise again;
They have been ^bquenched *and* ^cextinguished like a
wick):
- 18 "^aDo not call to mind the former things,
Or ponder things of the past.
- 19 "Behold, I will do something ^anew,
Now it will spring forth;
Will you not be aware of it?
I will even ^bmake a roadway in the wilderness,
Rivers in the desert.
- 20 "The beasts of the field will glorify Me;
The jackals and the ostriches;
Because I have ^agiven waters in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My chosen people.
- 21 "The people whom I formed for Myself,
^aWill declare My praise.
- 22 "Yet you have not called on Me, **Ⓞ** Jacob;
But you have become ^aweary of Me, O Israel.
- 23 "You have ^anot brought to Me the sheep of your burnt
offerings;
Nor have you ^bhonored Me with your sacrifices.
I have not ^cburdened you with ¹offerings,
Nor wearied you with ^dincense.
- 24 "You have bought Me no ^{1a}sweet cane with money,
Neither have you ²filled Me with the fat of your
sacrifices;
Rather you have burdened Me with your sins,
You have ^bwearied Me with your iniquities.
- 25 "I, even I, am the one who ^awipes out your transgres-
sions ^bfor My own sake;
And I will ^cnot remember your sins.
- 26 "Put Me in remembrance; let us argue our case
together,
State your *cause*, that you may be proved right.
- 27 "Your ^afirst ¹forefather sinned,
And your ^{2b}spokesmen have ³transgressed against Me.

¹³ ¹So with Ck.; Heb., from the day
¹Is. 48:16; Ps. 90:2 ^bPs. 50:22
^cIs. 14:27; Job 9:12

¹⁴ ¹Another reading is: As for the Chaldeans, their rejoicing is turned into lamentations ²Lit., of their rejoicing
¹Is. 41:14 ^bIs. 23:13 ^cJer. 51:13

¹⁵ ^aIs. 41:21; 44:6

¹⁶ ^aIs. 11:15; 44:27; 50:2; 51:10; 63:11, 12; Ex. 14:21, 22; Ps. 77:19 ^bJosh. 3:15, 16

¹⁷ ^aEx. 15:19 ^bIs. 1:31; Ps. 118:12 ^cPs. 76:5, 6

¹⁸ ^aIs. 65:17; Jer. 16:14; 23:7

¹⁹ ^aIs. 42:9; 48:6; 2 Cor. 5:17 ^bIs. 35:1, 6; 41:18, 19; 49:10; 51:3; Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Deut. 8:15; Ps. 78:16

²⁰ ^aIs. 41:17, 18; 48:21

²¹ ^aIs. 42:12; Ps. 102:18; Luke 1:74, 75; 1 Pet. 2:9

²² ^aMic. 6:3; Mal. 1:13; 3:14

²³ ¹Or, a meal offering
²Amos 5:25 ^bZech. 7:5, 6; Mal. 1:6-8 ^cJer. 7:21-26 ^dEx. 30:34; Lev. 2:1; 24:7

²⁴ ¹Or, calamus ²Or, saturated
^aEx. 30:23; Jer. 6:20 ^bIs. 1:14; 7:13; Ps. 95:10; Ezek. 6:9; Mat. 2:17

²⁵ ^aIs. 44:22; 55:7; Jer. 50:20 ^bIs. 37:35; 48:9, 11; Ezek. 36:22 ^cIs. 38:17; Jer. 31:34

²⁶ ¹Or, Report to Me

²⁷ ¹Lit., father ²Or, interpreters ³Or, rebelled
^aIs. 51:2; Ezek. 16:3 ^bIs. 9:15; 28:7; 29:10; Jer. 5:31

28 ¹Or, *prince through* ²Or, *holy princes*
^aIs. 24:6; 34:5; Jer. 24:9; Dan. 9:11; Zech. 8:13 ^bPs. 79:4; Ezek. 5:15

1 ^aIs. 41:8; Jer. 30:10; 46:27, 28

2 ^aDeut. 32:15; 33:5, 26

3 ¹Or, *him who is thirsty*
^aIs. 32:15; Joel 2:28 ^bIs. 61:9; 65:23

4 ¹Another reading is, *like grass among the waters*
^aLev. 23:40; Job 40:22

5 ¹Another reading is, *will be called by the name of Jacob* ²Or, *with*

6 ^aIs. 41:21; 43:15 ^bIs. 41:4; 43:10; 48:12; Rev. 1:8, 17; 22:13 ^cIs. 44:8; 43:11; 45:5, 6, 21

7 ¹Or, *people*

8 ^aIs. 45:5; Deut. 4:35, 39; 1 Sam. 2:2; Joel 2:27 ^bIs. 17:10; 26:4; 30:29

9 ¹Or, *idol*
^aIs. 44:11; 42:17; 45:16; Ps. 97:7

10 ¹Or, *graven image*
^aIs. 41:29; Jer. 10:5; Hab. 2:18; Acts 19:26

12 ¹Lit., *and fashions* ²Lit., *there is no strength*
^aIs. 40:19; 20; 41:6, 7; 46:6, 7; Jer. 10:3-5; Hab. 2:18

13 ^aIs. 41:7

28 "So I will ¹pollute the ²princes of the sanctuary;
And I will consign Jacob to the ^aban, and Israel to ^brevilement.

CHAPTER 44

"BUT now listen, O Jacob My ^aservant;
And Israel, whom I have chosen:

2 Thus says the LORD who made you
And formed you from the womb, who will help you:
'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant;
And you ^aJeshurun whom I have chosen.

3 'For I will pour out water on ¹the thirsty *land*
And streams on the dry ground;
I will ^apour out My Spirit on your ^boffspring,
And My blessing on your descendants;

4 And they will spring up ¹among the grass
Like ^apoplars by streams of water.'

5 "This one will say, 'I am the LORD's';
And that one ¹will call on the name of Jacob;
And another will write ²on his hand, 'Belonging to the LORD,'
And will name Israel's name with honor.

6 "Thus says the LORD, the ^aKing of Israel
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
'I am the ^bfirst and I am the last,
And there is no God ^cbesides Me.

7 'And who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it;
Yes, let him recount it to Me in order,
From the time that I established the ancient ¹nation.
And let them declare to them the things that are coming
And the events that are going to take place.

8 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid;
Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it?
And you are My witnesses.
Is there any God ^abesides Me,
Or is there any *other* ^bRock?
I know of none.' *How can I?*

9 Those who fashion a ¹graven image are all of them
futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own
witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be ^aput to shame.

10 Who has fashioned a god or cast an ¹idol to ^ano profit?

11 Behold, all his companions will be put to shame, for
the craftsmen themselves are mere men. Let them all assemble
themselves, let them stand up, let them tremble, let them
together be put to shame.

12 The ^aman shapes iron into a cutting tool, and does his
work over the coals, ¹fashioning it with hammers, and working
it with his strong arm. He also gets hungry and ²his strength
fails; he drinks no water and becomes weary.

13 ^aAnother shapes wood, he extends a measuring line; he
outlines it with red chalk. He works it with planes, and outlines

it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the beauty of ^bman, so that it may sit in a ^chouse.

14 Surely he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a ¹cypress or an oak, and ²raises it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow.

15 Then it becomes *something* for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself; he also makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it; he makes it a graven image, and ^afalls down before it.

16 Half of it he burns in the fire; over the half he eats meat as he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Ah, I am warm, I have seen the fire."

17 But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also ^aprays to it and says, "Deliver me, for thou art my god."

18 They do not ^aknow, nor do they understand, for He has ^bsmearred over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend.

19 And no one ¹recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then ²I make the rest of it into an ^aabomination, ³I fall down before a block of wood!"

20 He ^{1a}feeds on ashes; a ^bdeceived heart has turned him aside. And he cannot deliver ²himself, nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

21 "Remember these things, O Jacob,
And Israel, for you are My servant;
I have formed you, you are My servant,
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.

22 I have ^awiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud,
And your sins like a ¹heavy mist.
^bReturn to Me, for I have ^credeemed you."

23 ^aShout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it!
Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth;
^bBreak forth into a shout of joy, you mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it;
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob
And in Israel He shows forth His glory.

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb:

"I, the LORD, am the maker of all things,
^aStretching out the heavens by Myself,
And spreading out the earth ¹all alone,

25 Causing the ¹omens of boasters to fail,
²Making fools out of diviners,
^aCausing wise men to draw back,
And ³turning their knowledge into foolishness,

26 Confirming the word of His servant,
And ¹performing the purpose of His messengers.
It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!'
And of the cities of Judah, '^aThey shall be built.'
And I will raise up her ruins *again*.

27 "*It is I* who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!'
And I will make your rivers ^adry.

¹³ bPs. 115:5-7 cJudg. 17:4, 5; Ezek. 8:10, 11

14 ¹Or, *holm-oak* ²Lit., *make strong*

15 ² Chr. 25:14

17 ^aIs. 45:20; 1 Kin. 18:26, 28

18 ^aIs. 1:3; Jer. 10:8, 14 ^bIs. 6:9, 10; 29:10; Ps. 81:12

19 ¹Lit., *return to his heart* ²Or, *shall I make ?* ³Or, *shall I fall ?* ^aDeut. 27:15; 1 Kin. 11:5, 7; 2 Kin. 23:14

20 ¹Or, *is a companion of ashes* ²Lit., *his soul* ^aPs. 102:9 ^bJob 15:31; Hos. 4:12; Rom. 1:21, 22; 2 Thess. 2:11; 2 Tim. 3:13

22 ¹Or, *cloud* ^aIs. 43:25; Ps. 51:1, 9; Acts 3:19 ^bIs. 31:6; 55:7 ^cIs. 43:1; 48:20; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19

23 ^aIs. 42:10; 49:13; Ps. 69:34; 96:11, 12 ^bIs. 55:12; Ps. 98:7, 8; 148:7, 9

24 ¹Or, *who was with Me?* ^aIs. 40:22; 42:5; 45:12, 18; 51:13

25 ¹Lit., *signs* ²Lit., *He makes* ³Lit., *He turns* ^aIs. 29:14; 2 Sam. 15:31; Job 5:12-14; Ps. 33:10; Jer. 51:57; 1 Cor. 1:20, 27

26 ¹Lit., *He performs* ^aJer. 32:15, 44

27 ^aIs. 42:15; 50:2; Jer. 50:38; 51:36

28 ¹Lit., to say ²Lit., You will be founded
^aIs. 14:32; 45:13; 54:11;
 2 Chr. 36:22, 23; Ezra 1:1

1 ¹Lit., I will loose
^aIs. 41:13; 42:6; Ps. 73:23 ^bIs.
 41:2, 25; Jer. 50:3, 35; 51:11,
 20, 24 ^cIs. 45:5; Job 12:21

2 ¹Another reading is,
 mountains
^aIs. 40:4 ^bPs. 107:16 ^cJer.
 51:30

3 ¹Or, hoarded treasures
^aJer. 41:8; 50:37 ^bIs. 43:1;
 49:1; Ex. 33:12, 17

4 ^aIs. 41:8, 9; 44:1 ^bIs. 43:1
^cActs 17:23

5 ¹Or, arm
^aIs. 45:6, 14, 18, 21; 46:9 ^bIs.
 44:6, 8 ^cPs. 18:39

6 ¹Lit., they
^aPs. 102:15; Mal. 1:11

7 ¹Or, peace
^aIs. 42:16 ^bPs. 104:20; 105:28
^cIs. 31:2; 47:11; Amos 3:6

8 ^aPs. 72:6; Hos. 10:12;
 14:5; Joel 3:18 ^bPs. 85:11 ^cIs.
 60:21; 61:11

9 ¹Lit., Fashioner ²Lit.,
 with
^aJob 15:25; 40:8, 9; Ps. 2:2, 3;
 Prov. 21:30; Jer. 50:24 ^bIs.
 29:16; 64:8; Jer. 18:6; Rom.
 9:20, 21

10 ¹Lit., in labor pains with

11 ¹Lit., Fashioner ²Or, will
 you ask . . . ³Or, upon
^aIs. 43:15; 48:17; Ezek. 39:7
^bIs. 44:2; 54:5 ^cIs. 8:19 ^dJer.
 31:9

- 28 "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My Shepherd!
 And He will perform all My desire.'
 And ¹he declares of Jerusalem, '^aShe will be built,'
 And of the temple, '²Your foundation will be laid.' "

CHAPTER 45

- T**HUS says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed,
 Whom I have taken by the right ^ahand,
 To ^bsubdue nations before him,
 And ¹to ^cloose the loins of kings;
 To open doors before him so that gates will not be
 shut:
- 2 "I will go before you and ^amake the ¹rough places
 smooth;
 I will ^bshatter the doors of bronze, and cut through
 their iron ^cbars.
- 3 "And I will give you the ^{1a}treasures of darkness,
 And hidden wealth of secret places,
 In order that you may know that it is I,
 The LORD, the God of Israel, who ^bcalls you by your
 name.
- 4 "For the sake of ^aJacob My servant,
 And Israel My chosen one,
 I have also ^bcalled you by your name;
 I have given you a title of honor
 Though you have ^cnot known Me.
- 5 "I am the LORD, and ^athere is no other;
^bBesides Me there is no God.
 I will ^{1c}gird you, though you have not known Me;
- 6 That ^{1a}men may know from the rising to the setting of
 the sun
 That there is no one besides Me.
 I am the LORD, and there is no other,
- 7 The One ^aforming light and ^bcreating darkness,
 Causing ¹well-being and ^ccreating calamity;
 I am the LORD who does all these.
- 8 "Drip down, O heavens, from above,
 And let the clouds pour down righteousness;
 Let the ^bearth open up and salvation bear fruit,
^cAnd righteousness spring up with it.
 I the LORD have created it.
- 9 "Woe to *the one* who ^aquarrels with his ¹Maker—
 An earthenware vessel ²among the vessels of earth!
 Will the ^bclay say to the ¹potter, 'What are you doing?'
 Or the thing you are making say, 'He has no hands?'
- 10 "Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you
 begetting?'
 Or to a woman, 'To what are you ¹giving birth?'"
- 11 Thus says the ^aLORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his
^{1b}Maker:
^{2c}Ask me about the things to come ³concerning my
^dsons,
 And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands.

- 12 "It is I who ^amade the earth, and created man upon it.
I ^bstretched out the heavens with My hands,
And I ^lordained ^call their host.
- 13 "I have aroused him in righteousness,
And I will make all his ways smooth;
He will ^abuild My city, and will let My exiles go ^bfree,
Without any payment or reward," says the LORD of
hosts.
- 14 Thus says the LORD,
"The ¹products of ^aEgypt and the merchandise of
^{2b}Cush
And the Sabceans, men of stature,
Will ^ccome over to you and will be yours;
They will walk behind you, they will come over in
^dchains
And will ^ebow down to you;
They will make supplication to you:
³Surely, ^fGod is ⁴with you, and there is none else,
No other God." "
- 15 Truly, Thou art a God who ^ahides Himself,
O God of Israel, Savior! L. 14. 1
- 16 They will be put to shame and even humiliated, all of
them,
The ^amanufacturers of idols will go away together in
humiliation.
- 17 Israel has been saved by the LORD
With an ^aeverlasting salvation;
You will not be put to shame or humiliated
To all eternity.
- 18 For thus says the LORD, who ^acreated the heavens,
(He is the God who ^bformed the earth and made it,
He established it and did not create it a ^{1c}waste place,
But formed it to be ^dinhabited):
"I am the LORD, and ^ethere is none else.
- 19 "I have not spoken in secret,
In ¹some dark land;
I did not say to the ²offspring of Jacob,
³"Seek me in ^{3a} waste place":
I, the LORD, ^bspeak righteousness
^cDeclaring things that are upright.
- 20 "Gather yourselves and come;
Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations;
^bThey have no knowledge,
Who ^ccarry about ¹their wooden idol,
And ^dpray to a god who cannot save.
- 21 "Declare and set forth *your case*;
Indeed, let them consult together.
^bWho has announced this from of old?
Who has long since declared it?
Is it not I, the LORD?
And there is no other God besides Me,
A righteous God and a ^cSavior;
There is none except Me. II 10. 1. 10

12 ¹Or, *commanded*
^aIs. 45:18; 42:5; Jer. 27:5 ^bIs.
42:5; 44:24; Ps. 104:2 ^cGen.
2:1; Neh. 9:6

13 ^aIs. 44:28; 2 Chr. 36:22,
23 ^bIs. 52:3

14 ¹Lit., *labor* ²Or,
Ethiopia ³Or, *God is with*
you alone ⁴Or, *in*
^aIs. 19:21; Ps. 68:31 ^bIs. 18:1;
43:3 ^cIs. 14:1, 2; 49:23; 54:3
^dPs. 149:8 ^eIs. 49:23; 60:14
^fJer. 16:19; Zech. 8:20-23;
1 Cor. 14:25

15 ^aIs. 1:15; 8:17; 57:17; Ps.
44:24

16 ^aIs. 44:11

17 ^aIs. 26:4; 51:6; Rom.
11:26

18 ¹Or, *in vain*
^aIs. 42:5 ^bIs. 45:12 ^cGen. 1:2
^dGen. 1:26; Ps. 115:16 ^eIs.
45:5

19 ¹Lit., *a place of a land of*
darkness ²Lit., *seed* ³Or,
vain
^a2 Chr. 15:2; Ps. 78:34; Jer.
29:13, 14; Hos. 3:5 ^bIs. 45:23;
63:1; Ps. 19:8 ^cIs. 43:12; 44:8

20 ¹Lit., *the wood of their*
graven image
^aIs. 43:9 ^bIs. 44:18, 19; 48:5-7
^cIs. 46:1, 7; Jer. 10:5 ^dIs.
44:17; 46:6, 7

21 ^aIs. 41:23; 43:9 ^bIs. 41:26;
44:7; 48:14 ^cIs. 43:3, 11

22 *Num. 21:8, 9; 2 Chr. 20:12; Mic. 7:7; Zech. 12:10
bIs. 30:15; 49:6, 12; 52:10

23 *Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:10

25 *Is. 53:11; 1 Kin. 8:32

1 ¹Lit., *carried by you*
*Is. 2:18; 21:9; Jer. 50:2-4;
51:44

2 ¹Or, *their soul has*
*Judg. 18:17, 18, 24; 2 Sam. 5:21; Jer. 43:12, 13; 48:7;
Hos. 10:5, 6

3 ¹Lit., *the belly*
*Is. 10:21, 22

4 ¹Lit., *I am He* ²Lit., *gray hairs* ³Or, *made you*
*Is. 41:4; 43:13; 48:12

5 *Is. 40:18, 25

6 *Is. 40:19; 41:7; 44:12-17;
Jer. 10:4 bIs. 44:15, 17

7 *Is. 46:1; 45:20; Jer. 10:5
bIs. 40:20; 41:7 cIs. 45:20

8 ¹Lit., *firm* ²Lit., *heart*
*Is. 44:21

9 *Is. 42:9; 65:17; Deut. 32:7
bIs. 45:5, 21 cIs. 41:26,
27

To All the World. Babylon's Idols and the True God.

- 22 "aTurn to Me, and bbe saved, all the ends of the earth;
For I am God, and there is no other.
- 23 "I have sworn by Myself,
The word has gone forth from My mouth in
righteousness
And will not turn back,
That to Me aevery knee will bow, every tongue will
swear *allegiance*.
- 24 "They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteous-
ness and strength.'
Men will come to Him,
And all who were angry at Him shall be put to shame.
- 25 "In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
Will be ajustified, and will glory."

CHAPTER 46

- ^aBEL has bowed down, Nebo stoops over;
Their images are *consigned* to the beasts and the cattle.
The things ¹that you carry are burdensome,
A load for the weary *beast*.
- 2 They stooped over, they have bowed down together;
They could not rescue the burden,
But ¹have themselves agone into captivity.
- 3 "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all athe remnant of the house of Israel,
You who have been borne by Me from ¹birth,
And have been carried from the womb;
- 4 Even to your old age, aI ¹shall be the same,
And even to your ²graying years I shall bear you!
I have ³done it, and I shall carry you;
And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you.
- 5 "aTo whom would you liken Me,
And make Me equal and compare Me,
That we should be alike?
- 6 "Those who alavish gold from the purse
And weigh silver on the scale
Hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god;
They bbow down, indeed they worship it.
- 7 "They alift it upon the shoulder and carry it;
They set it in its place and it stands there.
bIt does not move from its place.
Though one may cry to it, it cannot answer;
It cannot cdeliver him from his distress.
- 8 "aRemember this, and be ¹assured;
Recall it to ²mind, you transgressors.
- 9 "Remember the aformer things long past,
For I am God, and there is bno other; ¹
I am God, and there is cno one like Me,
- 10 Declaring the end from the beginning
And from ancient times things which have not been
done,

Saying, ^a'My purpose will be established,
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

- 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east,
The man of ¹My purpose from a far country.
Truly I have ^aspoken; truly I will bring it to pass.
I have planned it, *surely* I will do it.

- 12 "Listen to Me, you ^astubborn-minded,
Who are far from righteousness.

- 13 "I ^abring near My righteousness, it is not far off;
And My salvation will not delay.
And I will grant ^bsalvation in Zion,
And My glory for Israel.

CHAPTER 47

^a"COME down and sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon;
Sit on the ground without a throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans.

For you shall no longer be called ^btender and delicate.

- 2 "Take the ^amillstones and grind meal.
Remove your ^bveil, strip off the skirt,
Uncover the leg, cross the rivers.

- 3 "Your nakedness will be uncovered,
Your shame also will be exposed;
I will ^atake vengeance and will not ¹spare a man."

- 4 Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,
The Holy One of Israel.

- 5 "^aSit silently, and go into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For you will no more be called
The ^bqueen of kingdoms.

- 6 "I was angry with My people,
I profaned My heritage,
And gave them into your hand.
You did not show mercy to them,
On the ^aaged you made your yoke very heavy.

- 7 "Yet you said, 'I shall be a queen forever.'
These things you did not ^aconsider,
Nor remember the ^boutcome of ¹them.

- 8 "Now, then, hear this, you ^asensual one,
Who ^bdwells securely,
Who says in ¹your heart,
'I am, and there is no one besides me.
I shall ^dnot sit as a widow,
Nor shall I know loss of children.'

- 9 "But these ^atwo things shall come on you ^bsuddenly in
one day:

Loss of children and widowhood.
They shall come on you in full measure
In spite of your many ^csorceries,
In spite of the great power of your spells.

- 10 "And you felt ^asecure in your wickedness and said,
^b'No one sees me,'

¹⁰ *Is. 14:24; 25:1; 40:8; Ps. 33:11; Prov. 19:21; Acts 5:39

¹¹ ¹ Lit., *His*
^a Is. 14:24; 37:26; Num. 23:19

¹² *Is. 48:4; Ps. 76:5; Zech. 7:11, 12; Mal. 3:13

¹³ *Is. 51:5; 61:11; Rom. 3:21 ^b Is. 61:3; 62:11; Joel 3:17; 1 Pet. 2:6

¹ *Is. 3:26; Jer. 48:18
^b Deut. 28:56

² *Ex. 11:5; Jer. 25:10 ^b Is. 3:23; Gen. 24:65; 1 Cor. 11:5

³ ¹ Lit., *meet*
^a Is. 34:8; 63:4

⁵ *Is. 23:2; Jer. 8:14; Lam. 2:10 ^b Is. 47:7; Gen. 16:4, 8, 9; Prov. 30:23

⁶ *Deut. 28:50

⁷ ¹ Lit., *it*
^a Is. 42:25; 57:11 ^b Deut. 32:29; Jer. 5:31; Ezek. 7:2, 3

⁸ ¹ Lit., *her*
^a Is. 22:13; 32:9; Jer. 50:11 ^b Is. 32:9, 11; Zeph. 2:15 ^c Is. 47:10; 45:5, 6, 18; Zeph. 2:15
^d Rev. 18:7

⁹ *Is. 13:16, 18; 14:22 ^b Ps. 73:19; 1 Thess. 5:3; Rev. 18:8, 10 ^c Is. 47:13; Nah. 3:4; Rev. 18:23

¹⁰ *Is. 59:4; Ps. 52:7; 62:10
^b Is. 29:15; Ezek. 8:12; 9:9

10 ¹Lit., *it*
^cIs. 5:21; 44:20

11 ^aJer. 51:8, 43

13 ^aJer. 51:58, 64 ^bIs. 47:9;
 8:19; 44:25; Dan. 2.2. 10 ^cIs.
 47:15

14 ^aIs. 5:24; Nah. 1:10; Mal.
 4:1 ^bIs. 10:17; Jer. 51:30, 32,
 58

15 ¹Lit., *side, region*
^aRev. 18:11

1 ¹Lit., *waters*
^aIs. 46:12 ^bNum. 24:7; Deut.
 33:28; Ps. 68:26 ^cIs. 45:23;
 65:16; Deut. 6:13

2 ^aIs. 52:1; 64:10 ^bIs. 10:20;
 Jer. 7:4; 21:2; Mic. 3:11;
 Rom. 2:17

3 ^aIs. 41:22; 42:9; 43:9;
 44:7, 8; 45:21; 46:10

4 ¹Or, *harsh*
^aEzek. 2:4; 3:7

5 ¹Lit., *it*
^aJer. 44:15-18

Judgment on Babylon. The Obstinate People.

Your ^cwisdom and your knowledge, ¹they have deluded
 you;

For you have said in your heart,
 'I am, and there is no one besides me.'

- 11 "But evil will come on you
 Which you will not know how to charm away;
 And disaster will fall on you
 For which you cannot atone,
 And ^adestruction about which you do not know
 Will come on you suddenly.

- 12 "Stand *fast* now in your spells
 And in your many sorceries
 With which you have labored from your youth;
 Perhaps you will be able to profit,
 Perhaps you may cause trembling.

- 13 "You are ^awearied with your many counsels,
 Let now the ^bastrologers,
 Those who prophesy by the stars,
 Those who predict by the new moons,
 Stand up and ^csave you from what will come upon you.

- 14 "Behold, they have become ^alike stubble,
^bFire burns them;
 They cannot deliver themselves from the power of the
 flame;

There will be no coal to warm by,
 Nor a fire to sit before!

- 15 "So have those become to you with whom you have
 labored,
 Who have ^atrafficked with you from your youth;
 Each has wandered in his own ¹way.
 There is none to save you.

CHAPTER 48

^a"**H**EAR this, O house of Jacob, who are named Israel
 And who came forth from the ^{1b}loins of Judah,
 Who ^cswear by the name of the LORD
 And invoke the God of Israel,
 But not in truth nor in righteousness.

- 2 "For they call themselves after the ^aholy city,
 And ^blean on the God of Israel;
 The LORD of hosts is His name.

- 3 "I ^adeclared the former things long ago
 And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed
 them.

Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.

- 4 "Because I know that you are ^{1a}obstinate,
 And your neck is an iron sinew,
 And your forehead bronze,

- 5 Therefore I declared *them* to you long ago,
 Before ¹they took place I proclaimed *them* to you,
 Lest you should say, 'My ^aidol has done them,
 And my graven image and my molten image have com-
 manded them.'

- 6 "You have heard; look at all this.
And you, will you not declare it?
I proclaim to you ^anew things from this time,
Even hidden things which you have not known.
- 7 "They are created now and not long ago;
And before today you have not heard them,
Lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'
- 8 "You have not ^aheard, you have not known.
Even from long ago your ear has not been open,
Because I knew that you would deal very treacherously;
And you have been called a ^brebel from ²birth.
- 9 "For the sake of My name I ^adelay My wrath,
And for My praise I restrain it for you,
In order not to cut you off.
- 10 "Behold, I have refined you, but ^anot as silver;
I have tested you in the ^bfurnace of affliction.
- 11 "^aFor My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;
For how can My name be profaned?
And My ^bglory I will not give to another.
- 12 "Listen to me, O Jacob, even Israel ¹whom I called;
^aI am He, I am the first, I am also the last!
- 13 "Surely My hand ^afounded the earth,
And My right hand spread out the heavens;
When I call to them, they stand together.
- 14 "Assemble, all of you, and listen!
Who among them has declared these things?
The LORD loves him; he shall carry out his good pleasure on Babylon,
And his arm *shall be against* the Chaldeans.
- 15 "I, even I, have spoken; indeed I have ^acalled him,
I have brought him, and he will make his ways successful.
- 16 "^aCome near to Me, listen to this:
From the first I have ^bnot spoken in secret,
^cFrom the time it took place, I was there.
And now the Lord ¹GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit."
- 17 Thus says the LORD, your ^aRedeemer, the Holy One of Israel;
"I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit,
Who ^bleads you in the way you should go.
- 18 "If only you had ^apaid attention to My commandments!
Then your ^{1b}well-being would have been like a river,
And your ^crighteousness like the waves of the sea.
- 19 "Your ^{1a}descendants would have been like the sand,
And ²your offspring like its grains;
Their name would never be cut off or destroyed from My presence."
- 20 Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans!
Declare with the sound of ^ajoyful shouting, proclaim this,
^bSend it out to the end of the earth;
Say, "The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob."

6 ^aIs. 42:9; 43:19

⁸ ¹Or, *transgressor* ²Lit., *the belly*
^aIs. 42:25; 47:11; Hos. 7:9 ^bIs. 46:8; Deut. 9:7, 24; Ps. 58:3

⁹ ^aIs. 30:18; 65:8; Neh. 9:30, 31; Ps. 78:38; 103:8-10

¹⁰ ^aJer. 9:7; Ezek. 22:18-22 ^bDeut. 4:20; 1 Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

¹¹ ¹ Sam. 12:22; Ps. 25:11; 106:8; Jer. 14:7; Ezek. 20:9, 14, 22, 44; Dan. 9:17-19 ^bIs. 42:8; Deut. 32:26, 27

¹² ¹Lit., *my called one*
^aIs. 41:4; 43:10, 13; 46:4

¹³ ^aIs. 42:5; 45:12, 18; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 102:25; Heb. 1:10-12

¹⁵ ^aIs. 41:2; 45:1, 2

¹⁶ ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aIs. 34:1; 41:1; 57:3 ^bIs. 45:19 ^cIs. 43:13

¹⁷ ^aIs. 41:14; 43:14; 49:7, 26; 54:5, 8 ^bIs. 30:21; 49:9, 10; Ps. 32:8

¹⁸ ¹Or, *peace*
^aDeut. 5:29; 32:29; Ps. 81:13-16 ^bIs. 32:16-18; 66:12; Ps. 119:165 ^cIs. 45:8; 61:10, 11; 62:1; Hos. 10:12; Amos 5:24

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *the offspring of your inward parts*
^aIs. 10:22; 44:4; 54:3; Gen. 22:17; Jer. 33:22

²⁰ ^aIs. 42:10; 49:13; 52:9 ^bIs. 62:11; Jer. 31:10; 50:2

21 ^aIs. 30:25; 35:6, 7; 41:17, 18; 43:19, 20; 49:10 ^bEx. 17:6; ^cPs. 78:15, 16 ^cPs. 78:20; 105:41

22 ^aIs. 57:21

1 ¹Lit., inward parts

²Is. 48:6

2 ¹Or, sharpened

^aIs. 11:4; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 1:16; 2:12, 16 ^bIs. 51:16 ^cHab. 3:11

3 ¹Or, glorify Myself

4 ^aIs. 35:4; 59:18

5 ^aIs. 43:4 ^bIs. 12:2

6 ¹Lit., light ²Or, to ¹Lit., be ^aPs. 37:28; 97:10 ^bIs. 42:6; 51:4; Acts 13:47

7 ^aIs. 48:17 ^bIs. 53:3; Ps. 22:6-8; 69:7, 9 ^cIs. 52:15 ^dIs. 19:21, 23; 27:13; 66:23

8 ¹Lit., establish ^aPs. 69:13; 2 Cor. 6:2 ^bIs. 26:3; 27:3; 42:6 ^cIs. 44:26

9 ^aIs. 42:7; 61:1; Luke 4:18

- 21 And they did not ^athirst when He led them through the deserts.
He ^bmade the water flow out of the rock for them; He split the rock, and ^cthe water gushed forth.
- 22 ^a"There is no peace for the wicked," says the LORD.

CHAPTER 49

LISTEN to Me, O islands,

- And pay attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called Me from the womb;
From the ¹body of My mother He named Me,
- 2 And He has made My ^amouth like a sharp sword;
In the ^bshadow of His hand He has concealed Me,
And He has also made Me a ¹select ^carrow;
He has hidden Me in His quiver.
- 3 And He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel,
In Whom I will ¹show My glory."
4 But I said, "I have toiled in vain,
I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity;
Yet surely the justice *due* to Me is with the LORD,
And My ^areward with My God."
- 5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,
To bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him
(For I am ^ahonored in the sight of the LORD,
And My God is My ^bstrength).
- 6 He says, "It is too ¹small a thing that You should be My Servant
To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the ^apreserved ones of Israel;
I will also make You a ^bblight ²of the nations
So that My salvation may ³reach to the end of the earth."
- 7 Thus says the LORD, the ^aRedeemer of Israel, *and* its Holy One,
To the ^bdespised One,
To the One abhorred by the nation,
To the Servant of rulers,
^c"Kings shall see and arise,
Princes shall also ^dbow down;
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."
- 8 Thus says the LORD, "In a ^afavorable time I have answered You,
And in a day of salvation I have helped You;
And I will ^bkeep You and give You for a covenant of the people,
To ¹restore the land, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages;
- 9 Saying to those who are ^abound, 'Go forth,'
To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'

- Along the roads they will feed,
And their pasture will be on all bare heights.
- 10 "They will ^anot hunger or thirst,
Neither will the scorching ^bheat or sun strike them
down;
For He who has compassion on them will ^clead them,
And will guide them to ^dsprings of water.
- 11 "And I will make all My mountains a road,
And My ^ahighways will be raised up.
- 12 "Behold, these shall come from afar;
And lo, these *will come* from the ^anorth and from the
west,
And these from the land of Sinim."¹⁰
- 13 ^aShout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth!
Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains!
For the ^bLORD has comforted His people,
And will ^chave compassion on His afflicted.
- 14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
And the Lord has forgotten me."
- 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child,
And have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.
- 16 "Behold, I have ^ainscribed you on the palms of My
hands;
Your ^bwalls are continually before Me.
- 17 "Your ¹builders hurry;
Your ^adestroyers and devastators
Will depart from you.
- 18 "^aLift up your eyes and look around;
All of them gather together, they come to you.
^bAs I live," ¹declares the LORD,
"You shall surely put on all of them as ²jewels, and bind
them on as a bride.
- 19 "For ^ayour waste and desolate places, and your de-
stroyed land—
Surely now you will be ^btoo cramped for the in-
habitants,
And those who ^cswallowed you will be far away.
- 20 "The ^achildren of ¹whom you were bereaved will yet say
in your ears,
"The place is too cramped for me;
Make room for me that I may live *here*."
- 21 "Then you will ^asay in your heart,
"Who has begotten these for me,
Since I have been bereaved of my children,
And am ^bbarren, an ^cexile and a wanderer?
And who has reared these?
Behold, I was ^dleft alone;
From where did these come?"¹¹
- 22 Thus says the Lord ¹GOD,
"Behold I will lift up My hand to the nations,
And set up My ^astandard to the peoples;
And they will ^bbring your sons in *their* bosom,
And your daughters will be carried on *their* shoulders.
- ¹⁰ ^aIs. 33:16; 48:21; Rev. 7:16 ^bPs. 121:6 ^cIs. 40:11; Ps. 23:2 ^dIs. 35:7; 41:17
- ¹¹ ^aIs. 11:16; 19:23; 35:8; 62:10
- ¹² ^aIs. 43:5, 6
- ¹³ ^aIs. 44:23 ^bIs. 40:1; 51:3; 12 ^cIs. 54:7, 8, 10
- ¹⁶ ^aSong of Sol. 8:6; Hag. 2:23 ^bIs. 62:6, 7; Ps. 48:12, 13
- ¹⁷ ^aSo ancient versions and DSS; M.T. reads, sons ^bIs. 10:6; 37:18
- ¹⁸ ¹Lit., utterance of ²Lit., an ornament ^aIs. 60:4; John 4:35 ^bIs. 45:23; 54:9
- ¹⁹ ^aIs. 1:7; 3:8; 5:6; 51:3 ^bIs. 54:1, 2; Zech. 10:10 ^cPs. 56:1, 2
- ²⁰ ^aLit., your bereavement ^bIs. 54:1-3
- ²¹ ^aIs. 29:23; 54:6, 7 ^bIs. 27:10; Lam. 1:1 ^cIs. 5:13 ^dIs. 1:8
- ²² ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD ^aIs. 11:10, 12; 18:3; 62:10 ^bIs. 14:2; 43:6; 60:4

23 ^aIs. 14:1, 2; 60:3, 10, 11
^bIs. 45:14; 60:14 ^cPs. 72:9;
 Mic. 7:17 ^dIs. 41:20; 43:10;
 60:16 ^eIs. 25:9; 26:8; Ps. 37:9
^fIs. 45:17; Ps. 25:3; Joel 2:27

24 ¹So ancient versions and
 DSS; M.T. reads, *the*
righteous, cf. v. 25

25 ^aIs. 10:6; 14:1, 2; Jer.
 50:33, 34

26 ^aIs. 9:4; 14:4; 16:4; 51:13;
 54:14 ^bIs. 45:6; Ezek. 39:7

1 ^aDeut. 24:1, 3; Jer. 3:8
^bIs. 54:6, 7 ^cDeut. 32:30;
 2 Kin. 4:1; Neh. 5:5 ^dIs. 52:3;
 59:2 ^eJer. 3:8

2 ^aIs. 59:1; Gen. 18:14;
 Num. 11:23 ^bIs. 19:5; 43:16;
 44:27; Ex. 14:21 ^cIs. 42:15;
 Josh. 3:16

3 ^aIs. 13:10; Rev. 6:12

4 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD, and so
 throughout the chap.
^aIs. 57:19; Jer. 31:25 ^bPs. 5:3;
 88:13; 119:147; 143:8

5 ^aMatt. 26:39; John 8:29;
 14:31; 15:10; Acts 26:19;
 Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8; 10:7

6 ^aMatt. 26:67; 27:30;
 Mark 15:19; Luke 22:63

7 ^aIs. 42:1; 49:8 ^bIs. 45:17;
 54:4

23 "And ^akings will be your guardians,
 And their princesses your nurses.
 They will ^bbow down to you with their faces to the
 earth,
 And ^click the dust of your feet;
 And you will ^dknow that I am the LORD;
 Those who hopefully ^ewait for Me will ^fnot be put to
 shame.

24 "Can the prey be taken from the mighty man,
 Or the captives of ¹a tyrant be rescued?"

25 Surely thus says the LORD,
 "Even the ^acaptives of the mighty man will be taken
 away,
 And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued;
 For I will contend with the one who contends with you,
 And I will save your sons.

26 "And I will feed your ^aoppressors with their own flesh.
 And they will become drunk with their own blood as
 with sweet wine;
 And ^ball flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your
 Savior,
 And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

CHAPTER 50

THUS says the LORD,

"Where is the ^acertificate of divorce,
 By which I have ^bsent your mother away?
 Or to whom of My creditors did I ^csell you?
 Behold, you were sold for your ^diniquities,
 And for your transgressions your mother ^ewas sent
 away.

2 "Why was there no man when I came?
 When I called, *why* was there none to answer?
 Is My ^ahand so short that it cannot ransom?
 Or have I no power to deliver?
 Behold, I ^bdry up the sea with My rebuke,
 I ^cmake the rivers a wilderness;
 Their fish stink for lack of water,
 And die of thirst.

3 "I ^aclothe the heavens with blackness,
 And I make sackcloth their covering."

4 The Lord ¹God has given Me the tongue of disciples,
 That I may know how to ^asustain the weary one with a
 word.

He awakens Me ^bmorning by morning,
 He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

5 The Lord God has opened My ear;
 And I was ^anot disobedient,
 Nor did I turn back:

6 I ^agave My back to those who strike Me,
 And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard;
 I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.

7 For the Lord God ^ahelps Me,
 Therefore, I am ^bnot disgraced;

Therefore, I have set My face like ^{cfint,} flint, ^[20 9:51]
 And I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He who ^avindicates Me is near;
 Who will contend with Me?—^{No one.}
 Let us ^bstand up to each other;
 Who has a case against Me?
 Let him draw near to Me:

9 Behold, the Lord God helps Me;
^aWho is he who condemns Me? ^{No one.}
 Behold, they will all wear out like a garment;
 The moth will eat them.

10 Who is among you that fears the LORD,
 That obeys the voice of his ^aServant,
 That ^bwalks in darkness and has no light?
 Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his
 God.

11 Behold, all you who ^akindle a fire
 Who ^bencircle yourselves with firebrands,
 Walk in the light of your fire
 And among the brands you have set ablaze.
 This you will have from My hand;
 And you will ^blie down in torment.

CHAPTER 51

^aLISTEN to me, you who ^bpursue righteousness,
 Who seek the LORD:

Look to the ^crock from which you were hewn,
 And to the ¹quarry from which you were dug.

2 “Look to Abraham your father,
 And to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain;
 When *he* ^awas one I called him,
 Then I blessed him and multiplied him.”

3 Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion;
 He will comfort all her waste places.
 And her ^awilderness He will make like ^bEden,
 And her desert like the garden of the LORD;
^cJoy and gladness will be found in her,
 Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

4 ^a“Pay attention to Me, O My people;
 And give ear to Me, O My ¹nation;
 For a ^blaw will go forth from Me,
 And I will ²set My ^cjustice for a ^dlight of the peoples.

5 “My ^arighteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,
 And My arms will judge the peoples;
 The ^bcoastland will wait for Me,
 And for My ^carm they will wait expectantly.

6 ^a“Lift up your eyes to the sky,
 Then look to the earth beneath;
 For the ^bsky will vanish like smoke,
 And the ^cearth will wear out like a garment,
 And its inhabitants will die ¹in like manner,
 But My salvation shall be forever,
 And My righteousness shall not ²wane.

7 “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,

7 ^cEzek. 3:8, 9
 He ¹is ²like
 the ³new ⁴stone
 8 ^aIs. 45:25; Rom. 8:33, 34
^bIs. 1:18; 41:1; 43:26

9 ^aIs. 54:17
 10 ^aIs. 50:4; 49:2, 3 ^bIs. 9:2;
 26:9; Eph. 5:8

11 ¹Lit., *gird*
^aIs. 9:18; Prov. 26:18; James
 3:6 ^bIs. 8:2; 65:13-15; Amos
 4:9, 10

¹Lit., *the excavation of
 a pit*
^aIs. 51:7; 46:3; 48:12 ^bPs.
 94:15; Prov. 15:9 ^cGen.
 17:15-17

²Gen. 12:1; 15:5; Deut.
 1:10; Ezek. 33:24

³^aIs. 35:1; 41:19 ^bGen.
 2:8; Joel 2:3 ^cIs. 25:9; 41:16;
 65:18; 66:10

⁴Or, *people* ²Lit., *cause
 to rest*
^aPs. 50:7; 78:1 ^bIs. 2:3; Deut.
 18:18; Mic. 4:2 ^cIs. 1:27; 42:4
^dIs. 42:6; 49:6

⁵^aIs. 46:13; 54:17 ^bIs. 42:4;
 60:9 ^cIs. 59:16; 63:5

⁶Or, *like gnats* ²Lit., *be
 broken*
^aIs. 40:26 ^bIs. 13:13; 34:4; Ps.
 102:25, 26; Matt. 24:35; Heb.
 1:10-12; 2 Pet. 3:10

7 ^aPs. 37:31 ^bIs. 25:8; 54:4;
Matt. 5:11; Acts 5:41

8 ^aIs. 14:11; 66:24

9 ^aEx. 6:6; Deut. 4:34

10 ^aIs. 11:15, 16; 50:2; 63:11,
12 ^bIs. 63:9, 16; Ex. 15:13; Ps.
106:10

11 ^aIs. 60:19; 61:7 ^bIs. 25:8;
60:20; 65:19; Rev. 7:17; 21:1,
4; 22:3

12 ^aIs. 2:22; Ps. 118:6 ^bIs.
40:6, 7; 1 Pet. 1:24

13 ^aIs. 17:10; Deut. 6:12;
8:11 ^bIs. 40:22; 45:12, 18;
48:13; Job 9:8; Ps. 104:2

14 ¹Lit., *one in chains*
^aIs. 48:20; 52:2 ^bIs. 33:6;
49:10

15 ^aPs. 107:25; Jer. 31:35

16 ¹Lit., *plant*
^aIs. 59:21; Deut. 18:18 ^bIs.
49:2; Ex. 33:22 ^cIs. 66:17, 22

17 ¹Lit., *bowl of the cup of
reeling* ²Lit., *drunk*
^aIs. 29:9; 63:6; Job 21:20; Jer.
25:15

18 ^aIs. 49:21; Ps. 88:18;
142:4

19 ^aIs. 8:21; 9:20; 14:30

20 ^aIs. 5:25; Jer. 14:16

A people in whose ^aheart is My law;
Do not fear the ^breproach of man,
Neither be dismayed at their revilings.

8 "For the moth will eat them like a garment,
And the ^agrub will eat them like wool.
But My righteousness shall be forever,
And My salvation to all generations."

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;
Awake as in the ^adays of old, the generations of long
ago.

Was it not Thou who cut Rahab in pieces,
Who pierced the dragon?

10 Was it not Thou who ^adried up the sea,
The waters of the great deep;
Who made the depths of the sea a pathway
For the ^bredeemed to cross over?

11 So the ransomed of the LORD will return,
And come with joyful shouting to Zion;
And ^aeverlasting joy *will be* on their heads.
They will obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing will ^bflee away.

12 "I, even I, am He who comforts you.
Who are you that you are afraid of ^aman who dies,
And of the son of man who is made ^blike grass;

13 That you have ^aforgotten the LORD your Maker,
Who ^bstretched out the heavens,
And laid the foundations of the earth;
That you fear continually all day long because of the
fury of the oppressor,
As he makes ready to destroy?
But where is the fury of the oppressor?

14 "The ¹exile will soon be set free, and will not die in the
dungeon, ^bnor will his bread be lacking.

15 "For I am the LORD your God, who ^astirs up the sea and
its waves roar (the LORD of hosts is His name).

16 "And I have ^aput My words in your mouth, and have
^bcovered you with the shadow of My hand, to ¹establish the
heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, 'You are My
people.'"

17 Rouse yourself! Rouse yourself! Arise, O Jerusalem,
You who have ^adrunk from the LORD's hand the cup of
His anger;

The ¹chalice of reeling you have ²drained to the dregs.

18 There is ^anone to guide her among all the sons she has
borne;

Nor is there one to take her by the hand among all the
sons she has reared.

19 These two things have befallen you;
Who will mourn for you?—

The ^adevastation and destruction, famine and sword;
How shall I comfort you?

20 Your sons have fainted,
They ^alie *helpless* at the head of every street,
Like an antelope in a net,

Full of the wrath of the LORD,
The rebuke of your God.

- 21 Therefore, please hear this, you afflicted,
Who are drunk, but not with wine:
- 22 Thus says your Lord, the LORD, even your God
Who contends for His people,
“Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of
reeling;
The chalice of My anger,
You will never drink it again.
- 23 “And I will put it into the hand of your tormentors,
Who have said to you, “Lie down that we may walk
over you.”
You have even made your back like the ground,
And like the street for those who walk over it.”

20 bIs. 66:15

22 ¹Lit., *bowl of the cup of*
aIs. 3:12, 13; 49:25; Jer. 50:34

23 ¹Lit., *your soul*
aIs. 49:26; Jer. 25:15-17, 26,
28; Zech. 12:2 bJosh. 10:24

¹ aIs. 49:18; 61:3, 10; Ex.
28:2, 40; 1 Chr. 16:29; Ps.
110:3; Zech. 3:4 bIs. 48:2;
64:10; Neh. 11:1; Zech.
14:20, 21; Matt. 4:5

CHAPTER 52

AWAKE, awak,

Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion;
Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city.
For the uncircumcised and the unclean
Will no more come into you.

- 2 Shake yourself from the dust, rise up,
O captive Jerusalem;
Loose yourself from the chains around your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus says the LORD, “You were sold for nothing
and you will be redeemed without money.”

4 For thus says the Lord God, “My people went down
at the first into Egypt to reside there, then the Assyrian oppressed
them without cause.

5 “Now therefore, what do I have here,” declares the
LORD, “seeing that My people have been taken away without
cause?” Again the LORD declares, “Those who rule over them
howl, and My name is continually blasphemed all day long.

6 “Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore
in that day I am the one who is speaking, ‘Here I am.’”

- 7 How lovely on the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who announces peace
And brings good news of happiness,
Who announces salvation,
And says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices,
They shout joyfully together;
For they will see with their own eyes
When the LORD restores Zion.

9 Break forth, shout joyfully together,
You waste places of Jerusalem;
For the LORD has comforted His people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD has bared His holy arm
In the sight of all the nations;

2 aIs. 60:1

3 aPs. 44:12; Jer. 15:13 bIs.
1:27; 62:12; 63:4

4 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered **LORD**
aGen. 46:6

5 aEzek. 36:20, 23; Rom.
2:24

7 ¹Or, *well-being* ²Lit.,
good ³Or, *is King*
aIs. 40:9; 61:1; Nah. 1:15;
Rom. 10:15 bIs. 24:23; Ps.
93:1

8 ¹Lit., *eye to eye*
aIs. 62:6

9 aIs. 44:23; Ps. 98:4 bIs.
44:26; 51:3; 61:4 cIs. 43:1;
48:20

10 aIs. 51:9; 66:18, 19; Ps.
98:1-3

10 ¹Lit., and . . . earth will see
 bIs. 45:22; 48:20

11 ^aNum. 19:11, 16 ^bIs. 1:16; Lev. 22:2

12 ¹Lit., in flight
^aEx. 12:11, 33; Deut. 16:3
^bIs. 26:7; 42:16; 49:10, 11 cIs. 58:8; Ex. 14:19, 20 j

13 ¹Or, very high
^aIs. 57:15

14 ^aIs. 53:2, 3

15 ^aJob 21:5 ^bRom. 15:21

1 ^aJohn 12:38; Rom. 10:16

2 ¹Lit., suckling ²Lit., desire
^aIs. 11:1 ^bIs. 52:14

3 ¹Or, pains ²Or, sickness
^aIs. 49:7; Ps. 22:6; Luke 18:31-33 ^bIs. 53:10 cMark 10:33, 34 ^dJohn 1:10, 11

4 ¹Or, sickness ²Or, pains
³Or, Struck down by
^aMatt. 8:17 ^bJohn 19:7

5 ¹Or, wounded ²Or, peace
^aIs. 53:8; Heb. 9:28 ^bIs. 53:10; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:3
^cDeut. 11:2; Heb. 5:8 ^d1 Pet. 2:24, 25

6 ¹Lit., encounter Him

7 ^aMatt. 26:63; 27:12-14; Mark 14:61; 15:5; Luke 23:9; John 19:9 ^bActs 8:32, 33

¹That ^ball the ends of the earth may see
 The salvation of our God.

11 Depart, depart, go out from there,
^aTouch nothing unclean;
 Go out of the midst of her, ^bpurify yourselves,
 You who carry the vessels of the LORD.

12 But you will not go out in ^ahaste,
 Nor will you go ¹as fugitives;
 For the ^bLORD will go before you,
 And ^cthe God of Israel will be your rear guard.

13 Behold, My servant will prosper,
 He will be high ¹and lifted up, and ¹greatly ^aexalted.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, my people,
 So His ^aappearance was marred more than any man,
 And His form more than the sons of men,

15 Thus He will sprinkle many nations,
 Kings will ^ashut their mouths on account of Him;
 For ^bwhat had not been told them they will see,
 And what they had not heard they will understand.

CHAPTER 53

WHO has believed our message
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him like a ^atender ¹shoot,
 And like a ^aroot out of parched ground;
 He has ^bno stately form or majesty
 That we should look upon Him.
 Nor appearance that we should ²be attracted to Him.

3 He was ^adespised and forsaken of men,
 A man of ¹sorrows, and ^bacquainted with ²grief;
 And like one from whom men hide their face,
 He was ^cdespised, and we did not ^desteem Him.

4 Surely our ¹griefs He Himself ^abore,
 And our ²sorrows He carried;
 Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,
³Smitten of ^bGod, and afflicted.

5 But He was ¹pierced through for ^aour transgressions,
 He was crushed for ^bour iniquities;
 The ^cchastening for our ²well-being fell upon Him,
 And by ^dHis scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray,
 Each of us has turned to his own ¹way.
 But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all
 To ¹fall on Him.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
 Yet He did not ^aopen His mouth;
^bLike a lamb that is led to slaughter,
 And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,
 So He did not open His mouth.

8 By ^boppression and judgment He was taken away;
 And as for His generation, who considered,

**The Servant's Death and Exaltation.
The Fertility of Jerusalem.**

Isalah 53, 54

"That He was cut off out of the land of the living,
For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?"

9 His grave was assigned to be with wicked men
Yet with a rich man in His death;
Although He had done no violence,
Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

10 But the LORD was pleased
To crush Him, putting Him to grief;
If He would render Himself as a guilt offering,
He will see His offspring,
He will prolong His days,
And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

11 As a result of the languish of His soul,
He will see it and be satisfied;
By His knowledge, the Righteous One,
My Servant, will justify the many,
As He will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,
And He will divide the booty with the strong;
Because He poured out Himself to death,
And was numbered with the transgressors;
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,
And interceded for the transgressors.

CHAPTER 54

"SHOUT for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child;

Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed;

For the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous

Than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD.

2 "Enlarge the place of your tent;
Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not;
Lengthen your cords,
And strengthen your pegs.

3 "For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left.
And your descendants will possess nations,
And they will resettle the desolate cities.

4 "Fear not for you will not be put to shame;
Neither feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;
But you will forget the shame of your youth,
And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

5 "For your husband is your Maker,
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,
Who is called the God of all the earth.

6 "For the LORD has called you,
Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected,"
Says your God.

8¹ Or, life
Is. 53:5, 12
Is. 52:22
9¹ Matt. 27:57-60 Is. 42:1
1¹ Pet. 2:22

10¹ Lit., He made Him sick
2¹ Lit., His soul 3¹ Lit., seed
4¹ Or, will of
Is. 53:6-12; John 1:29 Is. 54:3; 61:9; 66:22; Ps. 22:30
Is. 46:10

11¹ Or, toilsome labor
2¹ Another reading is, light
3¹ John 10:14-18 Is. 45:25;
Rom. 5:18, 19

12¹ Lit., His soul
Is. 52:13; Phil. 2:9-11 bMatt. 26:38, 39, 42
cLuke 22:37 dIs. 53:6, 11; 2 Cor. 5:21

1¹ Gal. 4:27 Is. 62:4
49:20; 1 Sam. 2:5

2¹ Lit., Let them stretch out
Is. 33:20; 49:19, 20 bEx. 35:18; 39:40

3¹ Lit., seed
Is. 43:5, 6; 60:3-11; Gen. 28:14 Is. 14:1, 2; 43:14;
49:23 Is. 49:19

4¹ Is. 4:1; 25:8; 51:7

5¹ Jer. 3:14; Hos. 2:19 Is. 43:14; 48:17 Is. 6:3; 11:9;
65:16

6¹ Is. 49:14-21; 50:1, 2; 62:4

7 ¹Lit., in
^aIs. 26:20 ^bIs. 11:12; 43:5;
49:18

8 ¹Lit., overflowing
^aIs. 60:10 ^bIs. 49:10, 13

9 ¹Some mss. read, *the waters of Noah this is to me*
²Lit., cross over
^aGen. 9:11 ^bIs. 12:1; Ezek.
39:29

10 ^aIs. 51:6; Ps. 102:26 ^bIs.
55:3; 59:21; 61:8; 2 Sam.
23:5; Ps. 89:34

11 ¹Or, lapis lazuli
^aIs. 14:32; 28:16; 44:28

12 ¹i.e., bright red ²Or,
carbuncles ³Lit., border,
boundary

13 ¹Or, disciples
^aJohn 6:45 ^bIs. 48:18; 66:12

14 ^aIs. 1:26, 27; 9:7; 62:1 ^bIs.
9:4; 14:4

15 ^aIs. 41:11-16

17 ¹Lit., rises against ²Lit.,
utterance of
^aIs. 17:12-14; 29:8 ^bIs. 50:8, 9
^cIs. 45:24; 46:13

1 ¹Lit., silver
^aIs. 41:17; 44:3; Ps. 42:1, 2;
63:1; 143:6; John 4:14; 7:37
^bLam. 5:4 ^cHos. 14:4; Matt.
10:8

2 ¹Lit., weigh out silver
^aEccles. 6:2; Hos. 8:7 ^bIs.
1:19; 62:8, 9; Ps. 22:26

3 ¹Lit., your soul ²Lit., of
David
^aIs. 51:4 ^bLev. 18:5; Rom.
10:5 ^cIs. 61:8 ^dActs 13:34

- 7 ^aFor a ^abrief moment I forsook you,
But with great compassion I will ^bgather you.
- 8 ^aIn an ^{1a}outburst of anger
I hid My face from you for a moment;
But with everlasting lovingkindness I will ^bhave com-
passion on you,"
Says the LORD your Redeemer.
- 9 ^aFor ¹this is like the days of Noah to me:
When I swore that the waters of Noah
Should ^anot ²flood the earth again,
So I have sworn that I will ^bnot be angry with you,
Nor will I rebuke you.
- 10 ^aFor the ^amountains may be removed and the hills may
shake,
But my lovingkindness will not be removed from you,
And My ^bcovenant of peace will not be shaken,"
Says the LORD who has compassion on you.
- 11 ^aO afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted,
Behold, I will set your stones in antimony,
And your foundations I will ^alay in ¹sapphires.
- 12 ^aMoreover, I will make your battlements of ¹rubies,
And your gates of ²crystal,
And your entire ³wall of precious stones.
- 13 ^aAnd ^aall your sons will be ¹taught of the LORD;
And the well-being of your sons will be ^bgreat.
- 14 ^aIn ^arighteousness you will be established;
You will be far from ^boppression, for you will not fear;
And from terror, for it will not come near you.
- 15 ^aIf anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me.
^aWhoever assails you will fall because of you.
- 16 ^aBehold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the
fire of coals,
And brings out a weapon for its work;
And I have created the destroyer to ruin.
- 17 ^aNo weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;
And ^bevery tongue that ¹accuses you in judgment you
will condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
And their ^cvindication is from Me," ²declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 55

- H**O! Every one who ^athirsts, come to the waters;
And you who have ^bno ¹money come, buy and eat.
Come, buy wine and milk
^cWithout money and without cost.
- 2 ^aWhy do you ¹spend money for what is ^anot bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and ^beat what is good,
And delight yourself in abundance.
- 3 ^aIncline your ear and come to Me.
Listen, that ¹you may ^blive;
And I will make ^can everlasting covenant with you,
According to the ^dfaithful mercies ²shown to David.

**“Seek the Lord While He May Be Found.”
“My Thoughts Not Yours.” Sabbath Keeping.**

Isalah 55, 56

- 4 “Behold, I have made ^ahim a witness to the peoples,
A ^bleader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 “Behold, you will call a ^anation you do not know,
And a nation which knows you not will ^brun to you,
Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of
Israel;
For He has ^cglorified you.”
- 6 ^aSeek the LORD while He may be found;
^bCall upon Him while He is near.
- 7 ^aLet the wicked forsake his way
And the unrighteous man his ^bthoughts;
And let him ^creturn to the LORD,
And He will have ^dcompassion on him;
And to our God,
For He will ^eabundantly pardon.
- 8 “For My ^athoughts are not ^ayour thoughts,
Neither are ^byour ways My ways,” ¹declares the LORD.
- 9 “For ^aas the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.”
- 10 “For as the ^arain and the snow come down from heaven,
And do not return there without watering the earth,
And making it bear and sprout,
And furnishing ^bseed to the sower and bread to the
cater;
- 11 So shall My ^aword be which goes forth from My
mouth;
It shall ^bnot return to Me empty,
Without ^caccomplishing what I desire,
And without succeeding in *the matter* for which I sent
it.
- 12 “For you will go out with ^ajoy,
And be led forth with ^bpeace;
The ^cmountains and the hills will break forth into
shouts of joy before you,
And all the ^dtrees of the field will clap *their* hands,
- 13 “Instead of the thornbush the cypress will come up;
And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up;
And ¹it will be a ²memorial to the LORD,
For an everlasting sign which ^bwill not be cut off.”

CHAPTER 56

THUS says the LORD,

- “^aPreserve justice, and do righteousness,
For My ^bsalvation is about to come
And My righteousness to be revealed.
- 2 “How ^ablessed is the man who does this,
And the son of man who takes hold of it;
Who ^bkeeps from profaning the sabbath,
And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”
- 3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the
LORD say,
“The LORD will surely separate me from His people.”
Neither let the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4 ^aPs. 18:43; Jer. 30:9; Hos. 3:5; ^bEzek. 34:24; 37:24, 25; Dan. 9:25; Mic. 5:2

5 ^aIs. 45:14, 22-24; 49:6, 12, 23 ^bZech. 8:22 ^cIs. 60:9

6 ^aIs. 45:19, 22; 49:8; Ps. 32:6; Amos 5:6 ^bIs. 58:9; 65:24

7 ^aIs. 1:16, 19; 58:6 ^bIs. 32:7; 59:7 ^cIs. 31:6; 44:22 ^dIs. 14:1; 54:8, 10 ^eIs. 1:18; 40:2; 43:25; 44:22

8 ¹Lit., *utterance of* ^aIs. 65:2; 66:18 ^bIs. 53:6

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9 ^aPs. 103:11

10 ^aIs. 30:23 ^b2 Cor. 9:10

11 ^aIs. 45:23; Matt. 24:35 ^bIs. 44:26; 59:21 ^cIs. 46:10; 53:10

12 ^aIs. 51:11; 52:9; Ps. 105:43 ^bIs. 54:10, 13; Jer. 29:11 ^cIs. 44:23; 49:13 ^dChr. 16:33

13 ¹Lit., *the transformation of the desert* ²Lit., *name* ^aIs. 63:12, 14; Jer. 33:9 ^bIs. 56:5

1 ^aIs. 1:17; 33:5; 61:8 ^bIs. 46:13; 51:5; Ps. 85:9

2 ^aPs. 112:1; 119:1, 2 ^bEx. 20:8-11; 31:13-17; Jer. 17:21, 22; Ezek. 20:12, 20

5 ¹So DSS; M.T. reads, *him*
^aIs. 56:7; 2:2, 3; 66:20 ^bIs.
26:1; 60:18 ^cIs. 62:2

6 ^aIs. 56:2, 4

7 ^aIs. 2:2, 3; 60:11; Mic.
4:1, 2 ^bIs. 11:9; 65:25 ^cIs.
61:10 ^dMatt. 21:13; Mark
11:17; Luke 19:46

8 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD. ²Lit.,
utterance of ³Lit., *him*
^aIs. 60:3-11; 66:18-21; John
10:16

9 ^aIs. 18:6; 46:11

10 ¹So DSS; M. T., *Ravers*
^aEzek. 3:17 ^bIs. 29:9-14; Jer.
14:13, 14

11 ¹Lit., *strong of
soul/appetite* ²Lit., *do not
know satisfaction*
^aIs. 28:7; Ezek. 13:19; Mic.
3:5, 11 ^bIs. 57:17; Jer. 22:17

12 ¹So DSS and many
versions; M. T., *me*
^aPs. 10:6; Luke 12:19, 20

1 ^aIs. 42:25; 47:7 ^bIs. 47:11;
2 Kin. 22:20; Jer. 18:11

2 ¹Lit., *graves*
^aIs. 26:7

3 ¹Reading with the
versions; Heb., *she
prostitutes herself*

- 4 For thus says the LORD,
"To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths,
And choose what pleases Me,
And hold fast My covenant,
5 To them I will give in My ^ahouse and within My ^bwalls
a memorial,
And a name better than that of sons and daughters;
I will give ¹them an everlasting ^cname which will not be
cut off.
- 6 "Also the foreigners who ¹join themselves to the LORD,
To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD,
To be His servants, every one who ^akeeps from profan-
ing the sabbath,
And holds fast My covenant;
7 Even ^athose I will bring to My ^bholy mountain,
And ^cmake them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accept-
able on My altar;
For ^dMy house will be called a house of prayer for all
the peoples."
- 8 The Lord ¹GOD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel,
²declares,
"Yet ^aothers I will gather to ³them, to those *already*
gathered."
- 9 All you ^abeasts of the field,
All you beasts in the forest,
Come to eat.
- 10 His ^awatchmen are ^bblind,
All of them know nothing.
All of them are dumb dogs unable to bark,
¹Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber;
- 11 And the dogs are ^{1a}greedy, they ²are not satisfied.
And they are shepherds who have no understanding;
They have all ^bturned to their own way,
Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one.
- 12 "Come," *they say*, "let ¹us get wine, and let us drink
heavily of strong drink;
And ^atomorrow will be like today, only more so."

CHAPTER 57

- THE righteous man perishes, and no man ^atakes it to heart;
And devout men are taken away, while no one un-
derstands.
For the righteous man is taken away from ^bevil,
2 He enters into peace;
They rest in their ¹beds,
Each one who ^awalked in his upright way.
3 "But come here, you sons of a sorceress,
Offspring of an adulterer and ^{1a} prostitute.
4 "Against whom do you jest?
Against whom do you open wide your mouth
And stick out your tongue?

- Are you not children of ^arebellion,
 Offspring of deceit,
- 5 Who inflame yourselves among the ¹oaks,
^aUnder every luxuriant tree,
 Who ^bslaughter the children in the ²ravines,
 Under the clefts of the crags?
- 6 "Among the ^{1a}smooth stones of the ²ravine
 Is your portion, ³they are your lot;
 Even to them you have ^bpoured out a libation,
 You have made a grain offering.
 Shall I ⁴relent concerning these things?
- 7 "Upon a ^ahigh and lofty mountain
 You have made your bed.
 You also went up there to offer sacrifice.
- 8 "And behind the door and the doorpost
 You have set up your sign;
 Indeed, far removed from Me, you have uncovered
 yourself;
 And have gone up and made your bed wide.
 And you have made an agreement for yourselves with
 them,
 You have loved their ¹bed,
 You have looked on *their* ²manhood.
- 9 "And you have journeyed to the King with oil
 And increased your perfumes;
 You have ^asent your envoys a great distance,
 And made *them* go down to ¹Sheol.
- 10 "You were tired out by the length of your road,
 Yet you did not say, ^a"It is hopeless."
 You found ¹renewed strength,
 Therefore you did not ²faint.
- 11 "Of ^awhom were you worried and fearful,
 When you lied, and did ^bnot remember Me,
¹Nor ^cgive Me a thought.
 Was I not silent even for a long time
 So you do not fear Me?
- 12 "I will declare your righteousness and your ^adeeds,
 But they will not profit you.
- 13 "When you cry out, ^alet your collection of *idols* deliver
 you.
 But the wind will carry all of them up,
 And a breath will take *them* away.
 But he who ^btakes refuge in Me shall ^cinherit the land,
 And shall ^dpossess My holy mountain."
- 14 And it shall be said,
^a"Build up, build up, prepare the way
 Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people."
- 15 For thus says the ^ahigh and exalted One
 Who ^{1b}lives forever, whose name is Holy,
^a"I ^cdwell on a high and holy place,
 And *also* with the ^dcontrite and lowly of spirit
 In order to ^erevive the spirit of the lowly
 And to revive the heart of the contrite.
- 16 "For I will ^anot contend forever,

4 ^aIs. 48:8

5 ¹Or, *terebinth* ²Or, *wadis*
^a2 Kin. 16:4; Jer. 2:20; 3:13
^b2 Kin. 23:10; Ps. 106:37, 38;
 Jer. 7:31

6 ¹i.e., symbols of fertility
 gods ²Or, *wadi* ³Lat., *they*,
they ⁴Or, *repent*
^aJer. 3:9; Hab. 2:19 ^bJer. 7:18
^cJer. 5:9, 29; 9:9

7 ^aJer. 3:16; Ezek. 16:16

8 ¹Or, *lying down* ²Lit.,
hand

9 ¹Or, *the nether world*
^aEzek. 23:16, 40

10 ¹Lit., *the life of your*
hand ²Or, *become sick*
^aJer. 2:25; 18:12

11 ¹Lit., *You did not set it*
upon your heart
^aIs. 51:12, 13; Prov. 29:25
^bJer. 2:32; 3:21 ^cIs. 42:14; Ps.
 50:21

12 ^aIs. 29:15; 59:6; 65:7;
 66:18; Mic. 3:2-4

13 ^aJer. 22:20; 30:14 ^bIs.
 25:4; Ps. 37:3, 9 ^cIs. 49:8;
 60:21 ^dIs. 65:9

14 ^aIs. 62:10; Jer. 18:15

15 ¹Or, *dwell in eternity*
^aIs. 52:13 ^bIs. 40:28; Deut.
 33:27 ^cIs. 33:5; 66:1 ^dIs. 66:2;
 Ps. 34:18; 51:17 ^eIs. 61:1-3;
 Ps. 147:3

16 ^aGen. 6:3

16 ^bPs. 85:5; 103:9; Mic. 7:18

17 ^aIs. 2:7; 56:11; Jer. 6:13
^bIs. 1:4; Jer. 3:14, 22

18 ^aIs. 19:22; 30:26; 53:5 ^bIs. 61:3

19 ¹Lit., *fruit of the lips*
^aIs. 6:7; 51:16; 59:21; Heb. 13:15 ^bIs. 26:12; 32:17 ^cActs 2:39; Eph. 2:17

20 ^aIs. 3:9, 11; Job 18:5-14

21 ^aIs. 48:22; 59:8

1 ^aIs. 40:6, 8

2 ^aIs. 1:11; Titus 1:16 ^bIs. 48:1; Jer. 7:9, 10 ^cIs. 29:13; 57:3; Ps. 119:150; James 4:8

3 ¹Lit., *know*
^aMal. 3:14; Luke 18:12 ^bIs. 22:12, 13; Zech. 7:5, 6

4 ^aIs. 3:14, 15; 59:6 ^bIs. 1:15; 59:2; Joel 2:12-14

5 ¹Lit., *his*
^a1 Kin. 21:27 ^bIs. 49:8; 61:2

6 ^aNeh. 5:10-12; Jer. 34:8
^bIs. 1:17

7 ¹Lit., *for*
^aIs. 58:10; Job 31:19, 20; Ezek. 18:7, 16 ^bIs. 16:3, 4; Heb. 13:2 ^cMatt. 25:35; Luke 3:11 ^dDeut. 22:1-4; Luke 10:31, 32

^bNeither will I always be angry;
For the spirit would grow faint before Me,
And the breath of *those whom* I have made.

17 “Because of the iniquity of his ^aunjust gain I was angry
and struck him;

I hid *My face* and was angry,
And he went on ^bturning away, in the way of his heart.

18 “I have seen his ways, but I will ^aheal him;
I will lead him and ^brestore comfort to him and to his
mourners,

19 Creating the ^{1a}praise of the lips.
^bPeace, peace to him who is ^cfar and to him who is
near,”

Says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”

20 But the ^awicked are like the tossing sea,
For it cannot be quiet,
And its waters toss up refuse and mud.

21 “^aThere is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

CHAPTER 58

“^aCRY loudly, do not hold back;
Raise your voice like a trumpet,
And declare to My people their transgression,
And to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 “Yet they ^aseek Me day by day, and delight to know My
ways;

As a nation that has done ^brighteousness,
And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God.
They ask Me for just decisions,
They delight ^cin the nearness of God.

3 “Why have we ^bfasted and Thou dost not see?
Why have we humbled ourselves and Thou dost not
¹notice?

Behold, on the ^bday of your fast you find *your* desire,
And drive hard all your workers.

4 “Behold, you fast for contention and ^astrife and to strike
with a wicked fist.

You do not fast like *you do* today to ^bmake your voice
heard on high.

5 “Is it a fast like this which I choose, a day for a man to
humble himself?

Is it for bowing ¹one’s head like a reed,
And for spreading out ^asackcloth and ashes as a bed?

Will you call this a fast, even an ^bacceptable day to the
LORD?

6 “Is this not the fast which I chose,
To ^aloosen the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the bands of the yoke,
And to ^blet the oppressed go free,
And break every yoke?

7 “Is it not to ^adivide your bread ¹with the hungry,
And ^bbring the homeless poor into the house;

When you see the ^cnaked, to cover him;
And not to ^dhide yourself from your own flesh?

8 “Then your ¹light will break out like the dawn,

**"Give Yourself to the Hungry."
Keeping the Sabbath. Separation from God.**

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And your ¹recovery will speedily spring forth;
And your ¹brighteousness will go before you;
The glory of the ¹LORD will be your rear guard;

9 "Then you will ¹call, and the LORD will answer;
You will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am,'
If you remove the yoke from your midst
The ¹pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

10 And if you ¹give yourself to the hungry,
And satisfy the ²desire of the afflicted,
Then your ¹blight will rise in darkness,
And your gloom will become like midday

11 "And the ¹LORD will continually guide you,
And ¹satisfy your ¹desire in scorched places,
And ¹give strength to your bones;
And you will be like a ¹dwatered garden,
And like a ¹spring of water whose waters do not ²fail.

12 "And those from among you will ¹rebuild the ancient
ruins;
You will ¹braise up the age-old foundations;
And you will be called the ¹repairer of the ¹breach,
The restorer of the ¹streets in which to dwell.

13 "If because of the ¹sabbath, you ¹turn your foot,
From doing your ¹own pleasure on My holy day,
And call the sabbath a ¹delight, the Holy of the LORD
And shall honor it, desisting from your ¹own ways,
From seeking your ¹own pleasure,
And speaking your ¹own word,

14 ¹Then you will take ¹delight in the LORD,
And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your
father,
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

CHAPTER 59

BEHOLD, the LORD's hand is not so short

That it cannot save;
¹Neither is His ear so dull
That it cannot hear.

2 But your ¹iniquities have made a separation between
you and your God,
And your sins have hid ¹His face from you, so that *He*
does ¹not hear.

3 For your ¹hands are defiled with blood,
And your fingers with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken ¹falsehood,
Your tongue mutters wickedness.

4 ¹No one sues righteously and ¹no one pleads ¹honestly.
They trust in confusion, and speak lies;
They ¹conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch adders' eggs and ¹weave the spider's web;
He who eats of their eggs dies,
And *from* that which is crushed a snake breaks forth.

6 Their webs will not become clothing,

8^aIs. 30:26; 33:24; Jer. 30:17; 33:6
9^bIs. 52:12; Ex. 14:19
10^cIs. 58:7; Deut. 15:7
11^dIs. 58:8; 42:16; Job 11:17; Ps. 37:6

9¹Lit., sending out
10¹Lit., furnish
11¹O, soul
12¹Lit., paths

11¹O, soul
12¹Lit., paths
13¹Is. 56:2, 4; Ex. 31:16; 17:35; 23:3; Jer. 17:21-27
14¹Is. 50:2; Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17
2¹So versions; M. T., faces
3¹Is. 1:15; 50:1
4¹Lit., in truth
5¹Job 8:14

11¹O, soul
12¹Lit., paths
13¹Is. 56:2, 4; Ex. 31:16; 17:35; 23:3; Jer. 17:21-27
14¹Is. 50:2; Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17

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13¹Is. 56:2, 4; Ex. 31:16; 17:35; 23:3; Jer. 17:21-27
14¹Is. 50:2; Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17

13¹Is. 56:2, 4; Ex. 31:16; 17:35; 23:3; Jer. 17:21-27
14¹Is. 50:2; Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17

14¹Is. 61:10

1¹Is. 50:2; Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17
2¹So versions; M. T., faces
3¹Is. 1:15; 50:1
4¹Lit., in truth
5¹Job 8:14

6 ¹Lit., *palm*
^aIs. 28:20 ^bIs. 57:12; Jer. 6:7
^cIs. 58:4; Ezek. 7:11

7 ^aProv. 1:16; 6:17; Rom.
 3:15-17 ^bIs. 65:2; 66:18; Mark
 7:21, 22

8 ¹Lit., *it*
^aLuke 1:79 ^bIs. 59:9, 11; Hos.
 4:1 ^cIs. 57:20, 21

9 ^aIs. 59:14 ^bIs. 5:30; 8:21,
 22

10 ^aIs. 8:14, 15; 28:13 ^bLam.
 3:6

11 ^aIs. 38:14; Ezek. 7:16

12 ¹Lit., *answer* ²Lit., *our*
iniquities we know them
^aIs. 58:1; Ezra 9:6 ^bIs. 3:9;
 Jer. 14:7; Hos. 5:5

13 ^aJosh. 24:27; Prov. 30:9;
 Matt. 10:33; Titus 1:16 ^bIs.
 5:7; 30:12; Jer. 9:3, 4 ^cIs. 59:3,
 4; Mark 7:21, 22

14 ^aIs. 1:21; 5:7 ^bIs. 46:12;
 Hab. 1:4

15 ¹Or, *evil*
^aIs. 5:23; 10:2; 29:21; 32:7 ^bIs.
 1:21-23

16 ^aIs. 52:10; 63:5; Ps. 98:1

17 ^aEph. 6:14 ^bIs. 9:7; 37:32;
 Zech. 1:4

18 ¹Lit., *recompense* ²Lit.,
accordingly ³Lit., *repay*
^aIs. 65:6, 7; 66:6; Job 34:11;
 Jer. 17:10

Nor will they ^acover themselves with their works;
 Their ^bworks are works of iniquity,
 And an ^cact of violence is in their ¹hands.

7 ^aTheir feet run to evil,
 And they hasten to shed innocent blood;
^bTheir thoughts are thoughts of iniquity,
 Devastation and destruction are in their highways.

8 They do not know the ^away of peace,
 And there is ^bno justice in their tracks;
 They have made their paths crooked;
^cWhoever treads on ¹them does not know peace.

9 Therefore, ^ajustice is far from us,
 And righteousness does not overtake us;
 We ^bhope for light, but behold, darkness;
 For brightness, but we walk in gloom.

10 We grope along the wall like blind men,
 We grope like those who have no eyes;
 We ^astumble at midday as in the twilight,
 Among those who are vigorous we are ^blike dead men.

11 All of us growl like bears,
 And ^amoan sadly like doves;
 We hope for justice, but there is none,
 For salvation, *but* it is far from us.

12 For our ^atransgressions are multiplied before Thee,
 And our ^bsins ¹testify against us;
 For our transgressions are with us,
 And ²we know our iniquities:

13 Transgressing and ^adenying the LORD,
 And turning away from our God,
 Speaking ^boppression and revolt,
 Conceiving *in* and ^cuttering from the heart lying words.

14 And ^ajustice is turned back,
 And ^brighteousness stands far away;
 For truth has stumbled in the street,
 And uprightness cannot enter.

15 Yes, truth is lacking;
 And he who turns aside from evil ^amakes himself a
 prey.

Now the LORD saw,
 And it was ¹displeasing in His sight ^bthat there was no
 justice.

16 And He saw that there was no man,
 And was astonished that there was no one to intercede;
 Then His ^aown arm brought salvation to Him;
 And His righteousness upheld Him.

17 And He put on ^arighteousness like a breastplate,
 And a helmet of salvation on His head;
 And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
 And wrapped Himself with ^bzeal as a mantle.

18 ^aAccording to *their* ¹deeds, ²so He will repay,
 Wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies;
 To the coastlands He will ³make recompense.

19 So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west
 And His glory from the rising of the sun,

For He will ^acome like a ¹rushing stream,
Which the wind of the LORD drives.

20 "And a ^aRedeemer will come to Zion,
And to those who ^bturn from transgression in Jacob,"
declares the LORD.

21 "And as for me, this is My ^acovenant with them," says the LORD: "My ^bSpirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your ¹offspring, nor from the mouth of your ¹offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

CHAPTER 60

"**ARISE**, shine; for your ^alight has come,
And the ^bglory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 "For behold, ^adarkness will cover the earth,
And deep darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will rise upon you,
And His ^bglory will appear upon you.

3 "And ^anations will come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 "^aLift up your eyes round about, and see;
They all gather together, they come to you.
Your sons will come from afar,
And your daughters will be ¹carried in the arms.

5 "Then you will see and be ^aradiant,
And your heart will ¹thrill and rejoice;
Because the ^babundance of the sea will be turned to
you,
The ^cwealth of the nations will come to you.

6 "A multitude of camels will cover you,
The young camels of Midian and Ephah;
All those from Sheba will come;
They will bring gold and frankincense,
And will ^abear good news of the praises of the LORD.

7 "All the flocks of ^aKedar will be gathered together to
you,
The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you;
They will go up with acceptance on My ^baltar,
And I shall ¹glorify My ²glorious house.

8 "^aWho are these who fly like a cloud,
And like the doves to their ¹lattices?

9 "Surely the coastlands will wait for Me;
And the ^aships of Tarshish *will come* first,
To ^bbring your sons from afar,
Their silver and their gold with them,
For the name of the LORD your God,
And for the Holy One of Israel because He has ¹glorified you.

10 "And foreigners will build up your walls,
And their ^akings will minister to you;

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *narrow*
^aIs. 30:28; 66:12

²⁰ ^aRom. 11:26, 27 ^bEzek. 18:30, 31; Acts 2:38, 39

²¹ ¹Lit., *seed*
^aJer. 31:31-44 ^bIs. 11:2; 32:15; 44:3

¹ ^aIs. 60:19, 20 ^bIs. 24:23; 35:2; 58:8

² ^aIs. 58:10; Jer. 13:16; Col. 1:13 ^bIs. 4:5

³ ^aIs. 2:3; 45:14, 22-25; 49:23

⁴ ¹Lit., *nursed upon the side*
^aIs. 11:12; 49:18

⁵ ¹Lit., *tremble and be enlarged*
^aPs. 34:5 ^bIs. 23:18; 24:14 ^cIs. 61:6

⁶ ^aIs. 42:10

⁷ ¹Or, *beautify* ²Or, *beautiful*
^aGen. 25:13 ^bIs. 19:19; 56:7

⁸ ¹Or, *dovecotes, windows*
^aIs. 49:21

⁹ ¹Lit., *beautified*
^aIs. 2:16; Ps. 48:7 ^bIs. 14:2; 43:6; 49:22; Gal. 3:26

¹⁰ ^aIs. 49:23

11 ^aIs. 60:18; 26:2; 62:10 ^bIs. 24:21; Ps. 149:8

12 ^aIs. 14:2; Zech. 14:17

13 ^{a1} Chr. 28:2; Ps. 99:5; 132:7

14 ^aIs. 14:1, 2; 45:14, 23; 49:23 ^bIs. 1:26 ^cHeb. 12:22

15 ^aIs. 1:7-9; 6:11-13; Jer. 30:17 ^bIs. 4:2; 65:18

16 ^aIs. 19:2; 43:3, 11; 45:15, 21; 63:8 ^bIs. 59:20; 63:16

18 ^aIs. 54:14 ^bIs. 51:19 ^cIs. 26:1 ^dIs. 60:11

19 ¹Or, *beauty*
^aRev. 21:23; 22:5 ^bIs. 2:5; 9:2
^cIs. 41:16; 45:25; Zech. 2:5

20 ^aIs. 30:26 ^bIs. 35:10; 65:19; Rev. 21:4

21 ¹Lit., *His*
^aIs. 45:24, 25; 52:1 ^bIs. 57:13; 61:7; Ps. 37:11, 22

22 ¹Or, *thousand*
^aIs. 6:13; 10:22; 51:2

For in My wrath I struck you,
And in My favor I have had compassion on you.

- 11 "And your ^agates will be open continually;
They will not be closed day or night,
So that *men* may bring to you the wealth of the
nations,
With ^btheir kings led in procession.
- 12 "For the ^anation and the kingdom which will not serve
you will perish,
And the nations will be utterly ruined.
- 13 "The glory of Lebanon will come to you,
The juniper, the box tree, and the cypress together,
To beautify the place of My sanctuary;
And I shall make the ^aplace of My feet glorious.
- 14 "And the ^asons of those who afflicted you will come
bowing to you,
And all those who despised you will bow themselves at
the soles of your feet;
And they will call you the ^bcity of the LORD,
The ^cZion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 "Whereas you have been ^aforsaken and hated
With no one passing through,
I will make you an everlasting ^bpride,
A joy from generation to generation.
- 16 "You will also suck the milk of nations,
And will suck the breast of kings;
Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your ^aSaviour,
And your ^bRedeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
- 17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
And instead of iron I will bring silver,
And instead of wood, bronze,
And instead of stones, iron.
And I will make peace your administrators,
And righteousness your overseers.
- 18 "^aViolence will not be heard again in your land,
Nor ^bdevastation or destruction within your borders;
But you will call your ^cwalls salvation, and your ^dgates
praise.
- 19 "No longer will you have the ^asun for light by day,
Nor for brightness will the moon give you light;
But you will have the ^bLORD for an everlasting light,
And your ^cGod for your ¹glory.
- 20 "Your ^asun will set no more,
Neither will your moon wane;
For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light,
And the days of your ^bmourning will be finished.
- 21 "Then all your ^apeople *will be* righteous;
They will ^bpossess the land forever,
The branch of ¹My planting,
The work of My hands,
That I may be glorified.
- 22 "The ^asmallest one will become a ¹clan,
And the least one a mighty nation.
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

CHAPTER 61

THE ^aSpirit of the Lord ¹GOD is upon me,
 Because the LORD has anointed me—
 To bring good news to the ²afflicted;
 He has sent me to ^cbind up the brokenhearted,
 To ^dproclaim liberty to captives,
 And ³freedom to prisoners;

2 To ^aproclaim the favorable year of the LORD,
 And the ^bday of vengeance of our God;
 To ^ccomfort all who mourn,

3 To ^agrant those who mourn *in* Zion,
 Giving them a garland instead of ashes,
 The ^boil of gladness instead of mourning.
 The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.
 So they will be called ^{1c}oaks of righteousness,
 The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

4 Then they will ^arebuild the ancient ruins,
 They will raise up the former devastations,
 And they will repair the ruined cities,
 The desolations of many generations.

5 And ^astrangers will stand and pasture your flocks,
 And ¹foreigners will be your farmers and your
 vinedressers.

6 But you will be called the ^apriests of the LORD;
 You will be spoken of as ^bministers of our God.
 You will eat the ^cwealth of nations,
 And in their ¹riches you will boast.

7 Instead of your shame *you will have a double portion,*
 And *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over
 their portion.
 Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their
 land,
^aEverlasting joy will be theirs.

8 For I, the LORD, ^alove justice,
 I hate robbery ¹in the burnt offering;
 And I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 And I will make an ^beverlasting covenant with them.

9 Then their offspring will be known among the nations,
 And their descendants in the midst of the peoples.
 All who see them will recognize them
 Because they are the offspring *whom* the LORD has
 blessed.

10 I will ^arejoice greatly in the LORD,
 My soul will exult in ^bmy God;
 For He has ^cclothed me with garments of salvation,
 He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,
 As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
 And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring
 up,
 So the Lord ¹GOD will ^acause ^brighteousness and praise
 To spring up before all the nations.

¹ YHWH, usually rendered LORD ² Or, humble ³ Lit., opening to those who are bound
^a Is. 11:2; 48:16; Luke 4:18, 19
^b Is. 11:4; 28:19; 32:7 ^c Is. 57:15 ^d Is. 42:7; 49:9

² ^a Is. 49:8; 60:10 ^b Is. 2:12; 13:6; 34:2, 8 ^c Is. 57:18; Jer. 31:13; Matt. 5:4

³ ¹ Or, terebinth
^a Is. 60:20 ^b Ps. 23:5; 45:7;
 104:15 ^c Is. 60:21; Jer. 17:7, 8

⁴ ^a Is. 49:8; 58:12; Ezek. 36:33; Amos 9:14

⁵ ¹ Lit., sons of the foreigner
^a Is. 14:2; 60:10

⁶ ¹ Or, glory
^a Is. 66:21 ^b Is. 56:6 ^c Is. 60:5, 11

⁷ ^a Ps. 16:11

⁸ ¹ Or, with iniquity
^a Is. 5:16; 28:17; 30:18 ^b Is. 55:3; Gen. 17:7; Ps. 105:10; Jer. 32:40

¹⁰ ^a Is. 12:1, 2; 25:9; 4:16; 51:3 ^b Is. 49:4 ^c Is. 49:18; 52:1

¹¹ ¹ YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^a Is. 45:23, 24; 60:18, 21 ^b Ps. 72:3; 85:11

CHAPTER 62

- FOR Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet,
Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness,
And her ^asalvation like a torch that is burning.
- 2 And the ^anations will see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory;
And you will be called by a new ^bname,
Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.
- 3 You will also be a ^acrown of beauty in the hand of the
LORD,
And a royal ¹diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 It will no longer be said to you, "^{1a}Forsaken,"
Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "²Desolate";
But you will be called, "³My delight is in her,"
And your land, "⁴Married";
For the ^bLORD delights in you,
And to *Him* your land will be married.
- 5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin,
So your sons will marry you;
And *as* the ¹bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So your ^aGod will rejoice over you.
- 6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed
^awatchmen;
All day and all night they will never keep silent.
You who ^bremind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;
- 7 And ^agive Him no rest until He establishes
And makes ^bJerusalem a praise in the earth.
- 8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His
strong arm,
"I will ^anever again give your grain *as* food for your
enemies;
Nor will ¹foreigners drink your new wine, for which you
have labored."
- 9 But those who ^agarner it will eat it, and praise the
LORD;
And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of
My sanctuary.
- 10 Go through, ^ago through the gates;
Clear the way ¹for the people;
^bBuild up, build up the ¹highway;
Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.
- 11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the ^aend of the
earth,
^bSay to the daughter of Zion, "Lo, your salvation
comes;
^cBehold His reward is with Him, and His recompense
before Him."
- 12 And they will call them, "^aThe holy people,
The redeemed of the LORD";
And you will be called, "Sought out, a city ^bnot
forsaken."

1 ^aIs. 46:13; 52:102 ^aIs. 60:3 ^bIs. 62:4, 12;
56:5; 65:153 ¹Lit., *turban*
^aIs. 28:5; Zech. 9:16; 1 Thess.
2:194 ¹i.e., Azubah ²i.e.,
Shemamah ³i.e., Hephzibah
⁴i.e., Beulah
^aIs. 54:6, 7; 16:15, 18 ^bJer.
32:41; Zeph. 3:175 ¹Lit., *exultation of the*
bridegroom
^aIs. 65:196 ^aIs. 52:8; Jer. 6:17; Ezek.
3:17; 33:7 ^bPs. 74:2; Jer.
14:21; Lam. 5:1, 207 ^aMatt. 15:21-28; Luke
18:1-8 ^bIs. 60:18; Jer. 33:9;
Zeph. 3:19, 208 ¹Lit., *sons of foreigners*
^aIs. 1:7; Lev. 26:16; Deut.
28:31, 33; Judg. 6:3-6; Jer.
5:179 ^aIs. 65:13, 21-2310 ¹Lit., *of*
^aIs. 26:1; 60:11, 18 ^bIs. 57:14
^cIs. 11:16; 19:23; 35:8; 49:1111 ^aIs. 42:10; 49:6 ^bMatt.
21:5; Zech. 9:9 ^cIs. 40:1012 ^aIs. 4:3; Deut. 7:6; 1 Pet.
2:9 ^bIs. 62:4; 41:17; 42:16

CHAPTER 63

WHO is this who comes from Edom,
With garments of ¹glowing colors from ^aBozrah,
This one who is majestic in His apparel,
²Marching in the greatness of His strength?
"It is I who speak in righteousness, ^bmighty to save."
2 Why is Your apparel red,
And Your garments like the one who ^atreads in the
wine press?
3 "I have trodden the wine trough alone,
And from the peoples there was no man with Me.
I also ^atrod them in My anger,
And ^btrampled them in My wrath;
And their ¹life blood is sprinkled on My garments,
And I ²stained all My raiment.
4 "For the ^aday of vengeance was in My heart,
And My year of redemption has come.
5 "And I looked, and there was ^ano one to help,
And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold;
So My own arm brought salvation to Me;
And My wrath upheld Me.
6 "And I ^atrod down the peoples in My anger,
And made them drunk in My wrath,
And I ¹poured out their lifeblood on the earth."
7 I shall make mention of the ^alovingkindnesses of the
LORD, the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD has granted us,
And the great ^bgoodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has granted them according to His
^ccompassion,
And according to the multitude of His loving-
kindnesses.
8 For he said, "Surely, they are ^aMy people,
Sons who will not deal falsely."
So He became their Savior.
9 In all their affliction ^{1a}He was afflicted,
And the ^bangel of His presence saved them;
In His ^clove and in His mercy He ^aredeemed them;
And He ^clifted them and carried them all the days of
old.
10 But they ^arebelled
And grieved His ^bHoly Spirit;
Therefore, He turned Himself to become their enemy,
He fought against them.
11 Then ^aHis people remembered the days of old, of
Moses.
Where is ^bHe who brought them up out of the sea with
the ¹shepherds of His flock?
Where is He who ^cput His Holy Spirit in the midst of
²them,
12 Who caused His ^aglorious arm to go at the right hand
of Moses,
Who ^bdivided the waters before them to make for
Himself an everlasting name,

¹ *Or, crimson* ²Lit.,
Inclining
^aIs. 34:6; Jer. 49:13; Amos
1:12 ^bZeph. 3:7

² *Rev.* 19:13, 15

³ ¹Lit., *juice* ²Lit., *defiled*
^aIs. 22:5; 28:3 ^bMic. 7:10

⁴ ^aIs. 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; Jer.
51:6

⁵ ^aIs. 59:16

⁶ ¹Lit., *brought down
their juice to the earth*
^aIs. 22:5; 34:2; 65:12

⁷ ^aIs. 54:8, 10; Ps. 25:6;
92:2 ^b1 Kin. 8:66; Neh. 9:25;
35 ^cIs. 54:7, 8; Ps. 51:1; 86:5,
15; Eph. 2:4

⁸ ^aIs. 3:15; 51:4; Ex. 6:7

⁹ ¹Another reading is, *He
was not an adversary.*
^aJudg. 10:16 ^bEx. 23:20-23;
33:14, 15 ^cDeut. 7:7, 8 ^dIs.
43:1; 52:9 ^eIs. 46:3; Deut.
1:31; 32:10-12

¹⁰ ^aPs. 78:40; 106:33; Acts
7:51; Eph. 4:30 ^bIs. 63:11; Ps.
51:11

¹¹ ¹Some mss. read,
shepherd ²Lit., *him*
^aPs. 106:44, 45 ^bIs. 51:9, 10
^cNum. 11:17, 25, 29; Hag.
2:5

¹² ^aEx. 6:6; 15:16 ^bIs. 11:15;
51:10, 11; Ex. 14:21, 22

13 Jer. 31:9

14 ¹Lit., him
^aJosh. 21:44; 23:1 ^bDeut. 32:12

15 ^aDeut. 26:15; Ps. 80:14
^bPs. 68:5; 123:1 ^cIs. 9:17;
26:11; 37:32; 42:13; 59:17
^dJer. 31:20; Hos. 11:8

16 ^aIs. 1:2; 64:8 ^bIs. 29:22;
41:8; 51:2 ^cIs. 41:14; 44:6;
60:16

17 ^aIs. 30:28; Ezek. 14:7-9
^bIs. 29:13, 14

18 ^aIs. 64:11; Ps. 74:3-7

1 ¹63:19b in Heb.
^aEx. 19:18; Ps. 18:9; 144:5;
Mic. 1:3, 4; Hab. 3:13 ^bJudg.
5:5; Ps. 68:8; Nah. 1:5

2 ¹V. 1 in Heb.
^aPs. 99:1; Jer. 5:22; 33:9

3 ^aPs. 65:5; 66:3, 5; 106:22

4 ¹ ^aCor. 2:9 ^bIs. 25:9;
30:18; 40:31

5 ^aEx. 20:24 ^bIs. 56:1 ^cIs.
26:13; 63:7

6 ^aIs. 46:12; 48:1 ^bIs. 1:30;
Ps. 90:5, 6

7 ^aIs. 59:4; Ezek. 22:40

- 13 Who led them through the depths?
Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not ^astumble;
As the cattle which go down into the valley,
The Spirit of the ^aLORD gave ¹them rest.
So didst Thou ^blead Thy people,
To make for Thyself a glorious name.
- 15 ^aLook down from heaven, and see from Thy holy and
glorious ^bhabitation;
Where are Thy ^czeal and Thy mighty deeds?
The ^dstirrings of Thy heart and Thy compassion are
restrained toward me.
- 16 For Thou art our ^aFather, though ^bAbraham does not
know us,
And Israel does not recognize us.
Thou, O LORD, art our Father,
Our ^cRedeemer from of old is Thy name.
- 17 Why, O LORD, dost Thou ^acause us to stray from Thy
ways,
And ^bharden our heart from fearing Thee?
Return for the sake of Thy servants, the tribes of Thy
heritage.
- 18 Thy holy people possessed Thy sanctuary for a little
while,
Our adversaries have ^atrodden it down.
- 19 We have become *like* those over whom Thou hast never
ruled,
Like those who were not called by Thy name.

CHAPTER 64

- O** THAT Thou wouldst rend the heavens *and* ^acome down,
That the mountains might ^bquake at Thy presence—
- 2 ¹As fire kindles the brushwood, *as* fire causes water to
boil—
To make Thy name known to Thine adversaries,
That the ^anations may tremble at Thy presence!
- 3 When Thou didst ^aawesome things which we did not
expect,
Thou didst come down, the mountains quaked at Thy
presence.
- 4 For of old ^athey have not heard nor perceived by
ear,
Neither has the eye seen a God besides Thee,
Who acts in behalf of the one who ^bwaits for Him.
- 5 Thou dost ^ameet him who rejoices in ^bdoing
righteousness,
Who ^cremembers Thee in Thy ways.
Behold, Thou wast angry, for we sinned,
We continued in them a long time;
And shall we be saved?
- 6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our ^arighteous deeds are like a filthy garment;
And all of us ^bwither like a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- 7 And there is ^ano one who calls on Thy name,

“Thou Art the Potter.”
Punishment of Rebellious.

Isaiah 64, 65

Who arouses himself ^{to} take hold of Thee;
 For Thou hast ^bhidden Thy face from us,
 And hast ¹delivered us into the power of our iniquities.

⁷ ¹Reading with the DSS and versions; M.T., *melted* Is. 1:15; 54:8; Deut. 31:18

- 8** But now, O LORD, ^aThou art our Father,
 We are the ^bclay, and Thou our potter;
 And all of us are the ^cwork of Thy hand.
- 9** Do not be ^aangry beyond measure, O LORD,
^bNeither remember iniquity forever;
 Behold, look now, all of us are ^cThy people.
- 10** Thy ^aholy cities have become a wilderness,
 Zion has become a wilderness,
 Jerusalem a desolation.
- 11** Our holy and beautiful ^ahouse,
 Where our fathers praised Thee,
 Has been burned by fire;
 And all our precious things have become a ruin.
- 12** Wilt Thou restrain Thyself at these things, O LORD?
 Wilt Thou keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?

⁸ Is. 63:16 ^bIs. 20:16; 45:9
^cIs. 60:21; Ps. 100:3

⁹ Is. 57:17; 60:10 ^bIs. 43:25; Mic. 7:18 ^cIs. 63:8; Ps. 79:13

¹⁰ Is. 48:2; 52:1

¹¹ Is. 63:18; 2 Kin. 25:9; Ps. 74:5-7

CHAPTER 65

- “I** PERMITTED Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me;
 I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me.
 I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’
 To a nation which did ^anot call on My name.
- 2** ^a“I have spread out My hands all day long to a ^brebellious people,
 Who walk *in* the way which is not good, ¹following their own ^cthoughts,
- 3** A people who continually ^aprovoke Me to My face,
 Offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks;
- 4** Who sit among graves, and spend the night in secret places;
 Who ^aeat swine’s flesh,
 And the broth of unclean meat is *in* their pots.
- 5** ^a“Who say, ^a“Keep to yourself, do not come near Me, For I am holier than you!’
 These are smoke in My ¹nostrils,
 A fire that burns all the day.
- 6** ^a“Behold, it is written before Me,
 I will ^anot keep silent, but I will repay;
 I will even repay into their bosom,
- 7** Both ¹their own ^ainiquities and the iniquities of their father together,” says the LORD.
^a“Because they have ^bburned incense on the mountains,
 And ^cscorned Me on the hills,
 Therefore I will ^dmeasure their former work into their bosom.”
- 8** Thus says the LORD, “As the new wine is found in the cluster,

¹ Hos. 1:10

² ¹Lit., *after*
^aRom. 10:21 ^bIs. 1:2, 23; 30:1, 9 ^cIs. 59:7; 66:18; Ps. 81:11, 12

³ Is. 3:8; Job 1:11; 2:5

⁴ Is. 66:3, 17; Lev. 11:7

⁵ ¹Lit., *nose*
^aMatt. 9:11; Luke 7:39; 18:9-12

⁶ Is. 42:14; 64:12; Ps. 50:3, 21

⁷ ¹Lit., *your*
^aIs. 13:11; 22:14; 26:21; 30:13, 14 ^bIs. 57:7; Hos. 2:13
^cEzek. 20:27, 28 ^dJer. 5:29; 13:25

8 ¹Lit., *blessing* ²Lit., *the whole*

9 ^aIs. 49:8; 60:21; Amos 9:11-15 ^bIs. 32:18

10 ^aIs. 33:9; 35:2

11 ¹Heb., *Gad* ²Heb., *Meni*
^aIs. 1:4, 28; Deut. 29:24, 25
^bIs. 2:2, 3; 66:20

12 ^aIs. 41:28; 50:2; 66:4;
2 Chr. 36:15, 16; Prov. 1:24;
Jer. 7:13

13 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered *LORD*
^aIs. 5:13

14 ¹Lit., *pain of*
^aIs. 51:11; Ps. 66:4; James
5:13 ^bIs. 13:6; Matt. 8:12

15 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered *LORD* ²So with
Ck.; Heb., *He will call His*
servants
^aJer. 24:9; 25:18; Zech. 8:13

16 ¹Or, *bless(es) himself*
^aEx. 34:6; Ps. 31:5 ^bIs. 19:18;
45:23

17 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aIs. 66:22; 2 Pet. 3:13 ^bIs.
43:18; Jer. 3:16

18 ^aIs. 12:1, 2; 25:9; 35:10;
41:16; 51:3; 61:10; Ps. 98

19 ^aIs. 62:4, 5; Jer. 32:41

20 ¹Lit., *fill out*
^aDeut. 4:40; Job 5:26; Ps.
34:12

And one says, 'Do not destroy it, for there is ¹benefit in it',

So I will act on behalf of My servants
In order not to destroy ²all of them.

9 "And I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
And an ^aheir of My mountains from Judah;
Even My chosen ones shall inherit it,
And ^bMy servants shall dwell there.

10 "And ^aSharon shall be a pasture land for flocks,
And the valley of Achor a resting place for herds,
For My people who seek Me.

11 "But you who ^aforsake the LORD,
Who forget My ^bholy mountain,
Who set a table for ¹Fortune,
And who fill *cups* with mixed wine for ²Destiny,

12 I will destine you for the sword,
And all of you shall bow down to the slaughter.
Because I called, but you did ^anot answer;
I spoke, but you did not hear.
And you did evil in My sight,
And chose that in which I did not delight."

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord ¹GOD,
"Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry.
Behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be
^athirsty.

Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put
to shame.

14 "Behold, My servants shall ^ashout joyfully with a glad
heart,
But you shall ^bcry out with a ¹heavy heart,
And you shall wail with a broken spirit.

15 "And you will leave your name for a ^acurse to my chosen
ones,

And the Lord ¹GOD will slay you.
But ²My servants will be called by another name.

16 "Because he who ¹is blessed in the earth
Shall ¹be blessed by the ^aGod of truth;
And he who swears in the earth
Shall ^bswear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles are forgotten,
And because they are hid from My sight!

17 "For behold, I create ^anew heavens and a new earth;
And the ^bformer things shall not be remembered or
come to ¹mind.

18 "But be ^aglad and rejoice forever in what I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing,
And her people *for* gladness.

19 "I will also ^arejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My
people;

And there will no longer be heard in her
The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.

20 "No longer will there be *in it* an infant *who lives but a*
few days,

Or an old man who does ^anot ¹live out his days;

For the youth will die at the age of one hundred
And the ^{2b}one who does not reach the age of one
hundred

Shall be *thought* accursed.

21 "And they shall ^abuild houses and inhabit *them*;
They shall also ^bplant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 "They shall not build, and ^aanother inhabit,
They shall not plant, and another eat;
For ^bas the ¹lifetime of a tree, *so shall be* the days of
My people,
And My chosen ones shall ^cwear out the work of their
hands.

23 "They shall ^anot labor in vain,
Or bear *children* for calamity;
For they are the ^{1b}offspring of those blessed by the
LORD,
And their descendants with them.

24 "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will
^aanswer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

25 "The ^awolf and the lamb shall graze together, and the
lion shall eat straw like the ox; and ^bdust shall be the serpent's
food. They shall ^cdo no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

CHAPTER 66

THUS says the LORD,

"^aHeaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool.
Where then is a ^bhouse you could build for Me?
And where is a place that ¹I may rest?"

2 "For ^aMy hand made all these things,
Thus all these things came into being," declares the
LORD.

"But to this one I will look,
To him who is humble and ^bcontrite of spirit, and who
trembles at My word.

3 "*But* he who kills an ox is *like* one who slays a man;
He who sacrifices a lamb is *like* the one who breaks a
dog's neck;
He who offers a grain offering is *like one who offers*
swine's blood;
He who ^{1a}burns incense is *like* the one who blesses an
idol.

As they have chosen their ^bown ways,
And their soul delights in their abominations,

4 So I will ^achoose their ¹punishments,
And I will ^bbring on them what they dread.
Because I called, but ^cno one answered;
I spoke, but they did not listen.
And they did ^devil in My sight,
And chose that in which I did not delight."

5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His
word:

"Your brothers who ^ahate you, who ^bexclude you for My
name's sake,

²⁰ ²Lit., *one who misses the mark*
^bIs. 3:11; 22:14; Eccles. 8:12, 13

21 ^aIs. 32:18; Amos 9:14 ^bIs. 30:23; 37:30; Jer. 31:5

22 ¹Lit., *days*
^aIs. 62:8, 9 ^bPs. 92:12-14
^cDeut. 32:46, 47; Ps. 21:4; 91:16

23 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aIs. 55:2; Deut. 28:3-12 ^bIs. 61:9; Jer. 32:38, 39; Acts 2:39

24 ^aIs. 55:6; 58:9; Ps. 91:15; Dan. 9:20-23; 10:12

25 ^aIs. 11:6 ^bGen. 3:14; Mic. 7:17 ^cIs. 11:9; Mic. 4:3

¹ ¹Lit., *is My resting place?*
^a1 Kin. 8:27; Ps. 11:4; Matt. 5:34, 35 ^b2 Sam. 7:5-7; Jer. 7:4; John 4:20, 21; Acts 7:48-50

² ^aIs. 40:26 ^bIs. 57:15; 34:18; Matt. 5:3, 4; Luke 18:13, 14

³ ¹Lit., *offers a memorial of incense*
^aIs. 1:13; Lev. 2:2 ^bIs. 57:17; 65:2

⁴ ¹Lit., *ill treatments*
^aIs. 65:7; Prov. 1:31, 32
^bProv. 10:24 ^cIs. 65:12; Prov. 1:24; Jer. 7:13 ^dIs. 59:7; 65:12; 2 Kin. 21:2, 6; Jer. 7:30

⁵ ^aIs. 60:15; Ps. 38:20
^bMatt. 5:10-12; 10:22; John 9:34; 15:18-20

5 ^cLuke 13:17

6 ^aIs. 59:18; 65:6; Joel 3:7

8 ¹Lit., *travailed with*

9 ^aIs. 37:3

10 ^aIs. 65:18; Deut. 32:43; Rom. 15:10 ^bPs. 26:8; 122:6 ^cPs. 137:6

11 ^aIs. 49:23; 60:16; Joel 3:18 ^bIs. 60:1, 2; 62:2

12 ¹Lit., *nurse* ²Lit., *side* ^aIs. 48:18; Ps. 72:3, 7 ^bIs. 60:5; 61:6 ^cIs. 60:4

14 ^aIs. 33:20 ^bZech. 10:7 ^cIs. 58:11; Prov. 3:8 ^dEzra 7:9; 8:31

16 ^aIs. 30:30; Ezek. 38:22 ^bIs. 65:12; Ezek. 38:21

17 ¹Lit., *After* ^aIs. 1:29; 65:3 ^bIs. 65:4; Lev. 11:7

18 ¹So with Ck.; Heb. omits ²Lit., *it is coming*

“Let the Lord Be Glorified.” Zion’s Future Hope.

Have said, ‘Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy.’

But ‘they will be put to shame.

- 6 “A voice of uproar from the city, a voice from the temple,
The voice of the LORD who is ^arendering recompense to His enemies.

- 7 “Before she travailed, she brought forth;
Before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy.
8 “Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?

Can a land be ¹born in one day?
Can a nation be brought forth all at once?
As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons.

- 9 “Shall I bring to the point of birth, and ^anot give delivery?” says the LORD.
“Or shall I who gives delivery shut *the womb*?” says your God.

- 10 “Be ^ajoyful with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you who ^blove her;
Be exceedingly ^cglad with her, all you who mourn over her;

- 11 That you may nurse and ^abe satisfied with her comforting breasts;
That you may suck and be delighted with her ^bbountiful bosom.”

- 12 For thus says the LORD, “Behold I extend ^apeace to her like a river,
And the ^bglory of the nations like an overflowing stream;

And you shall ¹be nursed, you shall be ^ccarried on the ²hip and fondled on the knees.

- 13 “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you;
And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”

- 14 Then you shall ^asee *this*, and your ^bheart shall be glad,
And your ^cbones shall flourish like the new grass;
And the ^dhand of the LORD shall be made known to His servants,

But He shall be indignant toward His enemies.

- 15 For behold, the LORD will come in fire
And His chariots like the whirlwind,
To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke with flames of fire.

- 16 For the LORD will execute judgment by ^afire
And by His ^bsword on all flesh,
And those slain by the LORD will be many.

- 17 “Those who sanctify and purify themselves *to go* to the ^agardens,

¹Following one in the center,
Who eat ^bswine’s flesh, detestable things, and mice,
Shall come to an end altogether,” declares the LORD.

- 18 “For I ¹know their works and their thoughts; ²the time is

coming to ^agather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory.

19 "And I will set a ^asign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, ¹Put, Lud, ²Mashech, Rosh, Tubal, and ³Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will ^bdeclare My glory among the nations.

20 "Then they shall ^abring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to My ^bholy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a ^cclean vessel to the house of the LORD.

21 "I will also take some of them for ^apriests and for Levites," says the LORD.

22 "For just as the ^anew heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD,

"So your ^boffspring and your name will endure.

23 "And it shall be from new moon to new moon
And from sabbath to sabbath,
All ¹mankind will come to ^abow down before Me," says the LORD.

24 "Then they shall go forth and look
On the corpses of the men
Who have ¹transgressed against Me.
For their worm shall not die,
^aAnd their fire shall not be quenched;
And they shall be an ^babhorrence to all ²mankind."

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah's Call and Commission.

THE words of ^aJeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of ^aJosiah, the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of ^aJehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of ^bZedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 "Before I ^aformed you in the womb I knew you,
And ^bbefore you were born I consecrated you;
I have ^cappointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then ^aI said, "Alas, Lord ¹God!
Behold, I do not know how to speak,
Because ^bI am a youth."

18 ^aIs. 45:22-25; Jer. 3:17

19 ¹So with Gk.; Heb., Pul
²So with Gk.; Heb., those
who draw the bow ³I.e.,
Greece
^aIs. 11:10, 12; 49:22; 62:10
^bIs. 42:12; 1 Chr. 16:24

20 ^aIs. 43:6; 49:22; 60:4 ^bIs.
2:2, 3; 11:9; 56:7; 65:11, 25
^cIs. 52:11

21 ^aIs. 61:6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9

22 ^aIs. 65:17; Heb. 12:26,
27; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1 ^bIs.
61:8, 9; 65:22, 23; John 10:27-
29; 1 Pet. 1:4, 5

23 ¹Lit., flesh
^aIs. 19:21, 23; 27:13; 49:7

24 ¹Or, rebelled ²Lit., flesh
^aIs. 1:31; Matt. 3:12 ^bDan.
12:2

1 ^a2 Chr. 35:25; 36:12, 21,
22; Ezra 1:1; Dan. 9:2; Matt.
2:17; 16:14; 27:9

2 ^aJer. 3:6; 36:2; 1 Kin.
13:2; 2 Kin. 21:24

3 ^aJer. 25:1; 2 Kin. 23:34;
1 Chr. 3:15 ^bJer. 39:2; 2 Kin.
24:17; 1 Chr. 3:15

5 ^aPs. 139:15, 16 ^bIs. 49:1,
5 ^cJer. 1:10; 25:15-26

6 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^aEx. 4:10 ^b1 Kin. 3:17

7 ^aEzek. 2:3, 4

8 ^aEzek. 2:6

9 ^aMark 7:33-35 ^bEx. 4:11-16; Deut. 18:18

10 ^aJer. 18:7-10; Ezek. 32:18
^bJer. 24:6; 31:28, 40; Is. 44:26-28

11 ¹Heb., *shaked*
^aJer. 24:3; Amos 7:8

12 ¹Heb., *shoked*
^aJer. 31:28; Deut. 32:35

13 ^aZech. 4:2 ^bEzek. 11:3, 7

14 ¹Lit., *will be opened*
^aJer. 4:6; 10:22; Is. 41:25

15 ^aJer. 25:9 ^bJer. 39:3; Is. 22:7

16 ¹Lit., *speak* ²Or, *burned incense*
^aJer. 7:9; 19:4; 44:17 ^bJer. 10:3-5; Is. 2:8; 37:19

17 ¹Kin. 18:46; Job 38:3
^bEzek. 2:6; 3:16-18

19 ^aJer. 1:8; 20:11

2 ¹Or, *lovingkindness*
^aJer. 7:2; 11:6; Is. 58:1 ^bEzek. 16:8

3 ^aEx. 19:5, 6; Deut. 7:6; 14:2

7 But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’
^aBecause everywhere I send you, you shall go,
And all that I command you, you shall speak.

8 ^aDo not be afraid of them,
For I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD.

9 Then the LORD stretched out His hand and ^atouched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,
“Behold, I have ^bput My words in your mouth.

10 See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms,

^aTo pluck up and to break down,
To destroy and to overthrow,
^bTo build and to plant.”

11 And the word of the LORD came to me saying, “What do you see, ^aJeremiah?” And I said, “I see a rod of an ¹almond tree.”

12 Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for ^aI am ¹watching over My word to perform it.”

13 And the word of the LORD came to me a second time saying, “^aWhat do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling ^bpot, facing away from the north.”

14 Then the LORD said to me, “^aOut of the north the evil ¹will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.

15 “For, behold, I am calling ^aall the families of the kingdoms of the north,” declares the LORD; “and they will come, and they will ^bset each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 “And I will ¹pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have ²offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the ^bworks of their own hands.

17 “Now, ^agird up your loins, and arise, and speak to them all which I command you. ^bDo not be dismayed before them, lest I dismay you before them.

18 “Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city, and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land.

19 “And they will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for ^aI am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

NOW the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 “Go and ^aproclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD,

“I remember concerning you the ¹devotion of your youth,

The love of your betrothals,
Your following after Me in the wilderness,
Through a land not sown.

3 “Israel was ^aholy to the LORD,
The first of His harvest;

- ^bAll who ate of it became guilty;
Evil came upon them," declares the LORD.' "
- 4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
- 5 Thus says the LORD,
"What injustice did your fathers find in Me,
That they went far from Me
And walked after emptiness and became empty?
6 "And they did not say, 'Where is the LORD
Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,
Who led us through the wilderness,
Through a land of deserts and of pits,
Through a land of drought and of deep darkness,
Through a land that no one crossed
And where no man dwelt?'
7 "And I brought you into the fruitful land,
To eat its fruit and its good things.
But you came and defiled My land,
And My inheritance you made an abomination.
8 "The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'
And those who handle the law did not know Me;
The rulers also transgressed against me,
And the prophets prophesied by Baal
And walked after things that did not profit.
9 "Therefore I will yet contend with you," declares the
LORD,
"And with your sons' sons I will contend.
10 "For across to the coastlands of Kittim and see,
And send to Kedar and observe closely,
And see if there has been such a thing as this!
11 "Has a nation changed gods,
When they were not gods?
But My people have changed their glory
For that which does not profit.
12 "Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
And shudder, be very desolate," declares the LORD.
13 "For My people have committed two evils:
They have forsaken Me,
The fountain of living waters,
To hew for themselves cisterns,
Broken cisterns,
That can hold no water.
14 "Is Israel a slave? Or is he a homeborn servant?
Why has he become a prey?
15 "The young lions have roared at him,
They have roared loudly.
And they have made his land a waste;
His cities have been destroyed, without inhabitant.
16 "Also the men of Memphis and Tahpanhes
Have shaved the crown of your head.
17 "Have you not done this to yourself,
By your forsaking the LORD your God,
When He led you in the way?
18 "But now what are you doing on the road to Egypt,
- ³ Jer. 30:16; 50:7; Is. 41:11
- ⁵ Is. 5:4; Mic. 6:3 ^bJer. 8:19; 2 Kin. 17:15
- ⁶ Or, shadow of death ^aDeut. 8:15; 32:10
- ⁷ Deut. 8:7-9; 11:10-12 ^bJer. 3:2; 16:18; Ps. 106:38
- ⁸ Lit., shepherds ^aJer. 10:21 ^bJer. 4:22; Mal. 2:6, 7 ^cJer. 23:13 ^dJer. 16:19; Hab. 2:18
- ⁹ Jer. 2:35; Ezek. 20:35, 36
- ¹⁰ I.e., Cyprus and other islands ^aIs. 23:12 ^bJer. 49:28; Ps. 120:5; Is. 21:16
- ¹¹ Jer. 5:7; 16:20; Is. 37:19 ^bPs. 106:20; Rom. 1:23
- ¹² Jer. 4:23; Is. 1:2
- ¹³ Jer. 17:13; Ps. 36:9
- ¹⁵ Lit., given their voice ^aJer. 50:17 ^bJer. 4:7
- ¹⁶ Or, sons ²Lit., grazed ^aJer. 44:1; Is. 19:13; Hos. 9:6 ^bJer. 48:45; Deut. 33:20
- ¹⁷ Deut. 32:10

18 ¹Heb., *Shihor* ²Lit., *the River*

19 ¹YHWH, usually rendered **Lord**
^aJer. 4:18; Is. 3:9; Hos. 5:5
^bJer. 3:6, 8, 11, 14; Hos. 11:7
^cJob 20:11-16; Amos 8:10
^dJer. 5:24; Ps. 36:1

20 ¹Or, *you*
^aLev. 26:13 ^bJer. 3:2, 6; 17:2;
 Deut. 12:2; Is. 57:5, 7

21 ^aEx. 15:17; Ps. 44:2; 80:8;
 Is. 5:2 ^bIs. 5:4

22 ¹Lit., *cause to be great to you* ²YHWH, usually rendered **Lord**
^aJer. 4:14

23 ^aProv. 30:12 ^bJer. 9:14
^cJer. 7:31 ^dJer. 2:33, 36; 31:22

24 ¹Lit., *occasion*
^aJer. 14:6

25 ¹Or, *desperate*
^aJer. 18:12 ^bJer. 14:10; Deut. 32:16

26 ^aJer. 48:27

27 ¹Or, *evil*
^aJer. 18:17; 32:33 ^bJer. 22:23;
 Is. 26:16

28 ¹Or, *evil*
^aJer. 1:16; Deut. 32:37; Is. 45:20 ^bJer. 11:12, 13 ^cJer. 11:13; 2 Kin. 17:30, 31

To drink the waters of the ¹Nile?
 Or what are you doing on the road to Assyria,
 To drink the waters of the ²Euphrates?

19 “^aYour own wickedness will correct you,
 And your ^bapostasies will reprove you;
 Know therefore and see that it is evil and ^cbitter
 For you to forsake the **LORD** your God,
 And ^dthe dread of Me is not in you,” declares the **Lord**
¹God of hosts.

20 “For long ago ^{1a}I broke your yoke
 And tore off your bonds;
 But you said, ‘I will not serve!’
 For on every ^bhigh hill
 And under every green tree
 You have lain down as a harlot.

21 “Yet I ^aplanted you a choice vine,
 A completely faithful seed.
 How then have you turned yourself before Me
 Into the ^bdegenerate shoots of a foreign vine?

22 “Although you ^awash yourself with lye
 And ¹use much soap,
 The stain of your iniquity is before Me,” declares the
Lord ²God.

23 “^aHow can you say, ‘I am not defiled,
 I have not gone after the ^bBaals’?
 Look at your way in the ^cvalley!
 Know what you have done!

You are a swift young camel ^dentangling her ways,
 24 “A ^awild donkey accustomed to the wilderness,
 That sniffs the wind in her passion.
 In *the time* of her ¹heat who can turn her away?
 All who seek her will not become weary;
 In her month they will find her.

25 “Keep your feet from being unshod
 And your throat from thirst;
 But you said, “It is ¹hopeless!
 No! For I have ^bloved strangers,
 And after them I will walk.’

26 “As the ^athief is shamed when he is discovered,
 So the house of Israel is shamed;
 They, their kings, their princes,
 And their priests, and their prophets,

27 Who say to a tree, ‘You are my father,’
 And to a stone, ‘You gave me birth.’
 For they have turned *their* ^aback to Me,
 And not *their* face;
 But in the ^btime of their ¹trouble they will say,
 ‘Arise and save us.’

28 “But where are your ^agods
 Which you made for yourself?
 Let them arise, if they can ^bsave you
 In the time of your ¹trouble;
 For ^caccording to the number of your cities
 Are your gods, O Judah.

- 29 “Why do you contend with Me?
You have ^aall transgressed against Me,” declares the LORD.
- 30 “^aIn vain I have struck your sons;
They accepted no chastening.
Your ^bsword has devoured your prophets
Like a destroying lion.
- 31 “O generation, heed the word of the LORD.
Have I been a wilderness to Israel?
Or a land of thick ^adarkness?
Why do My people say, ‘^bWe are free to roam;
We will come no more to Thee?’
- 32 “Can a virgin forget her ornaments,
Or a bride her attire?
Yet My people have ^aforgotten Me
Days without number.
- 33 “How well you prepare your way
To seek love!
Therefore even ¹the wicked women
You have taught your ways.
- 34 “Also on your skirts is found
The ^alifeblood of the innocent poor;
You did not find them ^bbreaking in.
But in spite of all these things,
- 35 Yet you said, ‘I am innocent;
Surely His anger is turned away from me.’
Behold, I will ^aenter into judgment with you
Because you ^bsay, ‘I have not sinned.’
- 36 “Why do you ^ago around so much
Changing your way?
Also, you shall be put to shame by Egypt
As you were put to shame by ^bAssyria.
- 37 “From this *place* also you shall go out
With ^ayour hands on your head;
For the LORD has rejected those in whom you trust,
And you shall not prosper with them.”

29 *Jer. 5:1; 6:13; Dan. 9:11

30 *Jer. 5:3; 7:28; Is. 1:5
*Jer. 26:20-24; Neh. 9:26

31 *Is. 45:19 *Jer. 2:20, 25;
Deut. 32:15

32 *Jer. 3:21; 13:25; Is.
17:10; Hos. 8:14

33 ¹Or, in wickedness

34 *Jer. 7:6; 19:4; 2 Kin.
21:16; 24:4 *Ex. 22:2

35 *Jer. 25:31 *Prov. 28:13;
1 John 1:8, 10

36 *Jer. 2:23; Hos. 12:1
*2 Chr. 28:16, 20, 21

37 *Jer. 14:3, 4; 2 Sam.
13:19

CHAPTER 3

- GOD ¹says, “^aIf a husband divorces his wife,
And she goes from him,
And belongs to another man,
Will he still return to her?
Will not that land be completely ²polluted?
But you ^bare a harlot with many ³lovers;
Yet you ‘turn to Me,’ declares the LORD.
- 2 “Lift up your eyes to the ^abare heights and see;
Where have you not been violated?
By the roads you have ^bsat for them
Like an Arab in the desert,
And you have ^cpolluted a land
With your harlotry and with your wickedness.
- 3 “Therefore the ^ashowers have been withheld,
And there has been no spring rain.
Yet you had a harlot’s forehead;
You refused to be ashamed.

¹ Heb., saying ²Or, alienated ³Lit., companions
*Deut. 24:1-4 *Jer. 2:20;
Ezek. 16:26, 28, 29 *Jer. 4:1;
Zech. 1:3

² *Jer. 2:20; Deut. 12:2
*Ezek. 16:25 *Jer. 2:7

³ *Jer. 14:3-6; Lev. 26:19

4 ¹Lit. *leader*
^aJer. 3:19; 31:9 ^bPs. 71:17

5 ¹Lit., *keep it* ²Lit., *been able*
^aJer. 3:12; Ps. 103:9; Is. 57:16

6 ^aJer. 17:2; Ezek. 23:4-10

7 ¹Lit., *said*
^aJer. 3:11; Ezek. 16:47

8 ^aDeut. 24:1, 3; Is. 50:1
^bEzek. 16:46, 47

9 ^aJer. 3:2; 2:7 ^bJer. 2:27;
 10:8; Is. 57:6

10 ^aJer. 12:2; Hos. 7:14

11 ^aEzek. 16:51, 52; 23:11

12 ¹Heb., *cause my countenance to fall*
^aJer. 3:14, 22 ^bJer. 3:5 ^cJer. 12:15; 31:20; 33:26; Ps. 86:1-5

13 ¹Lit., *know* ²Lit., *ways*
^aJer. 3:25; 14:20; Deut. 30:1-3
^bJer. 3:2, 6; 2:20, 25 ^cDeut. 12:2

14 ^aJer. 31:32; Hos. 2:19

15 ^aJer. 23:4; 31:10; 50:19;
 Ezek. 34:23 ^bActs 20:28

16 ^aIs. 65:17

17 ^aJer. 17:12; Ezek. 43:7
^bJer. 3:19; 4:2; 12:15, 16;
 16:19 ^cIs. 60:9 ^dJer. 11:8

18 ^aJer. 50:4, 5; Hos. 1:11
^bJer. 16:15; 31:8

4 "Have you not just now called to Me,
 'My Father, Thou art the ¹friend of my youth?"

5 "Will He be angry forever?
 Will He 'be indignant to the end?'
 Behold, you have spoken
 And have done evil things,
 And you ²have had your way."

6 Then the LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king, "Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She ^awent up on every high hill and under every green tree, and she was a harlot there.

7 "And I ¹thought, 'After she has done all these things, she will return to me'; but she did not return, and her ^atreacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 "And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and ^agiven her a writ of divorce, yet her ^btreacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also.

9 "And it came about because of the lightness of her harlotry, that she polluted the ^aland and committed adultery with ^bstones and trees.

10 "And yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in ^adeception," declares the LORD.

11 And the LORD said to me, "'Faithless Israel has proved herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

12 "Go, and proclaim these words toward the north and say,

'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD;
 'I will not ¹look upon you in anger.
 For I am ^cgracious,' declares the LORD;
 'I will not be angry forever.

13 'Only ^{1a}acknowledge your iniquity,
 That you have transgressed against the LORD your God
 And have ^bscattered your ²favours to the strangers ^cunder every green tree,
 And you have not obeyed My voice,' declares the LORD.

14 'Return, O faithless sons,' declares the LORD;
 'For I am a ^amaster to you,
 And I will take you one from a city and two from a family,

And I will bring you to Zion.'

15 "Then I will give you ^ashepherds after My own heart, who will ^bfeed you on knowledge and understanding.

16 "And it shall be in those days when you are multiplied and increased in the land," declares the LORD, "they shall ^asay no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' And it shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they miss it, nor shall it be made again.

17 "At that time they shall call Jerusalem 'The ^athrone of the LORD,' and ^ball the nations will be gathered to it, for the ^cname of the LORD in Jerusalem; ^dnor shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

18 "'In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together ^bfrom the land of

the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance.

18 ^cAmos 9:15

19 "Then I said,
'How I would set you among ¹My sons,
And give you a pleasant land,
The most ^abeautiful inheritance of the nations!
And I said, 'You shall call Me, ^bMy Father,
And not turn away from following Me.'

19 ¹Lit., *the*
^aPs. 16:6 ^bJer. 3:4; Is. 63:16

20 "Surely, as a woman treacherously departs from her ¹lover,
So you have ^adealt treacherously with Me,
O house of Israel," declares the LORD.

20 ¹Or, *companion*
^aIs. 48:8

21 A voice is heard on the ^abare heights,
The weeping *and* the supplications of the sons of
Israel;
Because they have perverted their way,
They have ^bforgotten the LORD their God.

21 ^aJer. 3:2; 7:29; Is. 15:2
^bJer. 2:32; 13:25; Is. 17:10

22 "Return, O faithless sons,
^aI will heal your faithlessness."

22 ^aJer. 30:17; 33:6; Hos.
6:1; 14:4

"Behold, we come to Thee;
For Thou art the LORD our God.

23 "Surely, ^athe hills are a deception,
A tumult *on* the mountains.
Surely, in the ^bLORD our God
Is the salvation of Israel."

23 ^aJer. 17:2 ^bJer. 17:14;
31:7; Ps. 3:8

24 "But the shameful thing has consumed the labor of our
fathers since our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons
and their daughters.

25 ^aEzra 9:7 ^bJer. 22:21

25 "Let us lie down in our shame, and let our humiliation
cover us; for we have ^asinned against the LORD our God, we
and our fathers, ^bsince our youth even to this day. And we have
not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

1 ^aJer. 3:22; Joel 2:12 ^bJer.
7:3, 7; 15:19; 35:15

CHAPTER 4

^a"IF you will return, O Israel," declares the LORD,
"Then you should return to Me.

And ^bif you will put away your detested things from My
presence,

2 ^aJer. 12:16; Deut. 10:20;
Is. 65:16 ^bJer. 3:17; 12:15, 16;
Gen. 22:18 ^cJer. 9:24; Is.
45:25

And will not waver,

2 And you will ^aswear, 'As the LORD lives,'
In truth, in justice, and in righteousness;
Then the ^bnations will bless themselves in Him,
And ^cin Him they will glory."

3 ¹Lit., *plow for yourselves*
plowed ground
^aHos. 10:12

3 For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to
Jerusalem,

"^{1a}Break up your fallow ground,
And do not sow among thorns.

4 "^aCircumcise yourselves to the LORD
And remove the foreskins of your heart,
Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem,
Lest My ^bwrath go out like fire
And burn with ^cnone to quench it
Because of the evil of your deeds."

4 ^aJer. 9:25, 26; Deut.
10:16; 30:6; Rom. 2:28, 29
^bJer. 21:12; Is. 30:27, 33
^cAmos 5:6; Mark 9:43, 48

5 ^aJer. 6:1; Hos. 8:1 ^bJer. 8:14; Josh. 10:20

6 ^aJer. 4:21; 50:2; Is. 62:10
^bJer. 1:14, 15; 6:1, 22

7 ^aJer. 5:6; 25:38; 50:17
^bJer. 25:9; Ezek. 26:7-10 ^cJer. 2:15; Is. 1:7; 6:11

8 ^aJer. 6:26; Is. 22:12 ^bJer. 30:24; Is. 5:25; 10:4

9 ^aJer. 48:41; Is. 22:3-5 ^bIs. 29:9, 10; Ezek. 13:9-16

10 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Or, *life*
^aEzek. 14:9; 2 Thess. 2:11
^bJer. 5:12; 14:13

12 ¹Lit., *these* ²Lit., *for Me*

13 ^aIs. 19:1; Nah. 1:3 ^bIs. 5:28; 66:15 ^cLam. 4:19 ^dIs. 3:8

14 ^aJer. 6:19; 13:27; Prov. 1:22

16 ^aJer. 5:15; Is. 39:3 ^bEzek. 21:22

17 ^a2 Kin. 25:1, 4 ^bJer. 5:23; Is. 1:20, 23

18 ¹Lit., *done*
^aJer. 2:17, 19; Ps. 107:17; Is. 50:1

5 “Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say,
“Blow the trumpet in the land”;

Cry aloud and say,
“Assemble yourselves, and let us go
Into the fortified cities.”

6 “Lift up a ^astandard toward Zion!
Seek refuge, do not stand *still*,
For I am bringing ^bevil from the north,
And great destruction.

7 “A ^alion has gone up from his thicket,
And a ^bdestroyer of nations has set out;
He has gone out from his place
To ^cmake your land a waste.
Your cities will be ruins
Without inhabitant.

8 “For this ^aput on sackcloth,
Lament and wail;
For the ^bfierce anger of the LORD
Has not turned back from us.”

9 “And it shall come about in that day,” declares the LORD, “that the ^aheart of the king and the heart of the princes will fail; and the priests will be appalled, and the ^bprophets will be astounded.”

10 Then I said, “Ah, Lord ¹God! Surely Thou hast utterly ^adeceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, “^bYou will have peace”; whereas a sword touches the ^athroat.”

11 In that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, “A scorching wind from the bare heights in the wilderness in the direction of the daughter of My people—not to winnow, and not to cleanse!

12 “A wind too strong for ¹this—will come ²at My command; now I will also pronounce judgments against them.”

13 “Behold, he ^agoes up like clouds,
And his ^bchariots like the whirlwind;
His horses are ^cswifter than eagles.
Woe to us, for ^dwe are ruined!”

14 Wash your heart from evil, O Jerusalem,
That you may be saved.
How long will your ^awicked thoughts
Lodge within you?

15 For a voice declares from Dan,
And proclaims wickedness from Mount Ephraim.

16 “Report it to the nations, now!
Proclaim over Jerusalem,
“Besiegers come from a ^afar country,
And ^blift their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 “Like watchmen of a field they are ^aagainst her round about,
Because she has ^brebelled against Me,” declares the LORD.

18 “Your ^aways and your deeds
Have ¹brought these things to you.
This is your evil. How bitter!
How it has touched your heart!”

- 19 ^aMy ¹soul, my ¹soul! I am in anguish! ²Oh my heart!
My ^bheart is pounding in me;
I cannot be silent,
Because ³you have heard, O my soul,
The ^csound of the trumpet,
The alarm of war.
- 20 ^aDisaster on disaster is proclaimed,
For the whole land is devastated;
Suddenly my tents are devastated,
My curtains in an instant.
- 21 How long must I see the standard,
And hear the sound of the trumpet?
- 22 ^a"For My people are foolish,
They know Me not;
They are stupid children,
And they have no understanding.
They are shrewd to ^bdo evil,
But to do good they do not know."
- 23 I looked on the earth, and behold, *it was* ^{1a}formless and
void;
And to the heavens, and they had no light.
- 24 I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were
^aquaking,
And all the hills ¹moved to and fro.
- 25 I looked, and behold, there was no man,
And all the ^abirds of the heavens had fled.
- 26 I looked, and behold, the ^{1a}fruitful land was a
wilderness,
And all its cities were pulled down
Before the LORD, before His fierce anger.
- 27 For thus says the LORD,
"The ^awhole land shall be a desolation,
Yet I will ^bnot execute a complete destruction.
- 28 "For this the ^aearth shall mourn,
And the ^bheavens above be dark,
Because I have ^cspoken, I have purposed,
And I will not ¹change My mind, nor will I turn from
it."
- 29 At the sound of the horseman and bowman every city
flees;
They ^ago into the thickets and climb among the rocks;
Every city is forsaken,
And no man dwells in them.
- 30 And you, O desolate one, ^awhat will you do?
Although you dress in scarlet,
Although you decorate *yourself with* ornaments of
gold,
Although you ^benlarge your eyes with paint,
In vain you make yourself beautiful;
Your ^{1c}lovers despise you;
They seek your life.
- 31 For I heard a ¹cry as of a woman in labor,
The anguish as of one giving birth to her first child,

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *inward parts* ²Lit.,
the walls of my heart ³Or, I,
my soul, heard
^aJer. 9:1, 10; 20:9; Is. 15:5;
16:11; 21:3; 22:4 ^bHab. 3:16
^cNum. 10:9

²⁰ ^aPs. 42:7; Ezek. 7:26

²² ^aJer. 5:4, 21; 10:8 ^bJer.
9:3; 13:23; Rom. 16:19

²³ ¹Or, *a waste and
emptiness*
^aGen. 1:2; Is. 24:19

²⁴ ¹Lit., *moved lightly*
^aJer. 10:10; Is. 5:25; Ezek.
38:20

²⁵ ^aJer. 9:10; 12:4; Zeph.
1:3

²⁶ ¹Or, *Carmel*
^aJer. 9:10

²⁷ ^aJer. 12:11, 12; 25:11
^bJer. 5:10, 18; 30:11; 46:28

²⁸ ¹Lit., *be sorry*
^aJer. 12:4, 11; 14:2; Hos. 4:3
^bIs. 5:30; 50:3; Joel 2:30, 31
^cJer. 23:20; 30:24; Num.
23:19

²⁹ ^aJer. 16:16; Is. 2:19-21

³⁰ ¹Lit., *paramours*
^aJer. 13:21; Is. 10:3; 20:6
^b2 Kin. 9:30; Ezek. 23:40
^cJer. 22:20, 22; Ezek. 23:9,
10, 22

³¹ ¹Lit., *sound*

31 ¹Lit., *sound* ²Lit., *palms*
³Lit., *my soul faints*
¹Is. 42:14 ²Is. 1:15; Lam. 1:17

1 ¹Lit., *faithfulness*
²Chr. 16:9; Dan. 12:4
³Ezek. 22:30 ⁴Gen. 18:26, 32

3 ¹Lit., *faithfulness* ²Or, *become sick*
¹2 Chr. 16:9 ²Jer. 7:28; 8:5;
 Zeph. 3:2 ³Jer. 7:26; 19:15;
 Ezek. 3:8

4 ⁴Jer. 8:7; Is. 27:11; Hos.
 4:6

5 ⁵Jer. 2:20; Ex. 32:25; Ps.
 2:3

6 ⁶Ezek. 22:27; Hab. 1:8;
 Zeph. 3:3 ⁷Hos. 13:7

7 ⁷Jer. 12:16; Josh. 23:7;
 Zeph. 1:5 ⁸Jer. 2:11; Deut.
 32:21; Gal. 4:8

8 ⁸Jer. 29:23; Ezek. 22:11

9 ⁹Or, *for these things*

10 ¹⁰Jer. 39:8

The ¹cry of the daughter of Zion ²gasping for breath,
³Stretching out her ⁴hands, *saying*,
 "Ah, woe is me, for ⁵I faint before murderers."

CHAPTER 5

1 ¹ROAM to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
 And look now, and take note.
 And seek in her open squares,
 If you can find a ²man,
 If there is one who does justice, who seeks ³truth,
 Then I will ⁴pardon her.

2 "And although they say, 'As the LORD lives,'
 Surely they swear falsely."

3 O LORD, do not ¹Thine eyes look for ²truth?
 Thou hast smitten them,
But they did not ³weaken;
 Thou hast consumed them,
 But they ⁴refused to take correction.
 They have made their faces ⁵harder than rock;
 They have refused to repent.

4 Then I said, "They are only the poor,
 They are foolish;
 For they do not ¹know the way of the LORD
 Or the ordinance of their God.

5 "I will go to the great
 And will speak to them,
 For they know the way of the LORD,
 And the ordinance of their God."
 But they too, with one accord, have ¹broken the yoke
 And burst the bonds.

6 Therefore a lion from the forest shall slay them,
 A ²wolf of the deserts shall destroy them,
 A ³leopard is watching their cities.
 Every one who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces.
 Because their transgressions are many,
 Their apostasies are numerous.

7 "Why should I pardon you?
 Your sons have forsaken Me
 And ¹sworn by those who are ²not gods.
 When I had fed them to the full,
 They committed adultery
 And trooped to the harlot's house.

8 "They were well-fed lusty horses,
 Each one neighing after his ¹neighbor's wife.

9 "Shall I not punish ¹these *people*," declares the LORD,
 "And on a nation such as this
 Shall I not avenge Myself?"

10 "Go up through her ¹vine rows and destroy,
 But do not execute a complete destruction;
 Strip away her branches,
 For they are not the LORD's.

- 11 "For the ^ahouse of Israel and the house of Judah
Have dealt very treacherously with Me," declares the
LORD.
- 12 They have lied about the LORD
And said, "^{1a}Not He;
Misfortune will ^bnot come on us;
And we will ^cnot see sword or famine.
- 13 "And the ^aprophets are as wind,
And the word is not in them.
Thus it will be done to them!"
- 14 Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts,
"Because you have spoken this word,
Behold, I am making My words in your mouth ^afire
And this people wood, and it will consume them.
- 15 "Behold, I am ^abringing a nation against you from afar,
O house of Israel," declares the LORD.
"It is an enduring nation,
It is an ancient nation,
A nation whose ^blanguage you do not know,
Nor can you understand what they say.
- 16 "Their quiver is like an ^aopen grave,
All of them are mighty men.
- 17 "And they will ^adevour your harvest and your food;
They will devour your sons and your daughters;
They will devour your flocks and your herds;
They will devour your ^bvines and your fig trees;
They will demolish with the sword your ^cfortified cities
in which you trust.
- 18 "Yet even in those days," declares the LORD, "I will not
make you a complete destruction.
- 19 "And it shall come about ^awhen ¹they say, 'Why has the
LORD our God done all these things to us?' then you shall say
to them, 'As you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in
your land, so you shall ^bserve strangers in a land that is not
yours.'
- 20 "Declare this in the house of Jacob
And proclaim it in Judah, saying,
21 'Hear this, O foolish and ¹senseless people,
Who have ^aeyes, but see not;
Who have ears, but hear not.
- 22 'Do you not ^afear Me?' declares the LORD.
'Do you not tremble in My presence?
For I have ^bplaced the sand as a boundary for the sea,
An eternal decree, so it cannot cross over it.
Though the waves toss, yet they cannot prevail;
Though they roar, yet they cannot cross over it.
- 23 'But this people has a ^astubborn and rebellious heart;
They have turned aside and departed.
- 24 'They do not say in their heart,
"Let us now fear the LORD our God,
Who ^agives rain in its season,
Both the autumn rain and the ^bspring rain,
Who keeps for us
The ^cappointed weeks of the harvest."
- 11 ^aJer. 3:6, 7, 20
- 12 ¹Lit., He is not
^aJer. 14:22; 43:1-4; Prov. 30:9
^bJer. 23:17 ^cJer. 14:13
- 13 ^aJer. 14:13, 15; 22:22; Job
8:2
- 14 ^aJer. 23:29; Is. 24:6;
Zech. 1:6
- 15 ^aJer. 4:16; Deut. 28:49; Is.
5:26 ^bIs. 28:11
- 16 ^aPs. 5:9; Is. 5:28; 13:18
- 17 ^aJer. 8:16; 50:7, 17; Lev.
26:16; Deut. 28:31, 33 ^bJer.
8:13 ^cHos. 8:14
- 19 ¹Or, you
^aJer. 16:10-13; Deut. 29:24-
26; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9 ^bJer. 16:13;
Deut. 28:48
- 21 ¹Lit., without heart
^aIs. 6:9; 43:8; Ezek. 12:2;
Matt. 13:14
- 22 ^aJer. 2:19; 10:7; Deut.
28:58; Ps. 119:120 ^bJob 38:8-
11; Ps. 104:9
- 23 ^aJer. 4:17; 6:28; Deut.
21:18; Ps. 78:8
- 24 ^aJer. 3:3; Ps. 147:8; Matt.
5:45 ^bJoel 2:23 ^cGen. 8:22

25 ^aJer. 2:17; 4:18

26 ¹Perhaps, *crouching down*
^aJer. 18:22; Ps. 10:9; Prov. 1:11; Hab. 1:15

28 ¹Lit., *pass over, or, overlook deeds . . .* ²Or, *fatherless* ³Lit., *judge*
^aDeut. 32:15 ^bJer. 7:6; 22:3; Is. 1:23; Zech. 7:10

29 ¹Or, *for these things*

30 ^aJer. 23:14; Hos. 6:10

31 ¹Lit., *over their own hands*
^aMic. 2:11

¹ I.e., *House of the vineyard*
^aJer. 6:22; 1:14; 4:6

² Deut. 28:56

³ ¹Lit., *against her round about* ²Lit., *hand*
^aJer. 12:10 ^bJer. 4:17; 2 Kin. 25:1; Luke 19:43

⁴ ¹Lit., *Sanctify* ²Lit., *go up*
^aJer. 6:23; Joel 3:9 ^bJer. 15:8; Zeph. 2:4

⁵ ¹Lit., *go up* ²Or, *fortified towers*
^aJer. 52:13; Is. 32:14

⁶ ^aDeut. 20:19, 20 ^bJer. 22:17

⁷ ¹Lit., *keeps cold*
^aJames 3:10-12 ^bJer. 20:8; Ps. 59:9-11; Ezek. 7:11, 23 ^cJer. 30:12, 13

⁸ ¹Lit., *my soul*
^aJer. 7:28; 17:23 ^bEzek. 23:18; Hos. 9:12

- 25 'Your ^ainiquities have turned these away,
And your sins have withheld good from you.
- 26 'For wicked men are found among My people,
They ^awatch like fowlers ¹lying in wait;
They set a trap,
They catch men.
- 27 'Like a cage full of birds,
So their houses are full of deceit;
Therefore they have become great and rich.
- 28 'They are ^afat, they are sleek,
They also ¹excel in deeds of wickedness;
They do not plead the cause,
The cause of the ^{2b}orphan, that they may prosper;
And they do not ³defend the rights of the poor.
- 29 'Shall I not punish ¹these *people*?' declares the LORD,
'On a nation such as this
Shall I not avenge Myself? "
- 30 An appalling and ^ahorrible thing
Has happened in the land:
- 31 The prophets prophesy falsely,
And the priests rule ¹on their own authority;
And My people ^alove it so!
But what will you do at the end of it?

CHAPTER 6

- “**F**LEE for safety, O sons of Benjamin,
From the midst of Jerusalem!
Now blow a trumpet in Tekoa,
And raise a signal over ¹Beth-hakkerem;
For evil looks down from the ^anorth,
And a great destruction.
- 2 “The comely and ^adainty one, the daughter of Zion, I
will cut off.
- 3 “^aShepherds and their flocks will come to her,
They will ^bpitch *their* tents ¹around her,
They will pasture each in his ²place.
- 4 “^{1a}Prepare war against her;
Arise, and let us ²attack at ^bnoon.
Woe to us, for the day declines,
For the shadows of the evening lengthen!
- 5 “Arise, and let us ¹attack by night
And ^adestroy her ²palaces!”
- 6 For thus says the LORD of hosts,
^a“Cut down her trees,
And cast up a siege against Jerusalem.
This is the city to be punished,
In whose midst there is only ^boppression.
- 7 “^aAs a well ¹keeps its waters fresh,
So she ¹keeps fresh her wickedness.
^bViolence and destruction are heard in her;
^cSickness and wounds are ever before Me.
- 8 “^aBe warned, O Jerusalem,
Lest ^{1b}I be alienated from you;

Lest I make you a desolation,
A land not inhabited.”

⁹ Jer. 16:16; 49:9; Obad. 5, 6 ^b Jer. 8:3; 11:23

9 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
“They will ^athoroughly glean as the vine the ^bremnant of
Israel;

10 ¹ Lit., *uncircumcised*

Pass your hand again like a grape gatherer
Over the branches.”

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning,
That they may hear?

Behold, their ears are ¹closed,
And they cannot listen.

11 ¹ Lit., *council* ² Lit., *with fulness of days*
^a Job 32:18, 19; Mic. 3:8 ^b Jer. 15:6; 20:9 ^c Jer. 7:20; 9:21

Behold, the word of the LORD has become a reproach
to them;

They have no delight in it.

11 But I am ^afull of the wrath of the LORD:
I am ^bwearied with holding it in.

12 ^a Jer. 8:10; 38:22; Deut. 28:30 ^b Jer. 15:6

“^cPour it out on the children in the street,
And on the ¹gathering of young men together;
For both husband and wife shall be taken,
The aged and the ²very old.

12 “And their ^ahouses shall be turned over to others,
Their fields and their wives together;
For I will ^bstretch out My hand
Against the inhabitants of the land,” declares the LORD.

13 ¹ Or, *makes lies*
^a Jer. 8:10; 22:17 ^b Jer. 8:10; 22:17; Is. 56:11; 57:17

13 “For ^afrom the least of them even to the greatest of
them,

Every one is ^bgreedy for gain,
And from the prophet even to the priest
Every one ¹deals falsely.

14 ^a Jer. 8:11, 12; Ezek. 13:10

14 “And they have ^ahealed the wound of My people
slightly,

Saying, ‘Peace, peace,’
But there is no peace.

15 “Were they ^aashamed because of the abomination they
have done?

15 ^a Jer. 3:3; 8:12

They were not even ashamed at all;
They did not even know how to blush.
Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
At the time that I punish them,
They shall be cast down,” says the LORD.

16 ^a Jer. 12:16; 18:15; 31:21; Is. 8:20; Mal. 4:4; Luke 16:29 ^b Matt. 11:29

16 Thus says the LORD,
“Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ^aancient
paths,

17 ^a Jer. 25:4; Is. 21:11; 58:1; Ezek. 3:17; Hab. 2:1

Where the good way is, and walk in it;
And ^byou shall find rest for your souls.
But they said, ‘We will not walk *in it*.’

17 “And I set ^awatchmen over you, *saying*,
‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’
But they said, ‘We will not listen.’

19 ^a Jer. 22:29; Is. 1:2

18 “Therefore hear, O nations,
And know, O congregation, what is among them.

19 “^aHear, O earth: behold, I am bringing disaster on this
people,

19 ¹Or, *devices*
^bProv. 1:31 ^cJer. 8:9

20 ¹Lit., *good*
^aPs. 40:6; 50:7-9; Is. 1:11;
 66:3; Amos 5:21; Mic. 6:6 ^bIs.
 60:6 ^cEx. 30:23

21 ¹Lit., *giving* ²Lit., *his*
friend
^aJer. 13:16; Is. 8:14 ^bJer. 9:21,
 22; Is. 9:14-17

22 ^aNeh. 1:9

23 ^aJer. 4:29; Is. 13:18 ^bJer.
 50:42 ^cIs. 5:30

24 ^aJer. 4:19-21; Is. 28:19

25 ^aJer. 14:18

26 ¹Lit., *make for yourself*
mourning
^aJer. 4:8 ^bJer. 25:34; Mic.
 1:10 ^cAmos 8:10; Zech. 12:10

27 ^aJer. 1:18; 15:20

28 ^aJer. 9:4 ^bEzek. 22:18

29 ¹Or, *drawn off*
^aJer. 15:19

30 ^aPs. 119:119; Is. 1:22

The ^bfruit of their ¹plans,
 Because they have not listened to My words,
 And as for My law, they have ^crejected it also.

20 ^a“For what purpose does ^bfrankincense come to Me
 from Sheba,

And the ^{1c}sweet cane from a distant land?
 Your burnt offerings are not acceptable,
 And your sacrifices are not pleasing to Me.”

21 Therefore, thus says the LORD,
 “Behold, ^aI am ¹laying stumbling blocks before this
 people.

And they will stumble against them,
^bFathers and sons together;
 Neighbor and ²friend will perish.”

22 Thus says the LORD,
 “Behold, a people is coming from the north land,
 And a great nation will be aroused from the ^aremote
 parts of the earth.

23 “They seize ^abow and spear;
 They are ^bcruel and have no mercy;
 Their voice ^croars like the sea,
 And they ride on horses,
 Arrayed as a man for the battle
 Against you, O daughter of Zion!”

24 We have ^aheard the report of it;
 Our hands are limp.
 Anguish has seized us,
 Pain as of a woman in childbirth.

25 ^aDo not go out into the field,
 And do not walk on the road,
 For the enemy has a sword,
 Terror is on every side.

26 O daughter of my people, ^aput on sackcloth
 And ^broll in ashes;
^{1c}Mourn as for an only son,
 A lamentation most bitter.
 For suddenly the destroyer
 Will come upon us.

27 “I have ^amade you an assayer *and* a tester among My
 people,

That you may know and assay their way.”

28 All of them are stubbornly rebellious,
^aGoing about as a talebearer.
They are ^bbronze and iron;
 They, all of them, are corrupt.

29 The bellows blow fiercely,
 The lead is consumed by the fire;
 In vain the refining goes on,
 But the ^awicked are not ¹separated.

30 ^aThey call them rejected silver,
 Because the LORD has rejected them.

CHAPTER 7

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
 2 “^aStand in the gate of the LORD’s house and proclaim there this word, and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!’”

3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
 “^aAmend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.

4 “^aDo not trust in deceptive words, saying, ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

5 “For ^aif you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly ^bpractice justice between a man and his neighbor,

6 ⁱf you do not oppress the alien, the ^{1a}orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor ^bwalk after other gods to your own ruin,

7 then I will let you ^adwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

8 “Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail.

9 “Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and ^{1a}offer sacrifices to Baal, and walk after ^bother gods that you have not known,

10 then ^acome and stand before Me in ^bthis house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations?

11 “Has ^athis house, which is called by My name, become a ^bden of robbers in your sight? Behold, ^cI, even I, have seen it,” declares the LORD.

12 “But go now to My place which was in ^aShiloh, where I ^bmade My name dwell at the first, and ^csee what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

13 “And now, because you have done all these things,” declares the LORD, “and I spoke to you, rising up early and ^aspeaking, but you did not hear, and I ^bcalled you but you did not answer,

14 therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, ^ain which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I ^bdid to Shiloh.

15 “And I will ^acast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the ¹offspring of ^bEphraim.

16 “As for you, do not ^apray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.

17 “Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 “The ¹children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and ^{they} ^apour out drink offerings to other gods in order to ^bspite Me.

19 “^aDo they spite Me?” declares the LORD. “Is it not themselves ^{they} ^{spite}, to ¹their own ^bshame?”

20 Therefore thus says the Lord ¹God, “Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and on beast and on the ^atrees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched.”

2 ^aJer. 17:19

3 ^aJer. 7:5; 4:1; 18:11; 26:13

4 ¹Lit., *They are*
^aJer. 7:8; Mic. 3:11

5 ^aJer. 4:1, 2; Is. 1:19 ^bJer. 21:12; 22:3; 1 Kin. 6:12, 13

6 ¹Or, *fatherless*
^aJer. 5:28; Ex. 22:21-24 ^bJer. 13:10; Deut. 6:14, 15; 8:19; 11:28

7 ^aJer. 4:1; Deut. 4:40

9 ¹Or, *burn incense*
^aJer. 11:13, 17 ^bJer. 7:6; 19:4

10 ^aEzek. 23:39 ^bJer. 7:11, 14, 30; 32:34

11 ¹Is. 56:7 ^bMatt. 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46 ^cJer. 29:23

12 ^aJer. 26:6; Judg. 18:31
^bJosh. 18:1, 10 ^cJer. 17:19

13 ^aJer. 7:5; 4:1; 18:11; 26:13
^bJer. 7:8; Mic. 3:11

14 ^aJer. 4:1, 2; Is. 1:19 ^bJer. 21:12; 22:3; 1 Kin. 6:12, 13

15 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aJer. 5:28; Ex. 22:21-24 ^bJer. 13:10; Deut. 6:14, 15; 8:19; 11:28

16 ^aJer. 4:1; Deut. 4:40

18 ¹Lit., *sons*
^aJer. 19:13 ^bJer. 11:17; Deut. 32:16, 21; 1 Kin. 14:9; 16:2; Ezek. 8:7

19 ¹Lit., *their faces*
^aJob 35:6 ^bJer. 9:19; 15:9; 22:22

20 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aJer. 8:13; 11:16

21 ^aJer. 6:20; 14:12; Is. 1:11; Amos 5:21 ^bEzek. 33:25; Hos. 8:13

22 ^{a1} Sam. 15:22; Ps. 51:16; Hos. 6:6

23 ¹Lit., *the word which*, cf. Ex. 16:32
^aEx. 15:26; Deut. 6:3 ^bJer. 11:4; 13:11; Ex. 19:5, 6; Lev. 26:12 ^cJer. 38:20; 42:6; Is. 3:10

24 ¹Lit., *they were*
^aJer. 11:8; Ps. 81:11; Ezek. 20:8, 13, 16, 21

26 ^aJer. 17:23; 19:15; Neh. 9:17 ^bJer. 16:12; Matt. 23:32

27 ^aJer. 1:8; 26:2; Ezek. 2:7 ^{b1s} Is. 50:2; 65:12; Zech. 7:13

28 ¹Lit., *faithfulness*
^aJer. 6:17; 11:10 ^bJer. 9:5; Is. 59:14, 15

29 ¹Lit., *your crown*
^aJer. 16:6; Job 1:20; Is. 15:2; 22:12; Mic. 1:16 ^bJer. 6:30; 14:19

30 ^aJer. 32:34, 35; 2 Kin. 21:4; 2 Chr. 33:4, 5, 7; Ezek. 7:20; Dan. 9:27; 11:31

31 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aJer. 19:5; 2 Kin. 23:10
^{b2} Kin. 17:17; Ps. 106:38
^cDeut. 17:3

32 ¹Or, *until there is no place left*
^aJer. 19:6, 7

33 ^aJer. 12:9; Deut. 28:26; Ps. 79:2

34 ^aJer. 16:9; Is. 24:7, 8; Ezek. 26:13; Hos. 2:11 ^bJer. 4:27; Is. 1:7

1 ^aEzek. 6:5

2 ^aJer. 19:13; 2 Kin. 23:5; Zeph. 1:5; Acts 7:42

21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “^aAdd your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and ^beat flesh.

22 “For I did not ^aspeak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

23 “But this is ¹what I commanded them, saying, ‘^aObey My voice, and ^bI will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may ^cbe well with you.’

24 “Yet they did not ^aobey or incline their ear, but walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and ^bwent backward and not forward.

25 “Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending *them*.

26 “Yet they did not listen to Me or incline their ear, but ^astiffened their neck; they ^bdid evil more than their fathers.

27 “And you shall ^aspeak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will ^bnot answer you.

28 “And you shall say to them, ‘This is the nation that did ^anot obey the voice of the LORD their God ^bor accept correction; ¹truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

29 ^aCut off ¹your hair and cast it away,
 And take up a lamentation on the bare heights;
 For the LORD has ^brejected and forsaken
 The generation of His wrath.’

30 “For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in My sight,” declares the LORD, “they have ^aset their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

31 “And they have ^abuilt the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to ^bburn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I ^cdid not command, and it did not come into My ¹mind.

32 “^aTherefore, behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when it will no more be called Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth ¹because there is no *other* place.

33 “And the ^adead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten *them* away.

34 “Then I will make to ^acease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the ^bland will become a ruin.

CHAPTER 8

“**AT** that time,” declares the LORD, “they will ^abring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem from their graves.

2 “And they will spread them out to the sun, the moon, and to all the ^ahost of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and which they have gone after, and

which they have sought, and which they have worshiped. They will not be gathered ^bor buried; they will be as dung on the face of the ground.

3 “And ^adeath will be chosen rather than life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family, that remains in all the ^bplaces to which I have driven them,” declares the LORD of hosts.

4 “And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Do *men* fall and ^anot get up again? Does one turn away and not ¹repent?”

5 “Why then has this people ^aturned away, Jerusalem, in continual apostasy? They ^bhold fast to deceit, They refuse to return.

6 “I ^ahave listened and heard, They have spoken what is not right; No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, ‘What have I done?’ Every one turned to his course, Like a ^bhorse charging into the battle.

7 “Even the ^astork in the sky Knows her seasons; And the ^bturtledove and the swift and the thrush Observe the time of their ¹migration; But My people do not know The ordinance of the LORD.

8 “How can you say, ‘^aWe are wise, And the law of the LORD is with us?’ But behold, the lying pen of the scribes Has made *it* into a lie.

9 “The wise men are ^aput to shame, They are dismayed and caught; Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, And what kind of wisdom do they have?”

10 “Therefore I will ^agive their wives to others, Their fields to ¹new owners; Because from the least even to the greatest Every one is ^bgreedy for gain; From the prophet even to the priest Every one practices deceit.

11 “And they ^aheal the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially By saying, ‘¹All is well, all is well’; But there is no peace.

12 “Were they ^aashamed because of the abomination they had done? They certainly were not ashamed, And they did not know how to blush; Therefore they shall ^bfall among those who fall; At the ^ctime of their punishment they shall be brought down,” Declares the LORD.

13 “I will ^asurely snatch them away,” declares the LORD; “There will be no grapes on the vine,

2 ^bJer. 22:19; 36:30

3 ^aJob 3:21, 22; 7:15, 16; Jon. 4:3; Rev. 9:6 ^bJer. 23:3, 8; 29:14; Deut. 30:1, 4

4 ¹Lit., *turn back* ^aProv. 24:16; Amos 5:2; Mic. 7:8

5 ^aJer. 5:6; 7:24 ^bJer. 5:27; 9:6

6 ^aPs. 74:2; Mal. 3:16 ^bJob 39:21-25

7 ¹Lit., *coming* ^aProv. 6:6-8; Is. 1:3 ^bSong of Sol. 2:12

8 ^aJer. 4:22; Job 5:12, 13; Rom. 1:22; 2:17

9 ^aJer. 6:15; Is. 19:11; 1 Cor. 1:27

10 ¹Lit., *possessing ones* ^aJer. 6:12, 13; 38:22; Deut. 28:30 ^bJer. 6:13; Is. 56:11; 57:17

11 ¹Lit., *peace, peace* ^aJer. 6:14; 14:13, 14; Lam. 2:14; Ezek. 13:10

12 ^aJer. 3:3; 6:15; Ps. 52:1, 7; Is. 3:9; Zeph. 3:5 ^bJer. 6:21; Is. 9:14; Hos. 4:5 ^cJer. 10:15; Deut. 32:35

13 ^aJer. 14:12; Ezek. 22:20, 21

13 ^bMatt. 21:19

14 ^aJer. 4:5 ^bJer. 35:11;
2 Sam. 20:6 ^cJer. 9:15; Deut.
29:18; Ps. 69:21; Lam. 3:19;
Matt. 27:34 ^dJer. 3:25; 14:20

15 ^aJer. 8:11; 14:19

16 ^aJer. 4:15; Judg. 18:29
^bJudg. 5:22

17 ^aNum. 21:6; Deut. 32:24
^bPs. 58:4, 5

18 ¹So Gk. and versions
^aIs. 22:4; Lam. 1:16, 17

19 ¹Lit., *vanities*
^aJer. 4:16; 9:16; Is. 13:5; 39:3
^bJer. 7:19; Deut. 32:21 ^cPs.
31:6

21 ^aJer. 4:19; 9:1; 14:17 ^bJer.
14:2; Nah. 2:10

22 ¹Or, *healing* ²Lit., *gone
up*
^aJer. 46:11; Gen. 37:25 ^bJer.
14:19; 30:13

1 ¹8:23 in Heb.
^aJer. 8:18; 13:17; Is. 22:4;
Lam. 2:18 ^bJer. 6:26; 9:21, 22

2 ¹9:1 in Heb.
^aPs. 55:6, 7; 120:5, 6

3 ^aJer. 9:8; Ps. 64:3; Is. 59:4
^bJer. 5:4, 5; 1 Sam. 2:12; Hos.
4:1

4 ^aJer. 12:6

- And ^bno figs on the fig tree,
And the leaf shall wither;
And what I have given them shall pass away.” ” ” ”
14 Why are we sitting still?
^aAssemble yourselves, and let us ^bgo into the fortified
cities,
And let us perish there,
Because the LORD our God has doomed us
And given us ^cpoisoned water to drink,
For ^dwe have sinned against the LORD.
15 We ^awaited for peace, but no good *came*;
For a time of healing, but behold, terror!
16 From ^aDan is heard the snorting of his horses;
At the sound of the neighing of his ^bsteeds
The whole land quakes;
For they come and devour the land and its fullness,
The city and its inhabitants.
17 “For behold, I am ^asending serpents against you,
Adders, for which there is ^bno charm,
And they will bite you,” declares the LORD.
18 ¹My sorrow is ^abeyond healing,
My heart is faint *within me!*
19 Behold, listen! The cry of the daughter of my people
from a ^adistant land:
“Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not within her?
Why have they ^bprovoked Me with their graven
images, with foreign ¹idols?”
20 “Harvest is past, summer is ended,
And we are not saved.”
21 For the ^abrokenness of the daughter of my people I am
broken;
I ^bmourn, dismay has taken hold of me.
22 Is there no ^abalm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
^bWhy then has not the ¹health of the daughter of my
people ²been restored?

CHAPTER 9

- ^{1a} **O** THAT my head were waters,
And my eyes a fountain of tears,
That I might weep day and night
For the slain of the ^bdaughter of my people!
2 ^{1a}O that I had in the desert
A wayfarers' lodging place;
That I might leave my people,
And go from them!
For all of them are adulterers,
An assembly of treacherous men.
3 “And they ^abend their tongue *like* their bow;
Lies and not truth prevail in the land;
For they proceed from evil to evil,
And they do not ^bknow Me,” declares the LORD.
4 “Let every one be on guard against his neighbor,
And do not ^atrust any brother;

- Because every ^bbrother deals ¹craftily,
 And every neighbor ^cgoes about as a slanderer.
- 5 "And everyone ^adeceives his neighbor,
 And does not speak the truth,
 They have taught their tongue to speak lies;
 They ^bwear themselves committing iniquity.
- 6 "Your ^adwelling is in the midst of deceit;
 Through deceit they ^brefuse to know Me," declares
 the LORD.
- 7 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts,
 "Behold, I will refine them and ^aassay them;
 For ^bwhat else can I do, because of the daughter of My
 people?"
- 8 "Their ^atongue is a deadly arrow;
 It speaks deceit;
 With his mouth one ^bspeaks peace to his neighbor,
 But inwardly he ^csets an ambush for him.
- 9 "Shall I not punish them for these things?" declares the
 LORD.
 "On a nation such as this
 Shall I not avenge Myself?"
- 10 "For the ^amountains I will take up a weeping and
 wailing,
 And for the pastures of the ^bwilderness a dirge,
 Because they are ^claid waste, so that no one passes
 through,
 And the lowing of the cattle is not heard;
 Both the ^dbirds of the sky and the beasts have fled; they
 are gone.
- 11 "And I will make Jerusalem a ^aheap of ruins,
 A haunt of ^bjackals;
 And I will make the cities of Judah a ^cdesolation, with-
 out inhabitant."
- 12 Who is the ^awise man that may understand this? And
who is he to whom ^bthe mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he
 may declare it? ^cWhy is the land ruined, laid waste like a
 desert, so that no one passes through?
- 13 And the LORD said, "Because they have ^aforsaken My
 law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice
 nor walked according to it,
 14 but have ^awalked after the stubbornness of their heart
 and after the ^bBaals, as their ^cfathers taught them,"
- 15 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Is-
 rael, "behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood
 and give them ^apoisoned water to drink.
- 16 "And I will ^ascatter them among the nations, whom nei-
 ther they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the
^bsword after them until I have annihilated them."
- 17 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
 "Consider and call for the ^amourning women, that they
 may come;
 And send for the ^{1b}wailing women, that they may
 come!
- 18 "And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us,

4 ¹i.e., like Jacob (a play on words)
^bGen. 27:35 ^cJer. 6:28;
 Ps. 15:3; Prov. 10:18

5 ^aMic. 6:12 ^bJer. 12:13;
 51:58, 64

6 ^aJer. 5:27; 8:5; Ps. 120:5,
^bJer. 11:10; 13:10; Job
 21:14, 15; John 3:14, 20

7 ^aJer. 6:27; Is. 1:25; Mal.
 3:3 ^bHos. 11:8

8 ^aJer. 9:3 ^bPs. 28:3 ^cJer.
 5:26

9 ^aJer. 5:9, 29; Is. 1:24

10 ^aJer. 4:24; 7:29 ^bJer. 4:26;
 Hos. 4:3 ^cJer. 12:4, 10; Ezek.
 14:15, 29:11; 33:28 ^dJer. 4:25;
 12:4; Hos. 4:3

11 ^aJer. 51:37; Is. 25:2 ^bIs.
 13:22; 34:13 ^cJer. 4:27; 26:9

12 ^aPs. 107:43; Hos. 14:9
^bJer. 9:20; 23:16 ^cJer. 23:10;
 Ps. 107:34

13 ^aJer. 5:19; 22:9; 2 Chr.
 7:19; Ps. 89:30

14 ^aJer. 7:24; 11:8; Rom.
 1:21-24 ^bJer. 2:8, 23; 23:27
^cGal. 1:14; 1 Pet. 1:18

15 ^aJer. 8:14; 23:15; Deut.
 29:18

16 ^aJer. 13:24; Lev. 26:33;
 Deut. 28:64 ^bJer. 44:27;
 Ezek. 5:2, 12

17 ¹Lit., skilled in
 mourning for the dead
²Chr. 35:25; Eccles. 12:5
^bAmos 5:16

18 ^aJer. 9:1; 14:17; Is. 22:4

19 ^aJer. 7:29; Ezek. 7:16-18
^bJer. 4:13; Deut. 28:29 ^cJer. 7:15; 15:1

20 ^aIs. 32:9

21 ^aJer. 15:7; 18:21; 2 Chr. 36:17; Ezek. 9:5, 6; Amos 6:9, 10 ^bJer. 6:11

22 ^aJer. 8:2; 16:4; 26:33; Ps. 83:10; Is. 5:25

23 ^aEccles. 9:11; Is. 47:10; Ezek. 28:3-7 ^{b1} Kin. 20:10, 11; Is. 10:8-12 ^cJob 31:24, 25; Ps. 49:6-9

24 ^aJer. 4:2; Ps. 44:8; Is. 41:16; 1 Cor. 1:31; 2 Cor. 10:17; Gal. 6:14 ^bEx. 34:6, 7; Ps. 36:5, 7; 51:1 ^cIs. 61:8; Mic. 7:18

25 ^aJer. 4:4; Rom. 2:8, 9

26 ^aJer. 25:23 ^bJer. 4:4; 6:10; Lev. 26:41; Ezek. 44:7; Rom. 2:28

2 ^aLev. 18:3; Deut. 12:30
^bIs. 47:12-14

3 ¹Lit., *vanity*
^aJer. 14:22 ^bIs. 44:9-20

4 ^aJer. 10:14; Is. 40:19 ^bIs. 40:20; 41:7

5 ^aIs. 46:1, 7 ^bIs. 41:23, 24

That our ^aeyes may shed tears,
And our eyelids flow with water.

19 "For a voice of ^awailing is heard from Zion,
^b"How are we ruined!

We are put to great shame,
For we have ^cleft the land,
Because they have cast down our dwellings.' "

20 Now hear the word of the LORD, O you ^awomen,
And let your ear receive the word of His mouth;
Teach your daughters wailing,
And every one her neighbor a dirge.

21 For ^adeath has come up through our windows;
It has entered our palaces
To cut off the ^bchildren from the streets,
The young men from the town squares.

22 Speak, "Thus declares the LORD,
"The corpses of men will fall like ^adung on the open
field,
And like the sheaf after the reaper,
But no one will gather *them*.' "

23 Thus says the LORD, "^aLet not a wise man boast of his
wisdom, and let not the ^bmighty man boast of his might, let
not a ^crich man boast of his riches;

24 but let him who boasts ^aboast of this, that he under-
stands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who ^bexercises
lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I ^cde-
light in these things," declares the LORD.

25 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "that
I will punish all who are circumcised and yet ^auncircumcised—

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon,
and Moab, and ^aall those inhabiting the desert who clip the
hair on their temples; for all the nations are uncircumcised,
and all the house of Israel are ^buncircumcised of heart."

CHAPTER 10

HEAR the word which the LORD speaks to you,
O house of Israel.

2 Thus says the LORD, "Do not ^alearn the way of the
nations, and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens
although the ^bnations are terrified by them;

3 "For the customs of the peoples are ¹delusion;
Because ^bit is wood cut from the forest,
The work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting
tool.

4 "They ^adecorate *it* with silver and with gold;
They ^bfasten it with nails and with hammers
So that it will not totter.

5 "Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field are they,
And they cannot speak;
They ^amust be carried,
Because they cannot walk!
Do not fear them,
For they ^bcan do no harm,
Nor can they do any good."

- 6 ^aThere is none like Thee, O LORD;
Thou art ^bgreat, and great is Thy name in might.
- 7 Who would not fear Thee, O ^aKing of the nations?
Indeed it is thy due!
For among all the ^bwise men of the nations,
And in all their kingdoms,
There is none like Thee.
- 8 But they are altogether stupid and foolish
In their discipline of ¹delusion—²their idol is wood!
- 9 Beaten ^asilver is brought from ^bTarshish,
And ^cgold from Uphaz,
The work of a craftsman and of the hands of a
goldsmith;
Violet and purple are their clothing;
They are all the work of skilled ^dmen.
- 10 But the LORD is the ^atrue God;
He is the ^bliving God and the ^ceverlasting King.
At His wrath the earth quakes,
And the nations cannot ^dendure His indignation.
- 11 ¹Thus you shall say to them, “The ^agods that did not
make the heavens and the earth shall ^bperish from the earth
and from under the ²heavens.”
- 12 *It is* ^aHe who made the earth by His power,
Who ^bestablished the world by His wisdom;
And by His understanding He has ^cstretched out the
heavens.
- 13 When He utters His ^avoice, *there is* a tumult of waters
in the heavens,
And He causes the ^bclouds to ascend from the end of
the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain,
And brings out the ^cwind from His storehouses.
- 14 Every man is stupid, devoid of knowledge;
Every goldsmith is put to shame by his ¹idols;
For his molten images are deceitful,
And there is no breath in them.
- 15 They are ^aworthless, a work of mockery;
In the ^btime of their punishment they will perish.
- 16 The ^aPortion of Jacob is not like these;
For the ^{1b}Maker of all is He,
And ^cIsrael is the tribe of His inheritance;
The ^dLORD of hosts is His name.
- 17 ^aPick up your bundle from the ground,
You who dwell under siege!
- 18 For thus says the LORD,
“Behold, I am ^aslinging out the inhabitants of the land
At this time,
And will cause them distress,
That they may ^bbe found.”
- 19 ^aWoe is me, because of my ¹injury!
My ^bwound is incurable.
But I said, “Truly this is a sickness,
And I ^cmust bear it.”
- 20 My ^atent is destroyed,

⁶ ^aJer. 10:16; Deut. 33:26
^bJer. 32:18; Ps. 48:1; 96:4; Is. 12:6

⁷ ^aPs. 22:28 ^bDan. 2:27, 28;
1 Cor. 1:19, 20

⁸ ¹Lit., *vanities, or idols*
²Lit., *it is*

⁹ ^aIs. 40:19 ^bPs. 72:10; Is. 23:6 ^cDan. 10:5 ^dPs. 115:4

¹⁰ ^aIs. 65:16 ^bJer. 4:2 ^cPs. 10:16; 29:10 ^dPs. 76:7

¹¹ ¹This verse is in Aramaic
²Or, *these heavens*
^aPs. 96:5 ^bIs. 2:18; Zeph. 2:11

¹² ^aJer. 51:15-19; Job 38:4-7; Ps. 148:4, 5 ^bPs. 78:69; Is. 45:18 ^cJob 9:8; Is. 40:22

¹³ ^aPs. 29:3-9 ^bJob 36:27-29
^cPs. 135:7

¹⁴ Or, *graven image*

¹⁵ ^aJer. 8:19; 14:22; Is. 41:24
^bJer. 8:12; 51:8

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *Fashioner*
^aJer. 51:19; Ps. 73:26 ^bJer. 10:12; Is. 45:7 ^cDeut. 32:9
^dJer. 31:35; 32:18

¹⁷ ^aEzek. 12:3-12

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *find*
^a1 Sam. 25:29

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *breaking*
^aJer. 4:31 ^bJer. 14:17 ^cPs. 39:9; Mic. 7:9

²⁰ ^aJer. 4:20; Lam. 2:4

20 ^bJer. 31:15; Lam. 1:5 ^cIs. 51:18

21 ^aJer. 23:2

22 ^aJer. 4:15 ^bJer. 9:11; 49:33

23 ^aProv. 20:24 ^bIs. 26:7

24 ¹Lit., *diminish me*
^aPs. 6:1

25 ¹Or, *pasture*
^aPs. 79:6, 7; Zeph. 3:8 ^bZeph. 1:6 ^cJer. 8:16; 50:7, 17

2 ^aJer. 10:6 ^bEx. 19:5

3 ^aJer. 17:5; Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:10

4 ¹Lit., *do them*
^aJer. 31:32; Ex. 24:3-8 ^bDeut. 4:20; 1 Kin. 8:51 ^cJer. 24:7; Zech. 8:8

5 ^aJer. 32:22; Ex. 13:5; Deut. 7:12 ^bJer. 28:6

6 ^aJer. 3:12; 7:2

7 ¹Lit., *rising early and warning*
^a1 Sam. 8:9 ^bJer. 11:4; Ex. 15:26 ^cJer. 7:25; 2 Chr. 36:15

8 ^aJer. 7:24; 9:14; 35:15; Ezek. 20:8 ^bLev. 26:14-43

9 ^aEzek. 22:25; Hos. 6:9

10 ¹Lit., *the former fathers*
^aJer. 3:10, 11; 1 Sam. 15:11
^bJer. 13:10; Deut. 9:7; Ps. 78:8-10 ^cJudg. 2:11-13

And all my ropes are broken;
My ^bsons have gone from me and are no more.
There is ^cno one to stretch out my tent again
Or to set up my curtains.

21 For the shepherds have become stupid
And have not sought the LORD;
Therefore they have not prospered,
And ^aall their flock is scattered.

22 The sound of a ^areport! Behold, it comes—
A great commotion out of the land of the north—
To ^bmake the cities of Judah
A desolation, a haunt of jackals.

23 I know, O LORD, that a man's ^away is not in himself;
^bNor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

24 ^aCorrect me, O LORD, but with justice;

25 ^aPour out Thy wrath on the nations that do not know
Thee,

And on the families that do not ^bcall Thy name;
For they have devoured Jacob;
They have ^cdevoured him and consumed him,
And have laid waste his ¹habitation.

CHAPTER 11

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 ^a"Hear the words of this ^bcovenant, and speak to the
men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 and say to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel, ^a"Cursed is the man who does not heed the words of
this covenant

4 which I commanded your forefathers in the ^aday that I
brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the ^biron furnace,
saying, 'Listen to My voice, and ¹do according to all which I
command you; so you shall be ^cMy people, and I will be your
God;

5 in order to confirm the ^aoath which I swore to your
forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey,
as *it is this day.*' " " Then I answered and said, ^b"Amen, O
LORD."

6 And the LORD said to me, ^a"Proclaim all these words in
the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying,
'Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

7 'For I solemnly ^awarned your fathers in the ^bday that I
brought them up from the land of Egypt, even to this day,
¹^cwarning persistently, saying, "Listen to My voice."

8 'Yet they did not ^aobey or incline their ear, but walked,
every one, in the stubbornness of their evil heart; therefore I
brought on them all the ^bwords of this covenant, which I com-
manded *them* to do, but they did not.' "

9 Then the LORD said to me, "A ^aconspiracy has been
found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of
Jerusalem.

10 "They have ^aturned back to the iniquities of their ¹an-
cestors who ^brefused to hear My words, and they ^chave gone

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after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have ^abroken My covenant which I made with their fathers."

11 Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold I am ^abringing disaster on them which they will ^bnot be able to escape; though they will cry to Me, yet I will not listen to them.

12 "Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will ^ago and cry to the gods to whom they burn incense, but they surely will not save them in the time of their disaster.

13 "For your gods are ^{1a}as many as your cities, O Judah; and ^{1a}as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to the shameful thing, altars to ^bburn incense to Baal.

14 "Therefore do not ^apray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will ^bnot listen when they call to Me because of their disaster.

15 "What right has My beloved in My house
When she has done many vile deeds?

Can the sacrificial flesh take away from you your
disaster,

¹So that you can rejoice?"

16 The LORD called your name,

"A ^agreen olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form";
With the noise of a great ^btumult

He has ^ckindled fire on it,
And its branches are worthless.

17 And the LORD of hosts, who ^aplanted you, has pronounced evil against you because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have ¹done to provoke Me by ^{2b}offering up sacrifices to Baal.

18 Moreover, the LORD ^amade it known to me and I knew it;

Then Thou didst show me their deeds.

19 But I was like a gentle ^alamb led to the slaughter;
And I did not know that they had devised plots against
me, *saying*,

"Let us destroy the tree with its ¹fruit,
And ^blet us cut him off from the ^cland of the living,
That his ^dname be remembered no more."

20 But, O LORD of hosts, who ^ajudges righteously,
Who ^btries the ¹feelings and the heart,
Let me see Thy vengeance on them,
For to Thee have I ²committed my cause.

21 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of ^aAnathoth, who ^bseek your life, saying, "Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD, that you might not ^cdie at our hand";

22 therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, I am about to punish them! The ^ayoung men will die by the sword, their sons and daughters will die by famine;

23 and a remnant will ^anot be left to them, for I will ^bbring disaster on the men of Anathoth—the year of their punishment."

10 ^aJer. 3:6-11; Ezek.16:59

11 ^aJer. 11:17; 6:19; 2 Kin. 22:16 ^bJer. 25:35; Is. 24:17

12 ^aJer. 44:17; Deut. 32:37

13 ¹Lit., *the number of* ^aJer. 2:28; 2 Kin. 23:13 ^bJer. 7:9

14 ^aJer. 7:16; 14:11; Ex. 32:10 ^bJer. 11:11; Ps. 66:18; Hos. 5:6

15 ¹Lit., *then*

16 ^aPs. 52:8 ^bPs. 83:2 ^cJer. 21:14; Ps. 80:16; Is. 27:11

17 ¹Or, *done for themselves*
²Or, *burning incense*
^aJer. 2:21; 12:2 ^bJer. 11:13; 7:9; 32:29

18 ^a1 Sam. 23:11, 12; 2 Kin. 6:9, 10; Ezek. 8:6

19 ¹Lit., *bread*
^aIs. 53:7 ^bPs. 83:4; Is. 53:8
^cJob 28:13; Ps. 52:5 ^dPs. 109:13

20 ¹Lit., *reins* ²Lit., *revealed*
^aJer. 20:12; Gen. 18:25 ^bJer. 17:10; Ps. 7:9

21 ^aJer. 1:1 ^bJer. 12:5, 6; 20:10 ^cJer. 26:8; 38:4

22 ^aJer. 18:21; 2 Chr. 36:17

23 ^aJer. 6:9 ^bJer. 23:12; Hos. 9:7; Mic. 7:4

¹ ^aJer. 11:20; Ezra 9:15; Ps. 129:4

CHAPTER 12

^a**R**IGHTEOUS art Thou, O LORD, that I would plead my case with Thee;

1 ^bJob 13:3 ^cJer. 5:27, 28;
Hab. 1:4; Mal. 3:15

2 ¹Lit., *near in their mouth* ²Lit., *kidneys*
^aJer. 11:17; 45:4; Ezek. 17:5-10
^bJer. 3:10; Is. 29:13; Ezek. 33:31; Titus 1:16

3 ¹Lit., *sanctify them*
^aPs. 139:1-4 ^bJer. 11:20; Ps. 7:9; 11:5

4 ^aJoel 1:10-17 ^bHos. 4:3;
Hab. 3:17 ^cJer. 5:31; Ezek. 7:2

5 ¹Lit., *pride*

6 ^aJer. 9:4, 5; Gen. 37:4-11;
Job 6:15; Ps. 69:8
^bPs. 12:9; Prov. 26:25

7 ^aJer. 7:29; 23:39; Is. 2:6
^bJer. 11:15; Lam. 2:1; Hos. 11:1-8

8 ¹Lit., *raised her voice*
^aIs. 59:13 ^bHos. 9:15; Amos 6:8

9 ^a2 Kin. 24:2; Ezek. 23:22-25
^bJer. 7:33; 15:3; 34:20; Is. 56:9

10 ^aJer. 23:1 ^bPs. 80:8-16; Is. 5:1-7
^cIs. 63:18 ^dJer. 3:19; Lam. 1:10

11 ¹Lit., *one has made it*
²Or, *upon*
^aJer. 4:20, 27; 25:11 ^bIs. 42:25

12 ¹Or, *caravan trails*
^aJer. 47:6; Is. 34:6; Amos 9:4

Indeed I would ^bdiscuss matters of justice with Thee;
Why has the ^cway of the wicked prospered?

- Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?
2 Thou hast ^aplanted them, they have also taken root;
They grow, they have even produced fruit.
Thou art ^bnear ¹to their lips
But far from their ²mind.
3 But Thou ^aknowest me, O LORD;
Thou seest me;
And Thou dost ^bexamine my heart's *attitude* toward Thee.
Drag them off like sheep for the slaughter
And ¹set them apart for a day of carnage!
4 How long is the land to mourn
And the ^avegetation of the countryside to wither?
For the wickedness of those who dwell in it,
^bAnimals and birds have been snatched away,
Because *men* have said, "He will not see our latter ^cending."
5 "If you have run with footmen and they have tired you out,
Then how can you compete with horses?
If you fall down in a land of peace,
How will you do in the ¹thicket of the Jordan?
6 "For even your ^abrothers and the household of your father,
Even they have dealt treacherously with you,
Even they have cried aloud after you.
Do not believe them, although they may say ^bnice things to you."
7 "I have ^aforsaken My house,
I have abandoned My inheritance;
I have given the ^bbeloved of My soul
Into the hand of her enemies.
8 "My inheritance has become to Me
Like a lion in the forest;
She has ¹roared against Me;
Therefore I have come to ^bhate her.
9 "Is My inheritance like a speckled bird of prey to Me?
Are the ^abirds of prey against her on every side?
Go, gather all the ^bbeasts of the field,
Bring them to devour!
10 "Many shepherds have ^aruined My ^bvineyard,
They have ^ctrampled down My field;
They have made My ^dpleasant field
A desolate wilderness.
11 "It has been made a desolation,
Desolate, it mourns ²before Me;
The ^awhole land has been made desolate,
Because no man ^blays it to heart.
12 "On all the ¹bare heights in the wilderness
Destroyers have come,
For a ^asword of the LORD is devouring

From one end of the land even to the ²other;
There is no ^bpeace for ³anyone.

13 "They have sown wheat and have reaped thorns,
They have ^astrained themselves ¹to no profit.
But be ashamed of your ^{2b}harvest
Because of the ^cfierce anger of the LORD."

14 Thus says the LORD concerning all My ^awicked neighbors who ^bstrike at the inheritance with which I have endowed My people Israel, "Behold I am about to uproot them from their land and will ^cuproot the house of Judah from among them.

15 "And it will come about that after I have uprooted them, I will ^aagain have compassion on them; and I will bring them back, each one to his inheritance and each one to his land.

16 "Then it will come about that if they will really ^alearn the ways of My people, to ^bswear by My name, 'As the Lord lives,' even as they taught My people to ^cswear by Baal, then they will be ^dbuilt up in the midst of My people.

17 "But if they will not listen, then I will ^auproot that nation, uproot and destroy it," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 13

THUS the LORD said to me, "Go and ^abuy yourself a linen waistband, and put it around your waist, but you do not put it in water."

2 So I bought the waistband in accordance with the ^aword of the LORD and put it around my waist.

3 Then the word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying,

4 "Take the waistband that you have bought, which is around your waist, and arise, go to ¹the ^aEuphrates and hide it there in a crevice of the rock."

5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, ^aas the LORD had commanded me.

6 And it came about after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates and take from there the waistband which I commanded you to hide there."

7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the waistband from the place where I had hidden it; and lo, the waistband was ruined, it was totally worthless.

8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Thus says the LORD, 'Just so will I destroy the ^apride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 "This wicked people, who refuse to listen to My words, who walk in the stubbornness of their hearts and have gone after other gods to serve them and to bow down to them, let them be just like this waistband, which is totally worthless.

11 'For as the waistband clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah ^acling to Me', declares the LORD, 'that they might be for Me a people, for ^{1b}renown, for ^cpraise, and for glory; but they ^ddid not listen.'

12 "Therefore you are to speak this word to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Every jug is to be filled with

¹² Lit., other end of the land ³ Lit., all flesh
^b Jer. 16:5; 30:5

¹³ ¹ Lit., they do not profit
² Lit., products
^a Jer. 9:5; Is. 55:2 ^b Jer. 17:10
^c Jer. 4:26; 25:37, 38

¹⁴ ^a Jer. 49:1, 7; Zeph. 2:8-10
^b Jer. 2:3; 50:11, 12; Zech. 2:8
^c Deut. 30:3; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:11-16

¹⁵ ^a Jer. 48:7; 49:6, 39

¹⁶ ^a Is. 42:6; 49:6 ^b Jer. 4:2
^c Jer. 5:7; Josh. 23:7 ^d Jer. 3:17; 4:2; 16:19

¹⁷ ^a Ps. 2:8-12; Is. 60:12

¹ ^a Jer. 13:11; 19:1; 27:2; Ezek. 4:1

² ^a Is. 20:2; Ezek. 2:8

⁴ ¹ Or, Parah, cf. Josh. 18:23; so through v. 7
^a Jer. 51:63

⁵ ^a Ex. 39:42, 43; 40:16

⁹ ^a Jer. 15:17; Lev. 26:19; Is. 2:10-17; 23:9; Zeph. 3:11

¹¹ ¹ Lit., a name
^a Ex. 19:5, 6; Deut. 32:10, 11
^b Jer. 32:20 ^c Jer. 33:9; Is. 43:21
^d Jer. 7:13, 24, 26; Ps. 81:11

13 ^aJer. 25:27; 51:57; Ps. 60:3; 75:8

14 ^aJer. 19:9-11; Is. 9:20, 21
^bJer. 6:21; Ezek. 5:10 ^cJer. 16:5; 21:7; Deut. 29:20; Is. 27:11

15 ^aProv. 16:5; Is. 28:14-22

16 ^aPs. 96:8 ^bIs. 5:30; 59:9;
Amos 5:18 ^cJer. 2:6; Ps. 107:10, 14

17 ^aMal. 2:2 ^bJer. 9:1; 14:17;
Ps. 119:136; Luke 19:41, 42
^cJer. 23:1, 2; Ps. 80:1

18 ^aJer. 22:26; 2 Kin. 24:12,
15 ^{b2} Chr. 33:12, 19 ^cEx. 39:28; Is. 3:20; Ezek. 24:17,
23; 44:18

20 ^aJer. 1:15; 6:22; Hab. 1:6
^bJer. 13:17; 23:2

21 ¹Or, *chieftains*
^aJer. 2:25; 38:22 ^bJer. 4:31; Is. 13:8

22 ¹Or, *suffered violence*
^aDeut. 7:17 ^bJer. 2:17-19;
9:2-9

23 ^aProv. 27:22; Is. 1:5;
Matt. 19:24 ^bJer. 4:22; 9:5

24 ^aJer. 9:16; Lev. 26:33;
Ezek. 5:2, 12 ^bJer. 4:11; 18:17

25 ^aPs. 11:6; Matt. 24:51

wine; and when they say to you, 'Do we not very well know that every jug is to be filled with wine?'

13 "then say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold I am about to fill all the inhabitants of this land—the kings that sit for David on his throne, the priests, the prophets and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with drunkenness!

14 "And I will dash them against each other, both the fathers and the sons together," declares the LORD. "I will not show pity nor be sorry nor have compassion that I should not destroy them." "

15 Listen and give heed, do not be haughty,
For the LORD has spoken.

16 Give glory to the LORD your God,
Before He brings darkness
And before your feet stumble
On the dusky mountains,
And while you are hoping for light
He makes it into deep darkness,
And turns it into gloom.

17 But if you will not listen to it,
My soul will sob in secret for such pride;
And my eyes will bitterly weep
And flow down with tears,
Because the flock of the LORD has been taken captive.

18 Say to the king and the queen mother,
"Take a lowly seat,
For your beautiful crown
Has come down from your heads."

19 The cities of the Negev have been locked up,
And there is no one to open them;
All Judah has been carried into exile,
Wholly carried into exile.

20 "Lift up your eyes and see
Those coming from the north.
Where is the flock that was given you,
Your beautiful sheep?

21 "What will you say when He appoints over you—
And you yourself had taught them—
Former companions to be head over you?
Will not bangs take hold of you,
Like a woman in childbirth?

22 "And if you say in your heart,
'Why have these things happened to me?'
Because of the magnitude of your iniquity
Your skirts have been removed,
And your heels have been exposed.

23 "Can the Ethiopian change his skin
Or the leopard his spots?
Then you also can do good
Who are accustomed to do evil.

24 "Therefore I will scatter them like drifting straw
To the desert wind.

25 "This is your lot, the portion measured to you
From Me," declares the LORD,

“Because you have ^bforgotten Me
And trusted in falsehood.

- 26 “So I Myself have also ^astripped your skirts off over your face,
That your shame may be seen.
- 27 “As for your ^aadulteries and your *lustful* neighings,
The ^blewdness of your prostitution
On the ^chills in the field,
I have seen your abominations.
Woe to you, O Jerusalem!
How ^dlong will you remain unclean?”

25 ^bJer. 2:32; 3:21; Ps. 9:17;
106:21, 22

26 ^aLam. 1:8

27 ^aJer. 5:7, 8 ^bJer. 11:15
^cJer. 2:20 ^dProv. 1:22; Hos. 8:5

2 ^aJer. 8:21 ^bJer. 11:11;
46:12; Zech. 7:13

CHAPTER 14

THAT which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah in regard to the drought:

- 2 “Judah mourns,
And her gates languish
They sit on the ground ^ain mourning,
And the ^bcry of Jerusalem has ascended.
- 3 “And their nobles have ^asent their ¹servants for water;
They have come to the cisterns and found no water.
They have returned with their vessels empty;
They have been ^bput to shame and humiliated,
And they ^ccover their heads.
- 4 “Because the ^aground is ¹cracked,
For there has been no rain on the land;
The ^bfarmers have been put to shame,
They have covered their heads.
- 5 “For even the doe in the field has given birth only to
abandon *her young*,
Because there is ^ano grass.
- 6 “And the ^awild donkeys stand on the bare heights;
They pant for air like jackals,
Their eyes fail
For there is ^bno vegetation.”
- 7 “Although our ^ainiquities testify against us,
O LORD, act for Thy name’s sake!
Truly our ^bapostasies have been many,
We have sinned against Thee.
- 8 “Thou ^aHope of Israel,
Its ^bSavior in ^ctime of distress,
Why art Thou like a stranger in the land
Or like a traveler who has pitched his *tent* for the night?
- 9 “Why art Thou like a man dismayed,
Like a mighty man who ^acannot save?
Yet ^bThou art in our midst, O LORD,
And we are ^ccalled by Thy name;
Do not forsake us!”
- 10 Thus says the LORD to this people, “Even so they have
^aloved to wander; they have not ^bkept their feet in check.
Therefore the LORD does ^cnot accept them; now He will ^dre-
member their iniquity and call their sins to account.”
- 11 So the LORD said to me, “Do not ^apray for the welfare
of this people.

3 ¹Lit., *little ones*
^{a1} Kin. 18:5 ^bJob 6:20; Ps.
40:14 ^{c2} Sam. 15:30

4 ¹Lit., *shattered*
^aJoel 1:19, 20 ^bJoel 1:11

5 ^aIs. 15:6

6 ^aJer. 2:24; Job 39:5, 6
^bJoel 1:18

7 ^a59:12; Hos. 5:5 ^bJer.
5:6; 8:5

8 ^aJer. 17:13 ^bIs. 43:3; 63:8
^cPs. 9:9; 50:15

9 ^aNum. 11:23; Is. 50:2
^bJer. 8:19; Ps. 46:5 ^cJer.
15:16; Is. 63:19

10 ^aJer. 2:25; 3:13 ^bPs.
119:101 ^cJer. 6:20; Amos 5:22
^dJer. 44:21-23; Hos. 8:13

11 ^aJer. 7:16; 11:14; Ex.
32:10

12 ^aJer. 11:11; Is. 1:15 ^bJer. 8:13 ^cJer. 21:9

13 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Lit., *peace of truth*
^aJer. 5:12; 23:17 ^bJer. 6:14; 8:11

14 ¹Lit., *hearts*
^aJer. 5:31; 23:25 ^bJer. 23:16; 26; 27:9, 10; Ezek. 12:24

15 ¹Lit., *be finished*
^aEzek. 14:10

16 ^aJer. 7:33; 15:2, 3; Ps. 79:2, 3 ^bJer. 13:22-25; Prov. 1:31

17 ^aJer. 9:1; 13:17 ^bJer. 8:21; Is. 37:22; Lam. 1:15; 2:13

18 ¹Lit., *pierced* ²Or, *gone around trading*
^aJer. 6:25; Lam. 1:20; Ezek. 7:15

19 ¹Lit., *Thy soul*
^aJer. 30:13 ^bJer. 8:15; Job 30:26; 1 Thess. 5:3

20 ^aJer. 3:25; Neh. 9:2; Ps. 32:5

21 ^aJer. 14:7; Ps. 25:11 ^bJer. 3:17; 17:12

22 ¹Lit., *vanities* ²Or, *wait for*
^aJer. 10:3; Is. 41:29 ^bJer. 5:24; 1 Kin. 17:1 ^cLam. 3:26

12 "When they fast, I am ^anot going to listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I am not going to accept them. Rather I am going to ^bmake an end of them by the ^csword, famine and pestilence."

13 But, "Ah, Lord ¹God!" I said, "Look, the prophets are telling them, 'You ^awill not see the sword nor will you have famine, but I will give you ²lasting ^bpeace in this place.'"

14 Then the LORD said to me, "The ^aprophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a ^bfalse vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own ¹minds.

15 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who are prophesying in My name, although it was not I who sent them—yet they keep saying, 'There shall be no sword or famine in this land'—by ^asword and famine those prophets shall ¹meet their end!

16 "The people also to whom they are prophesying will be ^athrown out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and there will be no one to bury them—*neither* them, *nor* their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters—for I shall ^bpour out their own wickedness on them.

17 "And you will say this word to them:

^aLet my eyes flow down with tears night and day,

And let them not cease;

For the virgin ^bdaughter of my people has been crushed with a mighty blow,

With a sorely infected wound.

18 'If I ^ago out to the country, Behold, those ¹slain with the sword!

Or if I enter the city,

Behold, diseases of famine!

For both prophet and priest

Have ²gone roving about in the land that they do not know.'"

19 Hast Thou completely rejected Judah?

Or hast ¹Thou loathed Zion?

Why hast Thou stricken us so that we ^aare beyond healing?

^bWe waited for peace, but nothing good *came*;

And for a time of healing, but behold, terror!

20 We ^aknow our wickedness, O LORD,

The iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against Thee.

21 Do not despise *us*, ^afor Thine own name's sake;

Do not disgrace the ^bthrone of Thy glory;

Remember *and* do not annul Thy covenant with us.

22 Are there any among the ¹idols of the nations who ^bgive rain?

Or can the heavens grant showers?

Is it not Thou, O LORD our God?

Therefore we ²hope in Thee,

For Thou art the one who hast done all these things.

CHAPTER 15

THEN the LORD said to me, “Even ^athough ^bMoses and ^cSamuel were to stand before Me, My ¹heart would not be ²with this people; ^dsend them away from My presence and let them go!

2 “And it shall be that when they say to you, ‘Where should we go?’ then you are to tell them, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Those destined ^afor death, to death; And those destined for the sword, to the sword; And those *destined* for famine, to famine; And those *destined* for captivity, to captivity.”’

3 “And I shall ^aappoint over them four kinds of *doom*,” declares the LORD: “the sword to slay, the ^bdogs to drag off, and the ^cbirds of the sky and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy.

4 “And I shall ^amake them an object of horror among all the kingdoms of the earth because of ^bManasseh, the son of Hezekiah, the king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

5 “Indeed, who will have ^apity on you, O Jerusalem, Or who will mourn for you, Or who will turn aside to ask about your welfare?

6 “You who have forsaken Me,” declares the LORD, “You keep ^agoing backward. So I will ^bstretch out My hand against you and destroy you;

I am ^ctired of relenting!

7 “And I will ^awinnow them with a winnowing fork At the gates of the land; I will ^bbereave *them* of children, I will destroy My people;

They did not ¹repent of their ways.

8 “Their ^awidows will be more numerous before Me Than the sand of the seas; I will bring against them, against the mother of a young man,

A destroyer at noonday; I will suddenly bring down on her Anguish and dismay.

9 “She who ^abore seven *sons* pines away; ¹Her breathing is labored. Her ^bsun has set while it was yet day; She has been shamed and humiliated. So I shall give over their ^csurvivors to the sword Before their enemies,” declares the LORD.

10 ^aWoe to me, my mother, that you have born me As a ^bman of strife and a man of contention to all the land!

I have neither ^clent, nor have men lent money to me, Yet every one curses me.

11 The LORD said, “Surely I will ^aset you free for *purposes of good*; Surely I will cause the enemy to make supplication to you In a time of disaster and a time of distress.”

¹ Lit., *soul* ² Lit., *toward*
^aPs. 99:6; Ezek. 14:14, 20
^bEx. 32:11-14; Num. 14:13-20; Ps. 106:23 ^c1 Sam. 7:9; 12:23 ^dJer. 7:15; 10:18; 52:3; 2 Kin. 17:20

² Jer. 14:12; 24:10; 43:11; Ezek. 5:2, 12

³ Lev. 26:16, 22, 25; Ezek. 14:21 ^b1 Kin. 21:23, 24 ^cJer. 7:33; Deut. 28:26; Is. 18:6

⁴ Jer. 24:9; 29:18; Lev. 26:33 ^b2 Kin. 21:1-18; 23:26, 27; 24:3, 4

⁵ Jer. 13:14; 21:7; Ps. 69:20

⁶ Jer. 7:24; Is. 1:4 ^bJer. 6:12; Zeph. 1:4 ^cJer. 6:11; 7:16

⁷ Lit., *turn back from*
^aJer. 51:2; Ps. 1:4 ^bJer. 18:21; Hos. 9:12-16

⁸ Is. 3:25, 26; 4:1

⁹ Or, *she has breathed out her soul*
^a1 Sam. 2:5; Is. 47:9 ^bJer. 6:4; Amos 8:9 ^cJer. 21:7

¹⁰ Jer. 20:14; Job 3:3 ^bJer. 15:20; 1:18, 19; 20:7, 8 ^cEx. 22:25; Lev. 25:36, 37; Deut. 23:19

¹¹ Ps. 138:3; Is. 41:10

13 ^aJer. 17:3; 20:5 ^bIs. 52:3, 5

14 ¹Lit., *your possessions*
^aJer. 16:13; Deut. 28:36, 64
^bJer. 17:4; Ps. 21:9

15 ^aJer. 20:8; Ps. 44:22;
69:7-9

16 ^aEzek. 3:3 ^bJob 23:12; Ps. 119:103 ^cJer. 14:9

17 ^aJer. 16:8; 2 Cor. 6:17
^bJer. 13:17; Ps. 102:7; Lam. 3:28; Ezek. 3:24, 25

18 ^aJer. 30:12, 15; Job 34:6;
^bJer. 14:3; Job 6:15, 20

19 ¹Lit., *As My mouth*
^aJer. 15:1; 35:19; 1 Kin. 17:1
^bJer. 6:29; Ezek. 22:26; 44:23

20 ^aJer. 1:18, 19; 6:27; Ezek. 3:9
^bJer. 15:15; Jer. 1:8, 19;
Ps. 46:7; Is. 41:10

21 ¹Lit., *palm*
^aJer. 20:13; 39:11, 12; Gen. 48:16; Ps. 37:40 ^bJer. 31:11;
50:34; Is. 49:26; 60:16

³ Jer. 6:21

⁴ Jer. 15:2

- 12 "Can anyone smash iron,
Iron from the north, or bronze?
- 13 "Your ^awealth and your treasures
I will give for booty ^bwithout cost,
Even for all your sins
And within all your borders.
- 14 "Then I will cause your enemies to bring ¹it
Into a ^aland you do not know;
For a ^bfire has been kindled in My anger,
It will burn upon you."
- 15 Thou who knowest, O LORD;
Remember me, take notice of me,
And take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
Do not, in view of Thy patience, take me away;
Know that ^afor Thy sake I endure reproach.
- 16 Thy words were found and I ^aate them,
And Thy ^bwords became for me a joy and the delight
of my heart;
For I have been ^ccalled by Thy name,
O LORD God of hosts.
- 17 I did not ^asit in the circle of merry-makers,
Nor did I exult.
Because of Thy hand *upon me* I sat ^balone,
For Thou didst fill me with indignation.
- 18 Why has my pain been perpetual
And my ^awound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Wilt Thou indeed be to me ^blike a deceptive *stream*
With water that is unreliable?
- 19 Therefore, thus says the LORD,
"If you return, then I will restore you—
Before Me ^ayou will stand;
And ^bif you extract the precious from the worthless,
You will become ¹My spokesman.
They for their part may turn to you,
But as for you, you must not turn to them.
- 20 "Then I will ^amake you to this people
A fortified wall of bronze;
And though they fight against you,
They will not prevail over you;
For ^bI am with you to save you
And deliver you," declares the LORD.
- 21 "So I will ^adeliver you from the hand of the wicked,
And I will ^bredeem you from the ¹grasp of the violent."

CHAPTER 16

THE word of the LORD also came to me saying,
2 "You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place."
3 For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and daughters born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bear them, and their ^afathers who beget them in this land:
4 "They will ^adie of deadly diseases, they will not be lamented or buried; they will be as dung on the surface of the

ground and come to an end by sword and famine, and their carcasses will become food for the ^bbirds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth."

5 For thus says the LORD, "Do not enter a house of ^{1a}mourning, or go to lament or to console them; for I have withdrawn My ^bpeace from this people," declares the LORD, "My ^clovingkindness and compassion.

6 "Both ^agreat men and small will die in this land; they will not be buried, they will not be lamented, nor will anyone ^bgash himself or shave his head for them.

7 "Neither will men ^abreak bread in mourning for them, to comfort anyone for the dead, nor give them a cup of consolation to drink for anyone's father or mother.

8 "Moreover you shall ^anot go into a house of feasting to sit with them to eat and drink."

9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I am going to ^{1a}eliminate from this place, before your eyes and in your time, the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride.

10 "Now it will come about when you tell this people all these words that they will say to you, '^aFor what reason has the LORD declared all this great calamity against us? And what is our iniquity, or what is our sin which we have committed against the LORD our God?'

11 "Then you are to say to them, '*It is* ^abecause your forefathers have forsaken Me,' declares the LORD, 'and have followed ^bother gods and served them and bowed down to them; but Me they have forsaken and have not kept My law.

12 'You too have done evil, *even* more than your forefathers; for behold, you are each one walking according to the ^astubbornness of his own ^bevil heart, without listening to Me.

13 'So I will ^ahurl you out of this land into the ^bland which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you will ^cserve other gods day and night, for I shall grant you no favor.

14 "Therefore behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives, who ^bbrought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'

15 but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the ^aland of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.

16 "Behold, I am going to send for many ^afishermen," declares the LORD, "and they will fish for them; and afterwards I shall send for many hunters, and they will ^bhunt them ^cfrom every mountain and every hill, and from the clefts of the rocks.

17 "For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes.

18 "And I will first doubly ^arepay their iniquity and their sin, because they have ^bpolluted My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable idols and with their abominations."

19 O LORD, my ^astrength and my stronghold,
And my ^brefuge in the day of distress,
To Thee the ^cnations will come
From the ends of the earth and say,

^{4 b}Jer. 15:3; 34:20; Ps. 79:2; Is. 18:6

⁵ ¹Or, *banqueting*
^aEzek. 24:16-23 ^bJer. 12:12; 15:1-4 ^cJer. 13:14; Is. 27:11; Ps. 25:6

⁶ ²Chr. 36:17; Ezek. 9:6 ^bJer. 41:5; 47:5; Deut. 14:1

⁷ ^aDeut. 26:14; Ezek. 24:17; Hos. 9:4

⁸ ^aJer. 15:17; Eccles. 7:2-4; Is. 22:12-14; Amos 6:4-6

⁹ ¹Lit., *cause to cease*
^aJer. 7:34; 25:10; Hos. 2:11

¹⁰ ^aJer. 5:19; 13:22; Deut. 29:24, 25; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9

¹¹ ^aJer. 5:7-9; Neh. 9:26-29; Ps. 106:35-41 ^bJer. 8:2; Ezek. 11:21; 1 Pet. 4:3

¹² ^aJer. 7:24; 9:14; 13:10; 1 Sam. 15:23 ^bEccles. 9:3; Mark 7:21

¹³ ^aJer. 15:1; Deut. 4:26, 27; 2 Chr. 7:20 ^bJer. 15:14; 17:4 ^cJer. 5:19; Deut. 4:28; 28:36

¹⁴ ^aJer. 23:7, 8; Is. 43:18, 19; Hos. 3:4, 5 ^bEx. 20:2; Deut. 15:15

¹⁵ ^aJer. 3:18; 24:6; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:11-16; 14:1

¹⁶ ^aAmos 4:2; Hab. 1:14, 15 ^b1 Sam. 26:20; Mic. 7:2 ^cIs. 2:21; Amos 9:1-3

¹⁷ ^aJer. 23:24; 32:19; Ps. 90:8; Luke 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 4:13

¹⁸ ^aJer. 17:18; Rev. 18:6 ^bJer. 2:7; 3:9; Num. 35:33, 34

¹⁹ ^aJer. 15:11; Ps. 18:1, 2; Is. 25:4 ^bNah. 1:7 ^cJer. 3:17; 4:2

19 ¹Lit., *there is nothing profitable in them*

20 ^aJer. 2:11; 5:7; Ps. 115:4-8; Is. 37:19; Hos. 8:4-6

21 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aPs. 9:16 ^bJer. 33:2; Ps. 83:18; Is. 43:3; Amos 5:8

¹So ancient versions; M.T., *your*
^aJob 19:24 ^bProv. 3:3; 7:3; Is. 49:16; 2 Cor. 3:3

²I.e., wooden symbols of female deities
^aJer. 7:18 ^bEx. 34:13 ^cJer. 3:6

³^aJer. 26:18; Mic. 3:12
^bJer. 15:13; 20:5; 2 Kin. 24:13; Is. 39:4-6

⁴^aJer. 12:7; Lam. 5:2 ^bJer. 15:14; 27:12, 13; Deut. 28:48; Is. 14:3 ^cJer. 7:20; 15:14; Is. 5:25

⁵¹Lit., *arm*
^aPs. 146:3; Is. 2:22; 30:1; Ezek. 29:6, 7 ^{b2}Chr. 32:8; Is. 31:3

⁶¹Lit., *and is not inhabited*
^aJer. 48:6 ^bDeut. 29:23; Job 39:6

⁷^aPs. 34:8; 84:12 ^bPs. 40:4

⁸^aPs. 1:3; 92:12-14; Ezek. 31:3-9

⁹^aMark 7:21, 22; Rom. 7:11; Eph. 4:22 ^bEccles. 9:3; Is. 1:6; 6:10; Matt. 13:15; Mark 2:17; Rom. 1:21

¹⁰¹Lit., *kidneys* ²Lit., *fruit*
^aJer. 11:20; 20:12; 1 Sam. 16:7; Rom. 8:27

**“I Will Make Them Know My Power.”
Judah’s Sin Indelible.**

“Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood,
Futility and ¹things of no profit.”
20 Can man make gods for himself?
Yet they are ^anot gods!

21 “Therefore behold, I am going to make them know—
This time I will ^amake them know
My ¹power and My might;
And they shall ^bknow that My name is the LORD.”

CHAPTER 17

THE sin of Judah is written down with an iron ^astylus;
With a diamond point it is ^bengraved upon the tablet
of their heart,

And on the horns of ¹their altars,
2 As they remember their ^achildren,
So they *remember* their altars and their ^{1b}Asherim
By ^cgreen trees on the high hills.

3 O ^amountain of Mine in the countryside,
I will ^bgive over your wealth and all your treasures for
booty,

Your high places for sin throughout your borders.
4 And you will, even of yourself, ^alet go of your
inheritance

That I gave you;
And I will make you serve your ^benemies
In the land which you do not know;
For you have ^ckindled a fire in My anger
Which will burn forever.

5 Thus says the LORD,
“^aCursed is the man who trusts in mankind
And makes ^bflesh his ¹strength,
And whose heart turns away from the LORD.

6 “For he will be like a ^abush in the desert
And will not see when prosperity comes,
But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness,
A land of ^bsalt ¹without inhabitant.

7 “^aBlessed is the man who trusts in the LORD
And whose ^btrust is the LORD.

8 “For he will be like a ^atree planted by the water.
That extends its roots by a stream
And will not fear when the heat comes;
But its leaves will be green,
And it will not be anxious in a year of drought
Nor cease to yield fruit.

9 “The heart is more ^adeceitful than all else
And is desperately ^bsick;
Who can understand it?

10 “I the LORD ^asearch the heart,
I test the ¹mind,
Even to give to each man according to his ways,
According to the ²results of his deeds.

11 “As a partridge that hatches eggs which it has not laid,

**The Prophet Prays for Protection.
The Sabbath Must Be Kept.**

Jeremiah 17

So is he who makes a fortune, but unjustly;
In the midst of his days it will forsake him,
And in ¹the end he will be a fool.”

11 ¹Lit., *his*

12 ^aA glorious throne on high from the beginning
Is the place of our sanctuary.

12 ^aJer. 3:17; 14:21

13 O LORD, the ^ahope of Israel,
All who forsake Thee will be put to shame.
Those who turn ¹away on earth will be written down,
Because they have forsaken the fountain of living wa-
ter, even the LORD.

13 ¹Heb., *away from Me*
^aJer. 14:8; 50:7

14 ^aHeal me, O LORD, and I will be healed;
^bSave me and I will be saved,
For Thou art my ^apraise.

14 ^aJer. 30:17; 33:6 ^bPs.
54:1; 60:5 ^cDeut. 10:21; Ps.
109:1

15 Look, they keep ^asaying to me,
“Where is the word of the LORD?
Let it come now!”

15 ^aIs. 5:19; Amos 5:18

16 But as for me, I have not hurried away from *being* a
shepherd after Thee,
Nor have I longed for the woeful day;
Thou Thyself knowest the utterance of my lips
Was in Thy presence.

17 ^aPs. 88:15 ^bJer. 16:19;
Nah. 1:7

17 Do not be a ^aterror to me;
Thou art my ^brefuge in the day of disaster.

18 Let those who persecute me be ^aput to shame, but as
for me let me not be put to shame;
Let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed.
^bBring on them a day of disaster,
And crush them with twofold destruction!

18 ^aJer. 17:13; 20:11; Ps.
35:4, 26 ^bPs. 35:8

19 Thus the LORD said to me, “Go and stand in the ¹pub-
lic gate, through which the kings of Judah come in and go out,
as well as in all the gates of Jerusalem;

19 ¹Lit., *gate of the sons of
the people*

20 and say to them, ‘Listen to the word of the LORD, ^akings
of Judah, and all Judah, and all inhabitants of Jerusalem, who
come in through these gates:

20 ^aJer. 19:3, 4; Ps. 49:1,2;
Hos. 5:3; Amos 4:1

21 ‘Thus says the LORD, “^aTake heed for yourselves, and
do not ^bcarry any load on the sabbath day or bring anything in
through the gates of Jerusalem.

21 ^aDeut. 4:9; 16:23; Mark
4:24 ^bNum. 15:32-36; Neh.
13:15-21; John 5:9-12

22 “And you shall not bring a load out of your houses on
the sabbath day nor do any ^awork, but keep the sabbath day
holy, as I ^bcommanded your ¹forefathers.

22 ¹Lit., *fathers*
^aEx. 16:23-29; 20:8-10; Deut.
5:12-14; Is. 56:2-6;
58:13 ^bEx. 31:13-17; Ezek.
20:12; Zech. 1:4

23 “Yet they did not listen or incline their ears, but ^astif-
fened their necks in order not to listen or take correction.

23 ^aJer. 7:26; 19:15; Prov.
29:1

24 “But it will come about, if you listen ^aattentively to
Me,” declares the LORD, “to bring no load in through the gates
of this city on the sabbath day, ^bbut to keep the sabbath day
holy by doing no work on it,

24 ^aEx. 15:26; Deut. 11:13;
Is. 21:7; 55:2 ^bEx. 20:8-11;
Ezek. 20:20

25 ^athen there will come in through the gates of this city
kings and princes ^bsitting on the throne of David, riding in
chariots and on horses, they and their princes, the men of
Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city will ^cbe
inhabited forever.

25 ^aJer. 22:4 ^bJer. 13:15, 17,
21, 2 Sam. 7:16; 9:7; Luke
1:32 ^cPs. 132:13, 14; Heb.
12:22

26 “They will come in from the cities of Judah and from
the environs of Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from
the ^alowland, from the hill country, and from the ^aNegev,
bringing burnt offerings, sacrifices, grain offerings and incense,

26 ^aZech. 7:7

26 ^bJer. 33:11; Ps. 107:2227 ^aJer. 39:8; Amos 2:5 ^bJer. 7:20; Ezek. 20:472 ^aJer. 19:1, 23 ¹Lit., *pair of stone discs*6 ^aIs. 45:9; 64:8; Matt. 20:15; Rom. 9:217 ^aJer. 1:108 ¹Lit., *repent of*
^aJer. 7:3-7; 12:16; Ezek. 18:219 ^aJer. 1:10; 31:28; Amos 9:11-1510 ¹Lit., *repent* ²Lit., *do it good*
^aJer. 7:24-28; Ps. 125:5; Ezek. 33:18 ^b1 Sam. 2:30; 13:1311 ¹Lit., *make good*
^aJer. 4:6; 11:11; Is. 5:5 ^bJer. 4:1; 2 Kin 17:13; Is. 1:16-19; Acts 26:2012 ^aJer. 2:25; Is. 57:10 ^bJer. 7:24; 16:12; Deut. 29:1913 ¹Lit., *these*
^aJer. 2:10, 11; Is. 66:8 ^bJer. 5:30; 23:14; Hos. 6:1015 ¹Lit., *to worthless*
²So ancient versions; Heb., *caused them to* ³Or, *in*
^aJer. 2:32; 3:21 ^bJer. 7:9; 44:17; Is. 65:7 ^cJer. 6:16 ^dIs. 57:14; 62:10

and ^bbringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of the LORD.

27 "But if you do not listen to Me to keep the sabbath day holy by not carrying a load and coming in through the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then I shall kindle a fire in its gates, and it will ^adevour the palaces of Jerusalem and ^bnot be quenched." ' ' "

CHAPTER 18

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying,
2 "Arise and ^ago down to the potter's house, and there I shall announce My words to you."

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the ¹wheel.

4 But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

6 "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter *does*?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the ^aclay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

7 "At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to ^auproot, to pull down, or to destroy *it*,

8 ^aif that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will ¹relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it.

9 "Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to ^abuild up or to plant *it*,

10 if it does ^aevil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will ¹think better of the good with which I had promised to ²bless it.

11 "So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am ^afashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh ^bturn back, each of you from his evil way, and ¹reform your ways and your deeds." ' "

12 "But ^athey will say, 'It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act ^baccording to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

13 "Therefore thus says the LORD,

^aAsk now among the nations,

Who ever heard the like of ¹this?

The virgin of Israel

Has done a most ^bappalling thing.

14 'Does the snow of Lebanon forsake the rock of the open country?

Or is the cold flowing water *from* a foreign *land* ever snatched away?

15 'For ^aMy people have forgotten Me,

^bThey burn incense ¹to worthless gods

And they ²have stumbled ³from their ways,

³From the ^cancient paths,

To walk in bypaths,

Not on a ^dhighway,

**The Prophet Prays against His Enemies.
The Broken Jar.**

Jeremiah 18, 19

- 16 To make their land a ^adesolation,
An *object* of perpetual hissing;
Everyone who passes by it will be astonished
And ^bshake his head.
- 17 'Like an east wind I will ^ascatter them
Before the enemy;
I will ¹show them My back and not My face
In the day of their calamity.'"
- 18 Then they said, "Come and let us ^adevise plans against
Jeremiah. Surely the ^blaw is not going to be lost to the priest,
nor ^ccounsel to the sage, nor the *divine* ^dword to the prophet!
^eCome on and let us strike at him with *our* tongue, and let us
give ^fno heed to any of his words."
- 19 Do give heed to me, O LORD,
And listen to ¹what my opponents are saying!
- 20 Should good be repaid with evil?
For they have ^adug a pit for ¹me.
Remember how I ^bstood before Thee
To speak good on their behalf,
So as to turn away Thy wrath from them.
- 21 Therefore, ^agive their children over to famine,
And deliver them up to the ¹power of the sword;
And let their wives become ^bchildless and ^cwidowed.
Let their men also be smitten to death,
Their ^dyoung men struck down by the sword in battle.
- 22 May an ^aoutcry be heard from their houses,
When Thou suddenly bringest raiders upon them;
^bFor they have dug a pit to capture me
And ^chidden snares for my feet.
- 23 Yet Thou, O LORD, knowest
All their ¹deadly designs against me;
Do not ^{2a}forgive their iniquity
Or blot out their sin from Thy sight.
But may they be ^{3b}overthrown before Thee;
Deal with them in the ^ctime of Thine anger!

16 ^aJer. 25:9; 50:13; Ezek. 33:28, 29 ^bJer. 48:27; Ps. 22:7; Is. 37:22

17 ¹So ancient versions; M.T. reads: *look them in the back and not in the face* ^aJer. 13:24; Job 27:21

18 ^aJer. 18:11; 11:19 ^bJer. 2:8; Mal. 2:7 ^cJer. 8:8; Job 5:13 ^dJer. 5:13 ^eJer. 20:10; Ps. 52:2 ^fJer. 43:2

19 ¹Lit., *the voice of my opponents*

20 ¹Lit., *my soul* ^aJer. 18:22; 5:26; Ps. 35:7; 57:6 ^bPs. 106:23

21 ¹Lit., *hands of* ^aJer. 11:22; 14:16; Ps. 109:9-20 ^b1 Sam. 15:33; Is. 13:18 ^cJer. 15:8; Ezek. 22:25 ^dJer. 9:21; 11:22

22 ^aJer. 6:26; 25:34, 36 ^bJer. 18:20 ^cPs. 140:5

23 ¹Lit., *unto death* ²Or, *atone for* ³Lit., *ones made to stumble* ^aPs. 109:14; Is. 2:9 ^bJer. 6:15, 21 ^cJer. 7:20; 17:4

CHAPTER 19

THUS says the LORD, "Go and buy a ^apotter's earthenware ^bjar, and *take* some of the ^celders of the people and some of the ^{1d}senior priests.

2 "Then go out to the ^avalley of Ben-Hinnom, which is by the entrance of the Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you,

3 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold I am about to bring a calamity upon this place, at which the ^aears of everyone that hears of it will tingle.

4 "Because they have ^aforsaken Me and have made this an ^balien place and have burned ¹sacrifices in it to ^cother gods that neither they nor their forefathers nor the kings of Judah had *ever* known, and *because* they have filled this place with the ^dblood of the innocent

5 and have built the ^ahigh places of Baal to burn their

1 ¹Or, *elders of* ^aJer. 18:2 ^bJer. 19:10 ^cNum. 11:16 ^d2 Kin. 19:2

2 ^aJer. 7:31, 32; Josh. 15:8

3 ¹1 Sam. 3:11; 4:18

4 ¹Or, *incense* ^aJer. 17:13; Is. 65:11 ^bEzek. 7:22; Dan. 11:31 ^cJer. 7:9; 11:13 ^dJer. 2:34; 7:6; 2 Kin. 21:6, 16

5 ^aJer. 32:35; Num. 22:41

5 ¹Lit., heart
 62 Kin. 106:37, 38

6 ^aIs. 30:33

7 ^aJer. 8:8, 9; Ps. 33:10, 11;
 Is. 28:17, 18 ^bJer. 16:4; Ps.
 79:2, 3

8 ¹Lit., blows
^aJer. 18:16 ^{b1} Kin. 9:8; 2 Chr.
 7:21

9 ^aDeut. 28:53, 55; Lam.
 4:10; Ezek. 5:10

11 ¹Or, until there is no
 place left to bury
^aPs. 2:9; Is. 30:14; Rev. 2:27
^bJer. 7:32

13 ¹Or, incense
^aJer. 52:13 ^bPs. 74:7; 79:1;
 Ezek. 7:21, 22 ^cJer. 32:29;
 Zeph. 1:5 ^dJer. 8:2; Deut.
 4:19; 2 Kin. 17:16 ^eJer. 7:18;
 44:18; Ezek. 20:28

14 ^aJer. 26:2

15 ^aJer. 7:26; 17:23; Neh.
 9:17, 29 ^bPs. 58:4

1 ^{a1} Chr. 24:14; Ezra 2:37,
 38 ^{a2} Kin. 25:18

2 ^aJer. 1:19; 1 Kin. 22:27;
 2 Chr. 16:10; 24:21; Amos
 7:10-13 ^bJob 13:27; 33:11
^cJer. 37:13; 38:7; Zech. 14:10

3 ¹i. e., Terror on every
 side
^aIs. 8:3; Hos. 1:4, 9

4 ^aJob 18:11-21; Ezek.
 26:21 ^bJer. 29:21; 39:6, 7

sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, a thing which I never commanded or spoke of, nor did it ever enter My mind; 6 therefore, behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when this place will no longer be called Topheth or the valley of Ben-Hinnom, but rather the valley of Slaughter.

7 "And I shall make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I shall cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of those who seek their life; and I shall give over their carcasses as food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

8 "I shall also make this city a desolation and an object of hissing; everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its disasters.

9 "And I shall make them eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life will distress them."

10 "Then you are to break the jar in the sight of the men who accompany you

11 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Just so shall I break this people and this city, even as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot again be repaired; and they will bury in Topheth because there is no other place for burial.

12 "This is how I shall treat this place and its inhabitants," declares the LORD, "so as to make this city like Topheth.

13 "And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah will be defiled like the place Topheth, because of all the houses on whose rooftops they burned sacrifice to all the heavenly host and poured out libations to other gods."

14 Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house and said to all the people:

15 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am about to bring on this city and all its towns the entire calamity that I have declared against it; because they have stiffened their necks so as not to heed My words.'"

CHAPTER 20

WHEN Pashhur the Priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

2 Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet beaten, and put him in the stocks that were at the upper Benjamin gate, which was by the house of the LORD.

3 Then it came about on the next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, that Jeremiah said to him, "Pashhur is not the name the LORD has called you, but rather Magomassabib.

4 "For thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am going to make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and while your eyes look on, they will fall by the sword of their enemies. So I shall give over all Judah to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will carry them away as exiles to Babylon and will slay them with the sword.

**Jeremiah Threatens Pashhur with Captivity.
He Laments His Trials, His Birth.**

Jeremiah 20

5 'I shall also give over all the ^awealth of this city, all its produce, and all its costly things; even all the treasures of the kings of Judah I shall give over to the ^bhand of their enemies, and they will plunder them, take them away, and bring them to Babylon.

6 'And you, Pashhur, and all who live in your house will go into captivity; and you will enter Babylon, and there you will die, and there you will be buried, you and all your ^afriends to whom you have falsely prophesied.'"

7 O LORD, Thou hast deceived me and I was deceived;
Thou hast ^aovercome me and prevailed.
I have become a ^blaughingstock all day long;
Everyone ^cmocks me.

8 For each time I speak, I cry aloud;
I proclaim violence and destruction,
Because for me the ^aword of the LORD has ¹resulted
In reproach and derision all day long.

9 But if I say, "I will not ^aremember Him
Or speak any more in His name,"
Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire
Shut up ^bin my bones;
And I am weary of holding it in,
And I cannot endure it.

10 For I have heard the whispering of many,
"Terror on every side!
^aDenounce him; yes, let us denounce him!"
¹All my ^btrusted friends,
Watching for my fall, say:
"Perhaps he will be ²deceived, so that we may ^cprevail
against him
And take our revenge on him."

11 But the ^aLORD is with me like a dread champion;
Therefore my ^bpersecutors will stumble and not
prevail.
They will be utterly ashamed, because they have
¹failed,

With an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.
12 Yet, O LORD of hosts, Thou who dost ^atest the
righteous,
Who seest the ¹mind and the heart;
Let me ^bsee Thy vengeance on them;
For ^cto Thee I have set forth my cause.

13 Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD!
For He has ^adelivered the soul of the needy one
From the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the ^aday when I was born;
Let the day not be blessed when my mother bore me!

15 Cursed be the man who brought the news
To my father, saying,
"A ¹baby boy has been born to you!"
And made him very happy.

16 But let that man be like the cities
Which the LORD overthrew without ¹relenting,
And let him hear an ^aoutcry in the morning
And a ²shout of alarm at noon;

⁵ Jer. 15:13; 17:3 ^b Jer. 27:21, 22; 2 Kin. 20:17, 18; 2 Chr. 36:10

⁶ Jer. 19:4; 14:14, 15; Lam. 2:14

⁷ Ezek. 3:14; Mic. 3:8
^b Lam. 3:14 ^c Jer. 38:19; Ps. 22:7

⁸ Lit., become
^a Jer. 6:10; 2 Chr. 36:16

⁹ ¹ Kin. 19:3, 4; Jon. 1:2, 3
^b Jer. 4:19; 23:19; Job 38:18-20; Ps. 39:3; Ezek. 3:14; Acts 4:20

¹⁰ Lit., every man of my peace ² Or, persuaded
^a Jer. 18:18; Neh. 6:6-13; Is. 29:21 ^b Ps. 41:9 ^c 1 Kin. 19:2; 22:27

¹¹ Lit., not succeeded, or, not acted wisely
^a Jer. 1:8; 15:20 ^b Jer. 15:15; Deut. 32:35, 36

¹² Lit., kidneys
^a Jer. 11:20; 17:10; Ps. 7:9; 11:5; 17:3; 139:23 ^b Jer. 11:20; Ps. 59:10 ^c Ps. 62:8

¹³ ^a Jer. 15:21; Ps. 34:6; 69:33

¹⁴ ^a Job 3:3-6

¹⁵ Lit., male child
^a Gen. 21:6, 7

¹⁶ Lit., being sorry ² Or, trumpet blast
^a Jer. 48:3, 4

17 ¹Lit., *from the womb*
^aJob 3:10, 11, 16; 10:18, 19

18 ^aJer. 15:10; Job 3:20; 5:7;
 14:1 ^bPs. 90:9; 102:3 ^cJer.
 3:25; Ps. 69:19; 1 Cor. 4:9-13

1 ^aJer. 38:1; 1 Chr. 9:12
^bJer. 29:25, 29; 37:3; 52:24;
 2 Kin. 25:18-21

2 ¹Or, *miracles*
^a2 Kin. 25:1, 2 ^bJer. 32:17; Ps.
 44:1-4

4 ^aJer. 32:5; 33:5; 37:8-10;
 38:2, 3, 17, 18 ^bJer. 39:3; Is.
 5:5; Lam. 2:5, 7; Zech. 14:2

5 ^aIs. 63:10 ^bJer. 6:12;
 Deut. 4:34 ^cJer. 32:37; Is.
 5:25

6 ^aJer. 14:12; 32:24

7 ^aJer. 13:14; 2 Chr. 36:17;
 Ezek. 7:9; Hab. 1:6-10

8 ^aDeut. 30:15, 19; Is.
 1:19, 20

9 ^aJer. 38:2; 39:18; 45:5

10 ¹Lit., *evil*
^aJer. 44:11, 27; Amos 9:4
^bJer. 32:28, 29 ^cJer. 39:8;
 52:13; 2 Chr. 36:19

12 ¹Or, *in the* ²Lit., *hand*
^aIs. 7:2, 13 ^bJer. 7:5; 22:3; Ps.
 72:1; Is. 1:17; Zech. 7:9, 10
^cZeph. 3:5 ^dJer. 4:4; 17:4;
 Ezek. 20:47, 48; Nah. 1:6
^eJer. 7:20; Is. 1:31

13 ^aPs. 125:2; Is. 22:1

- 17 Because he did not ^akill me ¹before birth,
 So that my mother would have been my grave,
 And her womb ever pregnant.
- 18 Why did I ever come forth from the womb
 To ^alook on trouble and sorrow,
 So that my ^bdays have been spent in ^cshame?

CHAPTER 21

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when King Zedekiah sent to him ^aPashhur the son of Malchijah, and ^bZephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying,

2 "Please inquire of the LORD on our behalf, for ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us; perhaps the LORD will deal with us ^baccording to all His ¹wonderful acts, that *the enemy* may withdraw from us."

3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall say to Zedekiah as follows:

4 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Behold, I am about to ^aturn back the weapons of war which are in your hands, with which you are warring against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the wall; and I shall ^bgather them into the center of this city.

5 "And I ^aMyself shall war against you with an ^boutstretched hand and a mighty arm, even in ^canger and wrath and great indignation.

6 "I shall also strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great ^apestilence.

7 "Then afterwards," declares the LORD, "I shall give over Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people, even those who survive in this city from the pestilence, the sword, and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their foes, and into the hand of those who seek their lives; and he will strike them down with the edge of the sword. He will not ^aspare them nor have pity nor compassion."

8 "You shall also say to this people, "Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I set before you the ^away of life and the way of death.

9 "He who ^adwells in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence; but he who goes out and falls away to the Chaldeans who are besieging you will live, and he will have his own life as booty.

10 "For I have ^aset My face against this city for ¹harm and not for good," declares the LORD, "It will be ^bgiven into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will ^cburn it with fire.

11 "Then *say* to the household of the king of Judah, "Hear the word of the LORD,

12 O ^ahouse of David, thus says the LORD:

"^bAdminister justice ¹every ^cmorning;

And deliver the *person* who has been robbed from the
²power of his oppressor,

^dThat My wrath may not go forth like fire

And burn with ^cnone to extinguish it,

Because of the evil of their deeds.

13 "Behold, I am against you, O ^avalley dweller,

O 'rocky plain," declares the LORD,
 "You men who say, 'Who will come down against us?
 Or who will enter into our habitations?'"

- 14 "But I shall punish you according to the ¹results of your deeds," declares the LORD,
 "And I shall kindle a fire in its forest
 That it may ^adevour all its environs." ' ' "

CHAPTER 22

THUS says the LORD, "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there ^aspeak this word,

2 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who ^asits on David's throne, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates.

3 "Thus says the LORD, "^aDo justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of his ^boppressor. Also ^cdo not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not ^dshed innocent blood in this place.

4 "For if you men will indeed perform this thing, then kings will enter the gates of this house, sitting ¹in David's place on his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, *even the king* himself and his servants and his people.

5 "But if you will not obey these words, I ^aswear by Myself," declares the LORD, "that this house will become a desolation." ' ' "

6 For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah:

"You are *like* ^aGilead to Me,

Like the summit of Lebanon;

Yet most assuredly I shall make you like a ^bwilderness,

Like cities which are not inhabited.

7 "For I shall set apart ^adestroyers against you,

Each with his weapons;

And they will cut down your choicest ^bcedars

And throw *them* on the fire.

8 "And many nations will pass by this city; and they will ^asay to one another, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?'

9 "Then they will ¹answer, 'Because they ^aforsook the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.' "

10 Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him,
 But weep continually for the one who goes away;
 For he will never return
 Or see his native land.

11 For thus says the LORD in regard to ¹Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who became king in the place of Josiah his father, who went forth from this place: "He will never return there;

12 but in the place where they led him captive, there he will ^adie and not see this land again."

13 "Woe to him who builds his house without ^arighteousness

And his ¹upper rooms without justice,

13 ¹Lit., *rock of the level place*
²Sam. 5:6, 7; Lam. 4:12; Obad. 3, 4

14 ¹Lit., *fruit*
^aJer. 52:13; 2 Chr. 36:19

1 +2 Chr. 25:15, 16

2 ^aJer. 22:4, 30; 17:25; Is. 9:7; Luke 1:32

3 ^aJer. 7:5; 21:12 ^bPs. 72:4
^cEx. 22:21-24 ^dJer. 22:17; 7:6; 19:4

4 ¹Lit., *for David*

5 ^aGen. 22:16; Amos 6:8; Heb. 6:13

6 ^aGen. 37:25; Num. 32:1; Song of Sol. 4:1 ^bJer. 7:34; Ps. 107:34; Is. 6:11

7 ^aJer. 4:6, 7; Is. 10:3-6 ^bIs. 10:33, 34

8 ^aJer. 16:10; Deut. 29:24-26; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9; 2 Chr. 7:20-22

9 ¹Lit., *say*
^aJer. 11:3; 2 Chr. 34:25

11 ¹i. e., Jehoahaz

12 ^aJer. 22:18; 2 Kin. 23:34

13 ¹Or, *roof chambers*
^aJer. 17:11; Mic. 3:10; Hab. 2:9

14 ¹Or, *roof chambers* ²Or, *paneled* ³Or, *vermilion*
^aIs. 5:8, 9 ^{b2}Sam. 7:2; Hag. 1:4

15 ^aJer. 7:5; 21:12; 2 Kin. 23:25 ^bJer. 42:6

16 ^aPs. 72:1-4, 12, 13 ^bJer. 9:24; 1 Chr. 28:9

17 ^aJer. 6:13; 8:10; Luke 12:15-20

19 ^aJer. 36:30; 1 Kin. 21:23, 24

20 ^aNum. 27:12; Deut. 32:49 ^bJer. 2:25; 3:1

22 ^aJer. 30:14

24 ¹I.e., Jehoiachin ²Lit., *off from there*
^aSong of Sol. 8:6; Is. 49:16; Hag 2:23

25 ^aJer. 21:7; 34:20, 21; 2 Kin. 24:15, 16

26 ^{a2} Kin. 24:8

- Who uses his neighbor's services without pay
 And does not give him his wages,
- 14 Who says, 'I will ^abuild myself a roomy house
 With spacious ¹upper rooms,
 And cut out its windows,
²Paneling it with ^bcedar and painting it ³bright red.'
- 15 "Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar?
 Did not your father eat and drink,
 And ^ado justice and righteousness?
 Then it was ^bwell with him.
- 16 "He pled the cause of the ^aafflicted and needy;
 Then it was well.
^bIs not that what it means to know Me?"
 Declares the LORD.
- 17 "But your eyes and your heart
 Are *intent* only upon your own ^adishonest gain,
 And on shedding innocent blood
 And on practicing oppression and extortion."
- 18 Therefore thus says the LORD in regard to Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah,
 "They will not lament for him:
 'Alas, my brother!' or, 'Alas, sister!'
 They will not lament for him:
 'Alas for the master!' or, 'Alas for his splendor!'"
- 19 "He will be ^aburied with a donkey's burial,
 Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
- 20 "Go up to Lebanon and cry out,
 And lift up your voice in Bashan;
 Cry out also from ^aAbarim,
 For all your ^blovers have been crushed.
- 21 "I spoke to you in your prosperity;
 But you said, 'I will not listen!'
 This has been your practice from your youth,
 That you have not obeyed My voice.
- 22 "The wind will sweep away all your shepherds,
 And your ^alovers will go into captivity;
 Then you will surely be ashamed and humiliated
 Because of all your wickedness.
- 23 "You who dwell in Lebanon,
 Nested in the cedars,
 How you will groan when pangs come upon you,
 Pain like a woman in childbirth!"
- 24 "As I live," declares the LORD, "even though ¹Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a ^asignet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull ¹you ²off;
 25 and I shall ^agive you over into the hand of those who are seeking your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.
 26 "I shall hurl you and your ^amother who bore you into another country where you were not born, and there you will die.
 27 "But as for the land to which they desire to return, they will not return to it.

- 28 "Is this man Coniah a despised, shattered jar?
Or is he an undesirable ^avessel?
Why have he and his descendants been ^bhurled out
And cast into a land that they had not known?"
- 29 "O land, land, land,
Hear the word of the LORD!
- 30 "Thus says the LORD,
'Write this man down ^achildless,
A man who will not ^bprosper in his days;
For no man of his ^cdescendants will prosper
Sitting on the throne of David
Or ruling again in Judah.'

CHAPTER 23

“^aW^OE to the shepherds who are ^bdestroying and scattering the ^csheep of My pasture!” declares the LORD.

2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are ¹tending My people: “You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to ^aattend to you for the ^bevil of your deeds,” declares the LORD.

3 “Then I myself shall gather the ^aremnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and shall bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply.

4 “I shall also raise up ^ashepherds over them and they will ¹tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will ^bany be missing,” declares the LORD.

5 “Behold, *the days are coming*,” declares the LORD,

“When I shall raise up for David a righteous ^{1a}Branch;
And He will ^breign as king and ²act wisely
And ^cdo justice and righteousness in the land.

6 “In His days Judah will be saved,

And ^aIsrael will dwell securely;
|And this is His ^bname by which He will be called,
|The ^cLORD our righteousness.’|

7 “^aTherefore behold, *the days are coming*,” declares the LORD, “when they will no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,’

8 but, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from *the north* land and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ Then they will live on their own soil.”

9 As for the prophets:

My ^aheart is broken within me,
All my bones tremble;
I have become like a drunken man,
Even like a man overcome with wine,
Because of the LORD
And because of His holy words.

- 10 For the land is full of ^aadulterers;
For the land mourns because of the curse.
The ^bpastures of the wilderness have dried up.
Their course also is evil,
And their might is not right.

28 ^aHos. 8:8 ^bJer. 15:1

29 ^aJer. 6:19; Deut. 4:26;
Mic. 1:2

30 ^a1 Chr. 3:17; Matt. 1:12
^bJer. 2:37; 10:21 ^cJer. 36:30;
Ps. 94:20

1 ^aEzek. 13:3; 34:2; Zech.
11:17 ^bJer. 10:21; 50:6; Is.
56:9-12 ^cEzek. 34:31

2 ¹Lit., *shepherding*
^aEx. 32:34 ^bJer. 21:12; 44:22

3 ^aJer. 31:7, 8; 32:37; Is.
11:11-16

4 ¹Or, *shepherd*
^aJer. 3:15; 31:10; Ezek. 34:23
^bJohn 6:39; 10:28; 1 Pet. 1:5

5 ¹Lit., *sprout* ²Or,
succeed
^aJer. 30:9; 33:15, 16; Is. 4:2;
11:1-5; 53:2; Zech. 3:8; 6:12,
13 ^bIs. 9:7; 52:13; Luke 1:32,
33 ^cPs. 72:2

6 ^aJer. 30:10; Deut. 33:28;
Zech. 14:11 ^bIs. 7:14; 9:6;
Matt. 1:21-23 ^cJer. 33:16; Is.
45:24, 25; 54:17; Dan. 9:24;
Rom. 3:22

7 ^aJer. 16:14, 15; Is.
43:18, 19

9 ^aJer. 8:18; Hab. 3:16

10 ^aJer. 9:2; Hos. 4:2, 3;
Mal. 3:5 ^bJer. 9:10; Ps. 107:34

12 ^aJer. 13:16; Ps. 35:6 ^bIs. 8:22; John 12:35 ^cJer. 11:23

13 ^aHos. 9:7, 8 ^bJer. 2:8; 1 Kin. 18:18-21

14 ^aJer. 23:22; Ezek. 13:22, 23 ^bJer. 20:16; 49:18; Is. 1:9, 10; Matt. 11:24

15 ^aJer. 8:14; 9:15; Deut. 29:18

16 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aJer. 27:9, 10, 14-17; 1 John 4:1 ^bMatt. 7:15; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Gal. 1:8, 9 ^cJer. 14:14; Ezek. 13:3, 6

17 ^aMic. 2:11 ^bJer. 8:11 ^cJer. 5:12; Amos 9:10; Mic. 3:11

18 ¹Another reading is, *My*
^aJer. 23:22; Job 15:8, 9 ^bJob 33:31

19 ^aJer. 30:23; Amos 1:14

20 ^aJer. 30:24; Is. 55:11; Zech. 1:6

22 ^aJer. 35:15; Zech. 1:4; 1 Thess. 1:9, 10

- 11 "For both prophet and priest are polluted;
Even in My house I have found their wickedness," declares the LORD.
- 12 "Therefore their way will be like ^aslippery paths to them,
They will be driven away into the ^bgloom and fall down in it;
For I shall bring ^ccalamity upon them,
The year of their punishment," declares the LORD.
- 13 "Moreover, among the prophets of Samaria I saw an ^aoffensive thing:
They ^bprophesied by Baal and led My people Israel astray.
- 14 "Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing:
The committing of adultery and walking in falsehood;
And they strengthen the hands of ^aevildoers,
So that no one has turned back from his wickedness.
All of them have become to Me like ^bSodom,
And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.
- 15 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets,
^aBehold, I am going to ^afeed them wormwood
And make them drink poisonous water,
For from the prophets of Jerusalem
Pollution has gone forth into all the land.' "
- 16 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
^a"Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you.
They are ^bleading you into futility;
They speak a ^cvision of their own ¹imagination,
Not from the mouth of the LORD.
- 17 "They keep saying to those who ^adespise Me,
^a"The LORD has said, ^b"You will have peace";
And as for every one who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart,
They say, ^c"Calamity will not come upon you."
- 18 "But ^awho has stood in the council of the LORD,
That he should see and hear His word?
Who has given ^bheed to ¹His word and listened?
- 19 "Behold, the ^astorm of the LORD has gone forth in wrath,
Even a whirling tempest;
It will swirl down on the head of the wicked.
- 20 "The ^aanger of the LORD will not turn back
Until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart;
In the last days you will clearly understand it.
- 21 "I did not send *these* prophets,
But they ran.
I did not speak to them,
But they prophesied.
- 22 "But if they had stood in My council,
Then they would have ^aannounced My words to My people,

And would have turned them back from their evil way
And from the evil of their deeds.”

23 ^aPs. 139:1-10 ^bJer. 51:50;
Ps. 113:5; Jon. 1:3, 4

23 “Am I a God who is ^anear,” declares the LORD,
“And not a God ^bfar off?

24 ^aJer. 49:10; Job 22:13, 14;
Ps. 139:7-12; Is. 29:15 ^b1 Kin.
8:27; Is. 66:1

24 “Can a man ^ahide himself in hiding places,
So I do not see him?” declares the LORD.

“^bDo I not fill the heaven and the earth?” declares the
LORD.

25 “I have ^aheard what the prophets have said who proph-
esy falsely in My name, saying, ‘I had a ^bdream, I had a
dream!’

25 ^aJer. 8:6; 1 Cor. 4:5 ^bJer.
23:28, 32; 29:8; Num. 12:6;
Joel 2:28

26 “How long? Is there *anything* in the hearts of the proph-
ets who prophesy falsehood, even *these* prophets of the ^ade-
ception of their own heart,

26 ^a1 Tim. 4:1, 2

27 who intend to ^amake My people forget My name by
their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their
fathers ^bforgot My name because of Baal?

27 ^aJer. 29:8; Deut. 13:1-3
^bJudg. 3:7; 8:33, 34

28 “The prophet who has a dream may relate *his* dream,
but let him who has My word speak My word in truth. ^aWhat
does straw have *in common* with grain?” declares the LORD.

29 “Is not My word like ^afire?” declares the LORD, “and like
a ^bhammer which shatters a rock?

28 ^a1 Cor. 3:12, 13

30 “Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” declares
the LORD, “who steal My words from each other.

29 ^aJer. 5:14; 20:9 ^b2 Cor.
10:4, 5

31 “Behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the LORD,
“who use their tongues and declare, ‘*The Lord declares.*’

32 “Behold, I am against those who have prophesied ^afalse
dreams,” declares the LORD, “and related them, and led My
people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet ^bI
did not send them or command them, nor do they ^cfurnish this
people the slightest benefit,” declares the LORD.

32 ^aJer. 23:25; Deut. 13:1, 2
^bJer. 23:21; Lam. 3:37 ^cJer.
7:8; Lam. 2:14

33 “Now when this people or the prophet or a priest asks
you saying, ‘What is the ^{1a}oracle of the LORD?’ then you shall
say to them, ‘What ^{1b}oracle?’ The LORD declares, ‘I shall ^aaban-
don you.’

33 ^{1a}Or, *burden*, and so
throughout the chap.
^{1b}Is. 13:1; Nah. 1:1; Hab. 1:1;
Zech. 9:1 ^bJer. 23:39; 12:7

34 “Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who
say, ‘The ^aoracle of the LORD,’ I shall bring punishment upon
that man and his household.

34 ^aLam. 2:14; Zech. 13:3

35 “Thus shall each of you say to his neighbor and to his
brother, ‘What has the LORD answered?’ or, ‘^aWhat has the
LORD spoken?’

35 ^aJer. 33:3; 42:4

36 “For you will no longer remember the oracle of the
LORD, because every man’s own word will become the oracle,
and you have ^aperverted the words of the ^bliving God, the
LORD of hosts, our God.

36 ^a2 Pet. 3:16 ^bJer. 10:10;
2 Kin. 19:4

37 “Thus you will say to *that* prophet, ‘What has the LORD
answered you?’ and, ‘What has the LORD spoken?’

38 “For if you say, ‘The oracle of the LORD!’ surely
thus says the LORD, ‘Because you said this word, “The oracle
of the LORD!” I have also sent to you, saying, “You shall not
say, ‘The oracle of the LORD!’”’

39 ^aJer. 23:33; 7:14, 15;
Ezek. 8:18

39 “Therefore behold, ^aI shall surely forget you and cast
you away from My presence, along with the city which I gave
you and your fathers.

40^a Jer. 20:11; 42:18; Ezek. 5:14, 15

1^a Jer. 27:20; 29:1, 2;
2 Kin. 24:10-16; 2 Chr. 36:10
^b Amos 8:1

2^a Mic. 7:1; Nah. 3:12^b Jer. 29:17; Is. 5:4, 7

3^a Jer. 1:11, 13; Amos 8:2; Zech. 4:2

5^a Nah. 1:7; Zech. 13:9

6^a Jer. 29:10; 32:37; Ezek. 11:17^b Jer. 31:4; 33:7^c Jer. 32:41; 42:10

7^a Jer. 31:33; 32:40^b Zech. 8:8; Heb. 8:10^c Jer. 29:13; 1 Sam. 7:3

8¹ Lit., *give up*
^a Jer. 29:17^b Jer. 39:5; Ezek. 12:13^c Jer. 39:9^d Jer. 44:26-30

9^a Jer. 15:4; 29:18; 34:17
^b 1 Kin. 9:7; Ps. 44:13, 14^c Is. 65:15

10^a Jer. 21:9; 27:8; Is. 51:19; Ezek. 5:12-17

1^a Jer. 36:1; 46:2^b 2 Kin. 24:1, 2; 2 Chr. 36:4-6^c Jer. 32:1

2^a Jer. 18:11

3¹ Lit., *this* ² Lit., *rising early and speaking*
^a Jer. 1:2^b Chr. 34:1-3, 8^c Jer. 36:2^d Jer. 7:25; 11:7; 26:5

4^a Jer. 26:5

40 “And I will put an everlasting ^areproach on you and an everlasting humiliation which will not be forgotten.”

CHAPTER 24

AFTER ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jaconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the officials of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths from Jerusalem and had brought them to Babylon, the LORD showed me: behold, two baskets of ^bfigs set before the temple of the LORD!

2 One basket had very good figs, like ^afirst-ripe figs; and the other basket had ^bvery bad figs, which could not be eaten due to rottenness.

3 Then the LORD said to me, “^aWhat do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad figs, very bad, which cannot be eaten due to rottenness.”

4 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Like these good figs, so I will regard ^aas good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place *into* the land of the Chaldeans.

6 ‘For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will ^abring them again to this land; and I will ^bbuild them up and not overthrow them, and I will ^cplant them and not pluck *them* up.

7 ‘And I will give them a ^aheart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be ^bMy people, and I will be their God, for they will ^creturn to Me with their whole heart.

8 ‘But like the ^abad figs which cannot be eaten due to rottenness—for thus says the LORD,—so I will ¹abandon ²Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials, and the ^cremnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and the ones who dwell in the land of ^dEgypt.

9 ‘And I will ^amake them a terror *and* evil for all the kingdoms of the earth, as a ^breproach and a proverb, a taunt and a ^ccurse in all places where I shall scatter them.

10 ‘And I will send the ^asword, the famine, and the pestilence upon them until they are destroyed from the land which I gave to them and their forefathers.’”

CHAPTER 25

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the ^afourth year of ^bJehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the ^cfirst year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the ^apeople of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 “From the ^athirteenth year of ^bJosiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, ¹these ^ctwenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you ^{2d}again and again, but you have not listened.

4 “And the LORD has sent to you all his ^aservants the

prophets ¹again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,

5 saying, ^a“Turn now every one from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers ^bforever and ever;

6 and do not ^ago after other gods to ¹serve them and to ²worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.”

7 “Yet you have not listened to Me,” declares the LORD, “in order that you might ^aprovoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

8 “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Because you have not obeyed My words,

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will *send* to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, ^aMy servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations round about; and I will ¹utterly destroy them, and make them a horror, and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

10 ‘Moreover, I will ¹take from them the voice of joy and the ^avoice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the ^bsound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

11 ‘And this whole land shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon ^aseventy years.

12 ‘Then it will be ^awhen seventy years are completed I will ^bpunish the king of Babylon and that nation,’ declares the LORD, ‘for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.

13 ‘And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in ^athis book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

14 ‘(‘For ^amany nations and great kings shall make slaves of them, even them; and I will ^brecompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.’)”

15 For thus the LORD, the God of Israel, says to me, “Take this ^acup of the wine of wrath from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

16 “And they shall drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them.”

17 Then I took the cup from the LORD’s hand, and ^amade all the nations drink, to whom the LORD sent me:

18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, and its kings *and* its princes, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;

19 ^aPharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, and all his people;

20 and all the ^{1a}foreign people, all the kings of the ^bland of Uz, all the kings of the land of the Philistines (even Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of ^cAshdod);

21 ^aEdom, ^bMoab, and the sons of ^cAmmon;

22 and all the kings of ^aTyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of ^bthe coastlands which are beyond the sea;

23 and ^aDedan, Tema, ^bBuz, and all who cut the ^ccorners of their hair;

4 ¹Lit., *rising early and sending*

5 ^aJer. 4:1; 35:15; Is. 55:6; 7; Ezek. 18:30; Jon. 3:8-10
^bJer. 7:7; 17:25; Gen. 17:8

6 ¹Or, *worship* ²Or, *bow down to*
^aJer. 35:15; Deut. 6:14; 8:19; 2 Kin. 17:35

7 ^aJer. 7:19; 32:30-33; 2 Kin. 17:17; 21:15

9 ¹Or, *put them under the ban*
^aJer. 27:6; 43:10; Is. 13:3

10 ¹Lit., *cause to perish*
^aJer. 16:9; Is. 24:8-11; Ezek. 26:13
^bEccles. 12:4; Is. 47:2

11 ^aDan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5

12 ^aJer. 29:10; Ezra 1:1
^bJer. chaps. 50, 51; Is. 13:14

13 ^aJer. 36:4, 29, 32

14 ¹Or, *For they have served many nations and great kings*
^aJer. 27:7; 50:9; Is. 27, 28
^bJer. 51:6, 24, 56

15 ^aJer. 51:7; Ps. 75:8; Is. 51:17, 22

17 ^aJer. 25:28; 1:10; 27:3; Ezek. 43:3

19 ^aJer. 46:2-28; Nah. 3:8-10

20 ¹Or, *mixed multitude*
^aJer. 25:24; 50:37; Ezek. 30:5
^bJob 1:1; Lam. 4:21
^cIs. 20:1

21 ^aJer. 49:7-22; Ps. 137:7
^bJer. 48:1-47; Amos 2:1-3
^cJer. 49:1-6; Amos 1:13-15

22 ^aJer. 47:4; Zech. 9:2-4
^bJer. 31:10

23 ^aJer. 49:7, 8; Is. 21:13
^bGen. 22:21
^cJer. 9:26; 49:32

24 ¹Or, *mixed multitude*
²Chr. 9:14

25 ¹Jer. 49:34; Gen. 10:22;
Is. 11:11

26 ¹Possibly a cipher for
Babylon
¹Jer. 25:9; 50:9

27 ¹Ezek. 21:4, 5

28 ¹Job 34:33

29 ¹Jer. 13:13; Prov. 11:31;
Is. 10:12; Ezek. 9:6; 1 Pet.
4:17 ¹1 Kin. 8:43

30 ¹Or, *pasture*
¹Jer. 25:38; Is. 42:13 ¹Joel
2:11; Amos 1:2

31 ¹Is. 66:16; Ezek.
20:35, 36

32 ²Chr. 15:6; Is. 34:2
¹Jer. 23:19; Is. 30:30

33 ¹Lit., *other end of the
earth*
¹Is. 34:2, 3; 66:16 ¹Jer. 16:4;
Ps. 79:3; Ezek. 39:4, 17 ¹Is.
5:25

34 ¹Lit., *are full*
¹Jer. 6:26; Ezek. 27:30 ¹Jer.
50:27; Is. 34:7

35 ¹Jer. 11:11; Job 11:20;
Amos 2:14

37 ¹Or, *pastures*
¹Jer. 5:17; 13:20; Is. 27:10, 11

38 ¹Jer. 4:7; 5:6; Hos. 5:14;
13:7, 8

24 and all the kings of ^aArabia and all the kings of the ¹foreign people who dwell in the desert;

25 and all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of ^aElam, and all the kings of Media;

26 and all the kings of the north, near and far, one with another; and ^aall the kingdoms of the earth which are upon the face of the ground, and the king of ¹Sheshach shall drink after them.

27 "And you shall say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Drink, be drunk, vomit, fall, and rise no more because of the ^asword which I will send among you."

28 "And it will be, if they ^arefuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you will say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "You shall surely drink!

29 "For behold, I am ^abeginning to work calamity in *this* city which is ^bcalled by My name, and shall you be completely free from punishment? You will not be free from punishment; for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth," declares the LORD of hosts.'

30 "Therefore you shall prophesy against them all these words, and you shall say to them,

'The ^aLORD will ^broar from on high,
And utter His voice from His holy habitation;
He will roar mightily against his ¹fold.
He will shout like those who tread *the grapes*,
Against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 'A clamor has come to the end of the earth,
Because the LORD has a controversy with the nations.
He is entering into ^ajudgment with all flesh;
As for the wicked, He has given them to the sword,'"
declares the LORD.

32 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
"Behold, evil is going forth
From ^anation to nation,
And a great ^bstorm is being stirred up
From the remotest parts of the earth.

33 "And those ^aslain by the LORD on that day shall be from one end of the earth to the ¹other. They shall ^bnot be lamented, gathered, or buried; they shall be like ^cdung on the face of the ground.

34 "Wail, you shepherds, and cry;
And ^awallow *in ashes*, you masters of the flock;
For the days of your ^bslaughter and your dispersions
¹have come,
And you shall fall like a choice vessel.

35 "Flight shall ^aperish from the shepherds,
And escape from the masters of the flock.

36 "The sound of the cry of the shepherds,
And the wailing of the masters of the flock!
For the LORD is destroying their pasture.

37 "And the peaceful ¹afolds are made silent
Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 "He has ^aleft His hiding place like the lion;
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Because of the fierceness of the ¹oppressing sword,
And because of His fierce anger.”

38 ¹Or., *oppressor*

CHAPTER 26

IN the beginning of the reign of ^aJehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD, ‘Stand in the ^acourt of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, who have come to worship in the LORD’s house, ^ball the words that I have commanded you to speak to them. ^cDo not omit a word!’

1 ^{a2} Kin. 23:36; 2 Chr. 36:4, 5

3 ^aPerhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the calamity which I am planning to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.’

2 ^aJer. 7:2; 19:14; 2 Chr. 24:20, 21; Luke 19:47, 48
^bJer. 1:17; 42:4; Acts 20:20, 27
^cDeut. 4:2

4 “And you will say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD, “^aIf you will not listen to Me, to ^bwalk in My law, which I have set before you,

3 ^aJer. 36:3-7; Is. 1:16-19

5 to listen to the words of ^aMy servants the prophets whom I have been sending to you ¹again and again, but you have not listened;

4 ^aJer. 17:27; 22:5; Lev. 26:14; 1 Kin. 9:6; Is. 1:20
^bJer. 32:23; 44:10, 23

6 then I will make this house like ^aShiloh, and this city I will make a ^bcurse to all the nations of the earth.” ’ ’ ’

5 ¹Lit., *rising early and sending*
^aJer. 25:4; 2 Kin. 9:7; Ezra 9:11

7 And the ^apriests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

6 ^aJer. 7:12, 14; 1 Sam. 4:10-12, 22; Ps. 78:60, 61
^bJer. 24:9; 25:18; 2 Kin. 22:19

8 And when Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “^aYou must die!”

7 ^aJer. 5:31; Mic. 3:11

9 “Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD saying, ‘This house will be like Shiloh, and this city will be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And ^aall the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

8 ^aJer. 11:19; 18:23; Lam. 4:13, 14; Matt. 21:35, 36; 23:34, 35

10 And when the princes of Judah heard these things, they ^acame up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat in the ^bentrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house.

9 ^aActs 3:11; 5:12

11 Then the priests and the prophets ^aspoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, “^aA ^bdeath sentence for this man! For he has prophesied ^cagainst this city as you have heard in your hearing.”

10 ^aActs 21:31, 32
^bJer. 36:10

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

11 ^aJer. 18:23
^bDeut. 18:20; Matt. 26:66
^cJer. 38:4; Acts 6:11-14

13 “Now therefore ^aamend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will ¹change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you.

13 ¹Lit., *be sorry for*
^aJer. 7:3, 5; 18:11; 35:15

14 “But as for me, behold, I am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your sight.

15 ^aJer. 7:6; Num. 35:33; Prov. 6:16, 17

15 “Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring ^ainnocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

16 ^aJer. 26:11; 36:19, 25; 38:7, 13
^bActs 5:34-39; 23:9, 29; 25:25; 26:31

16 Then the officials and all the people ^asaid to the priests and to the prophets, “No ^bdeath sentence for this man! For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.”

18 ¹Lit., *Micaiah the Morashtite* ²Or, *a wooded height*
^aMic. 1:1 ^bJer. 9:11; Neh. 4:2; Ps. 79:1; Mic. 3:12 ^cJer. 17:3; Is. 2:2, 3; Mic. 4:1; Zech. 8:3

19 ¹Lit., *was sorry for*
²Chr. 29:6-11; 32:26; Is. 37:1, 4, 15-20 ^bJer. 44:7; Hab. 2:10

21 ^aJer. 36:26; 2 Chr. 16:10; Matt. 14:5 ^b1 Kin. 19:2-4; Matt. 10:23, 28

22 ^aJer. 36:12

23 ¹Lit., *graves* ²Lit., *sons of the people*
^aJer. 2:30

24 ^aJer. 39:14; 40:5-7; 2 Kin. 22:12-14 ^bJer. 1:18, 19; 1 Kin. 18:4

1 ¹Many mss. read, *Jehoiakim*

2 ^aJer. 30:8 ^bJer. 28:10, 13

3 ¹Lit., *them* ²Lit., *by the hand of*
^aJer. 25:21, 22

5 ¹Or, *upright*
^aJer. 10:12; 51:15; Ps. 146:5, 6 ^bJer. 32:17; Deut. 9:29 ^cPs. 115:15, 16; Acts 17:26

6 ^aJer. 21:7; 22:25; Ezek. 29:18-20 ^bJer. 25:9; 43:10; Is. 44:28 ^cJer. 28:14

7 ^aJer. 44:30; 46:13

17 Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 ^{1a}Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus the LORD of hosts has said:

^bZion will be plowed as a field,
And Jerusalem will become ruins,
And the ^cmountain of the house as the ²high places of a forest.'

19 "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not ^afear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD ¹changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we are ^bcommitting a great evil against ourselves."

20 Indeed there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from Kiriath-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of Jeremiah.

21 When King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the officials heard his words, then the ^aking sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard it, and he was afraid and ^bfled, and went to Egypt.

22 Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt: ^aElnathan the son of Achbor and *certain* men with him into Egypt.

23 And they brought Uriah from Egypt and led him to King Jehoiakim, who ^aslew him with a sword, and cast his dead body into the ¹burial place of the ²common people.

24 But the hand of ^aAhikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that he was ^bnot given into the hands of the people to put him to death.

CHAPTER 27

IN the beginning of the reign of ¹Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying—

2 thus says the LORD to me—"Make for yourself ^abonds and ^byokes and put them on your neck,

3 and send ¹word to the king of ^aEdom, to the king of ^aMoab, to the king of the sons of ^aAmmon, to the king of ^aTyre, and to the king of ^aSidon ²by the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

4 "And command them to go to their masters, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, thus you shall say to your masters:

5 "I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth ^bby My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will ^cgive it to the one who is ¹pleasing in My sight.

6 "And now I ^ahave given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, ^bMy servant, and I have given him also the ^cwild animals of the field to serve him.

7 "And ^aall the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his

grandson, ^buntil the time of his own land comes; then ^cmany nations and great kings will ^lmake him their servant.

8 "And it will be, *that* the nation or the kingdom which ^awill not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation with the ^bsword, with famine, and with pestilence," declares the LORD, "until I have destroyed ^lit by his hand.

9 "But as for you, do not ^alisten to your prophets, your diviners, your ^ldreamers, your soothsayers, or to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon.'

10 "For they prophesy ^alie to you, in order to ^bremove you far from your land; and I will drive you out, and you will perish.

11 "But the nation which will bring its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will ^alet remain on its land," declares the LORD, "and they will till it and dwell in it."

12 And I spoke words like all these to ^aZedekiah king of Judah, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live!

13 "Why will you ^adie, you and your people, by the sword, famine, and pestilence, as the LORD has spoken to that nation which will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 "So do not ^alisten to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon,' for they prophesy ^alie to you;

15 for ^aI have not sent them," declares the LORD, "but they prophesy ^bfalsely in My name, in order that I may ^cdrive you out, and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you."

16 *Then* I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, 'Behold, the ^avessels of the LORD's house will now shortly be brought again from Babylon'; for they are prophesying a lie to you.

17 "Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live! Why should this city become a ruin?

18 "But ^aif they are prophets, and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them now ^bentreat the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem, may not go to Babylon.

19 "For thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the ^apillars, concerning the sea, concerning the stands, and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this city,

20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he ^acarried into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

21 "Yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem,

22 'They shall be ^acarried to Babylon, and they shall be there until the ^bday I visit them,' declares the LORD. 'Then I will ^cbring them ^lback and restore them to this place.'

⁷ ¹Or, *enlave him*
^bZech. 2:8, 9; Jer. 25:12; Is. 14:4-6

⁸ ¹Lit., *them*
^aJer. 38:17-19; 42:15, 16;
^bEzek. 17:19-21; Jer. 27:13;
24:10; 29:17, 18; Ezek. 14:21

⁹ ¹Lit., *dreams*
^aEx. 22:18; Deut. 18:10; Is. 8:19; Mal. 3:5

¹⁰ ^aJer. 23:25; ^bJer. 8:19;
32:31

¹¹ ^aJer. 21:9; 38:2; 40:9-12;
42:10, 11

¹² ^aJer. 27:3; 28:1

¹³ ^aJer. 27:8; 38:23; Prov. 8:36; Ezek. 18:31

¹⁴ ^aJer. 27:9; 2 Chr. 11:13-15; ^bJer. 27:10; Ezek. 13:22

¹⁵ ^aJer. 23:21; 29:9; ^bJer. 23:25; ^cJer. 27:10; 2 Chr. 25:16

¹⁶ ^aJer. 28:3; 2 Kin. 24:13;
2 Chr. 36:7, 10

¹⁸ ^a1 Kin. 18:24; ^bJer. 18:20;
1 Sam. 7:8; 12:19, 23

¹⁹ ^aJer. 52:17-23; 1 Kin. 7:15; 2 Kin. 25:13, 17

²⁰ ^aJer. 22:28; 24:1; 2 Kin. 24:12, 14-16; 2 Chr. 36:10, 18

²² ¹Lit., *up*
^aJer. 29:10; 34:2, 3; Jer. 27:7;
25:11, 12; 29:10; 32:5; ^cEzra 1:7-11; 5:13-15; 7:9, 19

1 ^aJer. 49:34 ^bJer. 27:3, 12
^cJer. 28:17 ^dJosh. 9:3; 10:12;
1 Kin. 3:4

2 ^aJer. 28:11

3 ^aJer. 27:16; 2 Kin. 24:13;
2 Chr. 36:10; Dan. 1:2

4 ^aJer. 22:26, 27 ^bJer.
22:24; 24:1; 2 Kin. 25:27 ^cJer.
22:10 ^dJer. 27:8

5 ^aJer. 28:1

6 ¹Or, fulfill
^aJer. 11:5; 1 Kin. 1:36; Ps.
41:13 ^bJer. 17:16

7 ^a1 Kin. 22:28

8 ^aLev. 26:14; 1 Kin. 14:15;
17:1; 22:17; Is. 5:5-7; Joel
1:20; Amos 1:2; Nah. 1:2

9 ^aDeut. 18:22

10 ^aJer. 27:2 ^bJer. 36:23;
1 Kin. 22:11, 24

11 ^aJer. 28:15; 14:14; 27:10

12 ^aJer. 1:2

13 ^aPs. 107:16; Is. 45:2

14 ^aJer. 27:8; Deut. 28:48
^bJer. 25:11 ^cJer. 27:6

15 ^aJer. 29:31; Ezek. 13:2, 3,
22; 22:28; Lam. 2:14; Zech.
13:3

16 ¹Lit., send you away
^aGen. 7:4; Ex. 32:12; Zech.
6:15; 1 Kin. 13:34

Now it came about in the same year, ^ain the beginning of the reign of ^bZedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that ^cHananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was from ^dGibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying,

2 ^a"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 'Within two years I am going to bring back to this place ^aall the vessels of the LORD's house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon.

4 'I am ^aalso going to bring back to this place ^bJehoiakim the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the ^cexiles of Judah who went to Babylon,' declares the LORD, 'for I will break the ^dyoke of the king of Babylon.' "

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who were standing in the ^ahouse of the LORD,

6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, ^a"Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD ^bconfirm your words which you have prophesied to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place.

7 ^a"Yet hear now this word which I am about to speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people!

8 ^a"The prophets who were before me and before you from ancient times ^aprophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms, of war and of calamity and of pestilence.

9 ^a"The prophet who prophesies of peace, ^awhen the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then that prophet will be known ^aas one whom the LORD has truly sent."

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the ^ayoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and ^bbroke it.

11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, ^a"Thus says the LORD, 'Even so will I break within two full years, the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations.' " Then the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 And the ^aword of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 ^a"Go and speak to Hananiah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made instead of them ^ayokes of iron."

14 ^a"For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "I have put a ^ayoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall ^bserve him. And ^cI have also given him the beasts of the field." " "

15 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, ^a"Listen now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, and ^ayou have made this people trust in a lie.

16 ^a"Therefore thus says the LORD, ^a"Behold, I am about to ^aremove you from the face of the earth. This year you are

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going to ^bdie, because you have ^{2c}counseled rebellion against the LORD.' ”

17 So Hananiah the prophet died in the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER 29

NOW these are the words of the ^aletter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

2 (This was after King ^aJeconiah and the ^bqueen mother, the court officials, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.)

3 *The letter was sent* by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of ^aHilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,

4 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have ^asent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon,

5 ^aBuild houses and live *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat their ¹produce.

6 Take ^awives and ¹become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease.

7 ^aAnd ^aseek the ¹welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and ^bpray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its ¹welfare you will have ¹welfare.’

8 “For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Do not let your ^aprophets who are in your midst and your diviners ^bdeceive you, and do not listen to ^{1c}the dreams which ²they dream.

9 ‘For they ^aprophesy falsely to you in My name; ^bI have not sent them,’ declares the LORD.

10 “For thus says the LORD, ‘When ^aseventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My ^bgood word to you, to bring you back to this place.

11 ‘For I know the ^aplans that I ‘have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for ^bwelfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a ^chope.

12 ‘Then you will ^acall upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will ^blisten to you.

13 ‘And you will ^aseek Me and find Me, when you ^bsearch for Me with all your heart.

14 ‘And I will be ^afound by you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will ^brestore your ¹fortunes and will ^cgather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will ^dbring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’

15 “Because you have said, ‘The LORD has raised up prophets for us in ^aBabylon’—

16 for thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who did ^anot go with you into exile—

17 thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Behold, I am sending

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16 ²Lit., *spoken*
^bJer. 20:6 ^cJer. 29:32; Deut. 13:5

1 ¹Jer. 29:25, 29; 2 Chr. 30:1, 6; Esth. 9:20

2 ²Jer. 22:24-28; 24:1; 27:20; 2 Kin. 24:12-16; 2 Chr. 36:9, 10 ^bJer. 13:18

3 ¹Chr. 6:13

4 ⁴Jer. 24:5; Is. 10:5, 6

5 ¹Lit., *fruit*
^aJer. 29:10, 28

6 ¹Lit., *beget*
^aJer. 16:2-4

7 ¹Or, *peace*
^aDan. 4:27; 6:4, 5 ^bEzra 6:10; 7:23; Dan. 4:19; 1 Tim. 2:1, 2

8 ¹Lit., *your* ²Lit., *you*
^aJer. 29:1; 27:9 ^bJer. 14:14; 23:21; 28:15 ^cJer. 23:25, 27

9 ^aJer. 29:21; 27:15 ^bJer. 29:31

10 ^aJer. 25:12; 2 Chr. 36:21-23; Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5 ^bJer. 24:6, 7; Zeph. 2:7

11 ¹Lit., *am planning*
^aJer. 23:5, 6; 30:9, 10; Ps. 40:5 ^bJer. 30:18-22; Is. 40:9-11 ^cJer. 31:17; Hos. 2:15

12 ^aJer. 33:3; Ps. 50:15 ^bPs. 145:19

13 ^aDeut. 4:29 ^bJer. 24:7; 1 Chr. 22:19; 2 Chr. 22:9

14 ¹Or, *captivity*
^aDeut. 30:1-10 ^bJer. 30:3; 32:37-41 ^cJer. 28:8; Is. 43:5, 6 ^dJer. 3:14; 12:15; 16:15

15 ^aJer. 29:21, 24

16 ^aJer. 38:2, 3, 17-23

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17 ^aJer. 29:18; 27:8; 32:24
^bJer. 24:3, 8-10

18 ^aJer. 24:9; 34:17; Ezek.
12:15 ^bJer. 42:18; Is. 65:15
^cJer. 25:9; Lam. 2:15, 16

19 ^aJer. 6:19 ^bJer. 26:5;
35:15

20 ^aJer. 24:5; Ezek. 11:9

21 ^aJer. 29:8, 9; 14:14, 15;
Lam. 2:14

22 ¹Lit., *taken*
^aIs. 65:15 ^bDan. 3:6, 21

23 ^aGen. 34:7; 2 Sam. 13:12
^bJer. 5:8; 23:14 ^cJer. 29:8, 9,
21 ^dJer. 7:11; 16:17; Prov.
5:21; Mal. 3:5

24 ^aJer. 29:31, 32

25 ^aJer. 29:1 ^bJer. 29:29;
21:1; 37:3; 52:24; 2 Kin.
25:18

26 ¹Lit., *overseers*
^aJer. 20:1 ^{b2} Kin. 9:11; Hos.
9:7; Mark 3:21; John 10:20;
Acts 26:24, 25; 2 Cor. 5:13
^cDeut. 13:1-5; Zech. 13:1-5
^dJer. 20:1, 2; Acts 16:24

27 ^aJer. 1:1

28 ¹Lit., *fruit*
^aJer. 29:1 ^bJer. 29:10 ^cJer.
29:5

29 ¹Lit., *in the ears of*
^aJer. 29:25

31 ^aJer. 29:20 ^bJer. 29:24
^cJer. 29:9, 23; 14:14, 15;
Ezek. 13:8-16, 22, 23 ^dJer.
28:15

32 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *spoken*
^aJer. 36:31 ^bJer. 22:30;
1 Sam. 2:30-34 ^cJer. 29:10;
17:6; 2 Kin. 7:2, 19, 20
^dJer. 28:16; Deut. 13:5

upon them the ^asword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like ^bsplit-open figs that cannot be eaten due to rottenness.

18 'And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine and with pestilence; and I will ^amake them a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a ^bcurse, and a horror, and a ^chissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them,

19 because they have ^anot listened to My words,' declares the LORD, 'which I sent to them again and again by ^bMy servants the prophets; but you did not listen,' declares the LORD.

20 "You, therefore, hear the word of the LORD, all you exiles, whom I have ^asent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who are ^aprophesying to you falsely in My name: 'Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall slay them before your eyes.

22 'And because of them a ^acurse shall be ¹used by all the exiles from Judah who are in Babylon, saying, "May the LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon ^broasted in the fire,

23 because they have ^aacted foolishly in Israel, and ^bhave committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in My name ^cfalsely, which I did not command them; and I am He who ^dknows, and am a witness," declares the LORD.' "

24 And to ^aShemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying,

25 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Because you have sent ^aletters in your own name to all the people who are in Jerusalem, and to ^bZephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 "The LORD has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to be the ^{1a}overseer in the house of the LORD over every ^bmad man who ^cprophesies to ^dput him in the stocks and in the iron collar.

27 "Now then, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of ^aAnathoth who prophesies to you?

28 "For he has ^asent to us in Babylon, saying, 'The exile will be ^blong; ^cbuild houses and live in them and plant gardens and eat their ¹produce.' " " "

29 And ^aZephaniah the priest read this letter ¹to Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,

31 "Send to ^aall the exiles, saying, 'Thus says the LORD concerning ^bShemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has ^cprophesied to you, although I did not send him, and he has ^dmade you trust in a lie;'

32 therefore thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am about to ^apunish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his ¹descendants; he shall ^bnot have anyone living among this people, ^cand he shall not see the good that I am about to do to My people,' declares the LORD, 'because he has ^{2d}preached rebellion against the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 30

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
 2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.

3 'For, behold, ^adays are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will ¹restore the ¹fortunes of My people ^cIsrael and Judah.' The LORD says, 'I will also ^dbring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they shall possess it.' "

4 Now these are the words which the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah,

5 "For thus says the LORD,
 'I have heard a sound of ^aterror,
 Of dread, and there is no peace.

6 'Ask now, and see,
 If a male can give birth.
 Why do I see every man
 With his ^ahands on his loins, as a ^bwoman in childbirth?
 And *why* have all faces turned pale?

7 'Alas! for that ^aday is great,
 There is ^bnone like it;
 And it is the time of Jacob's ^cdistress,
 But he will be ^dsaved from it.

8 'And it shall come about on that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I will ^abreak his yoke from off ¹their neck, and will tear off ¹their bonds; and strangers shall no longer ^bmake ²them their slaves.

9 'But they shall serve the LORD their God, and ^aDavid their king, whom I will raise up for them.

10 "aAnd fear not, O Jacob My servant,' declares the LORD, 'And do not be dismayed, O Israel;
 For behold, I will save you from ^bafar,
 And your ¹offspring from the land of their captivity.
 And Jacob shall return, and shall be ^cquiet and at ease,
 And ^dno one shall make him afraid.

11 'For ^aI am with you,' declares the LORD, 'to save you;
 For I will ^bdestroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you,
 Only I will ^cnot destroy you completely.
 But I will ^dchasten you justly,
 And will by no means leave you unpunished.'

12 "For thus says the LORD,
 'Your wound is incurable,
 And your ^ainjury is serious.

13 'There is no one to plead your cause;
 No healing for your sore,
^aNo recovery for you.

14 'All your ^alovers have forgotten you,
 They do not seek you;
 For I have ^bwounded you with the wound of an enemy,
 With the punishment of a cruel one,
 Because your iniquity is great
 And your sins are numerous.

15 'Why do you cry out over your injury?
 Your pain is incurable.

²Jer. 25:13; 36:4, 28, 32;
 Hab. 2:2

³ Or, *captivity*
^aJer. 29:10 ^bJer. 30:18; 29:14;
 Ps. 53:6; Zeph. 3:20 ^cJer. 3:18
^dJer. 16:15; 23:7, 8; Ezek.
 20:42; 36:24

⁵ Lit., *We*
^aJer. 6:25; 8:16; Is. 5:30;
 Amos 5:16-18

⁶ Jer. 6:24; 22:23 ^bJer.
 4:31

⁷ Is. 2:12; Hos. 1:11; Joel
 2:11 ^bLam. 1:12; Dan. 9:12
^cJer. 2:27, 28; 14:8 ^dJer.
 30:10; 50:19

⁸ So Ck.; Heb., *your*
²Lit., *him*
^aJer. 2:20; Is. 9:4; Ezek. 34:27
^bEzek. 34:27

⁹ Is. 55:3-5; Ezek. 34:23,
 24; 37:24, 25; Hos. 3:5; Luke
 1:69; Acts 2:30; 13:23, 34, 38

¹⁰ Lit., *seed*
^aJer. 46:27, 28; Is. 43:5; 44:2
^bJer. 23:3, 8; 29:14; Is. 60:4
^cJer. 33:16; Is. 35:9; Hos 2:18
^dMic. 4:4

¹¹ Jer. 1:8, 19 ^bJer. 46:28
^cJer. 4:27; 5:10, 18 ^dJer. 10:24

¹² Jer. 30:15; 15:18

¹³ Jer. 14:19; 46:11

¹⁴ Jer. 22:20, 22 ^bLam.
 2:4, 5

16 ^aJer. 2:3; 8:16; 10:25 ^bLit.
14:2; Joel 3:8

17 ¹Lit., *cause to go up* ²Or,
healing ³Lit., *is seeking*
^aJer. 8:22; 33:6; Ps. 107:20
^bJer. 33:24; Is. 11:12; 56:8

18 ¹Or, *captivity*
^aJer. 31:4, 38:40 ^bChr. 29:1,
19; Ps. 48:3, 13; 122:7

19 ¹Or, *dance*
^aJer. 17:26; 33:11; Is. 12:1;
51:3 ^bJer. 31:4; Ps. 126:1, 2;
Is. 51:11; Zeph. 3:14 ^cIs.
55:5; 60:9

20 ¹Lit., *His*
^aIs. 54:14

21 ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *who is he
that gives his heart in pledge*
^aNum. 16:5; Ps. 65:4 ^bJer.
50:44; Ex. 3:5

22 ^aJer. 32:38; Ex. 6:7; Hos.
2:23; Zech. 13:9

23 ¹Or, *raging*
^aJer. 23:19, 20

24 ^aJer. 23:20

1 ^aJer. 30:22 ^bGen. 17:7, 8;
Is. 41:10; Rom. 11:26-28

2 ^aNum. 14:20 ^bEx. 33:14;
Josh. 1:13

3 ¹Lit., *me*
^aDeut. 4:37; 7:8 ^bPs. 25:6

Because your iniquity is great
And your sins are numerous,
I have done these things to you.

16 "Therefore all who ^adevour you shall be devoured;
And all your adversaries, every one of them, ^bshall go
into captivity;

And those who plunder you shall be for plunder,
And all who prey upon you I will give for prey.

17 "For I will ¹restore you to ²health
And I will heal you of your wounds," declares the LORD,
"Because they have called you an ^aoutcast, saying:
"It is Zion; no one ³cares for her." "

18 "Thus says the LORD,
"Behold, I will restore the ¹fortunes of the tents of Jacob
And have compassion on his dwelling places;
And the ^acity shall be rebuilt on its ruin,
And the ^bpalace shall stand on its rightful place.

19 "And from them shall proceed ^athanksgiving
And the voice of those who ¹make merry;
And I will multiply them, and they shall not be
diminished;
I will also ^chonor them, and they shall not be
insignificant.

20 "¹Their children also shall be as formerly,
And ¹their congregation shall be ^aestablished before
Me;

And I will punish all ¹their oppressors.

21 "And ¹their leader shall be one of them,
And ¹their ruler shall come forth from ¹their midst;
And I will ^abring him near, and he shall approach Me;
For ²who would dare to risk his life to ^bapproach Me?"
declares the LORD.

22 "And you shall be ^aMy people,
And I will be your God." "

23 Behold, the ^atempest of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
A ¹sweeping tempest;

It will burst on the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back,
Until He has performed, and until He has
accomplished
The intent of His heart;
In the ^alatter days you will understand this.

CHAPTER 31

"AT that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the ^aGod of all
the ^bfamilies of Israel, and they shall be My people."

2 Thus says the LORD,

"The people who survived the sword
^aFound grace in the wilderness—
Israel, when it went to ^bfind its rest."

3 The LORD appeared to ¹him from afar, *saying*,
"I have ^aloved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore I have drawn you with ^blovingkindness.

- 4 ^a"Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt,
O virgin of Israel!
Again you shall ¹take up your ^btambourines,
And go forth to the dances of the ^cmerrymakers.
- 5 ^a"Again you shall ^aplant vineyards
On the ¹hills of Samaria;
The planters shall plant
And shall ²enjoy *them*.
- 6 ^a"For there shall be a day when watchmen
On the hills of Ephraim shall call out,
'Arise, and let us go up *to* Zion,
To the LORD our God.' "
- 7 For thus says the LORD,
^a"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
And shout among the ¹chiefs of the nations;
Proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O LORD, ^csave Thy people,
The ^dremnant of Israel.'
- 8 ^a"Behold, I am bringing them from the north country,
And I will ^agather them from the remote parts of the
earth,
Among them the ^bblind and the ^clame,
The woman with child and she who is in labor with
child, together;
A great ¹company, they shall return here.
- 9 ^a"With weeping they shall come,
And by supplication I will lead them;
I will make them walk by ^astreams of waters,
On a straight path in which they shall ^bnot stumble;
For I am a father to Israel,
And Ephraim is My first-born."
- 10 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
And declare in the ^acoastlands afar off,
And say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
And keep him as a ^bshepherd keeps his flock."
- 11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
And redeemed him from the hand of him who was
^astronger than he.
- 12 ^a"And they shall come and shout for joy on the ^aheight of
Zion,
And they shall be ^bradiant over the ¹bounty of the
LORD—
Over the ^cgrain, and the new wine, and the oil,
And over the young of the flock and the herd;
And their life shall be like a ^dwatered garden,
And they shall never ^elanguish again.
- 13 ^a"Then the virgin shall rejoice in the ^adance,
And the young men and the old, together;
For I will ^bturn their mourning into joy,
And will comfort them, and give them ^cjoy for their
sorrow.
- 14 ^a"And I will ¹fill the soul of the priests with abundance,

⁴ ¹Or, *be adorned with*
^aJer. 24:6; 33:7 ^bIs. 30:32 ^cJer.
30:19

⁵ ¹Or, *mountains* ²Lit.,
defile
^aPs. 107:37; Is. 65:21; Ezek.
28:26

⁷ ¹Lit., *head*
^aJer. 20:13; Ps. 14:7 ^bDeut.
28:13; Is. 61:9 ^cPs. 28:9 ^dJer.
23:3; Is. 37:31

⁸ ¹Or, *assembly*
^aDeut. 30:4; Is. 43:6 ^bIs.
42:16 ^cIs. 40:11; Ezek. 34:16;
Mic. 4:6

⁹ ^aIs. 43:20; 49:10 ^bIs.
63:13

¹⁰ ^aJer. 25:22; Is. 66:19 ^bIs.
40:11

¹¹ ^aPs. 142:9

¹² ¹Lit., *goodness*
^aEzek. 17:23 ^bIs. 2:2; Mic. 4:1
^cHos. 2:22; Joel 3:18 ^dIs.
58:11 ^eIs. 35:10; 60:20; 65:19;
John 16:22

¹³ ^aJudg. 21:21; Ps. 30:11;
Zech. 8:4, 5 ^bIs. 61:3 ^cIs.
51:11

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *saturate* ²Lit.,
fatness

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14 ^aJer. 50:19

15 ^aGen. 37:35; Ps. 77:2
^bJer. 10:20; Gen. 5:24;
42:13, 36

16 ^aIs. 25:8; 30:19 ^bRuth
2:12, Heb. 6:10 ^cJer. 30:3;
Ezek. 11:17

17 ^aJer. 29:11

18 ^aJob 5:17; Ps. 94:12
^bHos. 4:16 ^cJer. 17:14; Ps.
80:3, 7, 19; Acts 3:26

19 ^aEzek. 36:31; Zech.
12:10 ^bEzek. 21:12; Luke
18:13

20 ¹Lit., *inward parts*
^aHos. 11:8 ^bGen. 43:30;
Judg. 10:16 ^cIs. 55:7; Hos.
14:4

21 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aIs. 48:20; 52:11

22 ^aJer. 49:4

23 ¹Or, *captivity*
^aJer. 50:7; Is. 1:26 ^bPs. 48:1;
87:1

24 ^aJer. 31:12; Ezek. 36:10;
Zech. 8:4-8

25 ¹Lit., *fill*
^aJer. 31:12, 14; Ps. 107:9;
Matt. 5:6; John 4:14

26 ^aZech. 4:1 ^bProv. 3:24

27 ^aEzek. 36:9, 11; Hos.
2:23

And My people shall be ^asatisfied with My goodness,"
declares the LORD.

15 Thus says the LORD,

"A voice is heard in Ramah,
Lamentation *and* bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
She ^arefuses to be comforted for her children,
Because ^bthey are no more."

16 Thus says the LORD,

"^aRestrain your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your work shall be ^brewarded," declares the LORD.
"And they shall ^creturn from the land of the enemy.

17 "And there is ^ahope for your future," declares the LORD,
"And your children shall return to their own territory.

18 "I have surely heard Ephraim grieving,
"Thou hast ^achastised me, and I was chastised,
Like an untrained ^bcalf;

^cBring me back that I may be restored,
For Thou art the LORD my God.

19 "For after I turned back, I ^arepented;
And after I was instructed, I ^bsmote on my thigh;
I was ashamed, and also humiliated,
Because I bore the reproach of my youth."

20 "Is ^aEphraim My dear son?

Is he a delightful child?
Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him,
I *certainly still* remember him;
Therefore My ^{1b}heart yearns for him;
I will surely ^chave mercy on him," declares the LORD.

21 "Set up for yourself roadmarks,
Place for yourself guide posts;
Direct your ¹mind to the highway,
The way by which you went.
^aReturn, O virgin of Israel,
Return to these your cities.

22 "How long will you go here and there,
O ^afaithless daughter?

For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth—
A woman will encompass a man."

23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Once
again they will speak this word in the land of Judah and in its
cities, when I restore their ¹fortunes,

"The LORD bless you, O ^aabode of righteousness,
^bO holy hill!"

24 "And Judah and all its cities will ^adwell together in it, the
farmer and they who go about with flocks.

25 "^aFor I satisfy the weary ones and ¹refresh every one who
languishes."

26 At this I ^aawoke and looked, and my ^bsleep was pleas-
ant to me.

27 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I
will ^aow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the
seed of man and with the seed of beast.

28 "And it will come about that as I have ^awatched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy, and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD.

29 "In those days they will not say again,

^a"The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are ¹set on edge."

30 "But ^aevery one will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be ¹set on edge.

31 "^aBehold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a ^bnew covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

32 not like the ^acovenant which I made with their fathers in the day I ^btook them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

33 "But ^athis is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 "And they shall not ^ateach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all ^bknow Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will ^cforgive their iniquity, and their ^dsin I will remember no more."

35 Thus says the LORD,

Who ^agives the sun for light by day,
And the ¹fixed order of the moon and the stars for light
by night,

Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;
The LORD of hosts is His name:

36 "^aIf ¹this fixed order departs

From before Me," declares the LORD,
"Then the offspring of Israel also shall ^bcease
From being a nation before Me ²for ever."

37 Thus says the LORD,

^a"If the heavens above can be measured,
And the foundations of the earth searched out below,
Then I will also ^bcast off all the offspring of Israel
For all that they have done," declares the LORD.

38 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the city shall be rebuilt for the LORD from the ^atower of Hanel to the ^bCorner Gate.

39 "And the measuring line shall go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah.

40 "And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook ^aKidron, to the corner of the ^bHorse Gate toward the east, shall be ^choly to the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, or overthrown any more forever."

28 ^aJer. 44:27; Dan. 9:14

29 ¹Or, dull
^aEzek. 18:2; Lam. 5:7

30 ¹Or, dull
^aDeut. 24:16; Is. 3:11; Ezek. 18:4, 20

31 ^aJer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12
^bJer. 32:40; Ezek. 37:26; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25;
²Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8-12

32 ^aEx. 19:5; 24:6-8; Deut. 5:2, 3
^bDeut. 1:31; Is. 63:12

33 ^aHeb. 10:16, 17

34 ¹Thess. 4:9; 1 John 2:27
^bJer. 24:7; Is. 11:9; 54:13; Heb. 2:14
^cJer. 50:20; Mic. 7:18
^dIs. 43:25

35 ¹Lit., statutes
^aGen. 1:14-18; Deut. 4:19; Ps. 19:1-6; 136:7-9

36 ¹Lit., these statutes
²Lit., all the days
^aJer. 33:20-26; Ps. 89:36, 37; Is. 54:9, 10
^bAmos 9:8, 9

37 ^aJer. 33:22; Is. 40:12
^bJer. 33:24-26; Rom. 11:2-5, 26, 27

38 ^aNeh. 3:1; 12:39; Zech. 14:10
^b2 Kin. 14:13; 2 Chr. 26:9

40 ^a2 Sam. 15:23; 2 Kin. 23:6, 12; John 18:1
^b2 Kin. 11:16; 2 Chr. 23:15; Neh. 3:28
^cJoel 3:17; Zech. 14:20

1 ^aJer. 39:1, 2; 2 Kin. 25:1, 2

CHAPTER 32

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the ^atenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 ^aNeh. 3:25

3 ² ^a2 Kin. 6:31, 32 ^bJer. 26:8, 9; Amos 7:13 ^cJer. 32:28, 29; 21:4-7; 34:2, 3

4 ¹ ^aLit., *mouth to mouth* ^bJer. 37:17; 38:18, 23; 39:4-7; 2 Kin. 25:4-7 ^cJer. 39:5

5 ^aJer. 39:7; Ezek. 12:12, 13 ^bEzek. 17:9, 10, 15

7 ^aLev. 25:25; Ruth 4:3, 4

8 ^aJer. 32:25; 1 Sam. 9:16, 17; 10:3-7; 1 Kin. 22:25

9 ^aGen. 23:16 ^bGen. 24:22; Ex. 21:32; Neh. 5:15; Ezek. 4:10

10 ¹ ^aOr, *I wrote . . . on the document* ^bJer. 32:44; Is. 44:5 ^cDeut. 32:34; Job 14:17 ^dRuth 4:1, 9; Is. 8:1, 2

11 ^aLuke 2:27

14 ¹ ^aLit., *stand many days*

15 ^aJer. 32:37, 43, 44; 30:18; 31:5, 12, 24; 33:12, 13; Amos 9:14, 15; Zech. 3:10

16 ^aJer. 12:1; Gen. 32:9-12; Phil. 4:6, 7

17 ¹ ^aYHWH, usually rendered *LORD* ^bJer. 27:5; 2 Kin. 19:15; Ps. 102:25; Is. 40:26-29 ^cJer. 32:27; Gen. 18:14

18 ^aEx. 34:6, 7; Deut. 7:9, 10 ^b1 Kin. 14:9, 10; 16:1-3; Matt. 23:32-36 ^cPs. 145:3 ^dJer. 20:11, Ps. 50:1 ^eJer. 10:16; 31:35

19 ^aIs. 9:6; 28:29 ^bJer. 23:24; Job 34:21

2 Now at that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was *in* the house of the ^aking of Judah,

3 because Zedekiah king of Judah had ^ashut him up, saying, "Why do you ^bprophesy, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to ^cgive this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it;

4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall ^anot escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but he shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall ^bspeak with him ¹face to face, and see him eye to eye;

5 and he shall ^atake Zedekiah to Babylon, and he shall be there until I visit him," declares the LORD. "If you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall ^bnot succeed" ? "

6 And Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

7 'Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you, saying: Buy for yourself my field which is at Anathoth, for you have the ^aright of redemption to buy it.'

8 "Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field, please, that is at Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for you have the right of possession and the redemption is yours; buy *it* for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the ^aword of the LORD.

9 "And I bought the field which was at Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle's son, and I ^aweighed out the silver for him, seventeen ^bshekels of silver.

10 "And I ¹signed and ^bscaled the deed, and ^ccalled in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales.

11 "Then I took the deeds of purchase, both the sealed *copy containing* the ^aterms and conditions, and the open *copy*;

12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the sight of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, before all the Jews who were sitting in the court of the guard.

13 "And I commanded Baruch in their presence, saying,

14 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Take these deeds, this sealed deed of purchase, and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, that they may ¹last a long time."

15 'For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

16 "After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, then I ^aprayed to the LORD, saying,

17 'Ah Lord ¹God! Behold, Thou hast ^amade the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! ^bNothing is too difficult for Thee,

18 who ^ashowest lovingkindness to thousands, but repayest the iniquity of ^bfathers into the bosom of their children after them, O ^cgreat and ^dmighty God, the ^eLORD of hosts is His name;

19 ^agreat in counsel and mighty in deed, whose ^beyes are

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open to all the ways of the sons of men, ^cgiving to every one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds;

20 who hast ^aset signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and even to this day both in Israel and among mankind; and Thou hast ^bmade a name for Thyself, as at this day.

21 'And didst ^abring Thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and with wonders, and with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror;

22 and gavest them this land, which Thou didst ^aswear to their forefathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

23 'And they ^acame in and took possession of it, but they did not obey Thy voice or ^bwalk in Thy law; they have done nothing of all that Thou commandedst them to do; therefore Thou hast made ^call this calamity come upon them.

24 'Behold, the siege mounds have reached the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the ^asword, the famine, and the pestilence; and what Thou hast spoken has ^bcome to pass; and, behold, Thou seest it.

25 'And Thou hast said to me, O Lord ¹God, "Buy for yourself the field with money, and call in witnesses"—although the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans." ' ' "

26 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the ^aGod of all flesh; is anything ^btoo difficult for Me?

28 "Therefore thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am about to ^agive this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

29 "And the Chaldeans who are fighting against this city shall enter and ^aset this city on fire and burn it, with the ^bhouses where *people* have offered incense to Baal on their roofs and poured out drink offerings to other gods to provoke Me to anger.

30 "Indeed the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have been only doing evil in My sight from their youth; for the sons of Israel have been only provoking Me to anger by the work of their hands," declares the LORD.

31 "Indeed this city has been to Me *a provocation of My anger and My wrath* from the day that they built it, even to this day; that it should be ^bremoved from before My face,

32 because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger—they, their ^akings, their leaders, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 "And they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face; though *I* taught them, ^{1a}teaching again and again, they would not listen ²and receive instruction.

34 "But they put their detestable things in the house which is called by My name to defile it.

35 "And they built the ^ahigh places of Baal that are in the valley of Ben-Hinnom to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to ^bMolech, which I had not commanded them nor had it ¹entered My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 "Now therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel con-

19 ^cJer. 17:10; 21:14; Ps. 62:12; Matt. 16:27; John 5:29

20 ^aPs. 78:43; 105:27 ^bIs. 63:12, 14; Dan. 9:15

21 ^aDeut. 4:34; 7:19; 26:8; 1 Chr. 17:21

22 ^aJer. 11:5; Ex. 13:5; Deut. 1:8; Ps. 105:9-11

23 ^aJer. 2:7; Ps. 44:2, 3; 78:54; 55 ^bJer. 26:4; 44:10; Ezra 9:7 ^cLam. 1:18; Dan. 9:11, 12

24 ^aJer. 32:36; 29:17, 18; 34:17; Ezek. 14:21 ^bDeut. 4:26; Josh. 23:15, 16; Zech. 1:6

25 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD

27 ^aNum. 16:22; 27:16 ^bJer. 32:17; Matt. 19:26

28 ^aJer. 32:3, 24, 36; 19:7-12; 34:2, 3

29 ^aJer. 21:10; 39:8; 2 Chr. 36:19 ^bJer. 19:13; 44:17-19; 25; 52:13

31 ^aJer. 5:9-11; 6:6, 7; 1 Kin. 11:7, 8; 2 Kin. 21:4-7, 16; Matt. 23:37 ^bJer. 27:10; 2 Kin. 23:27; 24:3, 4

32 ^aJer. 2:26; 44:17, 21; Ezra 9:7; Is. 1:4-6, 23

33 ¹Lit., *rising up early and teaching* ²Lit., *to* ^aJer. 25:3; 26:5; 35:15; 2 Chr. 36:15, 16; John 8:2

35 ¹Lit., *come up into My heart* ^aJer. 7:31; 19:5; 2 Chr. 28:2, 3; 33:6 ^bLev. 18:21; 20:2-5; 1 Kin. 11:7; 2 Kin. 33:10; Acts 7:43

37 *Deut. 30:3; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:11-16; Ezek. 11:17; Hos. 1:11; Amos 9:14, 15; Jer. 23:6; Ezek. 34:25, 28; Zech. 14:11

39 *Jer. 31:33; 2 Chr. 30:12; John 17:21; Acts 4:32 *Deut. 11:18-21; Ezek. 37:25

40 *Jer. 31:33; 50:5; Is. 55:3

41 ¹Or, *truly*
*Deut. 30:9; Is. 62:5; 65:19
*Jer. 31:28; Amos 9:15 *Hos. 2:19, 20

42 *Jer. 31:28; Zech. 8:14, 15

43 *Jer. 32:15, 25; Ezek. 37:11-14

44 ¹Or, *wrote . . . on the document* ²*l.c.*, South country ³Or, *captivity*

1 ¹Lit., *shut up*

2 ¹Lit., *it*
*Ex. 3:15; 6:3; 15:3

3 *Jer. 29:12; Ps. 50:15; Is. 55:6, 7 *Jer. 32:17, 27 *Is. 48:6

4 *Is. 32:13, 14

5 *Jer. 21:4-7; 32:5 *Jer. 21:10; Is. 8:17; Mic. 3:4

6 *Jer. 17:14; 30:17; Hos. 6:1 *Is. 66:12; Gal. 5:22, 23

7 ¹Or, *captivity*
*Jer. 33:26; 32:44; Ps. 85:1
*Jer. 30:18; 31:4, 38; Amos 9:14, 15

8 *Jer. 50:20; Ps. 51:2; Is. 44:22; Ezek. 36:25, 33; Mic. 7:18, 19; Zech. 13:1; Heb. 9:11-14

9 ¹*l.c.*, this city
*Jer. 13:11; Is. 62:2, 4

cerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence.'

37 "Behold, I will ^agather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and ^bmake them dwell in safety.

38 "And they shall be My people, and I will be their God; 39 and I will ^agive them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own ^bgood, and for *the good* of their children after them.

40 "And I will make an ^aeverlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them—to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.

41 "And I will ^arejoice over them to do them good, and I will ¹faithfully ^bplant them in this land with ^call My heart and with all My soul.

42 "For thus says the LORD, ^aJust as I brought all this calamity on this people, so I am going to bring on them all the good that I am promising them.

43 "And ^afields shall be bought in this land of which you say, "It is a desolation, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans."

44 "Men shall buy fields for money, ¹sign and seal deeds, and call in witnesses in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the ²Negev; for I will restore their ³fortunes," declares the LORD."

CHAPTER 33

THEN the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still ¹confined in the court of the guard, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD who made ¹the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it—the ^aLORD is His name,

3 ^aCall to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you ^bgreat and mighty things, which you do not ^cknow."

4 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the ^ahouses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to *make a defense* against the siege mounds and against the sword—

5 while they are coming to ^afight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the corpses of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My wrath, and I have ^bhidden My face from this city because of all their wickedness:

6 "Behold, I will bring to it ^ahealth and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an ^babundance of peace and truth.

7 "And I will ^arestore the ¹fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and I will ^brebuild them as they were at first.

8 "And I will ^acleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me, and by which they have transgressed against Me.

9 "And ¹it shall be to Me a ^aname of joy, praise, and glory

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before ^ball the nations of the earth, which shall hear of all the 'good that I do for them, and they shall ^dfear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it."

10 "Thus says the LORD, 'Yet again there shall be heard in this place, of which you say, "It is a waste, without man and without beast," *that is*, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,

11 the voice of ^ajoy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say,

"Give thanks to the LORD of hosts,
For the LORD is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting";

and of those who bring a thank offering into the house of the LORD. For I will restore the ^lfortunes of the land as they were at first,' says the LORD.

12 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "There shall again be in this place which is waste, without man or beast, and in all its cities, a ^habitation of shepherds who rest their ^aflocks.

13 'In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the Negev, in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again ^apass under the hands of the one who numbers them,' says the LORD.

14 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will ^afulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

15 'In those days and at that time I will cause a ^arighteous Branch of David to spring forth; and he shall execute ^bjustice and righteousness on the earth.

16 'In those days ^aJudah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety; and this is *the name* by which she shall be called: the ^bLORD is our righteousness.'

17 "For thus says the LORD, '^lDavid shall ^anever lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

18 ^land the Levitical ^apriests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to ^bprepare sacrifices ²continually.' "

19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

20 "Thus says the LORD, 'If you can ^abreak My covenant for the day, and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time,

21 then ^aMy covenant may also be broken with David My servant that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers.

22 As the ^ahost of heaven cannot be counted, and the ^bsand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the ^ldescendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' "

23 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 "Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The ^atwo families which the LORD chose, He has rejected them'? Thus they ^bdespise My people, no longer are they as a nation ^lin their sight.

⁹ Jer. 3:17, 19; 4:2; 16:19
^c Jer. 24:6; 32:42 ^d Neh. 6:16;
Ps. 40:3; Hos. 3:5

11 ^l Or, *captivity*
^a Is. 35:10; 51:3, 11

12 ^l Or, *pasture*
^a Jer. 31:12; Is. 65:10; Ezek.
34:12-14; Zeph. 2:6, 7

13 ^a Lev. 27:32; Luke 15:4

14 ^a Jer. 33:9; 32:42; Is. 32:1,
2; Ezek. 34:23-25; Hag. 2:6-9

15 ^a Jer. 23:5, 6; 30:9; Is. 4:2;
11:1-5; Zech. 3:8; 6:12, 13
^b Ps. 72:1-5

16 ^a Jer. 23:6; Is. 45:17, 22
^b Jer. 23:6; Is. 45:24, 25;
1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil.
3:9

17 ^l Lit., *There shall not be
cut off for David*
^a 2 Sam. 7:16; 1 Kin. 2:4; 8:25;
Ps. 89:29-37

18 ^l Lit., *There shall not be
cut off for the Levitical
priests* ^l Lit., *all the days*
^a Deut. 18:1; 24:8; Josh. 3:3;
Ezek. 44:15 ^b Ex. 29:4; Ezra
3:5; Heb. 13:15

20 ^a Jer. 33:25; 31:35-37; Ps.
89:37; 104:19-23; Is. 54:9, 10

21 ^a 2 Sam. 23:5; 2 Chr.
7:18; 21:7

22 ^l Lit., *seed*
^a Gen. 15:5 ^b Gen. 22:17

24 ^l Lit., *to their faces*
^a Jer. 33:26; 3:7, 8, 10, 18; Is.
7:17; 11:13; Ezek. 37:22
^b Neh. 4:2-4; Esth. 3:6-8; Ps.
44:13, 14; 83:4; Ezek. 36:2

25 ¹Lit., *statutes* (cf. 31:35)
²Jer. 33:20; 31:35; 36^bPs.
 74:16, 17

26 ¹Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *from taking* ³Or, *captivity*
^aGen. 49:10^bJer. 31:20; Is.
 14:1; 54:8; Ezek. 39:25; Hos.
 1:7; 2:23

1 ^aJer. 1:15; 27:7; Dan.
 2:37, 38

2 ^aJer. 22:1, 2; 37:1-4;
 2 Chr. 36:11, 12

3 ¹Lit., *mouth to mouth*
^aJer. 34:21; 21:7; 2 Kin. 25:4,
 5^bJer. 39:6, 7; 2 Kin. 25:6, 7

5 ^a2 Chr. 16:14; 21:19

6 ^a1 Sam. 3:18; 15:16-24;
 1 Kin. 21:18

7 ^aJosh. 10:3, 5; 2 Kin.
 14:19; 18:14; Is. 36:2^bJosh.
 10:10; 2 Chr. 11:9^c2 Chr.
 11:5-10

8 ¹Or, *liberty*
^a2 Kin. 11:17; 23:2, 3^bJer.
 34:14, 17; Lev. 25:10, 39-46;
 Neh. 5:1-13

9 ^aCcn. 14:13; Ex. 2:6

11 ^aJer. 34:21; 37:5; Ps.
 78:34-36; Hos. 6:4

25 "Thus says the LORD, 'If My ^acovenant for day and night stand not, and the ¹fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have ^bnot established,

26 then I would reject the ¹descendants of Jacob and David My servant, ²not taking from His ¹descendants ^arulers over the ¹descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But I will restore their ³fortunes and will have ^bmercy on them.'"

CHAPTER 34

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, with ^aall the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem and against all its cities, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ^aGo and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him: "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire.

3 'And ^ayou will not escape from his hand, for you will surely be captured and delivered into his hand; and you will ^bsee the king of Babylon eye to eye, and he will speak with you ¹face to face, and you will go to Babylon.'"

4 "Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the LORD concerning you, 'You will not die by the sword.

5 'You will die in peace; and as spices were burned for your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they will ^aburn spices for you; and they will lament for you: "Alas, lord!"' For I have spoken the word," declares the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke ^aall these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem

7 when the army of the king of Babylon was fighting against Jerusalem and against all the remaining cities of Judah, *that is*, ^aLachish and ^bAzekah, for they *alone* remained as ^cfortified cities among the cities of Judah.

8 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had ^amade a covenant with all the people who were in Jerusalem to ^bproclaim ¹release to them,

9 that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, a ^aHebrew man or a Hebrew woman; so that no one should keep them, a Jew his brother, in bondage.

10 And all the officials and all the people obeyed, who had entered into the covenant that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, so that no one should keep them any longer in bondage; they obeyed, and set *them free*.

11 But ^aafterward they turned around and took back the male servants and the female servants, whom they had set free, and brought them into subjection for male servants and for female servants.

12 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

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13 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'I ^amade a covenant with your forefathers in the day that I ^bbrought them out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, saying,

14 "^aAt the end of seven years each of you shall set free his Hebrew brother, who ¹has been sold to you and has served you six years, you shall send him out free from you; but your forefathers did not ^bobey Me, or incline their ear to Me.

15 "Although recently you *had* turned and done what is right in My sight, each man proclaiming ¹release to his neighbor, and you had ^amade a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name.

16 "Yet you ^aturned and ^bprofaned My name, and each man ¹took back his male servant and each man his female servant, whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to be your male servants and female servants.'"

17 "Therefore thus says the LORD, 'You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming ¹release each man to his brother, and each man to his neighbor. Behold, I am ^aproclaiming a ¹release to you,' declares the LORD, 'to the ^bsword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you a ^cterror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 'And I will give the men who have ^atransgressed My covenant, who have not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they made before Me, *when* they ^bcut the calf in two and passed between its parts—

19 the ^aofficials of Judah, and the officials of Jerusalem, the court officers, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf—

20 and I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. And their ^adead bodies shall be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

21 'And ^aZedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which has gone away from you.

22 'Behold, I am going to command,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring them back to this city; and they shall fight against it and take it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a ^adesolation ^bwithout inhabitant.'"

CHAPTER 35

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of ^aJehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 "Go to the house of the ^aRechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the ^bchambers, and give them wine to drink."

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, son of Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites.

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the ^aman of God, which was near the chamber of the officials,

¹³ ^aJer. 31:32; Ex. 24:3, 7, 8; Deut. 5:2, 3, 27 ^bEx. 20:2

¹⁴ ¹Or, *has sold himself*
^aEx. 21:2; Deut. 15:12;
1 Kin. 9:22 ^{b1} Sam. 8:7, 8;
2 Kin. 17:13, 14

¹⁵ ¹Or, *liberty*
^{a2} Kin. 23:3; Neh. 10:29

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *caused them to return*
^aJer. 34:11; 1 Sam. 15:11; Ezek. 3:20; 18:24 ^bEx. 20:7

¹⁷ ¹Or, *liberty*
^aLev. 26:34, 35; Esth. 7:10; Dan. 6:24; Matt. 7:2 ^bJer. 32:24; 38:2 ^cJer. 29:18; Deut. 28:25, 64

¹⁸ ^aDeut. 17:2; Hos. 6:7; 8:1
^bGen. 15:10

¹⁹ ^aJer. 34:10; Ezek. 22:27; Mic. 7:1-5; Zeph. 3:3, 4

²⁰ ^aJer. 19:7; 1 Sam. 17:44, 46; 1 Kin. 14:11; 16:4

²¹ ^aJer. 32:3, 4; 39:6; 52:10, 24-27; 2 Kin. 25:18-21; Ezek. 17:16

²² ^aJer. 4:7 ^bJer. 33:10; 44:22

¹ ^aJer. 1:3; 27:20; 2 Kin. 23:34-36; 24:1; Dan. 1:1

² ^{a1} Chr. 2:55 ^{b1} Kin. 6:5, 6, 8; 1 Chr. 9:26, 33

⁴ ^aDeut. 33:1; Josh. 14:6; 1 Kin. 12:22; 2 Kin. 1:9-13

⁵ ¹Lit., sons
^aAmos 2:12; ² Cor. 2:9

⁶ ² Kin. 10:15, 23 ^{b1} Chr. 2:55 ^c Lev. 10:9; Num. 6:2-4; Judg. 13:7, 14; Luke 1:15

⁷ ^aGen. 25:27; Heb. 11:9
^bEx. 20:12; Eph. 6:2, ³ ^cGen. 36:7; 1 Chr. 16:19

⁸ ^aProv. 1:8, 9; 4:1, 2, 10; 6:20; Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20

⁹ ^aJer. 35:7; Ps. 37:16; 1 Tim. 6:6

¹¹ ² Kin. 24:1, 2; Dan. 1:1, 2

¹³ ^aJer. 5:3; 6:8-10; 32:33; Is. 28:9, 12

¹⁴ ¹Lit., rising early and speaking
^aJer. 7:13, 25; 11:7; 25:3, 4; 2 Chr. 36:15 ^{b1s}. 30:9; 50:2

¹⁵ ¹Lit., rising early and speaking
^aJer. 26:5; 29:19; 32:33 ^bJer. 4:1; 18:11; Is. 1:16, 17; Ezek. 18:30-32; Acts 26:20 ^cJer. 7:6; 13:10; 25:6; Deut. 6:14

¹⁶ ^aJer. 35:14; Mal. 1:6

¹⁷ ^aJer. 19:3, 15; 21:4-10; Mic. 3:12 ^bJer. 7:13, 26, 27; 26:5; Prov. 1:24, 25; Is. 65:12; 66:4; Luke 13:34, 35; Rom. 10:21

¹⁸ ^aEx. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3

¹⁹ ¹Lit., all the days
^aJer. 33:17; 1 Chr. 2:55 ^bJer. 15:19; Luke 21:36

which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the doorkeeper.

5 Then I set before the ¹men of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, ^a“Drink wine!”

6 But they said, “We will not drink wine, for ^aJonadab the son of ^bRechab, our father, commanded us, saying, ‘You shall ^cnot drink wine, you or your sons, forever.’

7 ‘And you shall not build a house, and you shall not sow seed, and you shall not plant a vineyard or own one; but in ^atents you shall dwell all your days, that you may live ^bmany days in the land where you ^csojourn.’

8 “And we have ^aobeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, not to drink wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters,

9 nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; and we do not ^ahave vineyard or field or seed.

10 “We have only dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and have done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 “But it came about, when ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, that we said, ‘Come and let us go to Jerusalem before the army of the Chaldeans and before the army of the Syrians.’ So we have dwelt in Jerusalem.”

12 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

13 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: ^a“Will you not receive instruction by listening to My words?” declares the LORD.

14 “The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are observed. So they do not drink wine to this day, for they have obeyed their father’s command. But I have spoken to you ^{1a}again and again; yet you have ^bnot listened to Me.

15 “Also I have sent to you all My ^aservants the prophets, sending them ^{1a}again and again, saying: ^b“Turn now every man from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not ^cgo after other gods to worship them, then you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers; but you have not inclined your ear or listened to Me.

16 ‘Indeed, the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have ^aobserved the command of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to Me.’”

17 “Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, ^aI am bringing on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I ^bspoke to them but they did not listen, and I have called them but they did not answer.’”

18 Then Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have ^aobeyed the command of Jonadab your father, kept all his commands, and done according to all that he commanded you;

19 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Jonadab the son of Rechab ^ashall not lack a man to ^bstand before Me ^{1a}always.’”

CHAPTER 36

AND it came about in the ^afourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 "Take a ^{1a}scroll and write on it all the ^bwords which I have spoken to you concerning ^cIsrael, and concerning ^cJudah, and concerning all the ^dnations, from the ^eday I first spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

3 ^a"Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the calamity which I plan to bring on them, in order that every man will ^bturn from his evil way; then I will ^cforgive their iniquity and their sin."

4 Then Jeremiah called ^aBaruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote ^{1a}at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which He had spoken to him, on a ^{2b}scroll.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I am ^{1a}re-stricted; I cannot go into the house of the LORD.

6 So you go and ^aread from the scroll which you have ^bwritten ^{1a}at my dictation the words of the LORD ^{2a}to the people in the LORD's house on a ^cfast day. And also you shall read them ^{2a}to all the ^bpeople of Judah who come from their cities.

7 ^a"Perhaps their supplication will ¹come before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way, for ^bgreat is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people."

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, ^areading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 Now it came about in the ^afifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ^bninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who ^ccame from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a ^dfast before the LORD.

10 Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD in the ^achamber of ^bGemariah the son of Shaphan the ^cscribe, in the upper court, at the ^dentry of the New Gate of the LORD's house, ¹to all the people.

11 Now when ^aMicaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

12 he went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber. And, behold, all the officials were sitting there—^aElishama the scribe, and ^bDelaiah the son of Shemaiah, and ^cElnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the ^dother officials.

13 And Micaiah ^adeclared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read from the book ¹to the people.

14 Then all the officials sent ^aJehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read ¹to the people and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah ^btook the scroll in his hand and went to them.

15 And they said to him, "Sit down please, and read it ¹to us." So Baruch ^aread it ²to them.

16 Now it came about when they had heard all the words,

¹ Jer. 25:1, 3; 45:1; 46:2; 2 Kin. 24:1

² ¹Lit., scroll of a book
^aJer. 36:6, 23, 28; Ex. 17:14; Zech. 5:1, 2 ^bJer. 1:9, 10 ^cJer. 3:3-10; 23:13, 14; 32:30-32 ^dJer. 1:5, 10; 25:9-29; chaps. 47-51 ^eJer. 1:2, 3; 25:3

³ ^aJer. 36:7; 26:3; Ezek. 12:3 ^bJer. 18:8, 11; 35:15; Deut. 30:2, 8; 1 Sam. 7:3; Is. 55:7 ^cJohn 3:10; Mark 4:12; Acts 3:19

⁴ ¹Lit., from the mouth of
²Lit., scroll of a book
^aJer. 36:18; 32:12; 43:3 ^bJer. 36:14; Ezek. 2:9

⁵ ¹Lit., shut up
^aJer. 32:2; 33:1; 2 Cor. 11:23

⁶ ¹Lit., from my mouth
²Lit., in the ears of
^aJer. 36:8 ^bJer. 36:4 ^cJer. 36:9; Zech. 8:19

⁷ ¹Lit., fall
^aJer. 36:3; 26:3; 1 Kin. 8:33; 2 Chr. 33:12, 13 ^bJer. 4:4; 21:5; 2 Kin. 22:13, 17; Lam. 4:11

⁸ ^aJer. 36:6; 1:17

⁹ ^aJer. 36:1 ^bJer. 36:22 ^cJer. 36:6 ^d2 Chr. 20:3; Esth. 4:16; Joel 1:14; 2:15; Jon. 3:5

¹⁰ ¹Lit., in the ears of
^aJer. 35:4 ^bJer. 36:11, 25 ^cJer. 52:25; 2 Sam. 8:17 ^dJer. 26:10

¹¹ ^aJer. 36:13

¹² ^aJer. 36:20 ^bJer. 36:25 ^cJer. 26:22

¹³ ¹Lit., in the ears of
² Kin. 22:10

¹⁴ ¹Lit., in the ears of
^aJer. 36:21 ^bJer. 36:2; Ezek. 2:6, 7

¹⁵ ¹Lit., in our ears ²Lit., in their ears
^aJer. 36:21

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16 ^aJer. 36:24; Acts 24:25
^bJer. 13:18; Amos 7:10, 11

17 ¹Lit., *from his mouth*
^aJohn 9:10, 15, 26

18 ¹Lit., *read from his mouth*
^aJer. 36:4; 43:2, 3

19 ^aJer. 36:26; 26:20-24;
¹Kin. 17:3; 18:4, 10

20 ¹Lit., *in the ears of*
^aJer. 36:12

21 ¹Lit., *in the ears of*
^a2 Kin. 22:10; 2 Chr. 34:18;
Ezek. 2:4, 5

22 ^aAmos 3:15

23 ^aJer. 36:29; ¹Kin. 22:8,
27; Prov. 1:30; Is. 5:18, 19;
28:14, 22

24 ^aJer. 36:16; Ps. 36:1; 64:5;
Is. 26:11 ^b¹Kin. 21:27;
²Kin. 19:1, 2; 22:11, 19; Is.
36:22; 37:1; Jon. 3:6

25 ^aGen. 37:22, 26, 27; Acts
5:34-39

26 ^a¹Kin. 19:1-3, 10, 14

27 ¹Lit., *from the mouth of*

28 ^aJer. 28:13, 14; 44:28;
Zech. 1:5, 6

29 ¹Lit., *saying*
^aDeut. 29:19; Job 15:24, 25;
Is. 45:9 ^bJer. 26:9; 32:3; Is.
29:21; 30:10 ^cJer. 25:9-11

30 ^aJer. 22:30; ²Kin.
24:12-15

31 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aJer. 19:15; 35:17; Deut.
28:15; Prov. 29:1

32 ¹Lit., *from the mouth*
²Lit., *like those*
^aJer. 36:4, 23; Ex. 4:15, 16;
34:1

they turned in ^afear one to another and said to Baruch, "We will surely ^breport all these words to the king."

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us please, ^ahow did you write all these words? ¹Was it at his dictation?"

18 Then Baruch said to them, "He ^{1a}dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the book."

19 Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go, ^ahide yourself, you and Jeremiah, and do not let anyone know where you are."

20 So they went to the ^aking in the court, but they had deposited the scroll in the chamber of ^aElishama the scribe, and they reported all the words ¹to the king.

21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And ^aJehudi read it ¹to the king as well as ¹to all the officials who stood beside the king.

22 Now the king was sitting in the ^awinter house in the ninth month, with *a fire* burning in the brazier before him.

23 And it came about, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, *the king* cut it with a scribe's knife and ^athrew it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

24 Yet the king and all his servants who heard all these words were ^anot afraid, nor did they ^brend their garments.

25 Even though Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah ^aentreated the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to ^aseize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll and the words which Baruch had written at the ¹dictation of Jeremiah, saying,

28 ^a"Take again another scroll and write on it all the former words that were on the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned.

29 "And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, "Thus says the LORD: "You have ^aburned this scroll, saying, ^b"Why have you written on it ¹that the ^cking of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall make man and beast to cease from it?"

30 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: "He shall have ^ano one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night.

31 "I shall also punish him and his ¹descendants and his servants for their iniquity, and I shall ^abring on them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah all the calamity that I have declared to them—but they did not listen."

32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the son of Neraiah, the scribe, and he ^awrote on it ¹at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many ²similar words were added to them.

CHAPTER 37

NOW ^aZedekiah the son of Josiah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had ^bmade king in the land of Judah, reigned as king in place of ^cConiah the son of Jehoiakim.

2 But ^aneither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke through Jeremiah the prophet.

3 Yet King Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and ^aZephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, ^b"Please pray to the LORD our God on our behalf."

4 Now Jeremiah was *still* coming in and going out among the people, for they had not *yet* put him in the prison.

5 Meanwhile, ^aPharaoh's army had set out from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who had been besieging Jerusalem heard the report about them, they lifted the *siege* from Jerusalem.

6 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ^a"Thus you are to say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: ^b"Behold, ^bPharaoh's army which has come out for your assistance is *going* to return to its own land of Egypt.

8 "The Chaldeans will also ^areturn and fight against this city, and they will capture it and burn it with fire."

9 "Thus says the LORD, ^a"Do not ^adeceive yourselves, saying, ^b"The Chaldeans will surely go away from us," for they will not go.

10 ^a"For ^aeven if you had defeated the entire army of Chaldeans who were fighting against you, and there were *only* wounded men left among them, each man in his tent, they would *rise* up and burn this city with fire."

11 Now it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans had lifted *the siege* from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army,

12 that Jeremiah went out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin in order to take ¹possession of *some* ^aproperty there among the people.

13 While he was at the ^aGate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah the son of Hananiah was there; and he arrested Jeremiah the prophet, saying, ^b"You are ^bgoing over to the Chaldeans!"

14 But Jeremiah said, ^a"A lie! I am not ¹going over to the Chaldeans"; yet he would not listen to him. So Irijah arrested Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.

15 Then the officials were ^aangry at Jeremiah and beat him, and they ^bput him in jail in the house of Jonathan the scribe, which they had made into the prison.

16 For Jeremiah had come into the ¹dungeon, that is, the vaulted cell; and Jeremiah stayed there many days.

17 Now King Zedekiah sent and took him out; and in his palace the king secretly ^aasked him and said, ^b"Is there a ^bword from the LORD?" And Jeremiah said, ^c"There is!" Then he said, ^c"You will be ^cgiven into the hand of the king of Babylon!"

18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, ^a"In what

1 ^a2 Kin. 24:17; 1 Chr. 3:15; 2 Chr. 36:10 ^bEzek. 17:12-21 ^cJer. 22:24, 28; 24:1; 52:31; 2 Kin. 24:12; 1 Chr. 3:16; 2 Chr. 36:9, 10

2 ^a2 Kin. 24:19, 20; 2 Chr. 36:12-16; Prov. 29:12

3 ^aJer. 29:25; 52:24 ^bJer. 2:27; 15:11; 21:1, 2; 42:1-4, 20; 1 Kin. 13:6; Acts 8:24

5 ^aJer. 37:7; 2 Kin. 24:7; Ezek. 17:15

7 ^aJer. 37:3; 21:1, 2; 2 Kin. 22:18 ^bJer. 2:18, 36; Is. 30:1-3; 31:1-3; Lam. 4:17; Ezek. 17:17

8 ^aJer. 34:22; 38:23; 39:2-8

9 ^aJer. 29:8; Obad. 3; Matt. 24:4, 5; Eph. 5:6

10 ^aLev. 26:36-38; Is. 30:17 ^bJoel 2:11

12 ¹Or, *part in a dividing* ^aJer. 32:8; 1 Kin. 19:3, 9; Matt. 10:23; Acts 17:10, 14

13 ¹Lit., *falling* ^aJer. 38:7; Zech. 14:10 ^bJer. 18:18; 20:10; Amos 7:10; Luke 23:2; Acts 6:11; 24:5-9, 13

14 ¹Lit., *falling* ^aJer. 40:4-6; Ps. 27:12; 52:1, 2; Matt. 5:11, 12

15 ^aJer. 18:23; 20:1-3; 26:16; Matt. 21:35 ^bGen. 39:20; 2 Chr. 16:10; 18:26; Acts 5:18

16 ¹Lit., *house of the cistern-bit*

17 ^aJer. 38:5, 14-16, 24-27; 1 Kin. 14:1-4 ^bJer. 37:3; 15:11; 21:1, 2; 1 Kin. 22:15, 16; 2 Kin. 3:11-13 ^cJer. 21:7; 24:8; Ezek. 12:12, 13; 17:19-21

18 ^a1 Sam. 24:9; 26:18; Dan. 6:22; John 10:32; Acts 25:8, 11, 25

19 ^aJer. 2:28; Deut. 32:37, 38; 2 Kin. 3:13

20 ¹Lit., *fall*
^aJer. 36:7; 38:26

21 ¹Job 5:20; Ps. 33:18, 19; Is. 33:16 ^bJer. 38:9; 52:6; 2 Kin. 25:3

2 ^aJer. 21:9; 39:18; 45:5

3 ^aJer. 21:10; 32:3-5

4 ¹Lit., *weakening the hands of* ²Lit., *the hands of all*
^aJer. 18:23; 26:11, 21; 36:12
^bEx. 5:4; 1 Kin. 18:17, 18; 21:20; Ezra 4:12; Neh. 6:9; Amos 7:10; Acts 16:20

5 ¹Lit., *hand*
^a1 Sam. 15:24; 29:9; 2 Sam. 3:39

6 ^aJer. 37:16, 21; Acts 16:24 ^bJer. 38:22; Ps. 40:2; 69:2, 14, 15; Zech. 9:11

7 ¹Or, *official*
^aJer. 29:2; Acts 8:27 ^bJer. 37:13; Deut. 21:19; Job 29:7; Amos 5:10

9 ¹M.T. reads: *has died*
^aJer. 37:21; 52:6

10 ¹Lit., *in your hand*

11 ¹Lit., *hand*

way have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?

19 ^a“Where then are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, ‘The king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land?’

20 “But now, please listen, O my lord the king; please let my ^apetition ¹come before you, and do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, that I may not die there.”

21 Then King Zedekiah gave commandment, and they committed Jeremiah to the court of the guardhouse and gave him a loaf of ^abread daily from the bakers’ street, until all the bread in the city was ^bgone. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guardhouse.

CHAPTER 38

NOW Shaphatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah heard the words that Jeremiah was speaking to all the people, saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD, ‘He who stays in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans will live and have his own ^alife as booty and stay alive.’

3 “Thus says the LORD, ‘This city will certainly be ^agiven into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.’”

4 Then the ^aofficials said to the king, “Now let this man be put to death, inasmuch as he is ¹discouraging the men of war who are left in this city and ²all the people, by speaking such words to them; for this man is not seeking the well-being of this people, but rather their harm.”

5 So King Zedekiah said, “Behold, he is in your ¹hands; for the king ^acan do nothing against you.”

6 Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the ^acistern of Malchijah the king’s son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern there was no water but only ^bmud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

7 But Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a ¹eunuch, while he was in the king’s palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. Now the king was sitting in the ^bGate of Benjamin:

8 and Ebed-melech went out from the king’s palace and spoke to the king, saying,

9 “My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet whom they have cast into the cistern; and he ¹will die right where he is because of the famine, for there is ^ano more bread in the city.

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, “Take thirty men from here ¹under your authority, and bring up Jeremiah the prophet from the cistern before he dies.”

11 So Ebed-melech took the men under his ¹authority and went into the king’s palace to *a place* beneath the storeroom and took from there worn-out clothes and worn-out rags and let them down by ropes into the cistern to Jeremiah.

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12 Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Now put these worn-out clothes and rags under your armpits under the ropes"; and Jeremiah did so.

13 So they pulled Jeremiah up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern, and Jeremiah stayed in the ^acourt of the guardhouse.

14 Then King Zedekiah ^asent and ¹had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance that is in the house of the LORD; and the king said to Jeremiah, "I am going to ^bask you something; do not hide anything from me."

15 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "^aIf I tell you, will you not certainly put me to death? Besides, if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

16 But King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah in ^asecret, saying "As the LORD lives, who made this ^{1b}life for us, surely I will not put you to death nor will I give you over to the hand of ^cthese men who are seeking your ¹life."

17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD ^aGod of hosts, the ^bGod of Israel, 'If you will indeed ^cgo out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then ¹you will live, this city will not be burned with fire, and you and your household will ²survive.

18 'But if you will ^anot go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then this city ^bwill be given over to the hand of the Chaldeans; and they will burn it with fire, and ^cyou yourself will not escape from their hand.'"

19 Then King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I ^adread the Jews who have ^{1b}gone over to the Chaldeans, lest they give me over into their hand and they ^cabuse me."

20 But Jeremiah said, "They will not give you over. Please ^{1a}obey the LORD in what I am saying to you, that it may go ^bwell with you and ^{2c}you may live.

21 "But if you keep refusing to go out, this is the word which the LORD has shown me:

22 'Then behold, all of the ^awomen who have been left in the palace of the king of Judah are going to be brought out to the ¹officers of the king of Babylon; and those women will say, "²Your close friends

Have misled and overpowered you;
While your feet were sunk in the mire,
They turned back."

23 'They will also bring out all your wives and your ^asons to the Chaldeans, and ^byou yourself will not escape from their hand, but will be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon, and ^bthis city will be burned with fire.' "

24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know about these words and you will not die.

25 "But if the ^aofficials hear that I have talked with you and come to you and say to you, 'Tell us now what you said to the king, and what the king said to you; do not hide *it* from us, and we will not put you to death;'

26 then you are to say to them, 'I was ^apresenting my petition before the king, not to make me return to the house of Jonathan to die there.' "

27 Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and questioned him. So he ^areported to them in accordance with all these

13 ^aJer. 38:6; 37:21; 39:14, 15; Acts 23:35; 24:27; 28:16, 30

14 ¹Lit., *took Jeremiah to him*
^aJer. 21:1, 2; 37:17 ^bJer. 15:11; 42:2-5, 20; 1 Sam. 3:17, 18; 1 Kin. 22:16

15 ^aLuke 22:67, 68

16 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aJer. 37:17; John 3:2 ^bNum. 16:22, 27:16; Is. 57:16; Zech. 12:1 ^cJer. 38:4-6; 34:20

17 ¹Lit., *your soul* ²Lit., *live*
^aPs. 80:7, 14; Amos 5:27
^b1 Chr. 17:24; Ezek. 8:4 ^cJer. 38:2; 21:8-10; 27:12, 17; 2 Kin. 24:12; 25:27-30

18 ^aJer. 27:8 ^bJer. 38:3; 24:8-10; 32:3-5; 37:8; 2 Kin. 25:4-10 ^cJer. 32:4; 34:3

19 ¹Lit., *fallen*
^aIs. 51:12, 13; 57:11; John 12:42; 19:12, 13 ^bJer. 39:9
^cJer. 38:22; 2 Chr. 30:10; Neh. 4:1

20 ¹Lit., *listen to the voice of* ²Lit., *your soul*
^aJer. 11:4, 8; 26:13; 2 Chr. 20:20; Dan. 4:27; Acts 26:29
^bJer. 7:23 ^cGen. 19:20; Is. 55:3

22 ¹Or, *princes* ²Lit., *the men of your peace*
^aJer. 6:12; 8:10; 43:6

23 ^aJer. 39:6; 41:10; 2 Kin. 25:7 ^bJer. 38:18

25 ^aJer. 38:4-6, 27

26 ^aJer. 37:15, 20

27 ^a1 Sam. 10:15, 16; 16:2-5

27 ¹Lit., word28 ^aJer. 38:13; 15:20, 21;
37:20, 21; 39:13, 14; Ps. 23:41 ¹38:28-b in Heb. ²39:1 in
Heb.
^aJer. 52:4; 2 Kin. 25:1-12;
Ezek. 24:1, 22 ^aJer. 52:7; 2 Kin. 25:43 ¹I.e., chief official ²title
of a high official
^aJer. 21:44 ¹I.e., Jordan Valley
^aJer. 52:7; 2 Kin. 25:4; Is.
30:15, 16; Amos 2:14 ^b2 Chr.
32:55 ^aJer. 32:4, 5; 38:18, 23;
52:8; Lam. 4:20 ^bJosh. 4:13;
5:10 ^cJer. 52:9, 26, 276 ^aJer. 52:10; 2 Kin. 25:7
^bDeut. 28:34 ^cJer. 21:7; 24:8-
10; 34:19-217 ^aJer. 52:11; 2 Kin. 25:7;
Ezek. 12:13 ^bJudg. 16:218 ^aJer. 21:10; 52:13 ^bJer.
52:14; 2 Kin. 25:10; Neh. 1:39 ¹Lit., *fallers who had
fallen*
^aJer. 38:19; 52:15 ^bJer. 39:13;
40:1; 52:12-16, 26; 2 Kin.
25:11, 20 ^cGen. 37:3610 ¹Lit., *on that day*
^aJer. 52:16; 2 Kin. 25:1211 ^aJer. 1:8; 15:20, 21; Job
5:15, 16; Acts 24:2312 ¹Lit., *set your eyes on*
^aPs. 105:14, 15; Prov. 16:7;
21:1; 1 Pet. 3:1313 ¹I.e., chief official
(Akkad) ²title of a high
officer14 ^aJer. 38:28; 40:1-6 ^bJer.
26:24; 2 Kin. 22:12, 14;
2 Chr. 34:20

words which the king had commanded; and they ceased speaking with him, since the ¹conversation had not been overheard.

28 So Jeremiah ^astayed in the court of the guardhouse until the day that Jerusalem was captured.

CHAPTER 39

NOW it came about when Jerusalem was captured ^{2a}in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it;

2 in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the city *wall* was ^abreached,

3 then all the officials of the king of Babylon came in and sat down at the ^aMiddle Gate: Nergal-sar-ezer, Samgar-nebu, Sar-sekim, the ¹Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the ²Rab-mag, and all the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came about, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, that they ^afled and went out of the city at night by way of the king's garden through the gate ^bbetween the two walls; and he went out toward the ¹Arabah.

5 But the army of the ^aChaldeans pursued after them and overtook Zedekiah in the ^bplains of Jericho; and they seized him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon at ^cRiblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him.

6 Then the ^aking of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah ^bbefore his eyes at Riblah; the king of Babylon also slew all the ^cnobles of Judah.

7 He then ^ablinded Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in ^bfetters of bronze to bring him to Babylon.

8 The Chaldeans also ^aburned with fire the king's palace and the houses of the people, and they ^bbroke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 And as for the rest of the people who were left in the city, the ^{1a}deserters who had gone over to him, and the rest of the people who remained ^bNebuzaradan the ^ccaptain of the bodyguard carried *them* into exile in Babylon.

10 But some of the ^apoorest people who had nothing, ^aNebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard left behind in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields ^{1a}at that time.

11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave orders about ^aJeremiah through Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, saying,

12 "Take him and ¹look after him, and ^ado nothing harmful to him; but rather deal with him just as he tells you."

13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard sent *word*, along with Nebushazban the ¹Rab-saris, and Nergal-sar-ezer the ²Rab-mag, and all the leading officers of the king of Babylon;

14 they even sent and ^atook Jeremiah out of the court of the guardhouse and entrusted him to Gedaliah, the son of ^bAhikam, the son of Shaphan, to take him home. So he stayed among the people.

15 Now the word of the LORD had come to Jeremiah while he was confined in the court of the guardhouse, saying,

16 "Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold, I am about to bring My words on this city ^afor disaster and not for ¹prosperity; and they will take place ^bbefore you on that day.

17 "But I will ^adeliver you on that day," declares the LORD, "and you shall not be given into the hand of the men whom you dread.

18 "For I will certainly rescue you, and you will not fall by the sword; but you will have your own ^alife as booty, because you have ^btrusted in Me,"' declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 40

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD after Nebuzaradan captain of the bodyguard had released him from ^aRamah, when he had taken him bound in ^bchains, among all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah, who were being exiled to Babylon.

2 Now the captain of the bodyguard had taken Jeremiah and said to him, "The ^aLORD your God promised this calamity against this place;

3 and the LORD has brought it on and done just as He promised. Because you *people* ^asinned against the LORD and did not listen to His voice, therefore this thing has happened to you.

4 "But now, behold, I am ^afreeing you today from the chains which are on your hands. If ¹you would prefer to come with me to Babylon, come *along*, and I will ²look after you; but if ³you would prefer not to come with me to Babylon, ⁴never mind. Look, the ^bwhole land is before you; go wherever it seems good and right for you to go."

5 As ¹Jeremiah was still not going back, ²he said, "Go on back then to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has ^aappointed over the cities of Judah, and stay with him among the people; or else go anywhere it seems right for you to go." So the captain of the bodyguard gave him a ^bration and a ^cgift and let him go.

6 Then Jeremiah went to ^aMizpah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and stayed with him among the people who were left in the land.

7 ^aNow all the ¹commanders of the forces that were in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam over the land and that he had put him in charge of the men, women and ²children, those of the ^bpoorest of the land who had not been exiled to Babylon.

8 So they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, along with ^aIshmael the son of Nethaniah, and ^bJohanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the ^cNetophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the ^dMaacathite, *both* they and their men.

9 Then Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ^aswore to them and to their men, saying, "Do not be ^afraid of

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *good*
^aJer. 21:10; Dan. 9:12; Zech. 1:6
^bPs. 91:8, 9

¹⁷ ^aPs. 41:1, 2; 50:15

¹⁸ ^aJer. 21:9; 38:2; 45:5
^bJer. 17:7, 8; Ps. 34:22

¹ ^aJer. 31:15
^bActs. 12:6, 7; 21:13; 28:20; Eph. 6:20

² ^aJer. 22:8, 9; Deut. 29:24-28

³ ^aJer. 50:7; Rom. 2:5

⁴ ¹Lit., *it is good in your eyes*
²Lit., *set my eyes on you*
³Lit., *it is evil in your eyes*
⁴Lit., *refrain!*
^aJer. 39:11, 12
^bGen. 13:9; 20:15; 47:6

⁵ ¹Lit., *he*
²Lit., *he*
^aNebuzaradan
^bKin. 25:23
^cJer. 52:34
^dKin. 8:7-9

⁶ ^aJudg. 20:1; 21:1; 1 Sam. 7:5; 2 Chr. 16:6

⁷ ¹Or, *princes*
²Lit., *infants*
^aKin. 25:23, 24
^bJer. 39:10; 52:16

⁸ ^aJer. 40:14; 41:2
^bJer. 40:13, 15; 42:1; 43:2
^c2 Sam. 23:28, 29; Ezra 2:22; Neh. 7:26
^dDeut. 3:14; Josh. 12:5; 2 Sam. 10:6, 8

⁹ ^a1 Sam. 20:16, 17; 2 Kin. 25:24
^bJer. 27:11; 38:17-20

10^a Jer. 35:19; Deut. 1:38;
1 Kin. 10:8^b Jer. 39:10^c Jer.
40:12; 48:32; Is. 16:9

11^a Jer. 9:26; Num. 22:1;
25:1, 2; Is. 16:4^b 1 Sam. 11:1;
12:12^c Gen. 36:8; Is. 11:14

14^a Jer. 25:21; 41:10; 1 Sam.
11:1-3; 2 Sam. 10:1-6

15^a 1 Sam. 26:8^b 2 Sam.
21:17^c Jer. 42:2

16^a Matt. 10:16

1^a Lit., *seed*
^a2 Kin. 25:25^b Jer. 40:8, 14
^c Jer. 39:14; 40:5, 6^d Jer.
40:13, 14

2^a 2 Sam. 3:27; 20:9, 10;
Ps. 41:9; 109:5; John 13:18
^b2 Kin. 25:25^c Jer. 40:5

4¹ Or., *second*

5¹ Lit., *having cut
themselves*
^a2 Kin. 10:13, 14^b Gen.
33:18; 37:12; 1 Kin. 12:1
^c Josh. 18:1; Judg. 18:31;
1 Sam. 3:21; Ps. 78:60
^d1 Kin. 16:24, 29^e Jer. 16:6;
Deut. 14:1^f 2 Kin. 25:9; Ps.
102:14

6^a Jer. 50:4; 2 Sam. 3:16

servicing the Chaldeans; stay in the land and serve the king of Babylon, that it may go well with you.

10 "Now as for me, behold, I am going to stay at Mizpah to ^astand for you before the Chaldeans who come to us; but as for you, ^bgather in wine and ^csummer fruit and oil, and put *them* in your *storage* vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken over."

11 Likewise also all the Jews who were in ^aMoab and among the sons of ^bAmmon and in ^cEdom, and who were in all the *other* countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant for Judah and that he had appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan.

12 Then all the Jews returned from all the places to which they had been driven away and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered in wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

13 Now Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were in the field came to Gedaliah at Mizpah,

14 and said to him, "Are you well aware that Baalis the king of the sons of ^aAmmon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying, "^aLet me go and kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and not a man will know! Why should he ^btake your life, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered and the *remnant of Judah perish*?"

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "^aDo not do this thing, for you are telling a lie about Ishmael."

CHAPTER 41

NOW it ^acame about in the seventh month that ^bIshmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal ¹family and *one* of the chief officers of the king, along with ten men, came to Mizpah to ^cGedaliah the son of Ahikam. While they ^dwere eating bread together there in Mizpah,

2 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the ten men who were with him arose and ^astruck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword and put to ^bdeath the one ^cwhom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

3 Ishmael also struck down all the Jews who were with him, *that is* with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4 Now it happened on the ¹next day after the killing of Gedaliah, when no one knew about it,

5 that eighty men ^acame from ^bShechem, from ^cShiloh, and from ^dSamaria with their beards shaved off and their clothes torn and ¹their bodies ^cgashed, having grain offerings and incense in their hands to bring to the ^fhouse of the LORD.

6 Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, ^aweeping as he went; and it came about

Corpses in the Cistern. People Released.

as he met them that he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam!"

7 Yet it turned out that as soon as they came inside the city Ishmael the son of Nethania and the men that were with him ^aslaughtered them, *and cast them* into the cistern.

8 But ten men who were found among them said to Ishmael, "Do not put us to death; for we have ^astores of wheat, barley, oil and honey hidden in the field." So he refrained and did not put them to death along with their companions.

9 Now as for the cistern where Ishmael had cast all the corpses of the men whom he had struck down ¹because of Gedaliah, it was the ^aone that King Asa had made on ^baccount of Baasha, king of Israel; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.

10 Then Ishmael took captive all the remnant of the people who were in Mizpah, the ^aking's daughters and all the people who were left in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had put under the charge of Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; thus Ishmael the son of Nethaniah took them captive and proceeded to cross over to the sons of ^bAmmon.

11 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the ^acommanders of the forces that were with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done.

12 So they took all the men and went to ^afight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and they found him by the ^bgreat ¹pool that is in Gibeon.

13 Now it came about, as soon as all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah and the commanders of the forces that were with him, they were glad.

14 So all the people whom Ishmael had taken captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah ^aescaped from Johanan with eight men and went to the sons of Ammon.

16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were with him took from Mizpah ^aall the remnant of the people whom he had ¹recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, after he had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *that is*, the men who were ²soldiers, *the women, the* ³children, and *the* eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon.

17 And they went and stayed in ^{1a}Geruth-Chimham, which is beside Bethlechem, in order to proceed into Egypt

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were ^aafraid of them, since Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

CHAPTER 42

THEN all the ¹commanders of the forces, Johanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people ^aboth small and great approached

2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our ^apetition ¹come before you, and ^bpray for us to the LORD your God,

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7 ^aPs. 55:23; Is. 59:7; Ezek. 22:27; 33:24, 26

8 ^aIs. 45:3

9 ¹Or, *by the side of*
^a1 Kin. 15:17-22; 2 Chr. 16:1-6
^b2 Judg. 6:2; 1 Sam. 13:6; 2 Sam. 17:9; Heb. 11:38

10 ^aJer. 43:6
^bJer. 40:14; Neh. 2:10, 19; 4:7, 8; 6:17, 18

11 ^aJer. 40:7, 8, 14-16

12 ¹Lit., *waters*
^aGen. 14:14-16; 1 Sam. 30:1-8, 18, 20
²2 Sam. 2:13

15 ^a1 Sam. 30:17; 1 Kin. 20:20; Job 21:30; Prov. 28:17

16 ¹Lit., *brought back* ²Lit., *men of war* ³Lit., *infants*
^aJer. 42:8; 43:4-7

17 ¹Or., *the lodging place of Chimham*
^a2 Sam. 19:37, 38, 40

18 ^aJer. 42:11, 16; 43:2, 3; Is. 51:12, 13; 57:11; Luke 12:4, 5

¹Or., *princes*
^aJer. 42:8; 6:13; 8:10; 44:12; Acts 8:10

²Lit., *fall*
^aJer. 36:7; 37:20
^bJer. 42:20; 37:3; Ex. 8:28; 1 Kin. 13:6; Acts 8:24

2 ^cDeut. 28:62; Is. 1:9;
Lam. 1:1

3 ^aJer. 6:16; Ps. 86:11;
Prov. 3:6; Mic. 4:2

4 ¹Lit., word
^aEx. 8:29; 1 Sam. 12:23 ^bJer.
23:28; 1 Kin. 22:14 ^{c1} Sam.
3:17, 18; Ps. 40:10

5 ¹Lit., word
^aJer. 43:2; Gen. 31:50; Judg.
11:10; Mic. 1:2; Mal. 2:14;
3:5

6 ¹Lit., good ²Lit., evil
^aEx. 24:7; Deut. 5:27; Josh.
24:24 ^bJer. 7:23; Deut. 5:29;
3:3

7 ^aPs. 27:14; Is. 30:18

8 ¹Or., princes

9 ^{a2} Kin. 19:4, 6, 20; 22:15

10 ¹Or., shall have changed
my mind about
^aJer. 24:6; 31:28; Ezek. 36:36
^bJer. 18:7, 8; Hos. 11:8; Joel
2:13; Amos 7:3, 6; Jon. 3:10;
4:2

11 ^aJer. 1:8; 27:12, 17; 41:18
^bJer. 1:19; 15:20; 2 Chr. 32:7,
8; Ps. 46:7, 11; Is. 8:9, 10;
43:2, 5; Rom. 8:31

12 ^aNeh. 1:11; Ps. 106:46;
Prov. 16:7

13 ^aJer. 44:16; Ex. 5:2

14 ^aJer. 41:17; Is. 31:1 ^bJer.
4:19, 21; Ex. 16:3; Num. 11:4

15 ¹Lit., now therefore
²Lit., face
^aJer. 42:17; 44:12-14; Deut.
17:16

16 ^aJer. 44:13, 27; Ezek.
11:8; Amos 9:1-4

17 ¹Lit., face
^aJer. 42:22; 38:2; 44:13

18 ^aJer. 7:20; 33:5; 39:1-9;
2 Chr. 36:16-19 ^bJer. 29:18;
Deut. 29:21; Is. 65:15

that is for all this remnant; because we are left *but* a ^cfew out of many, as your own eyes *now* see us,

3 that the LORD your God may tell us the ^away in which we should walk and the thing that we should do."

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you. Behold, I am going to ^apray to the LORD your God in accordance with your words; and it will come about that the whole ¹message which the ^bLORD will answer you I will tell you. I will ^cnot keep back a word from you."

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the ^aLORD be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not act in accordance with the whole ¹message with which the LORD your God will send you to us.

6 "Whether it is ¹pleasant or ²unpleasant, we will ^alisten to the voice of the LORD our God to whom we are sending you, in order that it may go ^bwell with us when we listen to the voice of the LORD our God."

7 Now it came about at the ^aend of ten days that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.

8 Then he called for Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the ¹commanders of the forces that were with him, and for all the people both small and great,

9 and said to them, "Thus ^asays the LORD the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him:

10 'If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will ^abuild you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you; for I ¹shall ^brelent concerning the calamity that I have inflicted on you.

11 ^a'Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you are *now* fearing; do not be afraid of him,' declares the LORD, 'for ^{b1} I am with you to save you and deliver you from his hand.

12 'I will also show you compassion, so that ^ahe will have compassion on you and restore you to your own soil.

13 'But if you are going to say, "We will ^anot stay in this land," so as not to listen to the voice of the LORD your God,

14 saying, "No, but we will ^ago to the land of Egypt, where we shall not see war or ^bhear the sound of a trumpet or hunger for bread, and we will stay there";

15 then ¹in that case listen to the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'If you really set your ²mind to enter ^aEgypt, and go in to reside there,

16 then it will come about that the ^asword, which you are afraid of will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are anxious, will follow closely after you there *in* Egypt; and you will die there.

17 'So all the men who set their ¹mind to go to Egypt to reside there will die by the ^asword, by famine, and by pestilence; and they will have no survivors or refugees from the calamity that I am going to bring on them.' "

18 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "As My ^aanger and wrath have been poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so My wrath will be poured out on you when you enter Egypt; and you will become a ^bcurse, an object of horror,

an imprecation, and a reproach; and you will see this place no more.”

19 The LORD has spoken to you, O remnant of Judah, “Do not ^ago into Egypt!” You should clearly ^bunderstand that today I have ^ctestified against you.

20 For you have *only* ^{1a}deceived yourselves; for it is you who sent me to the LORD your God, saying, “Pray for us to the LORD our God; and whatever the LORD our God says, tell us so, and we will do it.”

21 So, I have ^atold you today, but you have not ^{1b}obeyed the LORD your God, even in whatever He has sent me to *tell* you.

22 Therefore you should now clearly understand that you will die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, in the ^aplace where you wish to go to reside.

CHAPTER 43

BUT it came about, as soon as Jeremiah whom the LORD their God had sent, had ^afinished telling all the people all the words of the LORD their God—that is, all these words—

2 that Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, “You are ^atelling a lie! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, ‘You are not to enter Egypt to reside there’;

3 but ^aBaruch the son of Neriah is inciting you against us to give us over into the hand of the Chaldeans, so they may put us to death or exile us to Babylon.”

4 So ^aJohanan the son of Kareah and all the ¹commanders of the forces, and all the people, did not ^bobey the voice of the LORD, so as to ^cstay in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the ¹commanders of the forces took the ^aentire remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations to which they had been driven away, in order to reside in the land of Judah—

6 the men, the women, the ¹children, the king’s daughters and ^aevery person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam ²and grandson of Shaphan, together with ^bJeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah—

7 and they entered the land of Egypt (for they did not obey the voice of the LORD) and went in as far as Tahpanhes.

8 Then the word of the LORD came to ^aJeremiah in ^bTahpanhes, saying,

9 “Take *some* large stones in your ¹hands and hide them in the mortar in the ²brick terrace which is at the entrance of Pharaoh’s ³palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of ⁴some of the Jews;

10 and say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Behold, I am going to send and get Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, ^aMy servant, and I am going to set his throne *right* over these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his ^bcanopy over them.

11 “He will also come and strike the land of Egypt: those who are *meant* for death *will be given over* to death, and those for captivity to captivity, and those for the sword to the sword.

19 ^aIs. 30:1-7 ^bEzek. 2:5 ^cNeh. 9:26, 29, 30

20 ¹Or, *acted errantly in your souls*
^aJer. 41:17; 43:2; Ezek. 14:3

21 ¹Lit., *listened to the voice of*
^aJer. 43:1; Deut. 11:26; Ezek. 2:7; Acts 20:26, 27

22 ^aHos. 9:6

1 ^aJer. 26:8; 51:63

2 ^aJer. 5:12, 13; 42:5; 2 Chr. 36:13; Is. 7:9

3 ^aJer. 43:6; 36:4, 10, 26, 32; 45:1-3

4 ¹Or, *princes*
^aJer. 42:6 ^bJer. 42:5, 6; 44:5; 2 Chr. 25:16 ^cJer. 42:10-12; Ps. 37:3

5 ¹Or, *princes*
^aJer. 40:11

6 ¹Lit., *infants* ²Lit., *the son*
^aJer. 39:10; 40:7 ^bEccles. 9:1, 2; Lam. 3:1

8 ^aPs. 139:7; 2 Tim. 2:9
^bJer. 2:16; 44:1; 46:14; Ezek. 30:18

9 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Or, *brickwork* ³Lit., *house* ⁴Lit., *men*

10 ^aJer. 25:9; 27:6; Is. 44:28; 45:1 ^bPs. 18:11; 27:5; 31:20

12 ¹Some ancient versions read, *he will set*
^aJer. 46:25; Ex. 12:12; Is. 19:1; Ezek. 30:13 ^bPs. 104:2; 109:18, 19; Is. 49:18

13 ¹Or, *stone pillars* ²Heb., *Beth-shemesh*, i.e., the House of the Sun-god

2 ^aJer. 4:7; 9:11; 34:22; Is. 6:11; Mic. 3:12

3 ¹Or, *incense*
^aJer. 44:23; 2:17-19; Neh. 9:33; Ezek. 8:7, 18; Dan. 9:5
^bJer. 44:8; 7:19; 32:30-32; Is. 3:8 ^cDeut. 13:6; 29:26; 32:17

4 ¹Lit., *rising early and sending*
^aJer. 7:13, 25; 25:4; 26:5; 35:15; Zech. 7:7 ^bJer. 16:18; 32:34, 35; Ezek. 8:10

5 ¹Or, *incense*

6 ^aJer. 42:18; Is. 51:17-20; Ezek. 8:18 ^bJer. 7:17, 34

7 ^aJer. 26:19; Ezek. 33:11; Hab. 2:10 ^bJer. 3:24; 9:21; 51:22

8 ¹Or, *incense*
^aJer. 44:3; 2 Kin. 17:15-17; 1 Cor. 10:21, 22 ^bJer. 44:3; 7:9; 11:12, 17; Hos. 4:13; Hab. 1:16 ^cJer. 42:18; 1 Kin. 9:7, 8; 2 Chr. 7:20

9 ^aJer. 44:17, 21; 7:9, 10, 17, 18

10 ¹Lit., *crushed*
^aJer. 6:15; 8:12 ^bJer. 44:23; 26:4; 32:23

11 ¹Lit., *evil*
^aJer. 21:10; Lev. 26:17; Amos 9:4

12 ¹Lit., *face* ²Lit., *be finished*
^aJer. 42:15-18, 22 ^bJer. 44:7; 16:4; Is. 1:28

12 "And ¹I shall set fire to the temples of the ^agods of Egypt, and he will burn them and take them captive. So he will ^bwrap himself with the land of Egypt as a shepherd wraps himself with his garment, and he will depart from there safely.

13 "He will also shatter the ¹obelisks of ²Heliopolis, which is in the land of Egypt; and the temples of the gods of Egypt he will burn with fire." "

CHAPTER 44

THE word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews living in the land of Egypt, those who were living in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and the land of Pathros, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are in ^aruins and no one lives in them,

3 ^abecause of their wickedness which they committed so as to ^bprovoke Me to anger by continuing to burn ¹sacrifices *and* to ^cserve other gods whom they had not known, *neither* they, you, nor your fathers.

4 'Yet I ^asent you all My servants the prophets, ¹again and again, saying, "Oh, do not do this ^babominable thing which I hate."

5 'But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn ¹sacrifices to other gods.

6 'Therefore My ^awrath and My anger were poured out and burned in the ^bcities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it is this day.

7 'Now then thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: "Why are you ^adoing great harm to yourselves, so as to ^bcut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from among Judah, leaving yourselves without remnant,

8 ^aprovoking Me to anger with the works of your hands, ^bburning ¹sacrifices to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you are entering to reside, so that you might be cut off and become a ^ccurse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 "Have you forgotten the ^awickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 "But they have not become ¹acontrite even to this day, nor have they feared nor ^bwalked in My law or My statutes, which I have set before you and before your fathers."

11 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I am going to ^aset My face against you for ¹woe, even to cut off all Judah.

12 'And I will ^atake away the remnant of Judah who have set their ¹mind on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all ²bmeet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword *and* meet their end by famine. Both small and great will die by the sword and famine; and they will

become a ^ccurse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach.

13 ^aAnd I will ^apunish those who live in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence.

14 ^aSo there will be ^ano refugees or survivors for the remnant of Judah who have entered the land of Egypt to reside there and then to return to the land of Judah, to which they are ^blonging to return and live; for none will ^creturn except a few refugees.”

15 Then ^aall the men who were aware that their wives were burning ¹sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, ^{as} a large assembly, ²including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying,

16 ^aAs for the ¹message that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we are not going to listen to you!

17 ^aBut rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, ¹by burning ²sacrifices to the ^aqueen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, just as ^bwe ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for ^{then} we had ^cplenty of ³food, and were well off, and saw no ⁴misfortune.

18 ^aBut since we stopped burning ¹sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, we have ^alacked everything and have ²met our end by the sword and by famine.”

19 ^aAnd,” *said the women*, “when we were burning ¹sacrifices to the queen of heaven, and ²were pouring out libations to her, was it ^awithout our husbands that we made for her *sacrificial cakes* ³in her image and poured out libations to her?”

20 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men and women—even to all the people who were giving him *such* an answer—saying,

21 ^aAs for the ¹smoking sacrifices that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the ^bstreets of Jerusalem, you and your forefathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD ^cremember them, and did not *all this* come into His ²mind?

22 ^aSo the LORD was ^ano longer able to endure *it*, because of the evil of your deeds, ^bbecause of the abominations which you have committed; thus your land has become a ^cruin, an object of horror and a curse, without an inhabitant, as *it is* this day.

23 ^aBecause you have burned ¹sacrifices and have sinned against the LORD and ^anot obeyed the voice of the LORD or ^bwalked in His law, His statutes or His testimonies, therefore this ^ccalamity has befallen you, as *it has* this day.”

24 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, including all the women, ^a“Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are ^bin the land of Egypt,

25 ^athus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, as follows: ^aAs for you and your wives, you have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled *it* with your hands, saying, “We will ^acer-

12 ^aJer. 29:18; 42:18; Is. 65:15

13 ^aJer. 44:27, 28; 11:22

14 ¹Lit., *lifting up their soul* ^aJer. 44:27; 22:10 ^bJer. 22:26, 27; Jer. 44:28; Is. 4:2; 10:20; Rom. 9:27

15 ¹Or, *incense* ²Lit., *and* ^aJer. 5:1-5; Prov. 11:21; Is. 1:5

16 ¹Lit., *word*

17 ¹Or, *so as to burn* ²Or, *incense* ³Lit., *bread* ⁴Lit., *evil* ^aJer. 7:18; 2 Kin. 17:16 ^bJer. 44:21; 32:32; Neh. 9:34 ^cEx. 16:3; Is. 48:5; Hos. 2:5-9; Phil. 3:19

18 ¹Or, *incense* ²Lit., *been finished* ^aJer. 40:12; Num. 11:5, 6; Mal. 3:13-15

19 ¹Or, *incense* ²Lit., *to pour* ³Lit., *to make an image of her* ^aJer. 44:15; Num. 30:6, 7

21 ¹Or, *incense* ²Lit., *heart* ^aEzek. 8:10, 11 ^bJer. 44:9, 17; 11:13; Ezek. 16:24 ^cJer. 14:10; Ps. 79:8; Is. 64:9; Hos. 7:2; Amos 8:7

22 ^aIs. 7:13; Mal. 2:17 ^bJer. 4:4; 21:12; 30:14 ^cJer. 44:13; 25:11, 18, 38; 29:18; 42:18

23 ¹Or, *incense* ^aJer. 7:13-15; 40:3 ^bJer. 44:10; Ps. 119:136, 150 ^cJer. 44:2; 1 Kin. 9:9; Neh. 13:18

24 ^aJer. 44:16; 42:15 ^bJer. 44:15, 26; 43:7

25 ^aJer. 44:17; Matt. 14:9; Acts 23:12

25 ¹Or, *incense* ²Lit., *surely cause to stand*
^bEzek. 20:39; James 1:14, 15

26 ¹Lit., *Therefore*
²YHWH, usually rendered **LORD**
^aJer. 22:5; Gen. 22:16; Deut. 32:40, 41; Amos 6:8; Heb. 6:13, 18 ^bPs. 50:16; Ezek. 20:39 ^cJer. 5:2; Is. 48:1, 2

27 ¹Lit., *be finished* ²Lit., *come to an end*
^aJer. 39:16 ^bJer. 44:14; 2 Kin. 21:14

28 ¹Lit., *men of number*
^aJer. 44:14 ^bIs. 10:19; 27:12, 13 ^cPs. 33:11; Is. 14:27; 46:10, 11; Zech. 1:6

29 ^aJer. 44:30; Is. 7:11, 14; 8:18; Matt. 24:15, 16, 32
^bProv. 19:21; Is. 40:8

30 ^aJer. 43:9-13; 46:25; Ezek. 29:3 ^bJer. 34:21; 39:5-7; 2 Kin. 25:4-7

1 ¹Lit., *from the mouth of Jeremiah*
^aJer. 32:12, 16; 43:3, 6 ^bJer. 36:4, 18, 32 ^cJer. 25:1; 36:1; 46:1

3 ^aPs. 6:6; 69:3; 2 Cor. 4:1; 16; Gal. 6:9

5 ¹ Kin. 3:9, 11; 2 Kin. 5:26; Matt. 6:25, 32; Rom. 12:16 ^bJer. 25:31; Is. 66:16

1 ^aJer. 1:10; 25:15-38

2 ^aJer. 46:14; 25:19; Ezek. chaps. 29-32 ^b2 Kin. 18:21; 23:29, 33-35 ^c2 Chr. 35:20; Is. 10:9

3 ¹i.e., small shield
^aJer. 51:11; Is. 21:5; Joel 3:9; Nah. 2:1; 3:14

tainly perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn ¹sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pour out libations to her.”
²Go ahead and ^bconfirm your vows, and certainly perform your vows!

26 “¹Nevertheless hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are living in the land of Egypt: ‘Behold, I have ^asworn by My great name,’ says the LORD, ^b‘never shall My name be invoked again by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, “^cAs the Lord ²God lives . . .”

27 ‘Behold, I am watching over them ^afor harm and not for good, and ^ball the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt will ¹meet their end by the sword and by famine until they ²are completely gone.

28 ^aAnd those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah ^bfew in number. Then all the remnant of Judah who have gone to the land of Egypt to reside there will know whose word will stand, ^cMine or theirs.

29 ‘And this will be the ^asign to you,’ declares the LORD, ‘that I am going to punish you in this place, so that you may know that ^bMy words will surely stand against you for harm.’

30 “Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I am going to give over ^aPharaoh Hophra king of Egypt to the hand of his enemies, to the hand of those who seek his life, just as I gave over ^bZedekiah king of Judah to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, *who was his enemy and was seeking his life.*”

CHAPTER 45

THIS is the message which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to ^aBaruch the son of Neriah, when he had ^bwritten down these words in a book ¹at Jeremiah’s dictation, in the ^cfourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying:

2 “Thus says the LORD the God of Israel to you, O Baruch:

3 ‘You said, “Ah, woe is me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am ^awearied with my groaning and have found no rest.”’

4 “Thus you are to say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Behold, what I have built I am about to tear down, and what I have planted I am about to uproot, that is, the whole land.”’

5 ‘But you, are you ^aseeking great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*; for behold, I am going to ^bbring disaster on all flesh,’ declares the LORD, ‘but I will give your life to you as booty in all the places where you may go.’”

CHAPTER 46

THAT which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet ^aconcerning the nations.

2 To ^aEgypt concerning the army of ^bPharaoh Necho king of Egypt, which was by the Euphrates River at ^cCarchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 “^aLine up the shield and ^bbuckler,
 And draw near for the battle!

- 4 "Harness the horses,
And ¹mount the steeds,
And take your stand with helmets on;
^aPolish the spears,
Put on the ^bscale-armor.
- 5 "Why have I seen it?
They are terrified,
They are ^adrawing back,
And their ^bmighty men are defeated
And have taken refuge in flight,
Without facing back:
¹Terror is on every side,"
Declares the LORD.
- 6 Let not the ^aswift man flee,
Nor the mighty man escape;
In the north beside the River Euphrates
They have ^bstumbled and fallen.
- 7 Who is this that rises like the Nile,
Like the rivers whose waters surge about?
- 8 Egypt rises like the Nile,
Even like the rivers whose waters surge about;
And He has said, "I will ^arise and cover *that* land;
I will surely ^bdestroy the city and its inhabitants."
- 9 Go up, you horses, and ^{1a}drive madly, you chariots,
That the mighty men may ²march forward:
Ethiopia and ^{3b}Put, that handle the shield,
And the ^{4c}Lydians, that handle *and* bend the bow.
- 10 For that day belongs to the Lord ¹God of hosts,
A day of vengeance, so as to avenge Himself on His
foes;
And the ^asword will devour and be satiated
And ²drink its fill of their blood;
For there will be a ^bslaughter for the Lord ¹God of
hosts,
In the land of the north by the River Euphrates.
- 11 Go up to Gilcad and obtain balm,
O virgin daughter of Egypt!
In vain have you multiplied ¹remedies;
There is ^ano healing for you.
- 12 The nations have heard of your ^ashame,
And the earth is full of your cry of *distress*;
For one warrior has stumbled over ¹another,
And both of them have fallen down together.
- 13 *This is* the ¹message which the LORD spoke to Jeremiah
the prophet about the coming of Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon to smite the land of Egypt:
- 14 "Declare in Egypt and proclaim in Migdol,
Proclaim also in Memphis and Tahpanhes;
Say, 'Take your stand and get yourself ready,
For the sword has ^adevoured those around you.'
- 15 "Why have your ^amighty ones become prostrate?
They do not stand because the LORD has ^bthrust them
down.
- 16 "They have repeatedly ^astumbled;
Indeed, they have fallen one against another.
Then they said, 'Get up! And let us go back

⁴ ¹Or, *go up, you horsemen*
^aEzek. 21:9-11 ^bJer. 51:3;
¹ Sam. 17:5, 38; 2 Chr. 26:14;
Neh. 4:16

⁵ ¹Heb., *magor missabib*,
cf. 20:3
^aJer. 46:21; Is. 42:17 ^bIs. 5:25;
Ezek. 39:18

⁶ ^aIs. 30:16 ^bJer. 46:12, 16;
Dan. 11:19

⁸ ^aIs. 37:24 ^bIs. 10:13

⁹ ¹Lit., *act like madmen*
²Lit., *go forth* ³I.e., Libya (or
Somaliland) ⁴Heb., *Ludim*
^aJer. 47:3; Nah. 2:4 ^bNah. 3:9
^cIs. 66:19

¹⁰ ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD ²Lit., *be
saturated with*
^aJer. 12:12; Is. 31:8 ^bIs. 34:6;
Zeph. 1:7

¹¹ ¹Lit., *healings*
^aJer. 30:13; Mic. 1:9; Nah.
3:19

¹² ¹Lit., *warrior*
^aJer. 2:36; Nah. 3:8-10

¹³ ¹Lit., *word*

¹⁴ ^aJer. 46:10; 2:30; Is. 1:20;
Nah. 2:13

¹⁵ ^aJer. 46:5; Is. 66:15, 16
^bPs. 18:14, 39; 68:1, 2

¹⁶ ^aJer. 46:6; Lev. 26:36, 37

16 ¹Lit., *oppressing sword*

17 ¹Some ancient versions read: *Call the name of Pharaoh a big noise*
^aEx. 15:9, 10; 1 Kin. 20:10, 11; Is. 19:11-16

18 ^aJer. 48:15; Mal. 1:14
^bJosh. 19:22; Judg. 4:6; Ps. 89:12 ^cJosh. 12:22; 1 Kin. 18:42

19 ¹Lit., *without*
^aIs. 20:4 ^bJer. 46:14; Ezek. 30:13

20 ¹Or, possibly, *mosquito*

21 ¹Lit., *of the stall*
^aJer. 46:5; 2 Sam. 10:6; 2 Kin. 7:6 bIs. 34:7 ^cJer. 48:44; Hos. 9:7; Obad. 13; Mic. 7:4

22 ¹Or, *in force*

23 ¹I.e., *trees of the forest, the Egyptians*
^aJudg. 6:5; 7:12; 2:25

24 ¹Lit., *hand*

25 ^aEzek. 30:14, 15, 16; Nah. 3:8 ^bJer. 43:12, 13; Ex. 12:12; Ezek. 30:13; Zeph. 2:11 ^cIs. 20:5

26 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Lit., *servants*
^aJer. 44:30; Ezek. 32:11
^bEzek. 29:8-14

27 ^aJer. 30:10, 11; Is. 41:13, 14 ^bJer. 23:3, 4; 29:14; Is. 11:11; Mic. 7:12

28 ^aJer. 1:19; Ps. 46:7, 11; Is. 8:9, 10; 43:2 ^bJer. 4:27; Amos 9:8, 9 ^cJer. 10:24; Hab. 3:2

To our own people and our native land
 Away from the ¹sword of the oppressor.'

17 "1 They cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt is ^abut a big noise;

He has let the appointed time pass by!

18 "As I live," declares the ^aKing
 Whose name is the LORD of hosts,
 "Surely one shall come *who looms up* like ^bTabor

among the mountains,

Or like ^cCarmel by the sea.

19 "Make your baggage ^aready for exile,
 O daughter dwelling in Egypt,
 For ^bMemphis will become a desolation;
 It will even be burned down *and* ¹bereft of inhabitants.

20 "Egypt is a pretty heifer,
But a ¹horsefly is coming from the north—it is coming!

21 "Also her ^amercenaries in her midst
 Are like ¹fattened ^bcalves,
 For even they too have turned back *and* have fled away
 together;

They did not stand *their ground*.

For the day of their calamity has come upon them,
 The time of their ^cpunishment.

22 "Its sound moves along like a serpent;
 For they move on ¹like an army
 And come to her as woodcutters with axes.

23 "They have cut down her forest," declares the LORD;
 "Surely it will no *more* be found,
 Even though ¹they are now more numerous than
^alocusts

And are without number.

24 "The daughter of Egypt has been put to shame,
 Given over to the ¹power of the people of the north."

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says, "Behold, I
 am going to punish Amon of ^aThebes, and Pharaoh, and
 Egypt along with her ^bgods and her kings, even Pharaoh and
 those who ^ctrust in him.

26 "And I shall give them over to the ¹power of those who
 are ^aseeking their lives, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar
 king of Babylon and into the hand of his ²officers. ^bAfterwards,
 however, it will be inhabited as in the days of old," declares
 the LORD.

27 "But as for you, O Jacob My servant, do not ^afear,
 Nor be dismayed, O Israel!
 For, see, I am going to ^bsave you from afar,
 And your descendants from the land of their captivity;
 And Jacob shall return and be undisturbed
 And secure, with no one making *him* tremble.

28 "O Jacob My servant, do not fear," declares the LORD,
 "For ^aI am with you.

For I shall make a full end of all the nations

Where I have driven you,

Yet I shall ^bnot make a full end of you;

But I shall ^ccorrect you properly

And by no means leave you unpunished."

CHAPTER 47

THAT which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh ¹conquered ²Gaza.

2 Thus says the LORD:

“Behold, waters are going to rise from ^athe north
And become an overflowing torrent,
And ^boverflow the land and all its fulness,
The city and those who live in it;
And the men will ^ccry out,
And every inhabitant of the land will wail.

3 “Because of the noise of the ^{1a}galloping hoofs of his ²stallions,

The tumult of his chariots, *and* the rumbling of his wheels,

The fathers have not turned back for *their* children,
Because of the limpness of *their* hands;

4 On account of the day that is coming

To ^adestroy all the Philistines,
To cut off from Tyre and Sidon
Every ally that is left;

For the LORD is going to destroy the Philistines,
The remnant of the coastland of ^bCaphtor.

5 “^aBaldness has come upon Gaza;

^bAshkelon has been ruined.
O remnant of their valley,
How long will you gash yourself?

6 “Ah, ^asword of the LORD,
How long will you not be quiet?

Withdraw into your sheath;
Be at rest and stay still.

7 “How can ¹it be quiet,
When the LORD has ^agiven it an order?

Against Ashkelon and against the seacoast—
There He has ^bassigned it.”

CHAPTER 48

CONCERNING Moab.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,

“Woe to ^aNebo, for it has been destroyed;

^bKiriathaim has been put to shame, it has been captured;

The lofty stronghold has been put to shame and ¹shattered.

2 “There is praise for Moab no longer;

In ^aHeshbon they have devised calamity against her:

‘Come and let us cut her off from *being* a nation!’

You too, ¹Madmen, will be silenced;

The sword will follow after you.

3 “The sound of an outcry from ^aHoronaim,

‘Devastation and great destruction!’

4 “Moab is broken,

Her little ones have sounded out a cry of *distress*.

5 “For by the ascent of ^aLuhith

¹ Lit., *smote*
^aJer. 25:20; Gen. 10:19;
¹ Kin. 4:24

² Jer. 1:14; 6:22; 46:20, 24;
Is. 14:31 ^bIs. 8:7, 8 ^cJer.
46:12; Is. 15:2-5

³ Lit., *stamping of the*
² Lit., *mighty ones*
^aJer. 8:16; Judg. 5:22

⁴ Is. 14:31 ^bGen. 10:14;
Deut. 2:23; Amos 9:7

⁵ Jer. 48:37; Mic. 1:16
^bJer. 25:20; Judg. 1:18; Amos
1:7, 8; Zeph. 2:4, 7; Zech. 9:5

⁶ Jer. 12:12; Judg. 7:20;
Ezek. 21:3-5

⁷ Lit., *you*
^aIs. 10:6; Ezek. 14:17 ^bMic.
6:9

¹ Or, *dismayed*
^aJer. 48:22; Num. 32:3, 37
^bJer. 48:23; Num. 32:37;
Ezek. 25:9

² I.e., a city of Moab
^aJer. 48:34, 45; 49:3; Num.
21:25

³ Jer. 48:5, 34; Is. 15:5

⁵ Is. 15:5

5 ¹Lit., *distresses of outcry*

6 ²Jer. 51:6

7 ¹Jer. 48:13, 46; Num. 21:29; 1 Kin. 11:33

8 ³Josh. 13:9, 17, 21

9 ¹Or, *salt* ²Or, *fall in ruins*
³Jer. 48:28; Ps. 11:1; Is. 16:2

10 ¹Sam. 15:39; 1 Kin. 20:42; 2 Kin. 13:19 ²Jer. 47:6, 7

11 ¹Lit., *his flavor has stayed in him*
²Jer. 22:21; Zech. 1:15
³Zeph. 1:12 ⁴Nah. 2:2 ⁵Ezek. 16:49, 50

12 ¹Lit., *their*
²Nah. 2:2

13 ²Jer. 48:39; Is. 45:16
¹Kin. 12:29; Hos. 8:5, 6

14 ²Ps. 33:16; Is. 10:13-16

15 ¹Lit., *one has* ²Lit., *her*
³i.e., *warriors*
⁴Is. 40:30, 31 ⁵Jer. 46:18

16 ²Is. 13:22

17 ¹Or, *rod*
²Is. 14:5

18 ¹Lit., *in thirst*
²Jer. 46:19 ³Jer. 48:22; Josh. 13:9, 17 ⁴Is. 47:1

19 ²Deut. 2:36; Josh. 12:2

They will ascend with continual weeping;
For at the descent of Horonaim
They have heard the ¹anguished cry of destruction.

- 6 ²"Flee, save your lives,
That you may be like a juniper in the wilderness.
- 7 ³"For because of your trust in your own achievements
and treasures,
Even you yourself will be captured;
And ²Chemosh will go off into exile
Together with his priests and his princes.
- 8 ⁴"And a destroyer will come to every city,
So that no city will escape;
The valley also will be ruined,
And the ³plateau will be destroyed,
As the LORD has said.
- 9 ⁵"Give ¹wings to Moab,
For she will ²flee away;
And her cities will become a desolation,
Without inhabitants in them.
- 10 ⁶"Cursed be the one who does the LORD's work with
²deceit,
And cursed be the one who restrains his ³sword from
blood.
- 11 ⁷"Moab has been ²at ease since his youth;
He has also been ³undisturbed on his lees,
Neither has he been ⁴emptied from vessel to vessel,
Nor has he gone into exile.
Therefore ¹he retains his ²flavor,
And his aroma has not changed.
- 12 ⁸"Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the
LORD, "when I shall send to him those who ²tip vessels, and
they will tip him over, and they will empty his vessels and
shatter ¹his jars.
- 13 ⁹"And Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house
of Israel was ²ashamed of ³Bethel, their confidence.
- 14 ¹⁰"How can you say, 'We are ²mighty warriors,
And men valiant for battle?'
- 15 ¹¹"Moab has been destroyed, and ¹men have gone up to
²his cities;
His choicest ³young men have also gone down to the
slaughter,"
Declares the ⁴King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.
- 16 ¹²"The disaster of Moab will soon ²come,
And his calamity has swiftly hastened.
- 17 ¹³"Mourn for him, all you who *live* around him,
Even all of you who know his name;
Say, 'How has the mighty ¹scepter been broken,
A staff of spendor!'
- 18 ¹⁴"²Come down from your glory
And sit ¹on the parched ground,
O ³inhabitant in ⁴Dibon
For the destroyer of Moab has come up against you,
He has ruined your strongholds.
- 19 ¹⁵"Stand by the road and keep watch,
O inhabitant of ²Aroer;

- Ask him who flees and her who escapes
And say, 'What has happened?'
- 20 "Moab has been put to shame, for it has been
shattered.
Wail and cry out;
Declare by the Arnon
That Moab has been destroyed.
- 21 "Judgment has also come upon the plain, upon Holon,
Jahzah, and against Mephaath,
22 against Dibon, Nebo, and Beth-diblathaim,
23 against Kiriathaim, Beth-gamul, and Beth-meon,
24 against Kerioth, Bozrah, and all the cities of the land
of Moab, far and near.
- 25 "The horn of Moab has been cut off, and his arm
broken," declares the LORD.
- 26 "Make him drunk, for he has become arrogant toward
the LORD; so Moab will wallow in his vomit, and he also will
become a laughingstock.
- 27 "Now was not Israel a laughingstock to you? Or was he
caught among thieves? For each time you speak about him
you shake your head in scorn.
- 28 "Leave the cities and dwell among the crags,
O inhabitants of Moab,
And be like a dove that nests
Beyond the mouth of the chasm.
- 29 "We have heard of the pride of Moab—he is very
proud—
Of his haughtiness, his pride, his arrogance and his
self-exaltation.
- 30 "I know his fury," declares the LORD,
"But it is futile;
His idle boasts have accomplished nothing.
- 31 "Therefore I shall wail for Moab,
Even for all Moab shall I cry out;
I will moan for the men of Kir-heres.
- 32 "More than the weeping for Jazer
I shall weep for you, O vine of Sibmah!
Your tendrils stretched across the sea,
They reached to the sea of Jazer;
Upon your summer fruits and your grape harvest
The destroyer has fallen.
- 33 "So gladness and joy are taken away
From the fruitful field, even from the land of Moab
And I have made the wine to cease from the wine
presses;
No one will tread them with shouting,
The shouting will not be shouts of joy.
- 34 "From the outcry at Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to
Jahaz they have raised their voice, from Zoar even to Horo-
naim and to Eglath-shelishiyah; for even the waters of Nimrim
will become desolate.
- 35 "And I shall make an end of Moab," declares the LORD,
"the one who offers sacrifice on the high place and the one
who burns incense to his gods.
- 36 "Therefore My heart wails for Moab like flutes; My

19^{b1} Sam. 4:13, 14, 1620¹Or, *dismayed*21¹Jer. 48:34; Num. 21:23;
Is. 15:4^bJosh. 13:1823¹Josh. 13:1724¹Jer. 48:41; Amos 2:225¹Ps. 75:10; Zech. 1:19-21
^bJob 22:9; Ps. 10:1526¹Or, *magnified himself
against*²Or, *splash into*
³Jer. 48:42; Ex. 5:2; Dan. 5:2327¹Or, *found*
²Lam. 2:15-17; Mic. 7:8-10
^bJer. 18:16; Job 16:428¹Jer. 49:16; Judg. 6:2; Is.
2:19; Obad. 3^bPs. 55:6; Song
of Sol. 2:1429¹Lit., *elevation of his
heart*
²Is. 16:6; Zeph. 2:8^bJob
40:11, 12; Ps. 138:630¹Lit., *not so*
²Is. 37:2831¹Another reading is, *He*
²Is. 15:5; 16:7, 11^bJer. 48:36;
2 Kin. 3:25; Is. 16:7, 1132¹Is. 16:8, 9^bNum. 21:3233¹Jer. 25:10; Is. 16:10; Joel
1:12^bIs. 5:10; Hag. 2:1634¹Lit., *given forth*
²Is. 15:4-6^bNum. 32:3, 37
^cGen. 13:10; 14:235¹Or, *offers up in smoke*
²Is. 16:12^bJer. 7:9; 11:1336¹Lit., *sounds*
²Is. 16:11

36 ¹Lit., *sounds*
^bIs. 15:7

37 ^aJer. 16:6; Is. 15:2 ^bIs.
15:3; 20:2

38 ¹Lit., *all of it is
lamentation*
^aIs. 22:1

39 ¹Or, *dismayed*
^aEzek. 26:16

40 ^aJer. 49:22; Hos. 8:1 ^bIs.
8:8

41 ^aJer. 49:22 ^bJer. 30:6;
Mic. 4:9, 10

42 ¹Or, *magnified himself
against*
^aJer. 48:2; Ps. 83:4 ^bJer.
48:26; Is. 37:23

43 ^aIs. 24:17, 18; Lam. 3:47

44 ¹ Kin. 19:17; Amos 5:19
^bJer. 46:21

45 ¹Lit., *sons of tumult*
^aNum. 21:28, 29 ^bNum.
21:21, 26; Ps. 135:11 ^cNum.
24:17

46 ^aJer. 48:7; Judg. 11:24;
1 Kin. 11:7

47 ¹Or, *captivity* ²Lit., *end
of the days*
^aJer. 12:14-17; 49:6, 39

1 ¹Or, *Milcom*; cf. 1 Kin.
11:5
^a1 Kin. 11:5, 33; Zeph. 1:5

2 ¹Or, *shout of*
^aJer. 4:19; Num. 10:9 ^bDeut.
3:11; 2 Sam. 11:1; Ezek.
21:20

heart also ¹wails like flutes for the men of Kir-heres. Therefore they have lost the ^babundance it produced.

37 "For ^aevery head is bald and every beard cut short; there are gashes on all the hands and sackcloth on the ^bloins.

38 "On all the ^ahousetops of Moab and in its streets ¹there is lamentation everywhere; for I have broken Moab like an undesirable vessel," declares the LORD.

39 "How ¹shattered it is! How they have wailed! How Moab has turned his back—he is ashamed! So Moab will become a laughingstock and an object of ^aterror to all around him."

40 For thus says the LORD,
"Behold, one will ^afly swiftly like an eagle,
And ^bspread out his wings against Moab.

41 "Kerith has been captured
And the strongholds have been seized,
So the ^ahearts of the mighty men of Moab in that day
Will be like the heart of a ^bwoman in labor.

42 "And Moab will be ^adestroyed from *being* a people
Because he has ¹become ^barrogant toward the LORD.

43 "^aTerror, pit, and snare are *coming* upon you,
O inhabitant of Moab," declares the LORD.

44 "The one who ^aflees from the terror
Will fall into the pit,
And the one who climbs up out of the pit
Will be caught in the snare;
For I shall bring upon her, *even* upon Moab,
The year of their ^bpunishment," declares the LORD.

45 "In the shadow of Heshbon
The fugitives stand without strength;
For a fire has gone forth from Heshbon,
And a ^aflame from the midst of ^bSi-hon,
And it has devoured the ^cforehead of Moab
And the scalps of the ¹riotous revelers.

46 "Woe to you, Moab!
The people of ^aChemosh have perished;
For your sons have been taken away captive,
And your daughters into captivity.

47 "Yet I will ^arestore the ¹fortunes of Moab
In the ²latter days," declares the LORD.
Thus for the judgment on Moab.

CHAPTER 49

CONCERNING the sons of Ammon.

Thus says the LORD:

"Does Israel have no sons?

Or has he no heirs?

Why then has ^{1a}Malcam taken possession of Gad

And his people settled in its cities?

2 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the
LORD,

"That I shall cause a ¹trumpet ^ablast of war to be heard
Against ^bRabbah of the sons of Ammon;
And it will become a desolate heap,

And her towns will be set on fire.
Then Israel will take possession of his possessors,"
Says the LORD.

- 3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai has been destroyed!
Cry out, O daughters of Rabbah,
Gird yourselves with sackcloth and lament,
And rush back and forth inside the walls;
For Malcam will go into exile
Together with his priests and his princes.
- 4 "How boastful you are about the valleys!
Your valley is flowing away,
O backsliding daughter
Who trusts in her treasures, saying,
'Who will come against me?'
- 5 "Behold, I am going to bring terror upon you,"
Declares the Lord God of hosts,
'From all directions around you;
And each of you will be driven out headlong,
With no one to gather the fugitives together.
- 6 "But afterward I will restore
The fortunes of the sons of Ammon,"
Declares the LORD.

7 Concerning Edom.

Thus says the LORD of hosts,
"Is there no longer any wisdom in Teman?
Has good counsel been lost to the prudent?
Has their wisdom decayed?"

- 8 "Flee away, turn back, dwell in the depths,
O inhabitants of Dedan,
For I will bring the disaster of Esau upon him
At the time I punish him.
- 9 "If grape gatherers came to you,
Would they not leave gleanings?
If thieves came by night,
They would destroy only until they had enough.
- 10 "But I have stripped Esau bare,
I have uncovered his hiding places
So that he will not be able to conceal himself;
His offspring has been destroyed along with his
relatives
And his neighbors, and he is no more.
- 11 "Leave your orphans behind, I will keep them alive;
And let your widows trust in Me."
- 12 For thus says the LORD, "Behold, those who were not
sentenced to drink the cup will certainly drink it, and are you
the one who will be completely acquitted? You will not be
acquitted, but you will certainly drink it.
- 13 "For I have sworn by Myself," declares the LORD, "that
Bozrah will become an object of horror, a reproach, a ruin
and a curse; and all its cities will become perpetual ruins."
- 14 I have heard a message from the LORD,
And an envoy is sent among the nations, saying,
"Gather yourselves together and come against her,
And rise up for battle!"

2 J Josh. 17:11, 16 Is. 14:2

3 Cf. v. 1
Jer. 48:2 J Josh. 7:2-5; 8:1-29;
Ezra 2:28 Jer. 48:37 Jer.
46:25; 48:74 Ps. 62:10; Ezek. 28:4, 5;
1 Tim. 6:175 YHWH, usually
rendered Lord Lit., before
him
Jer. 16:16; 46:5 Lam. 4:156 Or, captivity
Jer. 49:39; 48:477 Jer. 8:9; Job 2:11; Jer.
49:20; Gen. 36:11, 15, 348 Or, brought Or,
punished
Jer. 25:23; Is. 21:13 Jer.
46:219 Lit., their sufficiency
Obad. 510 Lit., seed Lit., brothers
Jer. 13:2611 Or, fatherless
Ps. 68:5 Ps. 68:5; Zech.
7:1012 Lit., whose judgment
was not to
Jer. 25:15 Jer. 25:28, 29;
1 Pet. 4:1713 Jer. 44:26; Gen. 22:16;
Is. 45:23 Jer. 18:16; Is. 34:9-
15

14 Obad. 1-4 Is. 18:2; 30:4

15 ^aLuke 1:51

16 ¹Or, *Sela*
^aIs. 25:5 ^bJer. 48:28; 2 Kin.
 14:7 ^cJob 39:27; Is. 14:13-15
^dAmos 9:2

17 ^aJer. 49:13; Ezek. 35:7
^bJer. 51:37; 1 Kin. 9:8

18 ^aJer. 49:33; Job 18:15-18

19 ¹Lit., *pride* ²Or,
enduring habitation
^aJer. 12:5; Josh. 3:15 ^bNum.
 16:5 ^cIs. 46:9

20 ¹Or, *habitation*
^aJer. 50:45; Is. 14:24, 27
^bMal. 1:3, 4

21 ¹Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aJer. 50:46; Ezek. 26:15, 18

22 ¹Or, *one* ²Or, *over*
^aJer. 4:13, 48:40, 41; Hos. 8:1
^bJer. 30:6; 48:41; Is. 13:8

23 ^aJer. 39:5; Num. 13:21;
 Is. 10:9; Amos 6:2 ^{b2} Kin.
 18:34; 19:13; Is. 10:9 ^cEx.
 15:15; Nah. 2:10 ^dIs. 57:20

25 ¹Or, *deserted is the city
 of praise*
^aJer. 33:9; 51:41

26 ¹Or, *destroyed*
^aJer. 11:22; 50:30; Amos 4:10

27 ¹Or, *palaces*
^aJer. 43:12; Amos 1:3-5
^{b1} Kin. 15:18-20

28 ¹Lit., *sons*
^aJer. 2:10; Gen. 25:13; Is.
 21:16, 17; Ezek. 27:21 ^bIs.
 11:14

15 "For behold, I have made you ^asmall among the nations,
 Despised among men.

16 "As for the ^aterror of you,
 The arrogance of your heart has deceived you,
 O you who live in the clefts of ¹the rock,
 Who occupy the height of the hill.

Though you make your nest as ^chigh as an eagle's,
 I will ^dbring you down from there," declares the LORD.

17 "And Edom will become an ^aobject of horror; everyone
 who passes by it will be horrified and will ^bhiss at all its
 wounds.

18 "Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its
 neighbors," says the LORD, "no one will live there, nor will a
 son of man reside in it.

19 "Behold, one will come up like a lion from the ¹thickets
 of the Jordan against a ^{2a}perennially watered pasture; for in an
 instant I shall make him run away from it, and whoever is
^bchosen I shall appoint over it. For who is ^clike Me, and who
 will summon Me *into court*? And who then is the shepherd
 who can stand against Me?"

20 Therefore hear the ^aplan of the LORD which He has
 planned against Edom, and His purposes which He has pur-
 posed against the inhabitants of Teman: surely they will drag
 them off, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely He will make
 their ¹pasture ^bdesolate because of them.

21 The ^aearth has quaked at the noise of their downfall.
 There is an outcry! The noise of it has been heard at the ¹Red
 Sea.

22 Behold, ¹He will mount up and ^aswoop like an eagle,
 and spread out His wings ²against Bozrah; and the ^bhearts of
 the mighty men of Edom in that day will be like the heart of a
 woman in labor.

23 Concerning Damascus.

"^aHamath and ^bArpad are put to shame,
 For they have heard bad news;
 They are ^cdisheartened.
 There is anxiety by the sea,
 It ^dcannot be calmed.

24 "Damascus has become helpless;
 She has turned away to flee,
 And panic has gripped her;
 Distress and pangs have taken hold of her
 Like a woman in childbirth.

25 "How ¹the ^acity of praise has not been deserted,
 The town of My joy!

26 "Therefore, her ^ayoung men will fall in her streets,
 And all the men of war will be ¹silenced in that day,"
 declares the LORD of hosts.

27 "And I shall ^aset fire to the wall of Damascus,
 And it will devour the ¹fortified towers of ^bBen-hadad."

28 Concerning ^aKedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which
 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated.

Thus says the LORD,
 "Arise, go up to Kedar
 And devastate the ^{1b}men of the east.

- 29 "They will take away their tents and their flocks;
They will carry off for themselves
Their tent ^acurtains, all their goods, and their ^bcamels,
And they will call out to one another, 'Terror on every
side!'
- 30 "Run away, flee! Dwell in the depths,
O inhabitants of Hazor," declares the LORD;
"For ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has formed a
plan against you
And devised a scheme against you.
- 31 "Arise, go up against a nation which is ^aat ease,
Which lives securely," declares the LORD.
"It has ^bno gates or bars;
They dwell alone.
- 32 "And their camels will become plunder,
And the multitude of their cattle for booty,
And I shall scatter to all the winds those who cut the
^acorners of *their hair*;
And I shall bring their disaster from every side," declares
the LORD.
- 33 "And Hazor will become a haunt of ^ajackals,
A desolation forever;
No one will live there,
Nor will a son of man reside in it.
- 34 That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah
the prophet concerning ^aElam, ^bat the beginning of the reign
of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
- 35 "Thus says the LORD of hosts,
'Behold, I am going to ^abreak the bow of Elam,
The ¹finest of their might.
- 36 'And I shall bring upon Elam the ^afour winds
From the four ends of heaven,
And shall ^bscatter them to all these winds;
And there will be no nation
To which the outcasts of Elam will not go.
- 37 'So I shall ¹shatter Elam before their enemies
And before those who seek their lives;
And I shall ^abring calamity upon them,
Even My ^bfierce anger,' declares the LORD,
'And I shall send out the sword after them
Until I have consumed them.
- 38 'Then I shall set My throne in Elam,
And I shall destroy ¹out of it king and princes,'
Declares the LORD.
- 39 'But it will come about in the last days
That I shall restore the ¹fortunes of Elam,' "
Declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 50

THE word which the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, the
land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:

- 2 "^aDeclare and proclaim among the nations.
Proclaim it and ^blift up a standard.
Do not conceal it *but* say,
^cBabylon has been captured,

29 ^aHab. 3:7 ^b1 Chr. 5:2130 ^aJer. 25:9, 24; 27:631 ^aJudg. 18:7; Is. 47:8 ^bIs. 42:1132 ^aJer. 9:26; 25:2333 ^aJer. 10:22; 51:37; Is. 13:20-22; Zeph. 2:9, 13-1534 ^aJer. 25:25; Gen. 10:22; 14:1, 9; Is. 11:11; Ezek. 32:24; Dan. 8:2 ^bJer. 28:1; 2 Kin. 24:17, 1835 ¹Lit., first
^aJer. 51:56; Ps. 46:9; Is. 22:636 ^aDan. 7:2; 8:8; Rev. 7:1
^bJer. 50:32; Ezek. 5:10; Amos 9:937 ¹Or, dismay
^aJer. 6:19 ^bJer. 30:2438 ¹Or, from there39 ¹Or, captivity2 ^aJer. 4:16 ^bJer. 51:27
^cJer. 51:31

2 ¹Heb., *Merodach* ²Or, *dismayed*
³Is. 46:1 ⁴Jer. 6:19

3 ¹Jer. 50:13; Is. 14:22, 23
²Jer. 9:10; Zeph. 1:3

4 ¹Jer. 3:18; 31:31; 33:7; Is. 11:12, 13; Hos. 1:11 ²Jer. 31:9; Ezra 3:12, 13

5 ¹Lit., *hither* ²M.T. reads, *come ye!* ³Or, *will have come*
⁴Jer. 6:16; Is. 35:8 ⁵Jer. 32:40; Is. 55:3; Heb. 8:6-10

6 ¹Ezek. 34:15, 16; Is. 53:6; Matt. 9:36; 10:6 ²Jer. 23:11-14 ³Jer. 13:16; Ezek. 34:6 ⁴Jer. 50:19; 33:12

7 ¹Jer. 31:23 ²Jer. 14:8; 17:13

8 ¹Another reading is: *"Let them go forth."* ²Or, *in front of*

9 ¹So M.T. reads, *a warrior who makes childless*

10 ¹Or, *the Chaldeans*
²Jer. 51:24, 35; Ezek. 11:24

11 ¹Another reading is, *in the grass* ²Lit., *mighty ones*
³Jer. 12:14

12 ¹Or, *has become*
²Jer. 15:9 ³Jer. 22:6; 51:43

13 ¹Jer. 18:16; 49:17

14 ¹Lit., *tread* (in order to string)

⁴Bel has been put to shame, ¹Marduk has been ²shattered;
 Her ³images have been put to shame, her idols have been shattered.'

3 For a nation has come up against her out of the north; it will make her land ²an object of horror, and there will be ³no inhabitant in it. Both man and beast have wandered off, they have gone away!

4 "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, *both* they and the sons of Judah ²as well; they will go along ³weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek.

5 "They will ²ask for the way to Zion, *turning* their faces ¹in its direction; ²they ³will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an ⁴everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

6 "My people have become ²lost sheep; ³Their shepherds have led them astray. They have made them turn aside on the ⁴mountains; They have gone along from mountain to hill And have forgotten their ⁵resting place.

7 "All who came upon them have devoured them; And their adversaries have said, 'We are not guilty, Inasmuch as they have sinned against the LORD *who is* the ²habitation of righteousness, Even the LORD, the ³hope of their fathers.'

8 "Wander away from the midst of Babylon, And ¹go forth from the land of the Chaldeans; Be also like male goats ²at the head of the flock.

9 "For behold, I am going to arouse and bring up against Babylon

A horde of great nations from the land of the north, And they will draw up *their* battle lines against her; From there she will be taken captive. Their arrows will be like ¹an expert warrior Who does not return empty-handed.

10 "And ¹Chaldea will become plunder; All who plunder her will have enough," declares the LORD.

11 "Because you are glad, because you are jubilant, O you who ²pillage My heritage, Because you skip about like a ¹threshing heifer And neigh like ²stallions,

12 Your ²mother ¹will be greatly ashamed, She who gave you birth ¹will be humiliated. Behold, *she will be* the least of the nations, A ²wilderness, a parched land, and a desert.

13 "Because of the indignation of the LORD she will not be inhabited,

But she will be completely desolate; Everyone who passes by Babylon ²will be horrified And will hiss because of all her wounds.

14 "Draw up your battle lines against Babylon on every side,

All you who ¹bend the bow;

- Shoot at her, do not be sparing with *your* arrows,
For she has ^asinned against the LORD.
- 15 "Raise your battle cry against her on every side!
She has ^agiven ¹herself up, her pillars have fallen,
Her ^bwalls have been torn down.
For this is the vengeance of the LORD:
Take vengeance on her;
As she has done *to others*, so do to her.
- 16 "Cut off the ^asower from Babylon,
And the one who wields the sickle at the time of
harvest;
From before ¹the sword of the ^boppressor
They will each turn back to his own people,
And they will each flee to his own land.
- 17 "Israel is a scattered ¹flock, the ^alions have driven *them*
away. The first one *who* devoured him was the ^bking of Assyria,
and this last one *who* has broken his bones is ^cNebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon.
- 18 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel: 'Behold, I am going to punish the king of Babylon and
his land, just as I ^apunished the king of Assyria.
- 19 'And I shall ^abring Israel back to his pasture, and he will
graze on Carmel and Bashan, and his ¹desire will be satisfied in
the hill country of Ephraim and Gilead.
- 20 'In those days and at that time,' declares the LORD,
'search will be made for the iniquity of Israel, but ^athere will be
none; and for the sins of Judah, but they will not be found; for
I shall pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.
- 21 "Against the land of ¹Merathaim, go up against it,
And against the inhabitants of ^{2a}Pekod.
Slay and ³utterly destroy them," declares the LORD,
"And do according to all that I have commanded you.
- 22 "The ^anoise of battle is in the land,
And great destruction.
- 23 "How the ^ahammer of the whole earth
Has been cut off and broken!
How Babylon has become
An object of horror among the nations!
- 24 "I ^aset a snare for you, and you were also ^bcaught, O
Babylon,
While you yourself were not aware;
You have been found and also seized
Because you have engaged in ^cconflict with the LORD."
- 25 The LORD has opened His armory
And has brought forth the ^aweapons of His
indignation,
For it is a ^bwork of the Lord ¹GOD of hosts
In the land of the Chaldeans.
- 26 Come to her from the ¹farthest border;
^aOpen up her barns,
Pile her up like heaps
And ²utterly ^bdestroy her,
Let nothing be left to her.
- 27 Put all her young bulls to the ^asword;
Let them go down to the slaughter!

14 ^aHab. 2:8, 17

15 ¹Lit., *her hand*
^a1 Chr. 29:24 ^bJer. 50:29; Ps. 137:8

16 ¹Or, *the oppressing sword*
^aJoel 1:11 ^bJer. 25:38; 46:16

17 ¹Lit., *sheep*
^aJer. 2:15; 4:7 ^{b2} Kin. 15:19; 17:6; 18:9-13 ^{c2} Kin. 24:1, 10-12; 25:1-7

18 ^aIs. 10:12; Ezek. 31:3, 11, 12; Nah. 1:1; 3:7, 18, 19

19 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aJer. 31:10; 33:12

20 ^aJer. 31:34; Is. 43:25; Mic. 7:19

21 ¹Or, *Double Rebellion*
²Or, *Punishment* ³Lit., *put under the ban*
^aEzek. 23:23

22 ^aJer. 4:19-21; 51:54-56

23 ^aJer. 51:20-24

24 ^aJer. 48:43, 44; 51:31
^bDan. 5:30, 31 ^cJob 9:4; 40:2, 9

25 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aIs. 13:5 ^bJer. 50:16; 51:12, 25, 55

26 ¹Lit., *end* ²Lit., *put under the ban*
^aJer. 50:10; Is. 45:3 ^bIs. 14:23

27 ^aIs. 34:7

Jeremiah 50

27 ^bJer. 46:21; Ps. 37:13;
Ezek. 7:7

28 ^aIs. 48:20 ^bJer. 50:15;
51:10; Ps. 149:6-9 ^cLam. 1:10;
2:6, 7

29 ¹Another reading is,
archers ²Lit., *tread* (in order
to string) ³Some mss. add: *to
her*
^aJer. 50:15; 51:56; Ps. 137:8
^bJer. 49:16; Ex. 10:3; Dan.
4:37

30 ¹Or, *made lifeless*; or,
destroyed
^aJer. 9:21; 18:21; 49:26; Is.
13:17, 18

31 ¹Lit., *arrogance*
²YHWH, usually rendered
LORD ³Another reading is, *of
your punishment*
^aJer. 21:13; Nah. 2:13

32 ¹Lit., *arrogance*
^aIs. 10:12-15 ^bJer. 21:14;
49:27

33 ^aIs. 14:17; 58:6

34 ¹Or, *their land*
^aJer. 15:21; 31:11; Is. 43:14
^bJer. 51:36; Mic. 7:9 ^cIs.
14:3-7

35 ^aJer. 47:6; Hos. 11:6
^bDan. 5:7, 8

36 ¹Or, *dismayed*
^aIs. 44:25 ^bJer. 49:42 ^cNah.
3:13

37 ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *mixed
multitude*
^aJer. 51:21, 22; Ps. 20:7, 8
^bJer. 25:20; Ezek. 30:5 ^cJer.
48:41; 51:30

38 ¹Another reading is,
sword

Woe be upon them, for their ^bday has come,
The time of their punishment.

28 There is a ^asound of fugitives and refugees from the
land of Babylon,
To declare in Zion the ^bvengeance of the LORD our
God,
Vengeance for His ^ctemple.

29 "Summon ¹many against Babylon,
All those who ²bend the bow:
Encamp against her on every side,
Let there be no escape³.
Repay her according to her work;
^aAccording to all that she has done, so do to her;
For she has become ^barrogant against the LORD,
Against the Holy One of Israel.

30 "Therefore her young ^amen will fall in her streets,
And all her men of war will be ^bsilenced in that day,"
declares the LORD.

31 "Behold, ^aI am against you, O ¹arrogant one,"
Declares the Lord ²GOD of hosts,
"For your day has come,
The time ³when I shall punish you.

32 "And the ^{1a}arrogant one will stumble and fall
With no one to raise him up;
And I shall ^bset fire to his cities,
And it will devour all his environs."

33 Thus says the LORD of hosts:
"The sons of Israel are oppressed,
And the sons of Judah as well;
And ^aall who took them captive have held them fast,
They have refused to let them go.

34 "Their ^aRedeemer is strong, the Lord of hosts is His
name;
He will vigorously ^bplead their case,
So that He may ^cbring rest to ¹the earth,
But turmoil to the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 "A ^asword against the Chaldeans," declares the LORD,
"And against the inhabitants of Babylon,
And against her officials and her ^bwise men!

36 "A sword against the ^aoracle priests, and they will be-
come fools!
A sword against her ^bmighty men, and they will be
^{1c}shattered!

37 "A sword against ¹their ^ahorses and against ¹their
chariots,
And against all the ^{2b}foreigners who are in the midst of
her,
And they will become ^cwomen!
A sword against her treasures, and they will be
plundered!

38 "A ^{1d}drought on her waters, and they will be dried up!
For it is a land of idols,
And they are mad over fearsome idols.

39 "Therefore the desert creatures will live *there* along with
the jackals;

The ostriches also will live in it,
And it will ^anever again be inhabited
Or dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 "As when God overthrew ^aSodom,
And Gomorrah with its neighbors," declares the LORD,
"No man will live there,
Nor will *any* son of man reside in it.

41 "Behold, a people is coming ^afrom the north,
And a great nation and many kings
Will be aroused from the remote parts of the earth.

42 "They seize *their* bow and javelin;
They are ^acruel and have no mercy.
Their voice roars like the sea,
And they ride on ^bhorses,
Marshaled like a man ^cfor the battle
Against you, O daughter of Babylon.

43 "The king of Babylon has heard the report about them,
And his hands hang limp;
^aDistress has gripped him,
Agony like a woman in childbirth.

44 "^aBehold, one will come up like a lion from the ¹thicket
of the Jordan to a ²perennially watered pasture; for in an instant
I shall make them run away from it, and whoever is ^bchosen
I shall appoint over it. For who is ^clike Me, and who
will summon Me *into court*? And who then is the shepherd
who can ^dstand before Me?"

45 Therefore hear the ^aplan of the LORD which He has
planned against Babylon, and His purposes which He has pur-
posed against the land of the Chaldeans: surely they will drag
them off, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely He will make
their ¹pasture desolate because of them.

46 At the ¹shout, "Babylon has been seized!" the ^aearth is
shaken, and an ^boutcry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER 51

THUS says the LORD:

"Behold, I am going to arouse against Babylon
And against the inhabitants of ¹Leb-kamai
²The spirit of a ^adestroyer.

2 "And I shall dispatch ¹foreigners to Babylon that they
may ^awinnow her
And may devastate her land;
For on every side they will be opposed to her
In the day of *her* calamity.

3 "¹Let not ²him who ³bends his bow ³bend *it*,
¹Nor let him rise up in his scale armor;
So do not spare her young men;
Devote all her army to destruction.

4 "And they will fall down ¹slain in the land of the
Chaldeans,
And ^apierced through in their streets."

5 For ^aneither Israel nor Judah has been ¹forsaken
By his God, the LORD of hosts,

39 ^aIs. 13:20

40 ^aJer. 49:18; Luke 17:28-30; 2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7

41 ^aJer. 50:3, 9; 51:27, 28; Is. 13:2-5

42 ^aIs. 13:17, 18; 47:6 ^bJer. 8:16; 47:3; Hab. 1:8 ^cJer. 50:9, 14; Joel 2:5

43 ^aJer. 30:6

44 ¹Lit., *pride* ²Or, *enduring habitation*
^aJer. 49:19-21 ^bNum. 16:5
^cIs. 46:9 ^dJer. 30:21; Job 41:10

45 ¹Or, *habitation*
^aJer. 51:10, 11; Is. 14:24

46 ¹Lit., *voice*
^aJer. 10:10; 49:21; Ezek. 26:18; 31:16 ^bJer. 46:12; 51:54; Is. 5:7; 15:5; Ezek. 27:28

¹Code name for Chaldea; or else, *the heart of those who rise up against Me* ²Or, *a destroying wind*
^aJer. 4:11, 12; 23:19; Hos. 13:15

²Some versions read, *winnowers*
^aJer. 15:7; Is. 41:16; Matt. 3:12

³M.T. reads: *Against him who . . .* ²i.e., the Chaldean defender ³Lit., *tread(s)* (in order to string)

⁴Or, *wounded*
^aJer. 13:15; 14:19

⁵Lit., *widowed*
^aJer. 33:24-26; Is. 54:7, 8

⁵ ²Lit., *From*
^bHos. 4:1, 2

⁶ ¹Or, *silenced; or, made*
lifeless ²Or, *penalty for*
iniquity
^aNum. 16:26

⁷ ^aJer. 25:15; Hab. 2:16;
Rev. 14:8 ^bRev. 18:3

⁸ ¹Or, *balsam resin*
^aIs. 13:6

⁹ ¹Lit., *is lifted*
^aJer. 46:16; 50:16; Is. 13:14
^bEzra 9:6

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *forth*
^aPs. 37:6; Mic. 7:9 ^bJer.
50:28; Is. 40:2

¹¹ ^aJer. 46:4, 9; Joel 3:9, 10

¹² ¹Or, *standard* ²Or,
watchmen
^aJer. 51:27; 50:2; Is. 13:2 ^bJer.
51:29; 4:28; 23:20

¹³ ¹Lit., *cut off* ²Lit., *being*
cut off
^aIs. 45:3 ^bIs. 57:17; Hab.
2:9-11

¹⁴ ¹Or, *mankind* ²Lit., *like*
the song of grape treaders
^aJer. 51:27; Nah. 3:15

¹⁵ ^aJer. 51:15, 19; 10:12-16
^bJer. 32:17; Ps. 146:5, 6; Acts
14:15; Rom. 1:20

¹⁶ ^aJob 37:2-6; Ps. 18:13
^bJer. 10:13; Ps. 135:7 ^cJon.
1:4

Although their land is ^bfull of guilt
²Before the Holy One of Israel.

- 6 Flee from the midst of Babylon,
And each of you save his life!
Do not be ^{1a}destroyed in her ²punishment,
For this is the LORD's time of vengeance;
He is going to render recompense to her.
- 7 Babylon has been a golden ^acup in the hand of the
LORD,
Intoxicating all the earth.
The ^bnations have drunk of her wine;
Therefore the nations are going mad.
- 8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken;
^aWail over her!
Bring ^{1b}balm for her pain;
Perhaps she may be healed.
- 9 We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not
healed;
Forsake her and ^alet us each go to his own country,
For her judgment has reached to ^bheaven
And ¹towers up to the very skies.
- 10 The LORD has ^abrought ¹about our vindication;
Come and let us ^brecount in Zion
The work of the LORD our God.
- 11 ^aSharpen the arrows, fill the quivers!
The LORD has aroused the spirit of the kings of the
Medes,
Because His purpose is against Babylon to destroy it;
For it is the vengeance of the LORD, vengeance for His
temple.
- 12 ^aLift up a ¹signal against the walls of Babylon;
Post a strong guard,
Station ²sentries,
Place men in ambush!
For the LORD has both ^bpurposed and performed
What He spoke concerning the inhabitants of
Babylon.
- 13 O you who dwell by many waters,
Abundant in ^atreasures,
Your end has come,
The ¹measure of your ^{2b}end.
- 14 The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself:
"Surely I will fill you with a ¹population like ^alocusts,
And they will cry out with ²shouts of victory over you."
- 15 *It is* ^aHe who made the earth by His power,
Who established the world by His wisdom,
And by His understanding He ^bstretched out the
heavens.
- 16 When He utters His ^avoice, *there is* a tumult of waters
in the heavens,
And He causes the ^bclouds to ascend from the end of
the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain,
And brings forth the ^cwind from His storehouses.

- 17 ^aAll mankind is stupid, devoid of knowledge,
Every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols;
For his molten images are ^bdeceitful,
And there is no breath in them.
- 18 They are worthless, a work of mockery;
In the time of their punishment they will perish.
- 19 The ^aportion of Jacob is not like these;
For the ¹Maker of all is He,
And of the ²tribe of His inheritance;
The LORD of hosts is His name.
- 20 He says, "You are My ^{1a}war-club, My weapon of war;
And with you I ^bshatter nations,
And with you I destroy kingdoms.
- 21 "And with you I ^ashatter the horse and his rider,
22 And with you I shatter the ^achariot and its rider,
And with you I shatter ^bman and woman,
And with you I shatter old man and ^cyouth,
And with you I shatter young man and virgin,
- 23 And with you I shatter the shepherd and his flock,
And with you I shatter the farmer and his team,
And with you I shatter governors and prefects."
- 24 "But I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of
Chaldea for all their evil that they have done in Zion before
your eyes," declares the LORD.
- 25 "Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain,
Who destroy the whole earth," declares the LORD,
"And I will stretch out My hand against you,
And roll you down from the crags
And I will make you a ^aburnt out mountain.
- 26 "And they will not take from you *even* a stone for a
corner
Nor a stone for foundations,
But you will be ^adesolate forever," declares the LORD.
- 27 ^aLift up a ¹signal in the land,
Blow a trumpet among the nations!
Consecrate the nations against her,
Summon against her the kingdoms of ^bArarat, Minni
and ^cAshkenaz;
Appoint a marshal against her,
Bring up the ^dhorses like bristly locusts.
- 28 Consecrate the nations against her,
The kings of the Medes,
¹Their governors and all ¹their ²prefects,
And every land of ³their dominion.
- 29 So the ^aland quakes and writhes,
For the purposes of the LORD against Babylon stand,
To make the land of Babylon
A ^{1b}desolation without inhabitants.
- 30 The ^amighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting,
They stay in the strongholds;
^bTheir strength is ¹exhausted,
They are becoming ^blike women;
Their dwelling places are set on fire,
The ^cbars of her *gates* are broken.
- 31 One ^{1a}courier runs to meet ¹another,

¹⁷ ^aJer. 10:14; Is. 44:18-20
^bHab. 2:18, 19

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *Fashioner* ²Or,
Sceptor; cf. Num. 24:17
^aJer. 10:16; Ps. 73:26

²⁰ ¹Lit., *shatterer*
^aJer. 50:23; Is. 41:15, 16 ^bIs.
6:9; 41:15, 16; Mic. 4:12, 13

²¹ ^aEx. 15:1

²² ^aEx. 15:4; Is. 43:17
^b2 Chr. 36:17 ^cIs. 13:15,
16, 18

²⁵ ^aRev. 8:8

²⁶ ^aJer. 51:29; Is. 50:13; Is.
13:19-22

²⁷ ¹Or, *standard*
^aJer. 51:12; 50:2; Is. 13:2-5;
18:3 ^bGen. 8:4; 2 Kin. 19:37;
Is. 37:38 ^cGen. 10:3 ^dJer.
50:42

²⁸ ¹Lit., *her* ²Lit.,
lieutenant governors ³Lit.,
his

²⁹ ¹Or, *object of horror*
^aJer. 8:16; 10:10; 50:46; Amos
8:8 ^bJer. 51:26, 43; Is. 13:19,
20; 47:11

³⁰ ¹Lit., *dried up*
^aJer. 50:15, 36, 37; Ps. 76:5
^bIs. 13:7, 8; Nah. 3:13 ^cIs.
45:1, 2; Lam. 2:9; Amos 1:5;
Nah. 3:13

³¹ ¹Lit., *runner*
^a2 Chr. 30:6

31 ²Lit., *announcer*
²Sam. 18:19-31

33 ¹Lit., *of treading it*
^aIs. 21:10; 41:15, 16 ^bHos.
 6:11; Joel 3:13

34 ^aIs. 24:1-3 ^bJer. 51:44;
 Job 20:15; Amos 8:4

35 ¹Lit., *inhabitriss*
^aPs. 137:8

36 ¹Or, *broad river*
^aPs. 140:12 ^bJer. 51:6, 11;
 Rom. 12:19

38 ^aJer. 2:15

39 ^aJer. 51:57; 25:27; 48:26
^bPs. 76:5

40 ¹Or, *young rams*
^aJer. 48:15; 50:27

41 ¹Code name for
 Babylon

42 ¹Or, *broad river*
^aJer. 51:55; Is. 8:7, 8; Dan.
 9:26

43 ^aJer. 2:6; Is. 13:20

44 ^aEzra 1:7, 8

- And one ^{2b}messenger to meet ^{2a}another,
 To tell the king of Babylon
 That his city has been captured from end *to end*;
32 The fords also have been seized,
 And they have burned the marshes with fire,
 And the men of war are terrified.
- 33** For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
 "The daughter of Babylon is like a ^athreshing floor
 At the time ¹it is stamped firm;
 Yet in a little while the time of ^bharvest will come for
 her.
- 34** "Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured me *and*
 crushed me,
 He has set me down *like* an ^aempty vessel;
 He has swallowed me ^blike a monster,
 He has filled his stomach with my delicacies;
 He has washed me away.
- 35** "May the ^aviolence *done* to me and to my flesh be upon
 Babylon,"
 The ¹inhabitant of Zion will say;
 And, "May my blood be upon the inhabitants of
 Chaldea,"
 Jerusalem will say.
- 36** Therefore thus says the LORD,
 "Behold, I am going to ^aplead your case
 And ^bexact full vengeance for you;
 And I shall dry up her ¹sea
 And make her fountain dry.
- 37** "And Babylon will become a heap *of ruins*, a haunt of
 jackals,
 An object of horror and hissing, without inhabitants.
- 38** "They will roar together like ^ayoung lions,
 They will growl like lions' cubs.
- 39** "When they become heated up, I shall serve *them* their
 banquet
 And ^amake them drunk, that they may become jubilant
 And may ^bsleep a perpetual sleep
 And not wake up," declares the LORD.
- 40** "I shall bring them down like ¹lambs ^ato the slaughter.
 Like rams together with male goats.
- 41** "How ¹Sheshak has been captured,
 And the praise of the whole earth been seized!
 How Babylon has become an object of horror among
 the nations!
- 42** "The ^{1a}sea has come up over Babylon;
 She has been engulfed with its tumultuous waves.
- 43** "Her cities have become an object of horror,
 A parched land and a desert,
 A land in which no man ^alives,
 And through which no son of man passes.
- 44** "And I shall punish Bel in Babylon,
 And I shall make what he has swallowed ^acome out of
 his mouth;

<p>And the nations will no longer ^bstream to him. Even the ^cwall of Babylon has fallen down!</p>	<p>44 ^bIs. 2:2 ^cJer. 51:58; 50:15</p>
<p>45 ^aCome forth from her midst, My people, And each of you ^bsave yourselves From the fierce anger of the LORD.</p>	<p>45 ^aJer. 51:6; 50:8, 28; Is. 48:20 ^bGen. 19:12-16; Acts 2:40</p>
<p>46 ^aNow ^alest your heart grow faint, And you be afraid at the ^breport that <i>will be</i> heard in the land— For the report will come ¹one year, And after that ²another report in ²another year, And violence <i>will be</i> in the land With ^cruler against ruler—</p>	<p>46 ¹Lit., <i>in the</i> ²Lit., <i>the</i> ^aJer. 46:27, 28; Is. 43:5 ^{b2} Kin. 19:7; Is. 13:3-5 ^cIs. 19:2</p>
<p>47 ^aTherefore behold, days are coming When I shall punish the ^aidols of Babylon; And her whole land will be ^bput to shame, And all her slain will fall in her midst.</p>	<p>47 ^aJer. 51:52; 50:2; Is. 21:9; 46:1, 2 ^bJer. 50:12, 35-37</p>
<p>48 ^aThen ^aheaven and earth and all that is in them Will shout for joy over Babylon, For the destroyers will come to her from the north," Declares the LORD.</p>	<p>48 ^aIs. 44:23; 48:20; 49:13</p>
<p>49 ^aIndeed Babylon is to fall <i>for</i> the slain of Israel, As also for Babylon the slain of all the earth have fallen.</p>	<p>49 ^aJer. 50:29; Ps. 137:8</p>
<p>50 You who have escaped the sword, Depart! Do not stay! ^aRemember the LORD from afar, And let Jerusalem ¹come to your mind.</p>	<p>50 ¹Lit., <i>come up on your heart</i> ^aDeut. 4:29-31; Ps. 137:6</p>
<p>51 We are ashamed because we have heard reproach; Disgrace has covered our faces, For ^aaliens have entered The holy places of the LORD's house.</p>	<p>51 ^aPs. 74:3-8; Lam. 1:10</p>
<p>52 ^aTherefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, ^aWhen I shall punish her idols, And the mortally wounded will groan throughout her land.</p>	<p>53 ¹Lit., <i>the height of her strength</i> ^aJer. 49:16; Job 20:6; Ps. 139:8-10; Is. 14:12, 13 ^bIs. 13:3</p>
<p>53 ^aThough Babylon should ^aascend to the heavens, And though she should fortify ¹her lofty stronghold, From ^bMe destroyers will come to her," declares the LORD.</p>	<p>55 ¹Or, <i>voice</i> ²Lit., <i>is given</i> ^aJer. 51:42; Ps. 18:4; 69:2; 124:2, 4, 5</p>
<p>54 The sound of an outcry from Babylon, And of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!</p>	<p>56 ^aJer. 51:48; Hab. 2:8 ^bPs. 46:9; 76:3 ^cJer. 51:6, 24; Ps. 94:1, 2</p>
<p>55 For the LORD is going to destroy Babylon, And He will make <i>her</i> loud ¹noise vanish from her. And their ^awaves will roar like many waters; The tumult of their voices ²sounds forth.</p>	<p>56 ^aJer. 51:48; Hab. 2:8 ^bPs. 46:9; 76:3 ^cJer. 51:6, 24; Ps. 94:1, 2</p>
<p>56 For the ^adestroyer is coming against her, against Babylon, And her mighty men will be captured, Their ^bbows are shattered; For the LORD is a God of ^crecompense, He will fully repay.</p>	<p>56 ^aJer. 51:48; Hab. 2:8 ^bPs. 46:9; 76:3 ^cJer. 51:6, 24; Ps. 94:1, 2</p>

57 ^aPs. 76:5, 6 ^bJer. 46:18; 48:15

58 ^aIs. 45:1, 2 ^bHab. 2:13
^cJer. 51:64; 9:5; Lam. 5:5

59 ¹Lit., word
^aJer. 32:12; 36:4; 45:1 ^bJer. 28:1; 52:1

60 ¹Or, book
^aJer. 30:2, 3; 36:2, 4, 32; Is. 30:6

62 ¹Lit., spoken ²Lit., from man even to beast
^aJer. 50:3, 13, 39, 40; Is. 13:19-22; 14:22, 23 ^bJer. 51:43; Ezek. 35:9

63 ¹Or, book
^aJer. 19:10, 11; Rev. 18:21

64 ^aNah. 1:8, 9 ^bJer. 51:58
^cJob 31:40; Ps. 72:20

1 ¹Another reading is:
Hamital
² Kin. 24:18-20; 2 Chr. 36:11-36 ^bJosh. 10:29; 2 Kin. 8:22; Is. 37:8

2 ^a1 Kin. 14:22 ^bJer. 36:30, 31

3 ^aIs. 3:1, 4, 5 ^b2 Chr. 36:13

4 ¹Lit., against it
^aJer. 39:1; 2 Kin. 25:1-7; Ezek. 24:1, 2 ^bJer. 32:24

6 ^aJer. 39:2 ^bJer. 38:9; 2 Kin. 25:3

7 ^aJer. 39:2 ^bJer. 39:4-7; 51:32

57 "And I shall make her princes and her wise men drunk, Her governors, her prefects, and her mighty men, That they may sleep a ^aperpetual sleep and not wake up,"

Declares the ^bKing, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

58 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
"The broad wall of Babylon will be completely razed, And her high ^agates will be set on fire; So the peoples will ^btoil for nothing, And the nations become ^cexhausted *only* for fire."

59 The ¹message which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of ^aNeriaah, the grandson of Mahseiah, when he went with ^bZedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. (Now Seraiah was quartermaster.)

60 So Jeremiah ^awrote in a single ¹scroll all the calamity which would come upon Babylon, *that is*, all these words which have been written concerning Babylon.

61 Then Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "As soon as you come to Babylon, then see that you read all these words aloud,

62 and say, 'Thou, O LORD, hast ¹promised concerning this place to ^acut it off, so that there will be ^bnothing dwelling in it, ²whether man or beast, but it will be a perpetual desolation.'

63 "And it will come about as soon as you finish reading this ¹scroll, you will tie a stone to it and ^athrow it into the middle of the Euphrates,

64 and say, 'Just so shall Babylon sink down and ^anot rise again, because of the calamity that I am going to bring upon her; and they will become ^bexhausted.'" ^cThus far are the words of Jeremiah.

CHAPTER 52

^a**ZEDEKIAH** was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ¹Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of ^bLibnah.

2 And he did ^aevil in the sight of the LORD like all that ^bJehoiakim had done.

3 For through the ^aanger of the LORD *this* came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And Zedekiah ^brebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 ^aNow it came about in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it, and built a ^bsiege wall all around ¹it.

5 So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

6 On the ninth day of the ^afourth month the ^bfamine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was ^abroken into, and all the ^bmen of war fled and went forth from the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls which was by the king's garden, though

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Treasures and People Taken to Babylon.**

the Chaldeans were ¹all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the ¹plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they captured the king and ^abrought him up to the king of Babylon at ^bRiblah in the land of ^cHamath; and he ¹passed sentence on him.

10 And the king of Babylon ^aslaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and he also slaughtered all the ¹princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 Then he ^ablinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.

12 ^aNow on the tenth day of the fifth month, which was the ^bnineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, ¹who was in the service of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

13 And he ^aburned the house of the LORD, the ^bking's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every large house he burned with fire.

14 So all the army of the Chaldeans who *were* with the captain of the guard ^abroke down all the walls around Jerusalem.

15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard ^acarried away into exile some of the poorest of the people, the rest of the people who were left in the city, the ^{1b}deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the artisans.

16 But ^aNebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and ¹plowmen.

17 Now the bronze ^apillars which belonged to the house of the LORD and the ^bstands and the bronze ^csea, which were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried all their bronze to Babylon.

18 And they also took away the ^apots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the ¹pans, and all the bronze vessels which were used in *temple* service.

19 The captain of the guard also took away the ^abowls, the firepans, the basins, the pots, the lampstands, the ¹pans and the libation bowls, what was fine gold and what was fine silver.

20 The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under ¹the sea, *and* the stands, which King Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—the bronze of all these vessels was ^abeyond weight.

21 As for the pillars, the ^aheight of each pillar was eighteen ¹cubits, and it ²was twelve cubits in ^acircumference and four fingers in thickness, *and* hollow.

22 Now a ^acapital of bronze was on it; and the height of each capital was five cubits, with network and ^bpomegranates upon the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these, including pomegranates.

23 And there were ninety-six ¹exposed pomegranates; all the pomegranates *numbered* a hundred on the network all around.

24 Then the captain of the guard took ^aSeraiah the chief

⁷ ¹Lit., *against the city on every side*

⁸ ¹Lit., *Arabah*
^aJer. 21:7; 32:4; 34:21; 37:17; 38:23

⁹ ¹Lit., *spoke judgments with*
^aJer. 39:5; 2 Kin. 25:6 ^bJer. 39:5; Num. 34:11 ^cNum. 13:21; Josh. 13:5

¹⁰ ¹Or, *commanders*
^aJer. 22:30; 39:6

¹¹ ^aJer. 39:7; Ezek. 12:13

¹² ¹Lit., *stood before the king*
^a2 Kin. 25:8-21 ^bJer. 52:29; 2 Kin. 24:12; 25:8

¹³ ^a2 Chr. 36:19; Ps. 74:6-8; 79:1; Is. 64:10, 11; Lam. 2:7; Mic. 3:12 ^bJer. 39:8

¹⁴ ^a2 Kin. 25:10; Neh. 1:3

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *fallers who had fallen*
^a2 Kin. 25:11 ^bJer. 39:9

¹⁶ ¹Or, *unpaid laborers*
^aJer. 39:10; 40:2-6; 2 Kin. 25:12

¹⁷ ^aJer. 52:21-23; 27:19-22; 1 Kin. 7:15-22 ^b1 Lam. 7:27-36 ^c1 Kin. 7:23-26

¹⁸ ¹Or, *spoons for incense*
^a1 Kin. 7:40, 45

¹⁹ ¹Or, *spoons for incense*
^a1 Kin. 7:49, 50

²⁰ ¹So Gk. and Syriac; Heb. *omits the sea*
^a1 Kin. 7:47

²¹ ¹A cubit equals approx. 18 inches. ²Lit., *a line of 12 cubits would encircle it*
^a1 Kin. 7:15

²² ^a1 Kin. 7:16 ^b1 Kin. 7:20, 42

²³ ¹Lit., *windward*

²⁴ ^a2 Kin. 25:18; 1 Chr. 6:14; Ezra 7:1

²⁴ ¹Lit. *keepers of the door*
bJer. 35:4; 1 Chr. 9:19; Ps.
84:10

²⁵ ¹Lit. *men of those*
seeing the king's face
^aEsth. 1:14; Matt. 18:10

²⁶ ²Kin. 25:20, 21

²⁷ ^aEzek. 8:11-18 bJer.
13:19; 20:4; 25:9-11; 39:9; Is.
6:11, 12; 27:10; 32:13, 14;
Ezek. 33:28; Mic. 4:10

²⁸ ¹Or possibly,
seventeenth
^{a2} Kin. 24:2, 3, 12-16; 2 Chr.
36:20; Ezra 2:1; Neh. 7:6;
Dan. 1:1-3

³¹ ¹Or, *Awil-Marduk*
(*"Man of Marduk"*) ²Lit.,
lifted up the head of
^{a2} Kin. 25:27-30 bGen. 40:13,
20; Ps. 3:3; 27:6

³³ ¹Lit., *he* ²Lit., *ate* ³Lit.,
his presence
^aGen. 41:14, 42 b2 Sam. 9:7,
13; 1 Kin. 2:7

³⁴ ²Sam. 9:10

priest and Zephaniah the second priest, with the three ^{1b}officers of the temple.

25 He also took from the city one official who was overseer of the men of war, and seven ^{1a}of the king's advisors who were found in the city; and the scribe of the commander of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and ^abrought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

27 Then the king of Babylon ^astruck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was ^bled away into exile from its land.

28 These are the people whom ^aNebuchadnezzar carried away into exile: in the ¹seventh year 3,023 Jews;

29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar 832 persons from Jerusalem;

30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile 745 Jewish people; there were 4,600 persons in all.

31 ^aNow it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, that ¹Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the *first* year of his reign, ^{2b}showed favor to Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison.

32 Then he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the thrones of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

33 So ¹Jehoiachin ^achanged his prison clothes, and ^{2b}had his meals in ³the king's presence regularly all the days of his life.

34 And for his allowance, a ^aregular allowance was given him by the king of Babylon, a daily portion all the days of his life until the day of his death.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH

Sorrows of Zion.

How lonely sits the city

That was ^afull of people!

She has become like a ^bwidow

Who was once ^cgreat among the nations!

She who was a princess among the ¹provinces

Has become a ^dforced laborer!

2 She ^aweeps bitterly in the night,

And her tears are on her cheeks;

She has none to comfort her

Among all her ^blovers.

All her friends have ^cdealt treacherously with her;

They have become her enemies.

3 Judah has gone into exile ¹under affliction,

¹ ¹Or, *districts*
^aIs. 22:2 bIs. 54:4 c1 Kin.
4:21; Ezra 4:20; Jer. 31:7
^{a2} Kin. 23:35; Jer. 40:9

² ^aLam. 1:16; Ps. 6:6; 77:2
^bJer. 2:25; 3:1; 22:20-22
^cJob 19:13, 14; Ps. 31:11;
Mic. 7:5

³ ¹Or, *by reason of*

- And ¹under ²harsh servitude;
 She dwells ³among the nations,
 But she has found no rest;
 All ⁴her pursuers have overtaken her
 In the midst of ⁵distress.
- 4 The roads ¹of Zion are in mourning
 Because ²no one comes to the appointed feasts.
 All her gates are ³desolate;
 Her priests are groaning,
 Her virgins are afflicted,
 And she herself ⁴is bitter.
- 5 Her adversaries have become ¹her masters,
 Her enemies ²prosper;
 For the LORD has ³caused her grief
 Because of the multitude of her transgressions;
 Her little ones have gone away
 As captives before the adversary.
- 6 And all her ¹majesty
 Has departed from the daughter of Zion;
 Her princes have become like bucks
 That have found no pasture;
 And they have ²fled without strength
 Before the pursuer.
- 7 In the days of her affliction and homelessness
 Jerusalem remembers all her precious things
 That were from the days of old
 When her people fell into the hand of the adversary,
 And ¹no one helped her.
 The adversaries saw her,
 They ²mocked at her ³ruin.
- 8 Jerusalem sinned ¹greatly,
 Therefore she has become an unclean thing;
 All who honored her despise her
 Because they have seen her nakedness;
 Even she herself groans and turns away.
- 9 Her ¹uncleanness was in her skirts;
 She ²did not consider her future;
 Therefore she has ³fallen astonishingly;
 She has no comforter.
 "See, O LORD, my affliction,
 For the enemy has ⁴magnified himself!"
- 10 The adversary has stretched out his hand
 Over all her precious things,
 For she has seen the ¹nations enter her sanctuary,
 The ones whom Thou commanded
 That they should not enter into Thy congregation.
- 11 All her people groan ¹seeking bread;
 They have given their precious things for food
 To ²restore their ³lives themselves.
 "See, O LORD, and look,
 For I am ⁴despised."
- 12 "Is ¹it nothing to all you who pass this way?
 Look and see if there is any ²pain like my ³pain
 Which was severely dealt out to me,
 Which the LORD inflicted on the day of His ⁴befree
 anger.

³ ¹Or, by reason of
²Lit., great ³Or, narrow
 places
⁴Lev. 26:39; Deut. 28:64-67
⁵2 Kin. 25:4, 5

⁴ ¹Or, to ²Or, suffers
 bitterly
³Lam. 2:6, 7; Is. 24:4-6 ⁴Jer.
 9:11; 10:22

⁵ ¹Lit., head ²Or, are at
 ease
³Ps. 90:7, 8; Ezek. 8:17, 18;
 9:9, 10

⁶ ¹Lit., gone
²Ps. 132:13; Jer. 13:18
³2 Kin. 25:4, 5

⁷ ¹Lit., cessation
²Lam. 4:17; Jer. 37:7 ³Ps.
 79:4; Jer. 48:27

⁸ ¹Lam. 1:5, 20; Is. 59:2-13

⁹ ¹Lit., did not remember
 her latter end ²Lit., come
 down
³Jer. 2:34; Ezek. 24:13 ⁴Is.
 3:8; Jer. 13:17, 18 ⁵Eccles.
 4:1; Jer. 16:7 ⁶Ps. 74:23;
 Zeph. 2:10

¹⁰ ¹Ps. 74:4-8; Is. 64:10, 11;
 Jer. 51:51

¹¹ ¹Lit., soul
²Jer. 38:9; 52:6 ³1 Sam. 30:12
⁴Jer. 15:19

¹² ¹Or, sorrow
²Jer. 18:16; 48:27 ³Is. 13:13;
 Jer. 4:8

13 ¹Or, *descended, overthrew* ²Or, *sick*
^aJob 30:30; Ps. 22:14; Hab. 3:16 ^bJob 19:6; Ps. 66:11 ^cJer. 44:6

14 ¹Lit., *stumble*
^aProv. 5:22; Is. 47:6 ^bJer. 28:13, 14 ^cJer. 32:3, 5; Ezek. 25:4, 7

15 ¹Or, *feast*
^aIs. 41:2; Jer. 13:24; 37:10
^bJer. 6:11; 18:21

16 ¹Lit., *my eye, my eye*
^aLam. 1:2; Ps. 69:20; Eccles. 4:1

17 ^aIs. 1:15; Jer. 4:31 ^{b2} Kin. 24:2-4; Jer. 12:9

18 ¹Lit., *mouth* ²Or, *sorrow*
^aPs. 119:75; Jer. 12:1 ^{b1} Sam. 12:14, 15; Jer. 4:17

19 ¹Lit., *their soul*
^aLam. 1:2; Job 19:13-19
^bLam. 2:20; Jer. 14:15

20 ¹Lit., *inward parts are in ferment* ²Lit., *bereaves*
^aLam. 2:11; Is. 16:11

21 ¹Lit., *evil*
^aLam. 2:15; Ps. 35:15; Jer. 50:11 ^bIs. 14:5, 6; 47:6, 11; Jer. 30:16

22 ^aNeh. 4:4, 5; Ps. 137:7, 8

- 13 "From on high He sent fire into my ^abones,
 And it ¹prevailed *over them*;
 He has spread a ^bnet for my feet;
 He has turned me back;
 He has made me ^cdesolate,
²Faint all day long.
- 14 "The ^ayoke of my transgressions is bound;
 By His hand they are knit together;
 They have ^bcome upon my neck;
 He has made my strength ¹fail;
 The Lord ^chas given me into the hands
 Of *those against whom* I am not able to stand.
- 15 "The ^aLord has rejected all my strong men
 In my midst;
 He has called an appointed ¹time against me
 To crush my ^byoung men;
 The Lord has trodden *as in a winepress*
 The virgin daughter of Judah.
- 16 "For these things I weep;
¹My eyes run down with water;
 Because far from me is a ^acomforter
 One who restores my soul;
 My children are desolate
 Because the enemy has prevailed."
- 17 Zion ^astretches out her hands;
 There is no one to comfort her;
 The LORD has ^bcommanded concerning Jacob
 That the ones round about him should be his
 adversaries;
 Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.
- 18 "The LORD is ^arighteous;
 For I have ^brebelled against His ¹command;
 Hear now, all peoples,
 And behold my ²pain;
 My virgins and my young men
 Have gone into captivity.
- 19 "I ^acalled to my lovers, *but* they deceived me;
 My ^bpriests and my elders perished in the city,
 While they sought food to restore ¹their strength
 themselves.
- 20 "See, O LORD, for I am in distress;
 My ^{1a}spirit is greatly troubled;
 My heart is overturned within me,
 For I have been very rebellious.
 In the street the sword ²slays;
 In the house it is like death.
- 21 "They have heard that I groan;
 There is no one to comfort me;
 All my enemies have heard of my ¹calamity;
 They are ^aglad that Thou hast done *it*.
 O that Thou wouldst bring the day which Thou hast
 proclaimed,
 That they may become ^blike me.
- 22 "Let all their wickedness come before Thee;
 And ^adeal with them as Thou hast dealt with me

For all my transgressions;
For my groans are many, and my heart is faint.”

CHAPTER 2

HOW the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion
With a cloud in His anger!
He has ^acast from heaven to earth
The ^bglory of Israel,
And has not remembered His ^cfootstool
In the day of His anger.

2 The Lord has ^aswallowed up; He has not spared
All the habitations of Jacob.
In His wrath He has thrown down
The strongholds of the daughter of Judah;
He has ^bbrought *them* down to the ground;
He has ^cprofaned the kingdom and its princes.

3 In fierce anger he has cut off
¹All the ^astrength of Israel;
He has ^bdrawn back His right hand
From before the enemy.
And He has ^cburned in Jacob like a flaming fire
Consuming round about.

4 He has bent His ^abow like an enemy,
He has set His right hand like an adversary
And slain all that were ^bpleasant to the eye;
In the tent of the daughter of Zion
He has ^cpoured out His wrath like fire.

5 The Lord has become like an ^aenemy.
He has swallowed up Israel;
He has swallowed up all its ^bpalaces;
He has destroyed its strongholds
And multiplied in the daughter of Judah
Mourning and moaning.

6 And He has violently treated His ¹tabernacle like a
garden booth;
He has ^adestroyed His appointed ²meeting place;
The LORD has ^bcaused to be forgotten
The appointed feast and sabbath in Zion,
And He has despised king and priest
In the indignation of His anger.

7 The Lord has ^arejected His altar,
He has abandoned His sanctuary;
He ^bhas delivered into the hand of the enemy
The walls of her palaces.
They have made a ^cnoise in the house of the LORD
As in the day of an appointed feast.

8 The LORD ¹determined to destroy
The wall of the daughter of Zion.
He has ^astretched out a line,
He has not restrained His hand from ²destroying;
And He has caused rampart and wall to lament;
They have languished together.

9 Her ^agates have sunk into the ground,
He has destroyed and broken her bars.
Her king and her princes are among the nations;

¹ Is. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:14-16
^b Is. 64:11 ^c Ps. 99:5; 132:7

² Lam. 3:43; Ps. 21:9 ^b Is. 25:12; 26:5 ^c Ps. 89:39, 40; Is. 43:28

³ ¹ Lit., *every horn*
^a Ps. 75:5, 10; Jer. 48:25 ^b Ps. 74:11; Jer. 21:4, 5 ^c Is. 42:25; Jer. 21:14

⁴ Lam. 3:12, 13; Job 6:4; 16:13 ^b Ezek. 24:25 ^c Is. 42:25; Jer. 7:20

⁵ Jer. 30:14 ^b Lam. 2:2; Jer. 52:13

⁶ ¹ Lit., *booth* ² Or, *feast*
^a Jer. 52:13 ^b Lam. 1:4; Jer. 17:27; Zeph. 3:18

⁷ Ps. 78:59-61; Is. 64:11; Ezek. 7:20-22 ^b Jer. 33:4, 5; 52:13 ^c Ps. 74:3-8

⁸ ¹ Lit., *thought* ² Lit., *swallowing up*
^a 2 Kin. 21:13; Is. 34:11; Amos 7:7-9

⁹ Neh. 1:3

⁹ Jer. 14:14; 23:16; Ezek. 7:26

¹⁰ Job 2:13; Is. 3:26; 47:1
^bAmos 8:3 ^cJob 2:12; Ezek. 27:30 ^dIs. 15:3; Jon. 3:6-8

¹¹ ¹Lit., *inward parts are in ferment* ²Lit., *liver* ³Lit., *breaking*
^aJer. 4:19 ^bJob 16:13 ^cLam. 2:19; Jer. 44:7

¹² Jer. 1:11; 5:17 ^bJob 30:16; Ps. 42:4; 62:8

¹³ ¹Lit., *breaking*
^aLam. 1:12 ^bJer. 8:22; 30:12-15

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *burdens*
^aJer. 23:25-29; 29:8, 9 ^bIs. 58:1; Mic. 3:8; Ezek. 23:36
^cJer. 23:36; Ezek. 22:25, 28

¹⁵ Job 27:23; Ezek. 25:6
^bPs. 22:7; Is. 37:22; Jer. 18:16
^cPs. 50:2 ^dPs. 48:2

¹⁶ Lam. 3:46; Job 16:10; Ps. 22:13 ^bPs. 56:2; 124:3; Jer. 51:34 ^cObad. 12-15

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *horn*
^aPs. 35:24, 26; 89:42; Is. 14:29
^bLam. 1:5; Deut. 28:43, 44

¹⁸ Ps. 119:145; Hos. 7:14
^bLam. 2:8; Hab. 2:11

The law is no more;
Also, her prophets find
^bNo vision from the LORD.

- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion
^aSit on the ground, they ^bare silent.
They have thrown ^cdust on their heads;
They have girded themselves with ^dsackcloth.
The virgins of Jerusalem
Have bowed their heads to the ground.
- 11 My eyes fail because of tears,
My ^{1a}spirit is greatly troubled;
My ^{2b}heart is poured out on the earth,
Because of the ³destruction of the daughter of my
people,
When ^clittle ones and infants faint
In the streets of the city.
- 12 They say to their mothers,
“^aWhere is grain and wine?”
As they faint like a wounded man
In the streets of the city,
As their ^blife is poured out
On their mothers' bosom.
- 13 How shall I admonish you?
To what ^ashall I compare you,
O daughter of Jerusalem?
To what shall I liken you as I comfort you,
O virgin daughter of Zion?
For your ¹ruin is as vast as the sea;
Who can ^bheal you?
- 14 Your ^aprophets have seen for you
False and foolish visions;
And they have not ^bexposed your iniquity
So as to restore you from captivity,
But they have ^cseen for you false and misleading
¹oracles.
- 15 All who pass along the way
^aClap their hands *in derision* at you;
They hiss and ^bshake their heads
At the daughter of Jerusalem:
“Is this the city of which they said,
“^cThe perfection of beauty,
^dA joy to all the earth?””
- 16 All ^ayour enemies
Have opened their mouths wide against you;
They hiss and gnash *their* teeth.
They say, “We have ^bswallowed *her* up!
Surely this is the ^cday for which we waited;
We have reached *it*, we have seen *it*.”
- 17 The LORD has done what He purposed;
He has accomplished His word
Which He commanded from days of old.
He has thrown down without sparing,
And He has caused the enemy to ^arejoice over you;
He has ^bexalted the ¹might of your adversaries.
- 18 Their ^aheart cried out to the Lord,
“O ^bwall of the daughter of Zion,

- Let *your* tears run down like a river day and night;
 Give yourself no relief;
 Let your ¹eyes have no rest.
- 19 "Arise, cry aloud in the ²night
 At the beginning of the night watches;
 Pour ^bout your heart like water
 Before the presence of the Lord;
 Lift up your hands to Him
 For the life of your little ones
 Who are ^cfaint because of hunger
 At the head of every street."
- 20 See, O LORD, and look!
 With ^awhom hast Thou dealt thus?
 Should women eat their ¹offspring,
 The little ones who were ²born healthy?
 Should ^bpriest and prophet be slain
 In the sanctuary of the Lord?
- 21 On the ground in the streets
 Lie ^ayoung and old,
 My virgins and my young men
 Have fallen by the sword.
 Thou hast slain *them* in the day of Thine anger,
 Thou hast slaughtered, not sparing.
- 22 Thou didst call as in the day of an appointed feast
 My ^aterrors on every side;
 And there was ^bno one who escaped or survived
 In the day of the LORD's anger,
 Those ^cwhom I ¹bore and reared,
 My enemy annihilated them.

CHAPTER 3

- I AM the man who has seen affliction
 Because of the rod of His wrath.
- 2 He has driven me and made me walk
 In ^adarkness and not in light.
- 3 Surely against me He has ^aturned His hand
 Repeatedly all the day.
- 4 He has caused my ^aflesh and my skin to waste away,
 He has broken my bones.
- 5 He has ^abesieged and encompassed me with ^bbitterness
 and hardship.
- 6 In ^adark places He has made me dwell,
 Like those who have long been dead.
- 7 He has ^awalled *me* in so that I cannot go out;
 He has made my ¹chain heavy.
- 8 Even when I cry out and call for help,
 He ^ashuts out my prayer.
- 9 He has ^ablocked my ways with hewn stone;
 He has made my paths crooked.
- 10 He is to me like a bear lying in wait,
Like a lion in secret places.
- 11 He has turned aside my ways and ^atorn me to pieces;
 He has made me desolate.
- 12 He bent His bow
 And set me as a target for the arrow.

18 ¹Lit., *the daughter of your eye*

19 ^aPs. 42:3; Is. 26:9 ^{b1}Sam. 1:15; Ps. 42:4; 62:8 ^cIs. 51:20

20 ¹Lit., *fruit* ²Or, *tenderly cared for*
^aEx. 32:11; Deut. 9:26 ^bPs. 78:64; Jer. 14:15; 23:11, 12

21 ^aJer. 6:11

22 ¹Lit., *bore healthy or, tenderly cared for*
^aPs. 31:13; Is. 24:17, 18; Jer. 6:25 ^bJer. 11:11 ^cJer. 16:2-4; 44:7

2 ^aJob 30:26; Is. 59:9; Jer. 4:23

3 ^aPs. 38:2; Is. 5:25

4 ^aPs. 31:9, 10; 38:2-8; 102:3-5

5 ^aJob 19:8 ^bLam. 3:19; Ps. 69:21; Jer. 23:15

6 ^aPs. 88:5, 6; 143:3

7 ¹Lit., *bronze piece*
^aJob 3:23; 19:8 ^bJer. 40:4

8 ^aJob 30:20; Ps. 22:2

9 ^aIs. 63:17

11 ^aJob 16:12, 13; Jer. 15:3

13 ¹Lit., sons ²Lit., kidneys
^aJer. 5:16

14 ^aPs. 22:6, 7; 123:3, 4; Jer.
 20:7 ^bLam. 3:63; Job 30:9

16 ^aPs. 3:7; 58:6 ^bProv.
 20:17 ^cJer. 6:26

17 ¹Lit., good
^aIs. 59:11; Jer. 12:12

18 ^aJob 17:15; Ezek. 37:11

19 ¹Or, bitterness
^aLam. 3:5, 15; Jer. 9:15

20 ^aPs. 42:5, 6, 11; 43:5;
 44:25

21 ^aPs. 130:7

22 ¹Or, that we are not
 consumed
^aPs. 78:38; Jer. 3:12; 30:11
^bMal. 3:6

23 ^aZeph. 3:5

24 ^aPs. 16:5; 73:26 ^bPs.
 23:18

25 ¹Lit., soul
^aPs. 27:14; Is. 25:9 ^bIs. 26:9

29 ¹Lit., give
^aJob 16:15; 40:4 ^bJer. 31:17

30 ¹Lit., his
^aJob 16:10; Is. 50:6

31 ^aPs. 77:7, 10; 54:7-10

32 ^aPs. 78:38; 106:43-45;
 Hos. 11:8

33 ¹Lit., from His heart

34 ¹Or, earth

35 ¹Or, turn aside a man's
 case
^aPs. 140:12; Prov. 17:15

36 ¹Lit., make crooked
²Lit., see
^aJer. 22:3; Hab. 1:13

37 ¹Lit., this

38 ¹Lit., the evil things and
 the good
^aJob 2:10; Is. 45:7; Jer. 32:42

39 ¹Or, human being ²Or,
 on the basis of
^aJer. 30:15; Mic. 7:9; Heb.
 12:5, 6

13 He made the ¹arrows of His ^aquiver
 To enter into my ²inward parts.

14 I have become a ^alaughingstock to all my people,
 Their *mocking* ^bsong all the day.

15 He has filled me with bitterness,
 He has made me drunk with wormwood.

16 And He has ^abroken my teeth with ^bgravel;
 He has made me cower in the ^cdust.

17 And my soul has been rejected ^afrom peace;
 I have forgotten ¹happiness.

18 So I say, "My strength has perished,
 And *so has my* ^ahope from the LORD."

19 Remember my affliction and my ¹wandering, the ^aworm-
 wood and bitterness.

20 Surely my soul remembers
 And is ^abowed down within me.

21 This I recall to my mind,
 Therefore I have ^ahope.

22 The LORD's ^alovingkindnesses ¹indeed never cease,
^bFor His compassions never fail.

23 *They* are new ^aevery morning;
 Great is Thy faithfulness.

24 "The LORD is my ^aportion," says my soul,
 "Therefore I ^bhave hope in Him."

25 The LORD is good to those who ^await for Him,
 To the ¹person who ^bseeks Him.

26 *It is good* that he waits silently
 For the salvation of the LORD.

27 *It is good* for a man that he should bear
 The yoke in his youth.

28 Let him sit alone and be silent
 Since He has laid *it* on him.

29 Let him ¹put his mouth in the ^adust,
 Perhaps there is ^bhope.

30 Let him give his ^acheck to ¹the smiter;
 Let him be filled with reproach.

31 For the Lord will ^anot reject forever,
 32 For if He causes grief,

Then He will have ^acompassion
 According to His abundant lovingkindness.

33 For He does not afflict ¹willingly,
 Or grieve the sons of men.

34 To crush under His feet
 All the prisoners of the ¹land,

35 To ¹deprive a man of ^ajustice
 In the presence of the Most High,

36 To ^{1a}defraud a man in his lawsuit—
 Of these things the Lord does not ²approve.

37 Who is ¹there who speaks and it comes to pass,
 Unless the Lord has commanded *it*?

38 *Is it not* from the mouth of the Most High
 That ¹both good and ill ^ago forth?

39 Why should *any* living ¹mortal, or *any* man,
 Offer ^acomplaint ²in view of his sins?

<p>40 Let us ^aexamine and probe our ways, And let us return to the LORD.</p> <p>41 We ^alift up our heart ¹and hands Toward God in heaven:</p> <p>42 We have ^atransgressed and rebelled; Thou hast not pardoned.</p> <p>43 Thou hast covered <i>Thyself</i> with anger And pursued us; Thou hast slain <i>and</i> hast not spared.</p> <p>44 Thou hast covered Thyself with a cloud So that ^ano prayer can pass through.</p> <p>45 <i>Mere</i> offscouring and refuse Thou hast made us In the midst of the peoples.</p> <p>46 All our enemies have ^aopened their mouth against us.</p> <p>47 ^aPanic and pitfall have befallen us, Devastation and destruction;</p> <p>48 My eyes run down with streams of water Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.</p> <p>49 My eyes pour down ^aunceasingly, Without stopping,</p> <p>50 Until the LORD ^alooks down And sees from heaven.</p> <p>51 My ¹eyes bring pain to my soul Because of all the daughters of my city.</p> <p>52 My enemies ^awithout cause Hunted me down ^blike a bird;</p> <p>53 They have silenced ¹me in the pit And have ²placed a stone on me.</p> <p>54 Waters flowed ^aover my head; I said, "I am cut off!"</p> <p>55 I called on Thy name, O LORD, Out of the lowest pit.</p> <p>56 Thou hast ^aheard my voice, "Do not ^bhide Thine ear from my <i>prayer for relief</i>, From my cry for help."</p> <p>57 Thou didst ^adraw near when I called on Thee; Thou didst say, "Do not ^bfear!"</p> <p>58 O Lord, Thou didst ^aplead my soul's cause; Thou hast ^bredeemed my life.</p> <p>59 O LORD, Thou hast ^aseen my oppression; ^bJudge my case.</p> <p>60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance, All their schemes against me.</p> <p>61 Thou hast heard their ^areproach, O LORD, All their schemes against me.</p> <p>62 The ^alips of my assailants and their whispering <i>Are</i> against me all day long.</p> <p>63 Look on their sitting and their rising; ^aI am their mocking song.</p> <p>64 Thou wilt ^arecompense them, O LORD, According to the work of their hands.</p> <p>65 Thou wilt give them ^ahardness of heart, Thy curse will be on them.</p> <p>66 Thou wilt pursue them in anger and destroy them From under the heavens of the LORD!</p>	<p>40 ^aPs. 119:59; 139:23, 24; 2 Cor. 13:5</p> <p>41 ¹Lit., <i>to</i> ^aPs. 25:1; 28:2; 141:2</p> <p>42 ^aNeh. 9:26; Jer. 14:20; Dan. 9:5</p> <p>44 ^aLam. 3:8; Zech. 7:13</p> <p>46 ^aLam. 2:16; Job 30:9, 10; Ps. 22:6-8</p> <p>47 ^aIs. 24:17, 18; Jer. 48:43, 44</p> <p>49 ^aPs. 77:2; Jer. 14:17</p> <p>50 ^aLam. 5:1; Ps. 80:14; Is. 63:15</p> <p>51 ¹Lit., <i>eye</i></p> <p>52 ^aPs. 35:7, 19 ^b1 Sam. 26:20; Ps. 11:1; 124:7</p> <p>53 ¹Lit., <i>my life</i> ²Or, <i>cast stones</i></p> <p>54 ^aPs. 69:2; Jon. 2:3-5</p> <p>56 ^aJob 34:28; Ps. 116:12 ^bPs. 55:1</p> <p>57 ^aPs. 145:18 ^bIs. 41:10, 14</p> <p>58 ^aJer. 50:34 ^bPs. 34:22</p> <p>59 ^aJer. 18:19, 20 ^bPs. 26:1; 43:1</p> <p>61 ^aLam. 5:1; Ps. 74:18; 89:50; Zeph. 2:8</p> <p>62 ^aPs. 59:7, 12; 140:3; Ezek. 36:3</p> <p>63 ^aLam. 3:14; Job 30:9</p> <p>64 ^aPs. 28:4; Jer. 51:6, 24, 56</p> <p>65 ¹Or, <i>insolence</i> ^aEx. 14:8; Deut. 2:30; Is. 6:10</p>
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CHAPTER 4

- How ^adark the gold has become,
 How the pure gold has changed!
 The sacred stones are poured out
 At the ¹corner of every street.
- 2 The precious sons of Zion,
 Weighed against fine gold,
 How they are regarded as ^aearthen jars,
 The work of a potter's hands!
- 3 Even ^ajackals offer the breast,
 They nurse their young;
But the daughter of my people has become ^bcruel
 Like ostriches in the wilderness.
- 4 The tongue of the infant cleaves
 To the roof of its mouth because of ^athirst;
 The little ones ask for bread;
But no one breaks it for them.
- 5 Those who ate delicacies
 Are desolate in the streets;
 Those ¹reared in purple
 Embrace ash pits.
- 6 For the ¹iniquity of the daughter of my people
 Is greater than the ²sin of Sodom,
 Which was ^aoverthrown as in a moment,
 And no hands were ³turned toward her.
- 7 Her ¹consecrated ones were ^apurer than snow,
 They were whiter than milk;
 They were more ruddy *in* ²body than corals,
 Their polishing was like ³lapis lazuli.
- 8 Their appearance is ^ablacker than soot,
 They are not recognized in the streets;
 Their skin is shriveled on their bones,
 It is withered, it has become like wood.
- 9 Better are those ¹slain with the sword
 Than those ¹slain with hunger;
 For they ²apine away, being stricken
 For lack of the fruits of ³the field.
- 10 The hands of compassionate women
^aBoiled their own children;
 They became ^bfood for them
 Because of the destruction of the daughter of my
 people.
- 11 The LORD has accomplished His wrath,
 He has poured out His fierce anger;
 And He has kindled a fire in Zion
 Which has consumed its foundations.
- 12 The kings of the earth did not believe,
 Nor *did* any of the inhabitants of the world,
 That the adversary and the enemy
 Could ^aenter the gates of Jerusalem.
- 13 Because of the sins of her prophets
And the iniquities of her priests,
 Who have shed in her midst
 The ^ablood of the righteous,
- 14 They wandered, ^ablind, in the streets;

¹ *Lit., head*
² *Kin. 25:9, 10; Ezek. 7:19-22*

² *Is. 30:14; Jer. 19:1, 11*

³ *Is. 13:22; 34:13* ^b*Is. 49:15; Ezek. 5:10*

⁴ *Jer. 14:3*

⁵ *Lit., established in crimson*

⁶ *Or, punishment for iniquity* ²*Or, punishment for sin* ³*Or, wrung over her*
^a*Gen. 19:25; Jer. 20:16*

⁷ *Or, Nazirites* ²*Lit., bones* ³*Heb., sappir*
^a*Ps. 51:7*

⁸ *Lam. 5:10, 14; Job 30:30*

⁹ *Lit., pierced* ²*Lit., flow away* ³*Lit., my fields*
^a*Lev. 26:39; Ezek. 24:23*

¹⁰ *Lam. 2:20; 2 Kin. 6:29; Jer. 19:9* ^b*Deut. 28:53-55*

¹² *Jer. 21:13*

¹³ *Jer. 2:30; 26:8, 9*

¹⁴ *Deut. 28:28, 29; Is. 29:10; 56:10; 59:9, 10*

Miseries of the Captivity.
Prayer for Mercy.

- They were defiled with blood
So that no one could touch their garments.
- 15 "Depart! ^aUnclean!" ¹they cried of themselves.
"Depart, depart, do not touch!"
So they fled and wandered;
Men among the nations said,
"They shall not continue to dwell *with us*."
16 The presence of the LORD has scattered them;
He will not continue to regard them.
They did not ^{1a}honor the priests,
They did not favor the elders.
- 17 Yet our eyes failed;
Looking for ¹help was ^auseless.
In our watching we have watched
For a ^bnation that could not save.
- 18 They ^ahunted our steps
So that we could not walk in our streets;
Our ^bend drew near,
Our days were ¹finished
For our end had come.
- 19 Our pursuers were ^aswifter
Than the eagles of the sky.
They chased us on the mountains;
They waited in ambush for us in the ^bwilderness.
- 20 The breath of our nostrils, the LORD's anointed,
Was ^acaptured in their pits,
Of whom we had said, "Under his ^bshadow
We shall live among the nations."
21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom,
Who dwells in the land of Uz;
But the cup will come around to you as well,
You will become drunk and make yourself naked.
- 22 *The punishment* of your iniquity has been ^acompleted,
O daughter of Zion;
He ^bwill exile you no longer.
But He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom;
He will expose your sins!

CHAPTER 5

- REMEMBER, O LORD, what has befallen us;
Look, and see our ^areproach!
- 2 Our inheritance has been turned over to ^astrangers,
Our houses to aliens.
- 3 We have become orphans ^awithout a father,
Our mothers are like widows.
- 4 ¹We have to pay for our drinking ^awater,
Our wood comes to us at a price.
- 5 ¹Our pursuers are at our necks;
We are worn out, there is ^ano rest for us.
- 6 We have ¹submitted to Egypt *and* Assyria ²to get
enough bread.
- 7 Our ^afathers sinned, *and* are no more;
It is we who have borne their iniquities.
- 8 ^aSlaves rule over us;
There is ^bno one to deliver us from their hand.

Lamentations 4, 5

¹⁵ ¹Or, *they* (men) *cried to them*
²Lev. 13:45, 46

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *lift up the faces of*
²Is. 9:14-16; Jer. 52:24-27

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *our help*
²Lam. 1:7; Jer. 37:7 ^bEzek. 29:6, 7, 16

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *full*
²Jer. 16:16 ^bJer. 5:31; Ezek. 7:2-12; Amos 8:2

¹⁹ ^aIs. 5:26-28; 30:16, 17;
Jer. 4:13; Hab. 1:8 ^{b1} Sam. 13:6

²⁰ ^aJer. 39:5 ^bDan. 4:12

²² ^aIs. 40:2; Jer. 33:7, 8 ^bJer. 49:10; Mal. 1:3, 4

¹ ^aPs. 44:13-16

² ^aIs. 1:7; Hos. 8:7, 8

³ ^aEx. 22:24; Jer. 15:8;
18:21

⁴ ¹Lit., *we drink our water for silver*
²Is. 3:1

⁵ ¹Lit., *We have been pursued upon*
²Neh. 9:36, 37

⁶ ¹Lit., *given the hand to*
²Lit., *to be satisfied with*

⁷ ^aJer. 14:20; 16:12

⁸ ^aNeh. 5:15 ^bPs. 7:2;
Zech. 11:6

9 ¹Lit., with our soul ²Or, in the face of
^aJer. 40:9-12

10 ¹Or, the ravages of hunger
^aLam. 4:8; Job 30:30

11 ^aIs. 13:16; Zech. 14:2

12 ¹Lit., the faces of elders
^aLam. 4:16; Is. 47:6

13 ¹Lit., carry

14 ¹Lit., have ceased
^aIs. 24:8; Jer. 7:34

15 ^aJer. 25:10; Amos 8:10

16 ^aJob 19:9; Ps. 89:39; Jer. 13:16

17 ^aIs. 1:5 ^bLam. 2:11; Job 17:7

19 ¹Lit., sit
^aPs. 45:6

20 ¹Lit., to length of days
^aPs. 13:1; 44:24

21 ^aPs. 80:3; Jer. 31:18 ^bIs. 60:20-22

22 ^aPs. 60:1, 2; Jer. 7:29 ^bIs. 64:9

- 9 We get our bread ¹at the ^arisk of our lives
²Because of the sword in the wilderness.
- 10 Our skin has become as ^ahot as an oven,
Because of ¹the burning heat of famine.
- 11 They ravished the ^awomen in Zion,
The virgins in the cities of Judah.
- 12 Princes were hung by their hands;
^{1a}Elders were not respected.
- 13 Young men ¹worked at the grinding mill;
And youths stumbled under *loads* of wood.
- 14 Elders ¹are gone from the gate,
Young men from their ^amusic.
- 15 The joy of our hearts has ^aceased;
Our dancing has been turned into mourning.
- 16 The ^acrown has fallen from our head;
Woe to us, for we have sinned!
- 17 Because of this our ^aheart is faint;
Because of these things our ^beyes are dim;
- 18 Because of Mount Zion which lies desolate,
Foxes prowl in it.
- 19 Thou, O LORD, dost ¹rule forever;
Thy ^athrone is from generation to generation.
- 20 Why dost Thou ^aforget us forever;
Why dost Thou forsake us ¹so long?
- 21 ^aRestore us to Thee, O LORD, that we may be restored;
Renew ^bour days as of old,
- 22 Unless ^aThou hast utterly rejected us,
And art exceedingly ^bangry with us.

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

The Appearance of Four Figures.

¹Some ancient mss. and versions read, a vision
^aMatt. 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:21; John 1:15; Acts 7:56; 10:11; Rev. 4:1; 19:11 ^bEzek. 8:3; 11:24; 40:2; Ex. 24:10; Num. 12:6; Is. 1:1; 6:1; Dan. 8:1, 2

²¹Lit., it was
^aEzek. 8:1; 20:1; 2 Kin. 24:12-15

⁴^aEzek. 13:11, 13; Is. 21:1; Jer. 23:19

⁵^aEzek. 10:15, 17, 20;
Rev. 4:6-8 ^bEzek. 1:26

⁶^aEzek. 1:10; 10:14, 21
^bEzek. 1:28

⁷¹Lit., the soles of their feet
^aRev. 1:15; 2:13

NOW it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth *day* of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the ^aheavens were opened and I saw ^{1b}visions of God.

2 (On the fifth of the month ¹in the ^afifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile,

3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.)

4 And as I looked, behold, a ^astorm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire.

5 And within it there were figures resembling ^afour living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human ^bform.

6 Each of them had ^afour faces and ^bfour wings.

7 And their legs were straight and ¹their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like ^aburnished bronze.

Faces of Four Beings.

Four Wheels. Vision of the Divine Glory.

Ezekiel 1

8 Under their wings on their ^afour sides *were* human ^bhands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them,

8 ^aEzek. 1:17; 10:11 ^bEzek. 10:8, 21

9 their wings touched one another; their *faces* did not turn when they moved, each ^awent straight forward.

9 ^aEzek. 1:12; 10:22

10 As for the ^aform of their faces, *each* had the ^bface of a man, ¹all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and ¹all four had the face of an eagle.

10 ¹Lit., *the four of them*
^aRev. 4:7 ^bEzek. 10:14

11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another *being*, and ^atwo covering their bodies.

11 ^aEzek. 1:23; Is. 6:2

12 And each went straight forward; ^awherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went.

12 ^aEzek. 1:20

13 ¹In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of ^afire, ²like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was ³flashing from the fire.

13 ¹So with some ancient versions; Heb., *as the likeness of the living beings.*
²Lit., *like the appearance of*
³Lit., *coming out*
^aPs. 104:4

14 And the living beings ^aran to and fro like bolts of lightning.

14 ^aZech. 4:10 ^bMatt. 24:27; Luke 17:24

15 Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one ^awheel on the earth beside the living beings, ¹for *each* of the four of them.

15 ¹Lit., *for his four faces*
^aEzek. 1:19-21

16 The ^aappearance of the wheels and their workmanship was like ¹sparkling ^bberyl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship *being* as if ²one wheel were within another.

16 ¹Lit., *the look of beryl*
²Lit., *the wheel in the midst of the wheel*
^aEzek. 10:9-11 ^bEzek. 10:9; Dan. 10:6

17 Whenever they ¹moved, they ¹moved in any of their four ²directions, without ^aturning as they ¹moved.

17 ¹Lit., *went* ²Lit., *sides*
^aEzek. 1:9, 12; 10:11

18 As for their rims they were lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them were ^afull of eyes round about.

18 ^aEzek. 10:12; Rev. 4:6, 8

19 And ^awhenever the living beings ¹moved, the wheels ¹moved with them. And whenever the living beings ^brose from the earth, the wheels rose *also*.

19 ¹Lit., *went*
^aEzek. 10:16 ^bEzek. 10:19

20 ^aWherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction¹. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living ²beings was in the wheels.

20 ¹M.T. adds: *the spirit to go*
²M.T. reads: *being*
^aEzek. 1:12

21 ^aWhenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living ¹beings was in the wheels.

21 ¹M.T. reads: *being*
^aEzek. 10:17

22 Now ^aover the heads of the living ¹beings *there was* something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of ²crystal, extended over their heads.

22 ¹So some ancient mss. and versions; M.T. reads: *being*
²Or, *ice*
^aEzek. 10:1

23 And under the expanse their wings *were stretched out* straight, one toward the other; each one also had ^atwo wings covering their bodies on the one side and on the other.

23 ^aEzek. 1:6, 11

24 I also heard the sound of their wings like the ^asound of abundant waters as they went, like the ^bvoice of ¹the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the ^asound of an army camp; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

24 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*
^aEzek. 43:2; Rev. 1:15; 19:6
^bEzek. 10:5 ^c2 Kin. 7:6; Dan. 10:6

25 And there came a voice from above the ^aexpanse that was over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

25 ^aEzek. 1:22; 10:1

26 Now ^aabove the expanse that was over their heads there was something ^bresembling a throne, like ¹clapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a ^dman.

26 ¹Heb., *eben-sappir*
^aEzek. 1:22, 10:1 ^bEzek. 10:1; Is. 6:1; Dan. 7:9 ^cEx. 24:10; Is. 54:11 ^dEzek. 43:6, 7; Rev. 1:13

²⁷ ¹Lit., saw ²Or, electrum
^aEzek. 1:4; 8:2

²⁸ ¹Lit., which occurs in
^aGen. 9:13; Rev. 4:3; 10:1
^bEzek. 3:23; Gen. 17:3; Dan.
8:17; Rev. 1:17

¹ ^aDan. 10:11; Acts 9:6

² ^aEzek. 3:24; Dan. 8:18

³ ^a1 Sam. 8:7, 8; Jer. 3:25
^bEzek. 20:18, 30

⁴ ¹Lit., the sons, stiff-
faced and hard-hearted
^aHeb., YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^bEzek. 3:7; Ps. 95:8; Is. 48:4;
Jer. 5:3; 6:15

⁵ ¹Lit., forbear
^aEzek. 2:7; 3:11, 27; Matt.
10:12-15; Acts 13:46 ^bEzek.
33:33; Luke 10:10, 11; John
15:22

⁶ ^aEzek. 3:9; Is. 51:12; Jer.
1:8, 17 ^bEzek. 28:24; 2 Sam.
23:6, 7; Mic. 7:4

⁷ ¹Lit., forbear
^aEzek. 3:10, 17; Jer. 1:7, 17

⁸ ^aEzek. 3:3; Jer. 15:16

⁹ ¹Lit., scroll of a book
^aEzek. 3:1; Jer. 36:2; Rev. 5:1-
5; 10:8-11

¹⁰ ^aRev. 8:13

² ^aJer. 25:17

³ ¹Lit., inward parts
^aJer. 6:11; 20:9 ^bJer. 15:16
^cPs. 19:10; 119:103; Rev.
10:9, 10

⁴ ¹Lit., go, come

⁵ ¹Lit., deepness of lip and
heaviness of tongue
^aJon. 1:2; Acts 14:11; 26:17
^bIs. 28:11; 33:19

⁶ ¹Lit., deepness of lip and
heaviness of tongue

27 Then I ¹noticed from the appearance of his loins and upward something ^alike ²glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw something like fire; and *there was* a radiance around him.

28 As the appearance of the ^arainbow ¹in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I ^bfell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

CHAPTER 2

THEN He said to me, "Son of man, ^astand on your feet that I may speak with you!"

2 And as He spoke to me the ^aSpirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard *Him* speaking to me.

3 Then He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have ^arebelled against Me; ^bthey and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

4 "And I am sending you to them who are ^{1a}stubborn and obstinate children; and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ²God.'

5 "As for them, ^awhether they listen or ¹not—for they are a rebellious house—they will ^bknow that a prophet has been among them.

6 "And you, son of man, ^aneither fear them nor fear their words, though ^bthistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house.

7 "But you shall ^aspeak My words to them whether they listen or ¹not, for they are rebellious.

8 "Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and ^aeat what I am giving you."

9 Then I looked, behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a ^{1a}scroll was in it.

10 When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back; and written on it were lamentations, mourning and ^awoe.

CHAPTER 3

THEN He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

2 So I ^aopened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach, and ^afill your ¹body with this scroll which I am giving you." Then I ^bate it, and it was sweet as ^choney in my mouth.

4 Then He said to me, "Son of man, ¹go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

5 "For ^ayou are not being sent to a people of ^{1b}unintelligible speech or difficult language, *but* to the house of Israel,

6 nor to many peoples of ¹unintelligible speech or diffi-

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cult language, whose words you cannot understand. ²But I have sent you to them ³who should listen to you;

7 "Yet the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, since they are not willing to listen to Me. Surely the whole house of Israel is ¹stubborn and obstinate.

8 "Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads.

9 "Like ¹emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them or be dismayed before them, though they are a rebellious house."

10 Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, take into your heart all My ^awords which I shall speak to you, and listen ¹closely.

11 "And ¹go to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them and tell them, whether they listen or ²not: 'Thus says the Lord ³GOD.'"

12 Then the ^aSpirit lifted me up, and I heard a great ^brumbling sound behind me: "Blessed be the glory of the LORD ¹in His place."

13 And I ^{heard} the sound of the wings of the living beings touching one another, and the sound of the ^awheels beside them, even a great rumbling sound.

14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away; and I went embittered in the rage of my spirit, and the hand of the LORD was strong on me.

15 Then I came to the exiles who lived beside the river Chebar at Tel-abib, and I sat there ^aseven days where they were living, causing consternation among them.

16 Now it came about ^aat the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

17 "Son of man, I have appointed you a ^awatchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, ^bwarn them from Me.

18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his ^ablood I will require at your hand.

19 "Yet if you have ^awarned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but ^byou have delivered yourself.

20 "Again, ^awhen a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an ^bobstacle before him, he shall die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

21 "However, if you have ^awarned ¹the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself."

22 And the hand of the LORD was on me there, and He said to me, "Get up, go out to the plain, and there I will ^aspeak to you."

23 So I got up and went out to the plain; and behold, the ^aglory of the LORD was standing there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar, and I fell on my face.

⁶Or, If I had sent you to them, they would listen to you. ¹Lit., they

⁷Lit., of a hard forehead and a stiff heart

⁹Lit., corundum

¹⁰Lit., with your ears
^aEzek. 3:1-3; 2:8; Job 22:22

¹¹Lit., go, come ²Lit., forbear ³YHWH, usually rendered LORD

¹²Or, from
^aEzek. 3:14; 8:3; Acts 8:39
^bActs 2:2

¹³Ezek. 1:15; 10:16, 17

¹⁵Job 2:13

¹⁶Jer. 42:7

¹⁷Ezek. 33:7-9; Is. 52:8; 56:10; 62:6; Jer. 6:17 ^{b2}Chr. 19:10; Is. 58:1; Hab. 2:1

¹⁸Ezek. 3:20; 33:6, 8

¹⁹Ezek. 33:3, 9; 2 Kin. 17:13, 14 ^bEzek. 14:14, 20; Acts 18:6; 1 Tim. 4:16

²⁰Ezek. 18:24; 33:18; Ps. 125:5; Zeph. 1:6 ^bEzek. 14:3, 7-9; Is. 8:14; Jer. 6:21

²¹Lit., him, the righteous
^aActs 20:31

²²Acts 9:6

²³Ezek. 1:28; Acts 7:55

24 ^aEzek. 2:225 ^aEzek. 4:826 ¹Lit., *your palate*
^aHos. 4:17; Amos 8:11, 1227 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered **Lord**1 ^aEx. 5:1; 12:3; Is. 20:2;
Jer. 13:1; 18:2; 19:12 ¹Lit., *cast*
^aEzek. 21:22; Jer. 6:63 ^aEzek. 5:2; Jer. 39:1, 2
^bEzek. 12:6, 11; 24:24-27; Is.
8:18; 20:34 ^aLev. 10:17; 16:22; Num.
18:16 ^aNum. 14:34; Dan. 9:24-
26; 12:11, 12; Rev. 11:2, 37 ^aEzek. 21:28 ^aEzek. 3:259 ^aEx. 9:32; Is. 28:2510 ^aEzek. 45:1212 ^aIs. 36:1213 ^aDan. 1:8; Hos. 9:314 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered **Lord**
^aEzek. 9:8; 20:49; Jer. 1:6
^bActs 10:14 ^cEzek. 44:31;
Lev. 17:15; 22:8 ^dDeut. 14:3;
Is. 65:4; 66:17

24 The ^aSpirit then entered me and made me stand on my feet, and He spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself up in your house.

25 "As for you, son of man, they will ^aput ropes on you and bind you with them, so that you cannot go out among them.

26 "Moreover, I will make your tongue stick to ¹the roof of your mouth so that you will be dumb, and cannot be a man who ^arebukes them, for they are a rebellious house.

27 "But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth, and you will say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house."

CHAPTER 4

"**N**OW you son of man, ^aget yourself a brick, place it before you, and inscribe a city on it, Jerusalem.

2 "Then ^alay siege against it, build a siege wall, ¹raise up a ramp, pitch camps, and place battering rams against it all around.

3 "Then get yourself an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between you and the city, and set your face toward it so that ^ait is under siege, and besiege it. This is a ^bsign to the house of Israel.

4 "As for you, lie down on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; you shall ^abear their iniquity for the number of days that you lie on it.

5 "For I have assigned you a number of days corresponding to the years of their iniquity, three hundred and ninety days; thus you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 "When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, *but* on your right side, and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for ^aeach year.

7 "Then you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem with your arm bared, and ^aprophesy against it.

8 "Now behold, I will ^aput ropes on you so that you cannot turn from one side to the other, until you have completed the days of your siege.

9 "But as for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and ^aspelt, put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself; you shall eat it according to the number of the days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days.

10 "And your food which you eat *shall be* ^atwenty shekels a day by weight; you shall eat it from time to time.

11 "And the water you drink will be the sixth part of a hin by measure; you shall drink it from time to time.

12 "And you shall eat it as a barley cake, having baked *it* in their sight over human ^adung."

13 Then the LORD said, "Thus shall the sons of Israel eat their bread ^aunclean among the nations where I shall banish them."

14 But I said, "Ah, Lord ¹GOD! Behold, I have ^bnever been defiled; for from my youth until now I have never eaten what ^cdied of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has any ^dunclean meat ever entered my mouth."

15 Then He said to me, "See, I shall give you cow's dung in place of human dung over which you will prepare your bread."

16 Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, behold, I am going to ^abreak the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread by ^bweight and with anxiety, and drink water by ^cmeasure and in horror,

17 because bread and water will be scarce; and they will be appalled with one another and ^awaste away in their iniquity.

CHAPTER 5

“**A**S for you, son of man, take a ^asharp sword; take and ¹use it as a barber's razor on your head and beard. Then take ^bscales for weighing and divide ²the hair.

2 “One third you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city, when the ^adays of the siege are completed. Then you shall take one third and strike it with the sword all around ¹the city, and one third you shall scatter to the wind; and I will ^bun-sheathe a sword behind them.

3 “Take also a ^afew in number from ¹them and bind them in the edge of your robes.

4 “And take again some of them and throw them into the fire, and ^aburn them in the fire; from it a fire will ¹spread to all the house of Israel.

5 “Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, ‘This is ^aJerusalem; I have set her at the ^bcenter of the nations, with lands around her.

6 ‘But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes ^amore than the lands which surround her; for they have ^brejected My ordinances and have not walked ¹in My statutes.’

7 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because you have ^amore turmoil than the nations which surround you, and have not walked in My statutes, nor observed My ordinances, nor observed the ordinances of the nations which surround you,’

8 therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I, even I, am ^aagainst you, and I will ^bexecute judgments among you in the sight of the nations.

9 ‘And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have ^anot done, and the like of which I will never do again.

10 “Therefore, ^afathers will eat *their* sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you, and ^bscatter all your remnant to every wind.

11 ‘So as I live,’ ¹declares the Lord GOD, ‘surely, because you have ^adefiled My sanctuary with all your ^bdetestable idols and with all your abominations, therefore I will also ^cwith-draw, and My eye shall have no pity and I will not spare.

12 ‘One third of you will die by ^aplague or be consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will ^bscatter to every wind, and I will ^cun-sheathe a sword behind them.

13 ‘Thus My anger will be spent, and I will ¹satisfy My wrath on them, and I shall be ^{2a}appeased; then they will know

16 ^aEzek. 5:16; 14:13; Lev. 26:26; Is. 3:1 ^bEzek. 4:10, 11; 12:19 ^cEzek. 12:18, 19; Lam. 5:4

17 ^aEzek. 24:23; 33:10

1 ¹Lit., *make it pass over your head* ²Lit., *them* ^aEzek. 44:20; Lev. 21:5; Is. 7:20 ^bDan. 5:27

2 ¹Lit., *it* ^aEzek. 4:2-8; Jer. 39:1, 2 ^bLev. 26:33

3 ¹Lit., *there* ^a2 Kin. 25:12; Jer. 39:10

4 ¹Lit., *go out* ^aJer. 42:16, 17, 22

5 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ^aEzek. 4:1; Jer. 6:6 ^bEzek. 16:14; Deut. 4:6; Lam. 1:1

6 ¹Lit., *in them, My statutes* ^aEzek. 16:47, 48, 51; 2 Kin. 17:8-20 ^bNeh. 9:16, 17; Ps. 78:10; Jer. 11:10; Zech. 7:11

7 ^a2 Kin. 21:9-11; 2 Chr. 33:9; Jer. 2:10, 11

8 ^aEzek. 15:7; 21:3; Jer. 21:5, 13; Zech. 14:2 ^bEzek. 5:15; 11:9; Jer. 24:9

9 ^aDan. 9:12; Matt. 24:21

10 ^aLev. 26:29; Jer. 19:9 ^bEzek. 5:2, 12; 6:8; 12:14; Ps. 44:11; Amos 9:9; Zech. 2:6; 7:14

11 ¹Lit., *utterance of, and so throughout the chap.* ^aEzek. 8:5, 6, 16; Jer. 7:9-11 ^bEzek. 7:20; Jer. 16:18 ^cPs. 107:39

12 ^aEzek. 5:17; 6:11, 12; Jer. 15:2; 21:9 ^bEzek. 5:2, 10; Amos 9:9; Zech. 2:6 ^cEzek. 5:2; 12:14; Jer. 43:10, 11; 44:27

13 ¹Lit., *cause to rest* ²Lit., *comforted* ^aIs. 1:24

¹³ ^bEzek. 36:5, 6, 38:19; Is. 59:17

¹⁴ ^aEzek. 22:4; Ps. 74:3-10; 79:1-4

¹⁵ ¹Ancient versions: you ^aIs. 26:9; Jer. 22:8, 9; 1 Cor. 10:11 ^bEzek. 5:8; 25:17; Is. 66:15, 16

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *evil* ²Or, *are for destruction, which I will send* . . .

³ ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD.

⁴ ^aEzek. 6:6; Lev. 26:30; 2 Chr. 14:5; Is. 27:9

⁵ ^{a2} Kin. 23:14, 16, 20; Jer. 8:1, 2

⁶ ¹So some ancient versions; Heb., *bear their guilt*
^aEzek. 5:14; Lev. 26:31; Is. 6:11 ^bEzek. 6:4; Mic. 1:7; Zech. 13:2

⁸ ^aIs. 6:13; Jer. 30:11
^bEzek. 7:16; 14:22; Jer. 44:14, 28

⁹ ¹Lit., *been broken, or, broken for Myself their*
^aDeut. 4:29; 30:2; Jer. 51:50
^bPs. 78:40; Is. 7:13; 43:24; Hos. 11:8 ^cEzek. 20:43; 36:31; Job 42:6

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *to do this evil to*

¹¹ ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aEzek. 25:6 ^bEzek. 9:4

that I, the LORD, have ^bspoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.

¹⁴ 'Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a ^areproach among the nations which surround you, in the sight of all who pass by.

¹⁵ 'So ¹it will be a reproach, a reviling, a ^awarning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you, when I ^bexecute judgments against you in anger, wrath, and raging rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken.

¹⁶ 'When I send against them the ¹deadly arrows of famine which ²were for the destruction of those whom I shall send to destroy you, then I shall also intensify the famine upon you, and break the staff of bread.

¹⁷ 'Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the LORD, have spoken.'

CHAPTER 6

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

² 'Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

³ and say, 'Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord ¹GOD! Thus says the Lord ¹GOD to the mountains, the hills, the ravines and the valleys: "Behold, I Myself am going to bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.

⁴ "So your ^aaltars will become desolate, and your incense altars will be smashed; and I shall make your slain fall in front of your idols.

⁵ "I shall also lay the dead bodies of the sons of Israel in front of their idols; and I shall scatter your ^abones around your altars.

⁶ "In all your dwellings, ^acities will become waste and the high places will be desolate, that your altars may become waste and ¹desolate, your ^bidols may be broken and brought to an end, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be blotted out.

⁷ "And the slain will fall among you, and you will know that I am the LORD.

⁸ "However, I shall leave a ^aremnant, for you will have those who ^bescaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries.

⁹ "Then those of you who escape will ^aremember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captive, how I have ^{1b}been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes, which played the harlot after their idols; and they will ^cloathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations.

¹⁰ "Then they will know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain ¹that I would inflict this disaster on them."

¹¹ "Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, 'Clap your hand, ^astamp your foot, and say, "bAlas, because of all the evil abominations of

the house of Israel, which will fall by sword, famine, and plague!

12 "He who is far off will die by the plague, and he who is near will fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged will die by the famine. Thus shall I spend My wrath on them.

13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when their slain are among their idols around their altars, on every high hill on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree, and under every leafy oak—the places where they offered soothing aroma to all their idols.

14 "So throughout all their habitations I shall stretch out My hand against them and make the land more desolate and waste than the wilderness toward Diblah; thus they will know that I am the LORD." "

CHAPTER 7

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel, 'An end! The end is coming on the four corners of the land.

3 'Now the end is upon you, and I shall send My anger against you, I shall judge you according to your ways, and I shall bring all your abominations upon you.

4 'For My eye will have no pity on you, nor shall I spare you, but I shall bring your ways upon you, and your abominations will be among you; then you will know that I am the LORD!

5 "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'A disaster, unique disaster, behold it is coming!

6 'An end is coming; the end has come! It has awakened against you; behold, it has come!

7 'Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land. The time has come, the day is near—tumult rather than joyful shouting on the mountains.

8 'Now I will shortly pour out My wrath on you, and spend My anger against you, judge you according to your ways, and bring on you all your abominations.

9 'And My eye will show no pity, nor will I spare. I will repay you according to your ways, while your abominations are in your midst; then you will know that I, the LORD, do the smiting.

10 'Behold, the day! Behold, it is coming! Your doom has gone forth; the rod has budded, arrogance has blossomed.

11 'Violence has grown into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, none of their multitude, none of their wealth, nor anything eminent among them.

12 'The time has come, the day has arrived. Let not the buyer rejoice nor the seller mourn; for wrath is against all their multitude.

13 'Indeed, the seller will not regain what he sold as long as they both live, for the vision regarding all their multitude will not be averted; nor will any of them maintain his life by his iniquity.

11 ^cEzek. 5:12; 7:15

12 ^aDan. 9:7 ^bEzek. 5:13; Lam. 4:11, 22

13 ^aEzek. 6:4-7 ^bEzek. 20:28; 1 Kin. 14:23; 2 Kin. 16:4; Is. 57:5-7; Hos. 4:13

14 ^aEzek. 14:13; 20:33, 34; Is. 5:25; 9:12

2 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aEzek. 7:3, 5, 6; 11:13; Amos 8:2, 10

4 ^aEzek. 11:21; 22:31; Hos. 9:7 ^bEzek. 7:27; 6:7, 14

5 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^a2 Kin. 21:12, 13; Nah. 1:9

6 ^aZech. 13:7

7 ^aEzek. 7:12; 12:23-25, 28
^bIs. 22:5

8 ^aEzek. 9:8; 14:19; Is. 42:25; Nah. 1:6 ^bEzek. 7:3; 33:20; 36:19

9 ¹Lit., give

10 ^aIs. 10:5; Ps. 89:32

11 ¹Lit., has risen
^aPs. 73:8; 125:3; Is. 59:6-8
^bZeph. 1:18

12 ^aEzek. 7:5-7, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; James 5:8, 9 ^bProv. 20:14; 1 Cor. 7:30 ^cEzek. 7:14; 6:11, 12; Is. 5:13, 14

13 ¹Lit., return to ²Lit., thing sold, i.e., his inherited land ¹Lit., their life among the living ones ²Lit., return
^aLev. 25:24-28, 31

14 ¹Lit. *her*
^aNum. 10:9; Jer. 4:5

15 ^aEzek. 5:12; 6:11, 12;
 12:16; Jer. 14:18

16 ¹Lit. *moaning*
^aEzek. 6:8; 14:22; Ezra 9:15;
 Is. 37:31 ^bIs. 38:14 ^cIs. 59:11;
 Nah. 2:7

17 ¹Lit. *run with water*
^aEzek. 21:7; 22:14; Is. 13:7;
 Heb. 12:12

18 ^aEzek. 27:31; Is. 15:3;
 Amos 8:10 ^bJob 21:6; Ps. 55:5
^cEzek. 27:31

19 ¹Lit. *soul*
^aIs. 2:20; 30:22 ^bProv. 11:4;
 Zeph. 1:18

21 ^a2 Kin. 24:13; Ps. 74:2-8;
 Jer. 52:13

22 ^aEzek. 39:23, 24; Jer.
 18:17

23 ¹Lit. *judgment of blood*
^aJer. 27:2 ^bEzek. 9:9; Hos. 4:2
^cEzek. 8:17

24 ^aEzek. 21:31; 28:7 ^bEzek.
 33:28 ^cEzek. 24:21; 2 Chr.
 7:20

25 ^aEzek. 13:10, 16

26 ^aIs. 47:11; Jer. 4:20
^bEzek. 21:7 ^cJer. 21:2; 37:17
^dEzek. 22:26; Ps. 74:9; Mic.
 3:6 ^eEzek. 11:2; Jer. 18:18

27 ¹Lit. *be terrified*
^aEzek. 26:16; Job 8:22; Ps.
 35:26; 109:18, 29

1 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD

2 ¹Heb., *fire*

14 'They have ^ablown the trumpet and made everything ready, but no one is going to the battle; for My wrath is against all ¹their multitude.

15 'The ^asword is outside, and the plague and the famine are within; he who is in the field will die by the sword, famine and the plague will also consume those in the city.

16 'Even when their survivors ^aescape, they will be on the mountains like ^bdoves of the valleys, all of them ^{1c}mourning, each over his own iniquity.

17 'All ^ahands will hang limp, and all knees will ¹become like water.

18 'And they will ^agird themselves with sackcloth, and ^bshuddering will overwhelm them; and shame *will be* on all faces, and ^bbaldness on all their heads.

19 'They shall ^afling their silver into the streets, and their gold shall become an abhorrent thing; their ^bsilver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD. They cannot satisfy their ¹appetite, nor can they fill their stomachs, for their iniquity has become an occasion of stumbling.

20 'And they transformed the beauty of His ornaments into pride, and they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things with it; therefore I will make it an abhorrent thing to them.

21 'And I shall give it into the hands of the ^aforeigners as plunder and to the wicked of the earth as spoil, and they will profane it.

22 'I shall also turn my ^aface from them, and they will profane My secret place; then robbers will enter and profane it.

23 ^a'Make the chain, for the land is full of ^{1b}bloody crimes, and the city is ^cfull of violence.

24 'Therefore, I shall bring the worst of the ^anations, and they will possess their houses. I shall also make the ^bpride of the strong ones cease, and their ^choly places will be profaned.

25 'When anguish comes, they will seek ^apeace, but there will be none.

26 ^a'Disaster will come upon disaster, and ^brumor will be added to rumor; then they will seek a ^cvision from a prophet, but the ^dlaw will be lost from the priest and ^ecounsel from the elders.

27 'The king will mourn, the prince will be ^aclothed with horror, and the hands of the people of the land will ¹tremble. According to their conduct I shall deal with them, and by their judgments I shall judge them. And they will know that I am the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about in the sixth year, on the fifth *day* of the sixth month, as I was sitting in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord ¹GOD fell on me there.

2 Then I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of ^{1a}a man; from His loins and downward *there was* the

^aappearance of fire, and from His loins and upward the appearance of brightness, like the appearance ^bof ²glowing metal.

3 And He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the ^aSpirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the ¹north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy, was *located*.

4 And behold, the ^aglory of the God of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

5 Then He said to me, "Son of man, ^araise your eyes, now, toward the north." So I raised my eyes toward the north, and behold, to the north of the altar gate was this ^bidol of jealousy at the entrance.

6 And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great ^aabominations which the house of Israel are committing here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still greater abominations."

7 Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

8 And He said to me, "Son of man, now ^adig through the wall." So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance.

9 And He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here."

10 So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts *and* detestable things, with all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around.

11 And standing in front of them were ^aseventy ^belders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them, each man with his ^ccenser in his hand, and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising.

12 Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, "The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land."

13 And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing."

14 Then he brought me to the entrance of the ^agate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

15 And He said to me, "Do you see *this*, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these."

16 Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their ^abacks to the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and ^bthey were ¹prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun.

17 And he said to me, "Do you see *this*, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have ^afilled the land with violence and ^bprovoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose.

18 "Therefore, I indeed shall deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor shall I spare; and ^athough they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I shall not listen to them."

² Or, *electrum*
^aEzek. 1:27 ^bEzek. 1:4, 27

³ ¹ Lit., *facing north*
^aEzek. 3:12; 11:1

⁴ ^aEzek. 1:28

⁵ ^a Jer. 3:2; Zech. 5:5
^bEzek. 8:3; Ps. 78:58; Jer. 7:30; Jer. 32:34

⁶ ^aEzek. 8:9, 17; 5:11;
² Kin. 23:4, 5

⁸ ^a Job 34:22; Is. 29:15

¹¹ ^aEzek. 24:1, 9; Num. 11:16, 25; Luke 10:1 ^bJer. 19:1 ^cNum. 16:17, 35

¹⁴ ^aEzek. 44:4; 46:9

¹⁶ ¹ i.e., *worshiping*
^aEzek. 23:39; 2 Kin. 8:30;
² Chr. 29:6; Jer. 2:27 ^bDeut. 4:19; 17:3; Job 31:26-28; Jer. 44:17

¹⁷ ^aEzek. 7:11, 23; 9:9;
Amos 3:10; Mic. 2:2 ^bEzek. 16:26; Jer. 7:18, 19

¹⁸ ^aIs. 1:15; Jer. 11:11; Mic. 3:4; Zech. 7:13

CHAPTER 9

1 ¹Lit., you who punish
²Is. 6:8

2 ¹Or, scribal inkhorn

3 ¹Lit., house
²Ezek. 10:4; 11:22, 23

4 ²Ezek. 9:6; Ex. 12:7, 13;
2 Cor. 1:22; 2 Tim. 2:19;
Rev. 7:2, 3 ^bEzek. 6:11; 21:6;
Ps. 119:53, 136; Jer. 13:17

6 ¹Lit., To destruction
²Or, old men ³Lit., house
²Chr. 36:17 ^bEx. 12:23;
Rev. 9:4 ^cJer. 25:29; Amos
3:2; Luke 12:47

7 ¹Lit., house
²Ezek. 7:20-22; 2 Chr. 36:17

8 ¹Lit., and said ²YHWH,
usually rendered Lord ³Lit.,
by Thy pouring
¹Chr. 21:16 ^bEzek. 11:13;
Amos 7:2-6

9 ²Ezek. 7:23; 22:2, 3;
2 Kin. 21:16; Jer. 2:34 ^bEzek.
22:29; Mic. 3:1-3; 7:3 ^cEzek.
8:12; Job 22:13; Ps. 10:11;
94:7; Is. 29:15

10 ²Ezek. 8:18; 24:14; Is.
65:6 ^bEzek. 7:4; 11:21; Hos.
9:7

11 ¹Or, scribal inkhorn
²Lit., brought back word

1 ¹Or, firmament
²Ezek. 1:22, 26 ^bEx. 24:10
^cRev. 4:2, 3

2 ¹So with Gk.; Heb.,
cherub
²Ezek. 10:13; 1:15-21 ^bEzek.
1:13; Ps. 18:10-13; Is. 6:6;
Rev. 8:5

3 ¹Lit., house, and so
throughout the chap.
²Ezek. 8:3, 16

4 ²Ezek. 9:3; 11:22, 23 ^bEx.
40:34, 35; Is. 6:1-4

THEN He cried out in my hearing with a loud ^avoice saying, "Draw near, ¹⁰ executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand."

2 And behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate which faces north, each with his shattering weapon in his hand; and among them was a certain man clothed in linen with a ¹writing case at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Then the ^aglory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the ¹temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case.

4 And the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, *even* through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a ^amark on the foreheads of the men who ^bsigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."

5 But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity, and do not spare.

6 "¹Utterly ^aslay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but do not ^btouch any man on whom is the mark; and you shall ^cstart from My sanctuary." So they started with the ²elders who *were* before the ³temple.

7 And He said to them, "^aDefile the ¹temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" Thus they went out and struck down *the people* in the city.

8 Then it came about as they were striking and I *alone* was left, that I ^afell on my face and cried out ¹saying, "^bAlas, Lord ²God! Art Thou destroying the whole remnant of Israel ³by pouring out Thy wrath on Jerusalem?"

9 Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great, and the land is ^afilled with blood, and the city is ^bfull of perversion; for ^cthey say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see!'

10 "But as for Me, ^aMy eye will have no pity nor shall I spare, but ^bI shall bring their conduct upon their heads."

11 Then behold, the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the ¹writing case ²reported, saying, "I have done just as Thou hast commanded me."

CHAPTER 10

THEN I looked, and behold, in the ^{1a}expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a ^bsapphire stone, in appearance resembling a ^cthrone, appeared above them.

2 And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, "Enter between the ^awhirling wheels under the ¹cherubim, and fill your hands with ^bcoals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter *them* over the city." And he entered in my sight.

3 Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the ¹temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the ^ainner court.

4 Then the ^aglory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the ^btemple was filled with

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the cloud, and the court was filled with the ^cbrightness of the glory of the LORD.

4 ^cEzek. 1:28

5 Moreover, the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard as far as the outer court, like the ^avoice of ¹God Almighty when He speaks.

5 ¹Heb. *El Shaddai*
^aEzek. 1:24; Job 40:9; Rev. 10:3

6 And it came about when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," he entered and stood beside a wheel.

9 ¹Perhaps. *beryl*
^aEzek. 1:15-17 ^bDan. 10:6; Rev. 21:20

7 Then the cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire which was between the cherubim, took some and put it into the hands of the one clothed in linen, who took it and went out.

8 And the cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

11 ¹Lit., *sides* ²Lit., *the head*
^aEzek. 1:17

9 Then I looked, and behold, ^afour wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like the gleam of a ^{1b}Tarshish stone.

10 And as for their appearance, all four of them had the same likeness, as if one wheel were within another wheel.

12 ^aRev. 4:6, 8 ^bEzek. 1:18

11 When they moved, they went ^ain *any* of their four ¹directions without turning as they went; but they followed in the direction which ²they faced, without turning as they went.

12 And their ^awhole body, their backs, their hands, their wings, and the ^bwheels were full of eyes all around, the wheels belonging to all four of them.

14 ^aEzek. 10:21; 1:6, 10;
1 Kin. 7:29, 36; Rev. 4:7

13 The wheels were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels.

14 And ^aeach one had four faces. The first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 ^aEzek. 1:3, 5

15 Then the cherubim rose up. They are the ^aliving beings that I saw by the river Chebar.

17 ¹Lit., *they*
^aEzek. 1:21

16 Now when the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels would not turn from beside them.

17 When ¹the cherubim ^astood still, the ¹wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, the ¹wheels would rise with them; for the spirit of the living beings was in them.

18 ^aPs. 18:10

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood ^aover the cherubim.

19 ¹Lit., *over them from above*

19 When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house. And the glory of the God of Israel ¹hovered over them.

20 These are the ^aliving beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar; so I knew that they were cherubim.

21 ^aEach one had four faces and each one four wings, and beneath their wings was the form of human hands.

21 ^aEzek. 10:14; 1:6, 8;
41:18, 19

22 As for the likeness of their faces, they were the same faces whose appearance I had seen by the river Chebar. Each one went straight ahead.

1 ^aEzek. 11:24; 3:12, 14; 8:3; 43:5 ^bEzek. 11:13

2 ^aPs. 2:1, 2; 52:2; Is. 30:1; Jer. 5:5; Mic. 2:1

3 ¹Or, *The time is not near*. . . ²Or, *This is . . .*
^aEzek. 11:7, 11; 24:3, 6; Jer. 1:13

4 ^aEzek. 3:4, 17

5 ¹Lit., *what comes up in your spirit*
^aJer. 11:20; 17:10 ^bEzek. 38:10

6 ¹Lit., *the slain*
^aEzek. 7:23; 22:2-6, 9, 12, 27; Is. 1:15; Jer. 7:9

7 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ²Lit., *it*
³So with Gk.; Heb., *he will bring you out*
^aEzek. 24:3-13; Mic. 3:2, 3
^bEzek. 11:9; 2 Kin. 25:18-22; Jer. 52:24-27

8 ^aJob 3:25; Is. 24:17, 18

9 ¹Lit., *it*
^aDeut. 28:36, 49, 50; Ps. 106:41 ^bEzek. 5:8; 16:41

10 ^aJer. 52:9, 10 ^b2 Kin. 14:25

11 ^aEzek. 11:3, 7; 24:3, 6

12 ^aEzek. 18:8, 9 ^bEzek. 8:10, 14, 16

13 ^aEzek. 11:1 ^bEzek. 9:8

15 ¹Lit., *brothers* ²So with Gk. and some ancient versions; Heb., *the men of your redemption*
^aEzek. 33:24

16 ^aIs. 8:14; Jer. 29:7, 11

17 ^aEzek. 20:41, 42; 28:25; Is. 11:11-16; Jer. 3:12, 18; 24:5

18 ^aEzek. 37:23 ^bEzek. 5:11; 7:20

19 ¹So with Gk. and many mss.; Heb., *you*
^aEzek. 18:31; 36:26; Jer. 24:7; 32:39 ^bZech. 7:12; Rom. 2:4, 5 ^c2 Cor. 3:3

MOREOVER, the Spirit ^alifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's house which faced eastward. And behold, *there were* twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and ^bPelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people.

2 And He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and ^agive evil advice in this city,

3 who say, '¹Is not *the time* near to build houses? ²This ^acity is the pot and we are the flesh.'

4 "Therefore, ^aprophesy against them, son of man, prophesy!"

5 Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for ^aI know ¹your ^bthoughts.

6 "You have ^amultiplied your slain in this city, filling its streets with ¹them."

7 "Therefore, thus says the Lord ¹God, "Your ^aslain whom you have laid in the midst of ²the city are the flesh, and this ^acity is the pot; but ³I shall ^bbring you out of it.

8 "You have feared a sword; so I will ^abring a sword upon you," the Lord GOD declares.

9 "And I shall bring you out of the midst of ¹the city, and I shall deliver you into the hands of ^astrangers and ^bexecute judgments against you.

10 "You will ^afall by the sword. I shall judge you to the ^bborder of Israel; so you shall know that I am the LORD.

11 "This ^acity will ^anot be a pot for you, nor will you be flesh in the midst of it, *but* I shall judge you to the border of Israel.

12 "Thus you will know that I am the LORD; for you have not walked in my statutes nor have you ^aexecuted My ordinances, but have acted according to the ordinances of the ^bnations around you." . . . "

13 Now it came about as I prophesied, that ^aPelatiah son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, "^bAlas, Lord GOD! Wilt Thou bring the remnant of Israel to a complete end?"

14 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

15 "Son of man, your brothers, your ¹relatives, ²your fellow exiles, and the whole house of Israel, all of them, *are those* to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go far from the LORD; this land has been given ^aus as a possession.'

16 "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations, and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a ^asanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone." . . . "

17 "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "I shall ^agather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I shall give you the land of Israel." . . . "

18 "When they come there, they will ^aremove all its ^bdetestable things and all its abominations from it.

19 "And I shall ^agive them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within ¹them. And I shall take the heart of ^bstone out of their flesh and give them a ^cheart of flesh,

20 that they may ^awalk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. Then they will be ^bMy people, and I shall be their God.

21 ¹"But as for those whose hearts go after their ^adetestable things and abominations, I shall ^bbring their conduct down on their heads," declares the Lord God.

22 Then the cherubim ^alifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel ¹hovered over them.

23 And the ^aglory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and ^bstood over the mountain which is east of the city.

24 And the ^aSpirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles ¹in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen ²left me.

25 Then I ^atold the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.

CHAPTER 12

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, you live in the ^amidst of the ^brebellious house, who ^chave eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house.

3 "Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile and go into exile by day in their sight; even go into exile from your place to another place in their sight. ^aPerhaps they will ¹understand though they are a rebellious house.

4 "And bring your baggage out by day in their sight, as baggage for exile. Then you will go out ^aat evening in their sight, as those going into exile.

5 "Dig a hole through the wall in their sight and ¹go out through it.

6 "Load *the baggage* on your shoulder in their sight, and carry it out in the dark. You shall ^acover your face so that you can not see the land, for I have set you as a ^bsign to the house of Israel."

7 And I ^adid so, as I had been commanded. By day I ^bbrought out my baggage like the baggage of an exile. Then in the evening I dug through the wall with my hands; I went out in the dark and carried *the baggage* on my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the ^arebellious house, said to you, ^b"What are you doing?"

10 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God, "This ^{2a}burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, as well as all the house of Israel who are ³in it.'"

11 "Say, 'I am a ^asign ¹to you. As I have done, so it will be done to them; they will ^bgo into exile, into captivity'.

12 "And the ^aprince who is among them will load *his baggage* on his shoulder in the dark and go out. ¹They will dig a hole through the wall to bring it out. He will cover his face so that he can not see the land with *his* eyes.

13 "I shall also spread My ^anet over him, and he will be caught in My snare. And I shall bring him to Babylon in the

20 ^aEzek. 36:27; Ps. 105:45
^bEzek. 14:11

21 ¹Lit., *And to the heart of their detestable things and their abomination their heart goes.*

^aEzek. 11:18; Jer. 16:18
^bEzek. 9:10; 16:43

22 ¹Lit., *over them from above*
^aEzek. 10:19

23 ^aEzek. 8:4 ^bZech. 14:4

24 ¹I.e., *Babylonia* ²Lit., *went up from*
^aEzek. 11:1; 8:3; 37:1; 2 Cor. 12:2-4 ^bActs 10:16

25 ^aEzek. 2:7; 3:4, 17, 27

2 ^aIs. 6:5 ^bEzek. 2:7, 8; Ps. 78:40; Is. 1:23 ^cJer. 5:21; Matt. 13:13, 14; John 9:39-41

3 ¹Or, *see that they are*
^aJer. 26:3; 36:3, 7; Luke 20:13; 2 Tim. 2:25

4 ^aEzek. 12:12; 2 Kin. 25:4; Jer. 39:4

5 ¹Lit., *bring it out*

6 ^aEzek. 12:12, 13; 1 Sam. 28:8 ^bEzek. 12:11; 4:3; 24:24; Is. 8:18; 20:3

7 ^aEzek. 24:18; 37:7, 10
^bEzek. 12:3-6

9 ^aEzek. 12:1-3; 2:5-8
^bEzek. 17:12; 20:49; 24:19

10 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ²Or, *oracle* ³Lit., *in their midst*
^aEzek. 12:3-8; 2 Kin. 9:25; Is. 13:1

11 ¹Lit., *your sign*
^aEzek. 12:6 ^bEzek. 12:3; Jer. 15:2; 52:15, 28-30

12 ¹I.e., *the king's attendants*
^aEzek. 12:6; 2 Kin. 25:4; Jer. 39:4; 52:7

13 ^aEzek. 17:20; 19:8; Is. 24:17, 18; Hos. 7:12

13 ^bJer. 39:7; 52:11

14 ^aEzek. 5:2; 17:21; 2 Kin. 25:4, 5

15 ^aEzek. 12:16, 20; 6:7, 14

16 ¹Lit., *leave over* ²Or, *they will know*
^aEzek. 7:15; 14:21 ^bJer. 22:8, 9

19 ¹Lit., *her* ²Lit., *desolate*
^aEzek. 6:6, 7, 14; Jer. 10:22; Mic. 7:13; Zech. 7:14

20 ^aEzek. 5:14; Is. 3:26; Jer. 4:7 ^bEzek. 36:3; Is. 7:23, 24; Jer. 25:9

22 ^aEzek. 16:44; 18:2, 3
^bEzek. 12:27; 11:3; Jer. 5:12; Amos 6:3; 2 Pet. 3:4 ^cEzek. 7:26

23 ¹Lit., *word*

24 ¹Lit., *vain*
^aEzek. 13:6, 23; Jer. 14:13-16; Zech. 13:2-4

25 ^aEzek. 12:28; 6:10; Num. 14:28-34; Is. 14:24 ^bJer. 16:9; Hab. 1:5 ^cEzek. 12:2

27 ¹Lit., *days*
^aEzek. 12:22; Dan. 10:14

2 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aEzek. 22:25, 28; Is. 9:15; Jer. 37:19 ^bIs. 1:10; Amos 7:16

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
^aLam. 2:14; Hos. 9:7; Zech. 11:15 ^bJer. 23:28-32

5 ^aEzek. 22:30; Ps. 106:23; Jer. 23:22 ^bIs. 58:12

land of the Chaldeans; yet he will ^bnot see it, though he will die there.

14 "And I shall ^ascatter to every wind all who are around him, his helpers and all his troops; and I shall draw out a sword after them.

15 "So they will ^aknow that I am the LORD when I scatter them among the nations, and spread them among the countries.

16 "But I shall ¹spare a few of them from the ^asword, the famine, and the pestilence that they may tell all their abominations among the nations where they go, and ²may ^bknow that I am the LORD."

17 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, eat your bread with trembling, and drink your water with quivering and anxiety.

19 "Then say to the people of the land, 'Thus says the Lord GOD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land of Israel, "They will eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with horror, because ¹their land will be ^{2a}stripped of its fullness on account of the violence of all who live in it.

20 "And the inhabited ^acities will be laid waste, and the ^bland will be a desolation. So you will know that I am the LORD.'"

21 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

22 "Son of man, what is this ^aproverb you *people* have concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The ^bdays are long and every ^cvision fails'?

23 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will make this proverb cease so that they will no longer use it as a proverb in Israel." But tell them, "The days draw near as well as the ¹fulfillment of every vision.

24 "For there will no longer be any ^{1a}false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 "For I the LORD shall speak, and whatever ^aword I speak will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in ^byour days, O ^crebellious house, I shall speak the word and perform it," declares the Lord God."

26 Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

27 "Son of man, behold, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for ^amany ¹years *from now*, and he prophesies of times far off.'

28 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "None of My words will be delayed any longer. Whatever word I speak will be performed,"' declares the Lord God."

CHAPTER 13

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the ^aprophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from their own ¹inspiration, ^bListen to the word of the LORD!

3 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "Woe to the ^afoolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have ^bseen nothing.

4 "O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins.

5 "You have not ^agone up into the ^bbreaches, nor did you

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build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the ^cday of the LORD.

6 “They see ¹falsehood and lying divination who are saying, ‘The LORD declares,’ when the LORD has not sent them; ^byet they hope for the fulfillment of *their* word.

7 “^aDid you not see a false vision and speak a lying divination when you said, ‘the LORD declares,’ but it is not I who have spoken?”

8 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Because you have spoken ¹falsehood and seen a lie, therefore behold, I am ^aagainst you,” declares the Lord GOD.

9 “So My hand will be against the ^aprophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will ¹have no place in the council of My people, ^bnor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, ²that you may know that I am the Lord GOD.

10 “It is definitely because they have ^amised My people by saying, ^b‘Peace!’ when there is ^cno peace. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash;

11 so tell those who plaster it over with whitewash, that it will fall. A ^aflooding rain will come, and you, O hailstones, will fall; and a violent wind will break out.

12 “Behold, when the wall has fallen, will you not be asked, ‘Where is the plaster with which you plastered it?’”

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “I will make a violent wind break out in my wrath. There will also be in My anger a flooding rain and ^ahailstones to consume *it* in wrath.

14 “So I shall tear down the wall which you plastered over with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its ^afoundation is laid bare; and when it falls, you will be ^bconsumed in its midst. And you will ^cknow that I am the LORD.

15 “Thus I shall spend My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it over with whitewash; and I shall say to you, ‘The wall ¹is gone and its plasterers are gone,

16 *along with* the prophets of Israel who prophesy to Jerusalem, and who ^asee visions of peace for her when there is ^bno peace,’ declares the Lord GOD.

17 “Now you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who are ^aprophesying ^bfrom their own ¹inspiration. Prophecy against them,

18 and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to the women who sew *magic* bands on ¹all wrists, and make veils for the heads of *persons* of every stature to hunt down ²lives! Will you hunt down the ²lives of My people, but preserve the ²lives of *others* for yourselves?

19 “And for handfuls of barley and fragments of bread, you have profaned Me to My people to put to death ¹some who should not die and to ^akeep ¹others alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies.”

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against your *magic* bands by which you hunt ¹lives there as ²birds, and I will tear them off your arms; and I will let ¹them go, even those ¹lives whom you hunt as ²birds.

21 “I will also tear off your veils and ^adeliver My people from your hands, and they will no longer be in your hands to be hunted; and you will know that I am the LORD.

⁵ Ezek. 7:19; Is. 13:6, 9

⁶ ¹Lit., *vanity*
^aEzek. 22:28; Jer. 29:8 ^bJer. 28:15; 37:19

⁷ Ezek. 22:28

⁸ ¹Lit., *vanity*
^aEzek. 5:8; 21:3; Nah. 2:13

⁹ ¹Lit., *not be in* ²Or, *and you will know*
^aEzek. 20:3-6; 28:15-17 ^bPs. 69:28; 87:6; Jer. 17:13; Dan. 12:1

¹⁰ Jer. 23:32; 50:6 ^bJer. 8:11; 14:13 ^cEzek. 13:16; 7:25

¹¹ Ezek. 38:22

¹³ Ex. 9:24, 25; Ps. 18:12, 13; Is. 30:30; Rev. 11:19; 16:21

¹⁴ Mic. 1:6; Hab. 3:13 ^bJer. 6:15; 14:15 ^cEzek. 13:9

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *is not . . . are not*

¹⁶ Ezek. 13:10; Jer. 6:14; 8:11 ^bIs. 57:21

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *heart*
^aJudg. 4:4; 2 Kin. 22:14; Luke 2:36; Acts 21:9 ^bEzek. 13:2; Rev. 2:20

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *all joints of the hand*; M.T. reads, *of my hands* ²Or, *souls*

¹⁹ ¹Or, *souls*
^aJer. 23:14, 17

²⁰ ¹Lit., *souls* ²Or, *flying ones*

²¹ Ps. 91:3; 124:7

22 ¹Lit., *strengthen the hands of*
^aAmos 5:12; Jer. 23:14;
 34:16; 22; Ezek. 18:21, 27;
 30:32; 33:14-16

23 ¹Lit., *vanity*
^aEzek. 13:6; 12:24; Mic. 3:6;
 Zech. 13:3; ^bEzek. 13:21;
 34:10; ^cEzek. 13:9, 21

1 ^aEzek. 8:1; 20:1; 2 Kin.
 6:32; ^bEzek. 33:31, 32; Is.
 29:13

3 ^aEzek. 20:16; ^bEzek. 14:4,
 7; 7:19; Zeph. 1:3; ^cEzek.
 20:3, 31; Is. 1:15; Jer. 11:11

4 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD, and so
 throughout the chap. ²Lit., *it*
^a1 Kin. 21:20-24; 2 Kin. 1:16;
 Is. 66:4

5 ¹Lit., *their* ²Or, *all
 estranged from Me through
 their idols*
^aJer. 17:10; Zech. 7:12; ^bIs.
 1:4; Jer. 2:11; Zech. 11:8

6 ^aEzek. 18:30; 1 Sam. 7:3;
 Neh. 1:9; Is. 2:20; 30:22;
 55:6, 7; ^bEzek. 14:4; 8:6

7 ^aEx. 12:48; 20:10; ^bEzek.
 14:4

8 ¹Lit., *proverbs*
^aEzek. 15:7; Jer. 44:11; ^bEzek.
 5:15; Is. 65:15

9 ¹Or, *enticed*
^aJer. 6:14, 15; 14:15

11 ^aEzek. 44:10, 15; 48:11
^bEzek. 11:18; 37:23; ^cEzek.
 11:20; 34:30; 36:28

13 ¹Lit., *break the staff*
^aEzek. 15:8; 20:27

14 ^aJer. 15:1; ^bGen. 6:8; 7:1;
 Heb. 11:7; ^cEzek. 28:3; Dan.
 1:6; 9:21; 10:11; ^dJob. 1:1, 5;
 42:8, 9; ^eEzek. 16:18, 20;
 18:20

15 ^aEzek. 14:21; 5:17

22 "Because you ^adisheartened the righteous with falsehood when I did not cause him grief, but have ^bencouraged the wicked not to ^cturn from his wicked way *and* preserve his life,

23 therefore, you women will no longer see ^{1a}false visions or practice divination, and I will ^bdeliver My people out of your hand. Thus you will ^cknow that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 14

THEN some ^aelders of Israel came to me and ^bsat down before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

3 "Son of man, these men have ^aset up their idols in their hearts, and have ^bput right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be ^cconsulted by them at all?

4 "Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and *then* comes to the prophet, I the LORD will be brought to give him an answer in the ²matter in view of the ^amultitude of his idols,

5 in order to lay hold of ^{1a}the hearts of the house of Israel who are ^{2b}estranged from Me through all their idols.'"

6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "^aRepent and turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your ^babominations.

7 "For anyone of the house of Israel or of the ^aimmigrants who stay in Israel who separates himself from Me, sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and *then* comes to the prophet to inquire of Me for himself, ^bI the LORD will be brought to answer him in My own person.

8 "And I shall ^aset My face against that man and make him a ^bsign and ^{1a}a proverb, and I shall cut him off from among My people. So you will know that I am the LORD.

9 "But if the prophet is ¹prevailed upon to speak a word, it is I, the LORD, who have ^{1b}prevailed upon that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and ^adestroy him from among My people Israel.

10 "And they will bear *the punishment of* their iniquity; as the iniquity of the inquirer is, so the iniquity of the prophet will be,

11 in order that the house of Israel may no longer ^astray from Me and no longer ^bdefile themselves with all their transgressions. Thus they will be ^cMy people, and I shall be their God," declares the Lord GOD."

12 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

13 "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by ^acommitting unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, ^{1d}destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it, and cut off from it both man and beast,

14 even ^athough these three men, ^bNoah, ^cDaniel, and ^dJob were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could *only* deliver ^ethemselves," declares the Lord GOD.

15 "If I were to cause ^awild beasts to pass through the land,

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and they ¹depopulated it, and it became desolate so that no one would pass through it because of the beasts,

16 *though* these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters. ²They alone would be delivered, but the country would be desolate.

17 "Or if I should bring a sword on that country and say, 'Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,'

18 *even though* these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters, but they alone would be delivered.

19 "Or if I should send a ²plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it, to cut off man and beast from it,

20 *even though* Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* son or *their* daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.

21 "For thus says the Lord God, 'How much more when I send my four ¹severe judgments against Jerusalem: sword, famine, wild beasts, and ²plague to cut off man and beast from it!

22 'Yet, behold, ¹survivors will be left in it who will be brought out, *both* sons and daughters. Behold, they are going to come forth to you and you will ²see their conduct and actions; then you will be ³comforted for the calamity which I have brought against Jerusalem for everything which I have brought upon it.

23 'Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did ¹to it,' declares the Lord God."

CHAPTER 15

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, how is the wood of the ²vine *better* than any wood of a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 "Can wood be taken from it to make ¹anything, or can *men* take a peg from it on which to hang any vessel?

4 "If it has been put into the ²fire for fuel, *and* the fire has consumed both of its ends, and its middle part has been charred, is it *then* useful for ¹anything?

5 "Behold, while it is intact, it is not made into ¹anything. How much less, when the fire has consumed it and it is charred, can it still be made into ¹anything!

6 "Therefore, thus says the Lord ¹God, 'As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

7 and I ²set My face against them. *Though* they have ³come out of the fire, yet the fire will consume them. Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I set My face against them.

15 ¹Lit., *bereave of children*

16 ¹Ezek. 18:20; Gen. 19:29

19 ¹Ezek. 14:21; 5:12; Jer. 14:12

21 ¹Lit., *evil*
²Amos 4:6-10

22 ¹Lit., *escaped ones*
²Ezek. 12:16; 36:20 ³Ezek. 16:54; 31:16; 32:31

23 ¹Or, *in*

2 ²Ps. 80:8-16; Is. 5:1-7; Hos. 10:1

3 ¹Lit., *a work*

4 ¹Or, *Behold* ²Lit., *a work*
³Ezek. 15:6; 19:14; Is. 27:11

5 ¹Lit., *a work*

6 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

7 ²Ezek. 14:8; Lev. 26:17; Ps. 34:16; Jer. 21:10 ³1 Kin. 19:17; Is. 24:18; Amos 9:1-4

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8 *Ezek. 14:13; 17:20

2 *Ezek. 20:4; 22:2; Is. 58:1

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

5 ¹Lit., *surface* ²Lit., *in the loathing of your soul* *Deut. 32:10

6 *Ex. 19:4; Ps. 105:10-15

7 ¹Lit., *a myriad* *Ex. 1:7; Deut. 1:10

8 ¹Lit., *your time was* *Ruth 3:9; Jer. 2:2 ²Gen. 22:16-18 ³Ex. 24:7, 8 ⁴Ezek. 20:5; Ex. 19:5; Hos. 2:19, 20

9 *Ruth 3:3

10 ¹Or, *dolphin* *Ezek. 16:13, 18; 26:16; 27:7, 16; Ex. 26:36

11 *Ezek. 23:42; Gen. 24:22, 47; Is. 3:19 ²Gen. 41:42; Prov. 1:9

12 *Gen. 24:47; Is. 3:21 ²Ezek. 16:14; Is. 28:5; Jer. 13:18

13 *Ezek. 16:17; Ps. 45:13, 14 ¹Sam. 10:1; 1 Kin. 4:21

14 *1 Kin. 10:1, 24 ²Ps. 50:2; Lam. 2:15

15 ¹Lit., *to whom it might be* *Ezek. 16:25; 27:3

16 ¹Lit., *things which had not happened nor will it be*

17 ¹Lit., *articles of beauty* *Ezek. 16:11, 12

8 "Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have acted unfaithfully," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 16

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations,

3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem, "Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

4 "As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.

5 "No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born.

6 "When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you *while you were* in your blood, 'Live!' I said to you while you were in your blood, 'Live!'

7 "I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall, and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare.

8 "Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread my skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became mine," declares the Lord God.

9 "Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you, and anointed you with oil.

10 "I also clothed you with embroidered cloth, and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

11 "And I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands, and a necklace around your neck.

12 "I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.

13 "Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty.

14 "Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you," declares the Lord God.

15 "But you trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by who might be willing.

16 "And you took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors, and played the harlot on them, which should never come about nor happen.

17 "You also took your beautiful jewels made of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them.

18 "Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them.

19 "Also my bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil, and honey with which I fed you, ¹you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened," declares the Lord God.

20 "Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to ^aMe, and you ^bsacrificed them to ^cidols to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter?

21 "You slaughtered My children, and offered them up to ^didols by ^ecausing them to pass through *the fire*.

22 "And besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood.

23 "Then it came about after all your wickedness ("Woe, woe to you!" declares the Lord God),

24 that you built yourself a ^ashrine and made yourself a ^bhigh place in every square.

25 "You built yourself a high place at the top of every street, and made your beauty abominable; and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry.

26 "You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your ¹lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to ^amake Me angry.

27 "Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the ^adaughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct.

28 "Moreover, you played the harlot with the ^aAssyrians because you were not satisfied; you even played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied.

29 "You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied." "

30 "How ^alanguishing is your heart," declares the Lord God, "while you do all these things, the actions of a ^{1b}bold-faced harlot.

31 "When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in ^adisdaining money, you were not like a harlot.

32 "You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

33 "Men give gifts to all harlots, but you ^agive your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.

34 "Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot ^{1a}as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different."

35 Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.

36 Thus says the Lord God, "Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers and with all your detestable ^aidols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to ^cidols,

37 therefore, behold, I shall ^agather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved *and* all those whom you ^bhated. So I shall gather them against you

19 ¹Lit., and you . . . offerit

20 ¹Lit., them
^aEx. 13:2, 12; Deut. 29:11, 12
^bEzek. 20:31; 23:37; Ps. 106:37, 38; Jer. 7:31

21 ¹Lit., them
^a2 Kin. 17:17; Jer. 19:5

24 ^aEzek. 16:31, 39; 20:28, 29; Jer. 11:30 ^bPs. 78:58; Is. 57:5,7

26 ¹Lit., great of flesh
^aEzek. 8:17; Jer. 7:18, 19

27 ^aEzek. 16:57; Is. 9:12

28 ^aEzek. 23:12; 2 Kin. 16:7, 10-18; 2 Chr. 28:16, 20-23; Jer. 2:18, 36; Hos. 10:6

30 ¹Lit., domineering
^aProv. 9:13; Is. 1:3; Jer. 4:22
^bIs. 3:9; Jer. 3:3

31 ^aIs. 52:3

33 ¹Lit., they
^aEzek. 16:41; Is. 57:9; Hos. 8:9, 10

34 ¹Lit., after you

36 ¹Lit., them
^aEzek. 20:31; 23:37; Jer. 19:5

37 ^aEzek. 23:9, 22; Jer. 13:22, 26; Hos. 2:3, 10; Nah. 3:5,6 ^bEzek. 23:17, 18

37 ¹Is. 47:338 ^aEzek. 23:45 ^bEzek. 23:25; Ps. 79:3, 5; Jer. 18:21; Zeph. 1:1739 ¹Lit., *their hands, and they* ²Lit., *articles of beauty*40 ¹Lit., *bring up an assembly*
^aEzek. 23:47; Hab. 1:6-1041 ¹Lit., *a harlot's hire*
^a2 Kin. 25:9; Jer. 39:8; 52:13
^bEzek. 23:4842 ^aEzek. 5:13; 21:17;
¹Sam. 24:25; Zech. 6:8
^bEzek. 39:29; Is. 40:1, 2;
54:9, 1043 ¹So with ancient versions; Heb., *are angry against*
^aEzek. 16:22; Ps. 78:42;
106:13 ^bEzek. 6:9; Is. 63:10
^cEzek. 11:21; 22:3144 ¹Lit., *Her*
^aEzek. 12:22, 23; 18:2, 3;
¹Sam. 24:1345 ^aEzek. 23:2 ^bEzek. 23:37-39; Gen. 18:20; Is. 1:4; Zech. 11:846 ¹Lit., *on your left* ²i.e., *environs; so through v.55*
³Lit., *from your right*
^aEzek. 23:4; Jer. 3:8-11
^bEzek. 16:48, 49, 53-56, 61;
Gen. 13:11-13; 18:2047 ^a1 Kin. 16:31 ^bEzek. 16:48, 51; 5:6; 2 Kin. 21:948 ^aMatt. 11:23, 2449 ¹Lit., *grasp the hand of*
^aEzek. 28:2, 9, 17; Gen. 19:9-10;
Ps. 138:6; Is. 3:9 ^bGen. 13:10;
Is. 22:13; Amos 6:4-6 ^cLuke 12:16-20; 16:19 ^dEzek. 18:7, 12, 1650 ¹Many ancient mss. and versions read: *as you have seen*
^aGen. 19:24, 2551 ^aJer. 3:8-11; Matt. 12:41, 4252 ¹Lit., *mediated for*
^aEzek. 16:47, 48, 5153 ¹Lit., *in their midst* ²Lit., *the captivity of your captivity*
^aIs. 19:24, 25

from every direction and ^cexpose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness.

38 "Thus I shall ^ajudge you, like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I shall bring on you the blood of ^bwrath and jealousy.

39 "I shall also give you into ¹the hands of your lovers, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing, take away your ²jewels, and will leave you naked and bare.

40 "They will ¹incite a ^acrowd against you, and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

41 "And they will ^aburn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. Then I shall ^bstop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay ¹your lovers.

42 "So I ^ashall calm My fury against you, and My jealousy will depart from you, and I shall be pacified and angry ^bno more.

43 "Because you have ^anot remembered the days of your youth but ¹have ^benraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will ^cbring your conduct down on your own head," declares the Lord God, "so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your *other* abominations.

44 "Behold, every one who quotes ^aproverbs will quote *this* proverb concerning you, saying, '¹Like mother, ¹like daughter.'

45 "You are the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and children. You are also the ^asister of your sisters, who ^bloathed their husbands and children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite.

46 "Now your ^aolder sister is Samaria, who lives ¹north of you with her ²daughters; and your younger sister, who lives ³south of you, is ^bSodom with her ²daughters.

47 "Yet you have not merely walked in their ways or done according to their abominations; but, as if that were ^atoo little, you acted ^bmore corruptly in all your conduct than they.

48 "As I live," declares the Lord God, "Sodom, your sister, and her daughters, have ^anot done as you and your daughters have done.

49 "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had ^aarrogance, ^babundant food, and careless ^cease, but she did not ¹help the ^dpoor and needy.

50 "Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I ^aremoved them ¹when I saw it.

51 "Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. Thus you have made your sisters appear ^arighteous by all your abominations which you have committed.

52 "Also bear your disgrace in that you have ¹made judgment favorable for your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted ^amore abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. Yes, be also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear righteous.

53 "Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and ¹along with them ^{2a}your own captivity,

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54 in order that you may bear your humiliation, and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them.

55 "And your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, ¹will return to their former state, and you with your daughters will *also* return to your former state.

56 "As *the name of* your sister Sodom was ²not heard from your lips in your day of pride,

57 before your ³wickedness was uncovered, ¹so now you have become the ⁴reproach of the daughters of ²Edom, and of all who are around her, of the daughters of the Philistines—those surrounding you who despise you.

58 "You have ⁵borne *the penalty of* your lewdness and abominations," the LORD declares.

59 For thus says the Lord God, "I will also do with you as you have done, you who have ⁶despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

60 "Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an ⁷everlasting covenant with you.

61 "Then you will ⁸remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, *both* your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.

62 "Thus I will ⁹establish My covenant with you, and you shall ¹⁰know that I am the LORD,

63 in order that you may ¹¹remember and be ashamed, and ¹²never open your mouth any more because of your humiliation, when I have ¹³forgiven you for all that you have done," the Lord God declares.

54 ^aJer. 2:26

55 ¹Heb. includes *will return . . . state after Sodom* also

56 ^aIs. 65:5; Luke 15:28-30

57 ¹Heb., *as at the time of* ²So with many mss. and one version; M.T., Syria ^aEzek. 16:36, 37 ^bEzek. 5:14, 15; 22:4; 2 Kin. 16:5-7; 2 Chr. 28:5,6, 18-23

58 ^aEzek. 23:49

59 ^aEzek. 17:19; Is. 24:5

60 ^aEzek. 37:26; Is. 55:3; Jer. 32:38-41

61 ^aEzek. 6:9; Jer. 50:4, 5

62 ^aEzek. 20:37; 34:25; 37:26 ^bEzek. 20:43, 44; Jer. 24:7

63 ^aEzek. 36:31, 32; Dan. 9:7, 8 ^bPs. 39:9; Rom. 3:19 ^cPs. 65:3; 78:38; 79:9

CHAPTER 17

NOW the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, ¹propound a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel,

3 ¹saying, "Thus says the Lord ²God, "A great ³eagle with ⁴great wings, long pinions and a full plumage of many colors, came to ⁵Lebanon and took away the top of the cedar.

4 "He plucked off the topmost of its young twigs and brought it to a land of merchants; he set it in a city of traders.

5 "He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in ¹fertile soil. He ²placed it beside abundant waters; he set it *like* a ³willow.

6 "Then it sprouted and became a low, spreading vine with its branches turned toward him, but its roots remained under it. So it became a vine, and yielded shoots and sent out branches.

7 "But there was ¹another great eagle with great wings and much plumage; and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and sent out its branches toward him from the beds where it was ²planted, that he might water it.

8 "It was planted in good ¹soil beside abundant waters,

2 ^aEzek. 20:49; 24:3

3 ¹Lit., *and you shall say* ²YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ^aEzek. 17:12; Jer. 48:40; Hos. 8:1 ^bDan. 4:22 ^cJer. 22:23

5 ¹Lit., *a field of seed* ²Lit., *took* ^aDeut. 8:7-9 ^bIs. 44:4

7 ¹So with several ancient versions; M.T., *one* ^aEzek. 31:4

8 ¹Lit., *field*

9¹Lit., *arm*

10^aEzek. 19:14; Hos. 13:15

12^aEzek. 2:3-5 ^bEzek. 12:9-11; 24:19 ^cEzek. 17:3; 1:2; 2 Kin. 24:11, 12, 15

13¹Lit., *seed* ²Lit., *and caused him to enter into an oath*

^aEzek. 17:5; 2 Kin. 24:17 ^b2 Chr. 36:13 ^c2 Kin. 24:15, 16

14¹Lit., *low*

15¹Lit., *people*
^aEzek. 17:7; 2 Kin. 24:20;
²Chr. 36:13; Jer. 52:3 ^bEzek. 17:18; Jer. 34:3; 38:18, 23

16¹Lit., *place* ²Lit., *made him king* ³Lit., *with him in Babylon*
^aEzek. 17:13, 18, 19; 16:59;
²Kin. 24:17, 20 ^bEzek. 12:13; Jer. 52:11

17¹Lit., *act with*
^aEzek. 29:6, 7; Is. 36:6; Jer. 37:5, 7

18¹Lit., *gave his hand*

19¹Lit., *give it*

20^aEzek. 12:13; 32:3 ^bJer. 39:5-7 ^cJer. 20:35, 36; Jer. 2:35

21¹So many ancient mss. and versions; M.T., *fugitives*
^aEzek. 5:2, 10, 12-14; 2 Kin. 25:5, 11

22^aEzek. 20:40; 37:22; Ps. 72:16

23¹Lit., *wing* ²Lit., *dwell*
^aPs. 92:12; Is. 27:6

24^aPs. 96:12; Is. 55:12 ^bIs. 37:3, 13; Amos 9:11

that it might yield branches and bear fruit, *and* become a splendid vine.

9 "Say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it withers—so that all its sprouting leaves wither? And neither by great strength nor by many people can it be raised from its roots *again*."

10 "Behold, though it is planted, will it thrive? Will it not ^acompletely wither as soon as the east wind strikes it—wither on the beds where it grew?" "

11 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

12 "Say now to the ^arebellious house, 'Do you not ^bknow what these things *mean*?' Say, 'Behold, the ^cking of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took its king and princes, and brought them to him in Babylon.

13 'And he took one of the royal ^{1a}family and made a covenant with him, ²putting him under ^boath. He also took away the ^cmighty of the land,

14 that the kingdom might be ¹in subjection, not exalting itself, *but* keeping his covenant, that it might continue.

15 'But he ^arebelled against him by sending his envoys to Egypt that they might give him horses and many ¹troops. Will he succeed? Will he who does such things ^bescape? Can he indeed break the covenant and escape?

16 'As I live,' declares the Lord God, 'Surely in the ¹country of the king who ²put him on the throne, whose oath he ^adespised, and whose covenant he broke, ^{3b}in Babylon he shall die.

17 'And ^aPharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company will not ¹help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build siege walls to cut off many lives.

18 'Now he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and behold, he ¹pledged his allegiance, yet did all these things; he shall not escape."

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "As I live, surely My oath which he despised and My covenant which he broke, I will ¹inflict on his head.

20 "And I will spread My ^anet over him, and he will be ^bcaught in My snare. Then I will bring him to Babylon and ^center into judgment with him there *regarding* the unfaithful act which he has committed against Me.

21 "And all the ^{1a}choice men in all his troops will fall by the sword, and the survivors will be scattered to every wind; and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken."

22 Thus says the Lord God, "I shall also take *a sprig* from the lofty top of the cedar and set *it* out; I shall pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I shall plant *it* on a ^ahigh and lofty mountain.

23 "On the high mountain of Israel I shall plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a stately ^acedar. And birds of every ¹kind will ²nest under it; they will ²nest in the shade of its branches.

24 "And all the ^atrees of the field will know that I am the LORD; I bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree ^bflourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform *it*."

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel saying,

^b"The fathers eat the sour grapes,

But the children's teeth ¹are set on edge'?"

3 "As I live," declares the LORD ¹GOD, "you are surely not going to use this proverb in Israel any more.

4 "Behold, ^aall ¹souls are Mine; the ²soul of the father as well as the ²soul of the son is Mine. The ²soul who ^bsins will die.

5 "But if a man is righteous, and practices justice and righteousness,

6 and does not ^aeat at the mountain *shrines* or ^blift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or ^cdefile his neighbor's wife, or approach a woman during her menstrual period—

7 if a man does not oppress any one, but ^arestores to the debtor his pledge, ^bdoes not commit robbery, *but* ^cgives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with clothing,

8 if he does not lend *money* on ^ainterest or take ^bincrease, *if* he keeps his hand from iniquity, *and* ^cexecutes true justice between man and man,

9 *if* he walks in My statutes and My ordinances so as to deal faithfully—he is righteous *and* will surely ^alive," declares the LORD GOD.

10 "Then he may ¹have a violent son who sheds blood, and who does any of these things to a brother

11 (though he himself did not do any of these things), that is, he even eats at the mountain *shrines*, and defiles his neighbor's wife,

12 oppresses the ^apoor and needy, ^bcommits robbery, does not restore a pledge, but lifts up his eyes to the idols, *and* ^ccommits abomination,

13 he lends *money* on interest and takes increase; will he live? He will not live! He has committed all these abominations, he will surely be put to death; his ^ablood will be ¹on his own head.

14 "Now behold, he ¹has a son who has observed all his father's sins which he committed, and ^aobserving does not do likewise.

15 "He does not eat at the mountain *shrines* or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor's wife,

16 or oppress anyone, or retain a pledge, or commit robbery, *but* he ^agives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with clothing,

17 he keeps his hand from ¹the poor, does not take interest or increase, *but* executes My ordinances, and walks in My statutes; he will not die for his father's iniquity, he will surely live.

18 "As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed *his* brother, and did what was not good among his people, behold, he will die for his iniquity.

² ¹Lit., *become dull*
^aIs. 3:15 ^bJer. 31:29; Lam. 5:7; Matt. 23:36

³ ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

⁴ ¹Or, *lives* ²Or, *life* ³Or, *person*
^aNum. 16:22; 27:16; Is. 42:5; 57:16 ^bEzek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23

⁶ ^aEzek. 18:15; 6:13; 22:9
^bEzek. 18:12, 15; 20:24; 33:25; Deut. 4:19 ^cEzek. 18:15; 22:11

⁷ ^aEzek. 33:15; Deut. 24:13; Amos 2:8 ^bLev. 19:13; Amos 3:10 ^cEzek. 18:16; Deut. 15:11; Matt. 25:35-40; Luke 3:11

⁸ ^aEx. 22:25; Deut. 23:19, 20 ^bLev. 25:36 ^cZech. 7:9; 8:16

⁹ ^aHab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *beget*

¹² ^aAmos 4:1; Zech. 7:10
^bEzek. 18:7, 16, 18; 7:23; Is. 59:6, 7; Jer. 22:3, 17 ^cEzek. 8:6, 17; 2 Kin. 21:11

¹³ ¹Lit., *on him*
^aEzek. 33:4, 5

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *begets*
^a2 Chr. 29:6-10; 34:21

¹⁶ ^aEzek. 18:7; Job 31:16, 20; Ps. 41:1; Is. 58:7, 10

¹⁷ ¹So M.T.; Ck. reads: *iniquity as in v. 8*

19 *Ezek. 18:2; Ex. 20:5; Jer. 15:4 *Ezek. 18:9; 20:18-20; Zech. 1:3-6

20 *Ezek. 18:4; 2 Kin. 14:6; 22:18-20 *Deut. 24:16; Jer. 31:30 *1 Kin. 8:32; Is. 3:10, 11; Matt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6-9

21 *Ezek. 18:27, 28; 33:12, 19

22 *Ezek. 18:24; 33:16; Is. 43:25; Jer. 50:20; Mic. 7:19 *Ps. 18:20-24

23 ¹Lit., is it not *Ezek. 18:32; 33:11; Lam. 3:33; Hos. 11:8 *Ps. 147:11; Mic. 7:18

24 *Ezek. 18:26; 3:20; 33:18; 1 Sam. 15:11; 2 Chr. 24:2, 17. 22 *Ezek. 18:22; Gal. 3:3, 4 *Ezek. 17:20; 20:27; Prov. 21:16

25 *Ezek. 18:29; 33:17, 20; Mal. 2:17; 3:13-15 *Gen. 18:25; Jer. 12:1; Zeph. 3:5

26 ¹Lit., then

30 *Ezek. 14:6; 33:11; Hos. 12:6

31 *Is. 1:16, 17; 55:7 *Ezek. 11:19; 36:26; Ps. 51:10

32 *Ezek. 18:23; 33:11

1 *Ezek. 19:14; 2:10 *2 Kin. 23:29, 30, 34; 24:6, 12; 25:5-7

19 "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced justice and righteousness, and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live.

20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

21 "But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

22 "All his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of his brightness which he has practiced, he will live.

23 "Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord God, "rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?"

24 "But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that a wicked man does, will he live? All his righteous deeds which he has done will not be remembered for his treachery which he has committed and his sin which he has committed; for them he will die.

25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Hear now, O house of Israel! Is My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?"

26 "When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies because of it, for his iniquity which he has committed he will die.

27 "Again, when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life.

28 "Because he considered and turned away from all his transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

29 "But the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Are My ways not right, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not right?"

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares the Lord God. "Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you.

31 "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?"

32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord God. "Therefore, repent and live."

CHAPTER 19

AS for you, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

2 and say:

**Lamentation Likens King to Caged Lion.
Israel to Ruined Vine.**

Ezekiel 19

- ¹What was your mother?
A lioness among lions!
She lay down among young lions,
She reared her cubs.
- 3 ¹When she brought up one of her cubs,
He became a lion,
And he learned to tear *his* prey;
He devoured men.
- 4 ¹Then nations heard about him;
He was ^acaptured in their pit,
And they brought him with hooks
To the land of Egypt.
- 5 ¹When she saw, as she waited,
That her hope was lost,
She took ¹another of her cubs
And made him a young lion.
- 6 ¹And he ^awalked about among the lions;
He became a young lion,
He learned to tear *his* prey;
He devoured men.
- 7 ¹And he ¹destroyed their ²fortified towers
And laid waste their cities;
And the land and its fulness were appalled
Because of the sound of his roaring.
- 8 ¹Then ^anations set against him
On every side from *their* provinces,
And they spread their net over him;
He was captured in their pit.
- 9 ¹And they put him in a cage with hooks
And ^abrought him to the king of Babylon;
They brought him in hunting nets
So that his voice should be heard no more
On the mountains of Israel.
- 10 ¹Your mother was ^alike a vine in your ¹vineyard,
Planted by the waters;
It was fruitful and full of branches
Because of abundant waters.
- 11 ¹And it had ^{1a}strong branches *fit* for scepters of rulers,
And its ^bheight was raised above the clouds
So that it was seen in its height with the mass of its
branches.
- 12 ¹But it was ^aplucked up in fury;
It was ^bcast down to the ground;
And the ^ceast wind dried up its fruit.
Its ^{1d}strong branch ²was torn off
So that ³it withered;
The fire consumed it.
- 13 ¹And now it is planted in the ^awilderness,
In a dry and thirsty land.
- 14 ¹And ^afire has gone out from *its* branch;
It has consumed its shoots *and* fruit,
So that there is not in it a ¹strong branch,
A scepter to rule.
This is a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.'''
- ² ¹Or, *Why did your mother, a lioness, lie down among lions; among young lions rear her cubs?*
- ⁴ ² Kin. 23:34; 2 Chr. 36:4, 6
- ⁵ ¹ Lit., *one*
- ⁶ ² Kin. 24:9; 2 Chr. 36:9
- ⁷ ¹ So Targum; M.T., *knew* ² Or, *widows*
- ⁸ ² Kin. 24:11
- ⁹ ² Kin. 24:15
- ¹⁰ ¹ So with some ancient mss.; M.T., *blood* ^a Ps. 80:8-11
- ¹¹ ¹ Lit., *rods of strength* ^a Ps. 80:15 ^b Ezek. 31:3
- ¹² ¹ Lit., *rods of her strength* ² So Gk.; M.T., *they were* ³ So Gk.; M.T., *they were* ^a Jer. 31:28 ^b Ezek. 28:17; Lam. 2:1 ^c Ezek. 17:10; Hos. 13:15 ^d Ezek. 19:11; Is. 27:11
- ¹³ ^a Ezek. 19:10; 20:35; 2 Kin. 24:12-16; Hos. 2:3
- ¹⁴ ¹ Lit., *rod of strength* ^a Ezek. 15:4; 20:47, 48

¹ Lit., *men*
^aEzek. 8:1, 11, 12

³ YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

⁴ Ezek. 16:2; 22:2

⁵ Lit., *lifted up My hand*, and so throughout the chap.
² Lit., *seed*
^aEx. 6:6-8 ^bEx. 6:2, 3

⁶ Lit., *spied out*
^aEx. 13:5; 33:3

⁷ Ex. 20:4, 5; 22:20 ^bLev. 18:3; Deut. 29:16, 18 ^cEx. 20:2

⁸ Lit., *each one* ² Lit., *said*
^aDeut. 9:7; Is. 63:10 ^bEx. 32:1-9 ^cEzek. 20:13, 21; 5:13; 7:8

⁹ Ezek. 20:14, 22; 36:21, 22; Ex. 32:11-14 ^bEzek. 39:7

¹⁰ Ex. 19:1

¹¹ Lit., *does*
^aEx. 20:1-23, 33 ^bEzek. 20:13; Lev. 18:5

¹² Ezek. 20:20; Ex. 31:13, 17

¹³ Lit., *does* ² Lit., *said*
^aEzek. 20:8; Num. 14:11, 12, 22 ^bEzek. 20:21; Is. 56:6 ^cEzek. 20:8, 21; Ex. 32:10; Deut. 9:8

NOW it came about in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, on the tenth of the month, that ¹certain of the ^aelders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

² And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

³ "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "Do you come to inquire of Me? As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "I will not be inquired of by you.'"

⁴ "Will you judge them, will you judge them, son of man? ^aMake them know the abominations of their fathers;

⁵ and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day when I ^achose Israel and ¹swore to the ²descendants of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I ¹swore to them, saying, ^bI am the LORD your God,

⁶ on that day I swore to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had ¹selected for them, ^aflowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands.

⁷ "And I said to them, ^a"Cast away, each of you, the detestable things of his eyes, and ^bdo not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; ^cI am the LORD your God.'

⁸ "But they ^arebelled against Me and were not willing to listen to Me; ¹they did not cast away the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they forsake the ^bidols of Egypt.

Then I ²resolved to ^cpour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

⁹ "But I acted ^afor the sake of My name, that it should ^bnot be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they *lived*, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ "So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the ^awilderness.

¹¹ "And I gave them My ^astatutes and informed them of My ordinances, by ^bwhich, if a man ¹observes them, he will live.

¹² "And also I gave them My sabbaths to be a ^asign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

¹³ "But the house of Israel ^arebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, and they rejected My ordinances, by which, if a man ¹observes them, he will live; and My ^bsabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I ²resolved to ^cpour out My wrath on them in the wilderness, to annihilate them.

¹⁴ "But I acted for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, before whose sight I had brought them out.

¹⁵ "And also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands,

¹⁶ because they rejected My ordinances, and as for My

statutes, they did not walk in them; they even profaned My sabbaths, for their ^aheart continually went after their idols.

17 "Yet My eye spared them rather than destroying them, and I did not cause their ^aannihilation in the wilderness.

18 "And I said to their ^{1a}children in the wilderness, ^b"Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, or keep their ordinances, or defile yourselves with their idols.

19 ^a"I am the LORD your God; walk in My statutes, and keep My ordinances, and ¹observe them.

20 "And sanctify My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God."

21 "But the ^achildren rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to observe My ordinances, by which, *if* a man observes them, he will live; they profaned My sabbaths. So I ¹resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

22 "But I ^awithdrew My hand and acted ^bfor the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.

23 "Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would ^ascatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands,

24 because they had not observed My ordinances, but had rejected My statutes, and had profaned My sabbaths, and their eyes were ¹on the idols of their fathers.

25 "And I also gave them statutes that were ^anot good and ordinances by which they could not live;

26 and I pronounced them ^aunclean because of their gifts, in that they ^bcaused all their first-born to pass through *the fire* so that I might make them desolate, in order that they might ^cknow that I am the LORD."

27 "Therefore, son of man, ^aspeak to the house of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Yet in this your fathers have ^bblasphemed Me by ^cacting treacherously against Me.

28 "When I had ^abrought them into the land which I swore to give to them, then they saw every ^bhigh hill and every leafy tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering. There also they made their soothing aroma, and there they poured out their libations.

29 "Then I said to them, 'What is the high place to which you go?' So its name is called ¹Bamah to this day."

30 "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Will you defile yourselves ¹after the manner of your ^afathers and play the harlot after their detestable things?

31 "And ¹when you offer your gifts, when you cause your sons to ^apass through the fire, you are defiling yourselves with all your idols to this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live," declares the Lord God, "I will not be inquired of by you.

32 "And what comes ¹into your mind will not come about, when you say: 'We will be like the nations, like the tribes of the lands, ^aservicing wood and stone.'

33 "As I live," declares the Lord God, "surely with a mighty

16 ^aEzek. 20:8; 11:21; 14:3-7

17 ^aEzek. 11:13; Jer. 4:27; 5:18

18 ¹Lit., sons
^aNum. 14:31; Deut. 4:3-6
^bZech. 1:4

19 ¹Lit., do ^aEx. 6:7; 20:2

21 ¹Lit., said
^aNum. 21:5; 25:1-3

22 ^aEzek. 20:17; Job 13:21; Ps. 78:38 ^bEzek. 20:9, 14; Is. 48:9-11; Jer. 14:7, 21

23 ^aLev. 26:33; Deut. 4:27; 28:64

24 ¹Lit., after

25 ^aPs. 81:12; Is. 66:4; Rom. 1:21-25, 28

26 ¹Lit., that which opens the womb
^aEzek. 20:30; Lev. 18:21; 20:2-5; Is. 63:17; Rom. 11:8
^bJer. 7:31; 19:4-9 ^cEzek. 20:12, 20; 6:7

27 ^aEzek. 20:2, 7; 3:4, 11, 27
^bNum. 15:30; Rom. 2:24
^cEzek. 18:24; 39:23, 26

28 ^aJosh. 23:3, 14; Neh. 9:22-26; Ps. 78:55 ^bEzek. 6:13; 1 Km. 14:23; Ps. 78:58; Is. 57:5-7; Jer. 2:7; 3:6

29 ¹Or. High Place

30 ¹Lit., in the way of
^aJudg. 2:19; Jer. 7:26; 16:12

31 ¹Lit., in your lifting up
^aEzek. 20:26; 16:20; Ps. 106:37-39; Jer. 7:31

32 ¹Lit., upon your spirit
^aJer. 2:25; 44:17

33 ^aJer. 51:57

34 ^aEzek. 20:38; 34:16; Is. 27:12, 13 ^bJer. 42:18; 44:6; Lam. 2:4

35 ^aEzek. 20:36; 19:13; Hos. 2:14

36 ^aEzek. 20:13, 21; Num. 11:1-35; Ps. 106:15; 1 Cor. 10:5-10 ^bDeut. 32:10

37 ^aLev. 27:32; Jer. 33:13

38 ¹Lit., *ground or soil*
^aEzek. 34:17-22; Amos 9:9, 10; Zech. 13:8, 9; Mal. 3:3; 4:1-3 ^bEzek. 20:15, 16; 13:9; Num. 14:29, 30; Ps. 95:11; Heb. 4:3

39 ¹Or, *and afterwards, if you will not listen to Me, but*
^aJer. 44:25, 26 ^bEzek. 23:38, 39; 43:7; Is. 1:13-15

40 ¹Or, *require*
^aEzek. 37:22, 24; Is. 66:23
^bEzek. 43:12, 27; Is. 56:7; 60:7

41 ¹Lit., *with*
^aEzek. 11:17; 28:25; Is. 27:12, 13 ^bEzek. 28:25; 36:23; Is. 5:16

42 ^aEzek. 20:6, 15

43 ¹Lit., *faces*
^aEzek. 6:9; 16:61, 63; Hos. 5:15 ^bEzek. 36:31; Jer. 31:18; Zech. 12:10

45 ¹Chap. 21:1 in Heb.

46 ¹Or, *the South* ²Lit., *of the field*
^aEzek. 21:4; Jer. 13:19 ^bEzek. 21:2; Amos 7:16 ^cIs. 30:6-11

47 ¹Lit., *moist* ²Or, *all the faces*
^aIs. 9:18, 19; Jer. 21:14 ^bIs. 13:8

48 ^aJer. 7:20; 17:27

49 ^aEzek. 17:2; Matt. 13:13, 14; John 16:25

hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be ^aking over you.

34 "And I shall ^abring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with ^bwrath poured out;

35 and I shall bring you into the ^awilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face.

36 "As I ^aentered into judgment with your fathers in the ^bwilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares the Lord God.

37 "And I shall make you ^apass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant;

38 and I shall ^apurge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will ^bnot enter the ¹land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

39 "As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord God, "Go, serve every one his idols; ¹but later, you will surely listen to Me, and My holy name you will ^bprofane no longer with your gifts and with your idols.

40 "For on My holy mountain, on the high mountain of Israel," declares the Lord God, "there the whole house of Israel, ^aall of them, will serve Me in the land; there I shall ^baccept them, and there I shall ¹seek your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your holy things.

41 "As a soothing aroma I shall accept you, when I ^abring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered; and I shall prove Myself ^bholy among you in the sight of the nations.

42 "And you will know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the ^aland which I swore to give to your forefathers.

43 "And there you will ^aremember your ways and all your deeds, with which you have defiled yourselves; and you will ^bloathe yourselves in your own ¹sight for all the evil things that you have done.

44 "Then you will know that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel," declares the Lord God."

45 ¹Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

46 "Son of man, set your face toward ¹Teman, and speak out against the ^asouth, and ^bprophecy against the ^cforest ²land of the Negev,

47 and say to the forest of the Negev, 'Hear the word of the LORD: Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am about to ^akindle a fire in you, and it shall consume every ¹green tree in you, as well as every dry tree; the blazing flame will not be quenched, and ^{2b}the whole surface from south to north will be burned by it.

48 "And all flesh will see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall ^anot be quenched."'"

49 Then I said, "Ah Lord God! They are saying of me, 'Is he not *just speaking* ^aparables?'"

CHAPTER 21

1 ¹Chap. 21:6 in Heb.

1 AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, ^aset your face toward Jerusalem, and ^bspeak against the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel;

² ¹Lit., *drip*
^aEzek. 20:46; 25:2; 28:21
^bEzek. 20:46; Job 29:22

3 and say to the land of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, "Behold, ^aI am against you; and I shall draw My sword out of its sheath and cut off from you the ^brighteous and the wicked.

³ ^aEzek. 5:8; Jer. 21:13; Nah. 2:13; 3:5 ^bIs. 57:1

4 "Because I shall cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore My sword shall go forth from its sheath against ^aall flesh from south to north.

⁴ ^aEzek. 7:2; 20:47; Jer. 12:12

5 "Thus all flesh will know that I, the LORD, have drawn My sword out of its sheath. It will ^anot return to its *sheath* again."

⁵ ^aEzek. 21:30; 1 Sam. 3:12; Jer. 23:20; Nah. 1:9

6 "As for you, son of man, groan with breaking ¹heart and bitter grief, groan in their sight.

⁶ ¹Lit., *loins*

7 "And it will come about when they say to you, 'Why do you groan?' that you will say, 'Because of the ^anews that is coming; and ^bevery heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will ¹faint, and all knees will ²be weak as water. Behold, it comes and it will happen,' declares the Lord ³GOD."

⁷ ¹Lit., *be dim* ²Lit., *flow*
¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 7:26 ^bIs. 13:7; Nah. 2:10

8 Again the word of the LORD came to me saying,

9 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD.' Say,

'A sword, a sword sharpened
And also polished!

10 'Sharpened to make a ^aslaughter,
Polished ¹to flash like lightning!

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *lightning to be to her* ²Or, *scepter*
^aIs. 34:5, 6 ^bEzek. 20:47; Ps. 110:5, 6

Or shall we rejoice, the ²rod of my son ^bdespising every tree?

11 "And it is given to be polished, that it may be handled; the sword is sharpened and polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

¹² ^aEzek. 21:6; Joel 1:13
^bEzek. 21:25; 22:6

12 "^aCry out and wail, son of man; for it is against My people, it is against all the ^bofficials of Israel. They are delivered over to the sword with My people, therefore strike *your* thigh.

¹³ ¹Or, *scepter*

13 "For *there is* a testing; and what if even the ¹rod which despises will be no more?" declares the Lord God.

¹⁴ ^aLev. 26:21, 24; 2 Kin. 24:1, 10-16; 25:1 ^b1 Kin. 22:25

14 "You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and clap *your* hands together; and let the sword be ^adoubled the third time, the sword for the slain. It is the sword for the great one slain, which ^bsurrounds them,

¹⁵ ^aEzek. 21:7; Josh. 2:11; 2 Sam. 17:10; Ps. 22:2 ^bIs. 59:10; Jer. 13:16; 18:15
^cEzek. 21:19; Jer. 17:27

15 that *their* ^ahearts may melt, and ^bmany fall at all their ^cgates. I have given the glittering sword. Ah! It is made for *striking* like lightning, it is wrapped up *in readiness* for slaughter.

¹⁶ ¹Or, *Unite yourself*
²Lit., *face*

16 "¹Show yourself sharp, go to the right; set yourself; go to the left, wherever your ²edge is appointed.

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *cause to rest*
^aEzek. 5:13

17 "I shall also clap My hands together, and I shall ^{1a}appease My wrath; I, the LORD, have spoken."

¹⁹ ¹Or, *set for yourself*
²Lit., *cut out a hand* ³Lit., *cut it*
^aEzek. 4:1-3; Jer. 1:10

18 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,
19 "As for you, son of man, ^{1a}make two ways for the sword of the king of Babylon to come; both of them will go out of one land. And ²make a signpost; ³make it at the head of the way to the city.

20 ¹Lit., *set*
^aEzek. 25:5; Deut. 3:11; Jer. 49:2; Amos 1:14 ^bPs. 48:12, 13; 125:1, 2

21 ¹Lit., *mother* ²Heb., *teraphim*; cf. Gen. 31:19; Judg. 18:17, 20
^aNum. 22:7; 23:23 ^bProv. 16:33; 21:1 ^cGen. 31:19, 30; Judg. 17:5

22 ¹Lit., *in*
^aEzek. 4:2 ^bEzek. 26:9

23 ^aEzek. 17:16, 18 ^bEzek. 21:24; 29:16; Num. 5:15

25 ¹Or, *iniquity*
^aEzek. 7:2, 3, 7; Ps. 37:13

26 ¹Lit., *not this*
^aEzek. 16:12; Jer. 13:18
^bEzek. 17:24; Ps. 75:7

27 ^aHag. 2:21, 22 ^bEzek. 34:24; 37:24; Ps. 2:6; 72:7, 10; Jer. 23:5, 6

28 ¹Lit., *to finish*
^aEzek. 36:15; Zeph. 2:8-10
^bIs. 31:8; Jer. 12:12; 46:10, 14

29 ¹Or, *iniquity*
^aEzek. 13:6-9; 22:28; Jer. 27:9
^bEzek. 21:25; 35:5

30 ^aJer. 47:6, 7 ^bEzek. 25:5

31 ¹Or, *artisans of*
^aEzek. 14:19; 25:7; Nah. 1:6
^bEzek. 22:20, 21; Ps. 18:15; Is. 30:33; Hag. 1:9 ^cJer. 4:7; 6:22, 23; 51:20, 21; Hab. 1:6, 10

32 ¹Lit., *food*
^aEzek. 20:47, 48; Mal. 4:1
^bEzek. 25:10

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 22:6, 27; 23:37, 45; Zeph. 3:3

4 ¹Lit., *your*
^aEzek. 24:7, 8; 2 Kin. 21:16

Babylon Is God's Instrument against Judah and Ammon.

20 "You shall ¹mark a way for the word to come to ^aRab-bah of the sons of Ammon, and to Judah into ^bfortified Jerusalem.

21 "For the king of Babylon stands at the ¹parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use ^adivination; he ^bshakes the arrows, he consults the ^{2c}household idols, he looks at the liver.

22 "Into his right hand came the divination, 'Jerusalem,' ^ato set battering rams, to open the mouth ¹for slaughter, to lift up the voice with a battle cry, ^bto set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build a siege wall.

23 "And it will be to them like a false divination in their eyes; ^athey have *sworn* solemn oaths. But He brings iniquity to ^bremembrance, that they may be seized.

24 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your deeds your sins appear—because you have come to remembrance, you will be seized with the hand.

25 'And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose ^aday has come, in the time of the ¹punishment of the end,'

26 thus says the Lord God, 'Remove the turban, and take off the ^acrown; this will *be* ¹no more the same. ^bExalt that which is low, and abase that which is high.

27 'A ruin, a ruin, I shall ^amake it. This also will be no more, until he comes whose ^bright it is; and I shall give it *to him*.'

28 "And you, son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord God concerning the sons of Ammon and concerning their ^areproach,' and say: 'A sword, a sword is drawn, polished for the slaughter, to cause it ¹to ^bconsume, that it may be like lightning—

29 while they see for you ^afalse visions, while they divine lies for you—to place you on the necks of the wicked who are slain, whose day has come in the ^btime of the ¹punishment of the end.

30 ^aReturn *it* to its sheath. In the ^bplace where you were created, in the land of your origin, I shall judge you.

31 'And I shall ^apour out My indignation on you; I shall ^bblow on you with the fire of My wrath, and I shall give you into the hand of brutal men, ^{1c}skilled in destruction.

32 'You will be ^{1a}fuel for the fire; your blood will be in the midst of the land. You will ^bnot be remembered, for I, the LORD, have spoken.'

CHAPTER 22

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city; Then cause her to know all her abominations.

3 "And you shall say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "A city ^ashedding blood in her midst, so that her time will come, and that makes idols, contrary to her *interest*, for defilement!

4 "You have become ^aguilty by ¹the blood which you have shed, and defiled by your idols which you have made. Thus

you have brought your ²day near and have come to your years; therefore I have made you a ^breproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the lands.

5 "Those who are near and those who are far from you will mock you, you of ill repute, full of ^aturmoil.

6 "Behold, the ^arulers of Israel, each according to his ¹power, have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood.

7 "They have ^atreated father and mother lightly within you. The alien they have ^boppressed in your midst; the ^cfatherless and the widow they have wronged in you.

8 "You have despised My ^aholy things and profaned My ^bsabbaths.

9 "Slanderous men have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood, and in you they have eaten at the mountain *shrines*. In your midst they have ^acommitted acts of lewdness.

10 "In you ¹they have ^auncovered *their fathers'* nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was ^bunclean in her menstrual impurity.

11 "And one has committed abomination with his ^aneighbor's wife, and another has lewdly defiled his ^bdaughter-in-law. And another in you has ^chumiliated his sister, his father's daughter.

12 "In you they have ^ataken bribes to shed blood; you have taken ^binterest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by ^coppression, and you have ^dforgotten Me," declares the Lord God.

13 "Behold, then, I smite My hand at your ^adishonest gain which you have acquired and at ¹the bloodshed which is among you.

14 "Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, the LORD, have spoken and shall act.

15 "And I shall ^ascatter you among the nations, and I shall disperse you through the lands, and I shall ^bconsume your uncleanness from you.

16 "And you will profane yourself in the sight of the nations, and you will ^aknow that I am the LORD." "

17 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become ^adross to Me; all of them are ^bbronze and tin and iron and lead in the ^cfurnace; they are the dross of silver.

19 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because all of you have become dross, therefore, behold, I am going to gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 'As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the ^afurnace to blow fire on it in order to melt it, so I shall gather you in My anger and in My wrath, and I shall lay you *there* and melt you.

21 'And I shall gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you will be melted in the midst of it.

22 'As silver is melted in the furnace, so you will be melted in the midst of it; and you will know that I, the LORD, have ^apoured out My wrath on you.'

23 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

24 "Son of man, say to her, 'You are a land that is ^anot cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.'

⁴ Lit., *days*
^b Ezek. 5:14, 15; 16:57; Ps. 44:13, 14

⁵ Is. 22:2

⁶ Lit., *arm*
^a Ezek. 22:27; Is. 1:23

⁷ Lev. 20:9; Deut. 27:16
^b Ex. 23:9; Jer. 7:6; Zech. 7:10
^c Ezek. 22:25; Ex. 22:22; Mal. 3:5

⁸ Ezek. 22:26
^b Ezek. 20:13, 21, 24; 23:38, 39

⁹ Ezek. 23:29; Hos. 4:2, 10, 14

¹⁰ Lit., *he has*
^a Lev. 18:8
^b Ezek. 18:6; Lev. 18:19

¹¹ Ezek. 18:11; 33:26
^b Lev. 18:15
^c 2 Sam. 13:14

¹² Deut. 27:25; Mic. 7: 2, 3
^b Lev. 25:36
^c Lev. 19:13
^d Ezek. 23:35; Ps. 106:21

¹³ Lit., *your*
^a Is. 33:15; Amos 2:6-8; Mic. 2:2

¹⁵ Ezek. 20:23; Deut. 4:27; Neh. 1:8; Zech. 7:14
^b Ezek. 23:27, 48

¹⁶ Ezek. 6:7; Ps. 83:18

¹⁸ Ps. 119:119; Is. 1:22; Lam. 4:1
^b Jer. 6:28-30
^c Prov. 17:3; Is. 48:10

²⁰ Is. 1:25

²² Ezek. 20:8, 33; Hos. 5:10

²⁴ Ezek. 24:13; 2 Chr. 28:22; Is. 9:13; Jer. 2:30; Zeph. 3:2

Ezekiel 22, 23

25 *Jer. 11:9; Hos. 6:9
 *Ezek. 22:27; 13:19; Jer. 2:34
 *Ezek. 22:7; Jer. 15:8

26 *Ezek. 7:26; Jer. 2:8, 26
 *Ezek. 22:8; 1 Sam. 2:12-17,
 22 *Ezek. 44:23; Lev. 10:10
 *Hag. 2:11-14

27 *Ezek. 22:25 *Ezek.
 22:13

28 *Ezek. 13:6; Jer. 23:25-32

29 *Ezek. 22:7; 9:9; Is. 5:7;
 Amos 3:10 *Ex. 23:9

30 ¹Lit., not
 *Is. 59:16; 63:5; Jer. 5:1
 *Ezek. 13:5 *Ps. 106:23; Jer.
 15:1

31 *Ezek. 22:20; Is. 10:5;
 13:5; 30:27 *Ezek. 7:3, 8, 9;
 9:10; 16:43; Rom. 2:8, 9

3 *Jer. 3:9

5 ¹Lit., *under Me*
 *Ezek. 16:28; 2 Kin. 15:19;
 16:7; 17:3; Hos. 5:13; 8:9, 10

6 *Ezek. 23:12, 13

7 ¹Lit., *sons of Asshur*
 *Ezek. 20:7; 22:3, 4; Hos. 5:3;
 6:10

8 ¹Lit., *they*; ²Lit., *harlotry*
 *Ezek. 23:3, 19, Ex. 32:4;
 1 Kin. 12:28; 2 Kin. 10: 29;
 17:16

9 ¹Lit., *sons of Asshur*
 *Ezek. 23:22; 16:37

10 ¹Lit., *a name*

11 *Ezek. 16:51; Jer. 3:8-11

25 "There is a ^aconspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have ^bdevoured lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many ^cwidows in the midst of her.

26 "Her ^apriests have done violence to My law and have ^bprofaned My holy things; they have made no ^cdistinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the ^dunclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 "Her princes within her are like wolves tearing the prey, by shedding blood *and* ^adestroying lives in order to get ^bdishonest gain.

28 "And her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing ^afalse visions and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD has not spoken.

29 "The people of the land have practiced ^aoppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have ^boppressed the sojourner without justice.

30 "And I ^asearched for a man among them who should ^bbuild up the wall and ^cstand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found ¹no one.

31 "Thus I have poured out My ^aindignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; ^btheir way I have brought upon their heads," declares the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 23

THE word of the LORD came to me again saying,

2 "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;

3 and they played the harlot in Egypt. They ^aplayed the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were pressed, and there their virgin bosom was handled.

4 "And their names were Oholah the elder and Oholibah her sister. And they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And *as for* their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

5 "And Oholah played the harlot ¹while she was Mine; and she lusted after her lovers, after the ^aAssyrians, *her* neighbors,

6 who were clothed in purple, ^agovernors and officials, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

7 "And she bestowed her harlotries on them, all of whom *were* the choicest ¹men of Assyria; and with all whom she lusted after, with all their idols she ^adefiled herself.

8 "And she did not forsake her harlotries ^afrom the time in Egypt; for in her youth ¹men had lain with her, and they handled her virgin bosom and poured out their ²lust on her.

9 "Therefore, I gave her into the hand of her ^alovers, into the hand of the ¹Assyrians, after whom she lusted.

10 "They uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, but they slew her with the sword. Thus she became a ¹byword among women, and they executed judgments on her.

11 "Now her sister Oholibah saw *this*, yet she was ^amore

corrupt in her lust than she, and her harlotries were more than the harlotries of her sister.

12 "She lusted after the ¹Assyrians, governors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 "And I saw that she had defiled herself; they both took ¹the same way.

14 "So she increased her harlotries. And she saw men ^aportrayed on the wall, images of the ^bChaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

15 girded with belts on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, ¹like the ²Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth.

16 "And ¹when she saw them she ^alusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

17 "And the ^{1a}Babylonians came to her to the bed of love, and they defiled her with their harlotry. And when she had been defiled by them, ²she became disgusted with them.

18 "And she uncovered her harlotries and ^auncovered her nakedness; then ¹I became ^bdisgusted with her, as ¹I had become disgusted with her ^csister.

19 "Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 "And she ^alusted after their paramours, whose flesh is *like* the flesh of donkeys and whose issue is *like* the issue of horses.

21 "Thus you longed for the ^alewdness of your youth, when ¹the Egyptians handled your bosom because of the breasts of your youth.

22 "Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord ¹God, 'Behold I will arouse your lovers against you, from whom ²you were alienated, and I will bring them against you from every side:

23 the ^{1a}Babylonians and all the ^bChaldeans, ^cPekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the ^{2d}Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and officials all of them, officers and ³men of renown, all of them riding on horses.

24 'And they will come against you with weapons, ^achariots, and ¹wagons, and with a company of peoples. They will set themselves against you on every side with buckler and shield and helmet; and I shall commit the ^bjudgment to them, and they will judge you according to their customs.

25 'And I will set My ^ajealousy against you, that they may deal with you in wrath. They will remove your nose and your ears; and your ¹survivors will fall by the sword. They will take your ^bsons and your daughters; and your ¹survivors will be consumed by the fire.

26 'They will also ^astrip you of your clothes and take away your ^bbeautiful jewels.

27 'Thus I shall make your lewdness and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt to cease from you, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them or remember Egypt any more.'

28 "For thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I will give you

12 ¹Lit., sons of Asshur

13 ¹Lit., one

14 ^aEzek. 8:10 ^bEzek. 16:29

15 ¹Lit., the likeness of ²Lit., sons of Babel

16 ¹Lit., at the sight of her eyes ^aEzek. 23:20; Matt. 5:28

17 ¹Lit., sons of Babel ²Lit., her soul ^a2 Kin. 24:17

18 ¹Lit., My soul ^aEzek. 23:10; 21:24; Jer. 8:12 ^bPs. 78:59; 106:40; Jer. 12:8 ^cEzek. 23:9; Amos 5:21

20 ^aEzek. 16:26; 17:15

21 ¹So two mss. M.T., from Egypt ^aEzek. 23:3; Jer. 3:9

22 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LOAM, and so throughout the chap. ²Lit., your soul was alienated

23 ¹Lit., sons of Babylon ²Lit., sons of Assyria ³Lit., the called ones ^aEzek. 23:14-17; 21:19; 2 Kin. 20:14-17 ^b2 Kin. 24:2; Job 1:17; Is. 23:13 ^cJer. 50:21 ^dGen. 2:14; 25:18; Ezra 6:22

24 ¹Lit., wheel ^aEzek. 26:10; Jer. 47:3; Nah. 2:3, 4 ^bEzek. 23:45; 16:38; Jer. 39:5, 6

25 ¹Lit., remainder ^aEzek. 5:13; 8:17, 18; Ezek. 34:14; Zeph. 1:8 ^bEzek. 23:47; Hos. 2:4

26 ^aEzek. 23:29; 16:39; Jer. 13:22 ^bIs. 3:18-23

28 ¹Lit., *your soul was alienated*
^aEzek. 23:17, 22; 16:37; Jer. 21:7-10; 34:20

29 ^aEzek. 23:25, 26, 45-47; Deut. 28:48

31 ^aEzek. 23:33; 2 Kin. 21:13; Jer. 7:14, 15

32 ¹Or, *It will be for jesting and dending because of its great size*
^aPs. 60:3; Is. 51:17; Jer. 25:15
^bEzek. 5:14, 15; 16:57; 22:4, 5

33 ^aJer. 25:15, 16, 27; Hab. 2:16

34 ^aPs. 75:8; Is. 51:17

35 ^aEzek. 22:12; Is. 17:10; Jer. 3:21; Hos. 8:14; 13:6
^b1 Kin. 14:9; Jer. 2:27; 32:33

36 ^aEzek. 20:4; 22:2; Jer. 1:10
^bEzek. 16:2; Is. 58:1; Mic. 3:8

37 ¹i.e., idols

38 ^aEzek. 5:11; 7:20; 2 Kin. 21:4, 7
^bEzek. 20:13, 24; Jer. 17:27

39 ^aJer. 7:9-11

40 ¹Or, *you (women)*
^a2 Kin. 9:30; Jer. 4:30
^bEzek. 16:13-16; Is. 3:18-23

41 ^aEsth. 1:6; Is. 57:7; Amos 6:4
^bEzek. 44:16; Is. 65:11
^cJer. 44:17; Hos. 2:8

42 ¹Lit., *at ease*²Lit., *multitude of mankind*³Lit., *their hands*
^aEzek. 16:49; Amos 6:3-6
^bJer. 51:7
^cEzek. 16:11, 12; Gen. 24:30

43 ¹Or, *Now they will commit adultery with her, and she with them.*
^aEzek. 23:3; *Erra* 9:7; Ps. 106:6

44 ¹Or, *And*

into the hand of those whom you ^ahate, into the hand of those from whom ¹you were alienated.

29 'And they will ^adeal with you in hatred, take all your property, and leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your harlotries shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotries.

30 'These things will be done to you because you have played the harlot with the nations, because you have defiled yourself with their idols.

31 'You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give ^aher cup into your hand.'

32 "Thus says the Lord God,
 'You will ^adrink your sister's cup,
 Which is deep and *wide*.

¹You will be ^blaughed at and held in derision;
 It contains much.

33 'You will be filled with ^adrunkenness and sorrow,
 The cup of horror and desolation,
 The cup of your sister Samaria.

34 'And you will ^adrink it and drain it.
 Then you will gnaw its fragments
 And tear your breasts;

for I have spoken,' declares the Lord God.

35 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have ^aforgotten Me and ^bcast Me behind your back, bear now the *punishment* of your lewdness and your harlotries.' "

36 Moreover, the LORD said to me, "Son of man, will you ^ajudge Oholah and Oholibah? Then ^bdeclare to them their abominations.

37 "For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. Thus they have committed adultery with their idols and even caused their sons, whom they bore to Me, to pass through *the fire* to ¹them as food.

38 "Again, they have done this to Me: they have ^adefiled My sanctuary on the same day and have profaned My ^bsabbaths.

39 "For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, they entered My ^asanctuary on the same day to profane it; and lo, thus they did within My house.

40 "Furthermore, ¹they have even sent for men who come from afar, to whom a messenger was sent; and lo, they came—for whom you bathed, ^apainted your eyes, and ^bdecorated yourselves with ornaments;

41 and you sat on a splendid ^acouch with a ^btable arranged before it, on which you had set My ^cincense and My ^coil.

42 "And the sound of a ¹carefree multitude was with her; and ^bdrunkards were brought from the wilderness with men of the ²common sort. And they put ^cbracelets on ³the hands of the women and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43 "Then I said concerning her who was ^aworn out by adulteries, '¹Will they now commit adultery with her when she is *thus*?'

44 "'But they went in to her as they would go in to a harlot. Thus they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women.

45 "But they, righteous men, will judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood, because they are adulteresses and blood is on their hands.

46 "For thus says the Lord God, 'Bring up a company against them, and give them over to ^aterror and plunder.

47 'And the company will ^astone them with stones and cut them down with their swords; they will slay their sons and their daughters and ^bburn their houses with fire.

48 'Thus I shall make lewdness cease from the land, that all women may be admonished and not commit ¹lewdness as you have done.

49 'And your lewdness ¹will be ^arequited upon you, and you will bear *the penalty of worshipping* your idols; thus you will know that I am the Lord God.' "

CHAPTER 24

AND the word of the LORD came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, saying,

2 "Son of man, write the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon ¹has ^alaid siege to Jerusalem this very day.

3 "And speak a ^aparable to the ^brebellious house, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God,

"Put on the ^cpot, put it on, and also pour water in it;

4 " ^{1a}Put in it the pieces,
Every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder;
Fill it with choice bones.

5 "Take the ^achoicest of the flock,
And also pile ¹wood under ²the pot.
Make it boil vigorously.
Also seethe its bones in it."

6 'Therefore, thus says the Lord God,
"Woe to the ^abloody city,
To the pot in which there is rust
And whose rust has not gone out of it!
Take out of it piece after piece,
¹Without making a choice.

7 "For her blood is in her midst;
She placed it on the bare rock;
She did not ^apour it on the ground
To cover it with dust.

8 "That it may ^acause wrath to come up to take vengeance,
I have put her blood on the bare rock,
That it may ^bnot be covered."

9 'Therefore, thus says the Lord God,
" ^aWoe to the bloody city!
I also shall make the pile great.

10 "Heap on the wood, kindle the fire,
¹Boil the flesh well,
And mix in the spices,
And let the bones be burned.

46 ^aJer. 15:4; 24:9; 29:18

47 ^aEzek. 16:40; Lev. 20:10
^bJer. 39:8

48 ¹Lit., according to your lewdness

49 ¹Lit., they will give
^aEzek. 23:35; 7:4, 9; 10:10; Is. 59:18

2 ¹Lit., leaned on
^a2 Kin. 25:1; Jer. 39:1; 52:4

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 17:2; 20:49; Ps. 78:2
^bEzek. 2:3, 6, 8; Is. 1:2; 30:1, 9
^cEzek. 24:6; 11:3, 7, 11; Jer. 1:13, 14

4 ¹Lit., Gather her pieces
^aEzek. 22:19-22; Mic. 3:2,3

5 ¹Lit., bones ²Lit., it
^aJer. 39:6; 52:10, 24-27

6 ¹Lit., no lot has fallen on it
^aEzek. 22:2, 3, 27; 2 Kin. 24:3, 4; Mic. 7:2; Nah. 3:1

7 ^aLev. 17:13; Deut. 12:16

8 ^aIs. 26:21 ^bJer. 22:8, 9

9 ^aEzek. 24:6; Hab. 2:12

10 ¹Lit., complete

11 ¹Lit., *become hot*
^aJer. 21:10; Mal. 4:1 ^bEzek.
 22:15; 23:27

12 ^aJer. 9:5

13 ¹Lit., *caused to rest*
^aEzek. 22:24; Is. 5:4; 9:13;
 Jer. 6:28-30 ^bEzek. 5:13; 8:18

14 ¹So with several ancient
 mss. and versions; M. T.,
they
^aPs. 33:9; Is. 55:11 ^bEzek.
 9:10; Jer. 13:14 ^cEzek. 18:30;
 36:19; Is. 3:11

16 ^aEzek. 24:18; Song of
 Sol. 7:10 ^bJob 23:2 ^cJer. 16:5;
 22:10 ^dJer. 13:17

17 ^aLev. 21:10-12 ^bJer. 16:7;
 Hos. 9:4

21 ^aEzek. 24:16; Ps. 27:4;
 84:1 ^bEzek. 23:25, 47; Jer.
 6:11; 16:3, 4

23 ¹Lit., *a man to his
 brother*

24 ^aEzek. 4:3; Hos. 1:2; 3:1;
 Luke 11:29, 30

25 ¹Or, *beauty* ²Lit., *the
 lifting up of their soul*
^aEzek. 24:21; Ps. 48:2; 50:2

26 ^a1 Sam. 4:12; Job 1:15-19

27 ^aEzek. 3:26; 33:22

11 "Then ^aset it empty on its coals,
 So that it may be hot,
 And its bronze may ¹glow,
 And its ^bfilthiness may be melted in it,
 Its rust consumed.

12 "She has ^awearied *Me* with toil,
 Yet her great rust has not gone from her;
Let her rust be in the fire!

13 "In your filthiness is lewdness.
 Because I have cleansed you,
 Yet you are ^anot clean,
 You will not be cleansed from your filthiness again,
 Until I have ¹spent My wrath on you.

14 "I, the LORD, have spoken; it is ^acoming and I shall act. I
 shall not relent, and I shall not ^bpity, and I shall not be sorry;
^caccording to your ways and according to your deeds ¹I shall
 judge you," declares the Lord God.' "

15 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

16 "Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you the
^adesire of your eyes with a ^bblow; but you shall not ^cmourn,
 and you shall not weep, and your ^dtears shall not come.

17 "Groan silently; make ^ano mourning for the dead. Bind
 on your turban, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not
 cover *your* mustache, and do not ^beat the bread of men."

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the
 evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was
 commanded.

19 And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what
 these things that you are doing mean for us?"

20 Then I said to them, "The word of the LORD came to
 me saying,

21 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God,
 'Behold, I am about to profane My sanctuary, the pride of
 your power, the ^adesire of your eyes, and the delight of your
 soul; and your ^bsons and your daughters whom you have left
 behind will fall by the sword.

22 'And you will do as I have done; you will not cover *your*
 mustache, and you will not eat the bread of men.

23 'And your turbans will be on your heads and your shoes
 on your feet. You will not mourn, and you will not weep; but
 you will rot away in your iniquities, and you will groan ¹to one
 another.

24 'Thus Ezekiel will be a ^asign to you; according to all that
 he has done you will do; when it comes, then you will know
 that I am the Lord God.' "

25 'As for you, son of man, will *it* not be on the day when I
 take from them their ^astronghold, the joy of their ¹pride, the
 desire of their eyes, and ²their heart's delight, their sons and
 their daughters,

26 that on that day he who ^aescapes will come to you with
 information for *your* ears?

27 'On that day your ^amouth will be opened to him who
 escaped, and you will speak and be dumb no longer. Thus you
 will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the
 LORD.' "

**Prophecies against Ammon and Moab.
Prophecy against Edom and Phillistia.**

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CHAPTER 25

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face toward the sons of Ammon, and prophesy against them,

3 and say to the sons of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the Lord ¹God! Thus says the Lord God, "Because you said, 'Aha!' against My sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was made desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile,

4 therefore, behold, I am going to give you to the ^asons of the east for a possession, and they will set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you; they will ^beat your fruit and drink your milk.

5 "And I shall make ^aRabbah a pasture for camels and the sons of Ammon a resting place for flocks. Thus you will know that I am the LORD."

6 'For thus says the Lord God, "Because you have ^aclapped your hands and stamped your feet and ^brejoiced with all the scorn of your soul against the land of Israel,

7 therefore, behold, I have ^astretched out My hand against you, and I shall give you for ^bspoil to the nations. And I shall ^ccut you off from the peoples and ^dmake you perish from the lands; I shall destroy you. Thus you will ^eknow that I am the LORD."

8 "Thus says the Lord God, "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations,'

9 therefore, behold, I am going to ¹deprive the slopes of Moab of *its* cities, of its cities which are on its ²frontiers, the glory of the land, ^aBeth-jeshimoth, ^bBaal-meon, and ^cKiriathaim,

10 and I will give it for a possession, along with the sons of Ammon, to the ^asons of the east, that the sons of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations.

11 "Thus I will execute judgments on Moab, and they will know that I am the LORD."

12 'Thus says the Lord God, "Because Edom has acted against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has incurred grievous guilt, and avenged themselves upon them,"

13 therefore, thus says the Lord God, "I will also stretch out My ^ahand against Edom and ^bcut off man and beast from it. And I will lay it waste; from ^cTeman even to ^dDedan they will fall by the sword.

14 "And I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. Therefore, they will act in Edom according to My ^aanger and according to My wrath; thus they will know My vengeance," declares the Lord God.

15 "Thus says the Lord God, "Because the Philistines have acted in ^arevenge and have taken vengeance with scorn of soul to destroy with everlasting enmity,"

16 therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will ^astretch out My hand against the Philistines, even cut off the ^bCherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast.

17 "And I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes; and they will know that I am the LORD when I lay My vengeance on them." "

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ^aEzek. 25:6; 21:28; 26:2; 36:2; Ps. 70:2, 3

4 ^aJudg. 6:3, 33; 1 Kin. 4:30 ^bDeut. 28:33, 51; Is. 1:7

5 ^aEzek. 21:20; Deut. 3:11; 2 Sam. 12:26; Jer. 49:2

6 ^aJob 27:23; Nah. 3:19 ^bZeph. 2:8, 10; Obad. 12

7 ^aEzek. 24:13, 16; Zeph. 1:4 ^bEzek. 26:5; Is. 33:4 ^cEzek. 21:32 ^dAmos 1:14, 15 ^eEzek. 6:14

9 ¹Lit., *open* ²Lit., *end* ^aNum. 33:49; Josh. 12:3; 13:20 ^bNum. 32:3, 38; Josh. 13:17; 1 Chr. 5:8; Jer. 48:23 ^cNum. 32:37; Josh. 13:19; Jer. 48:1, 23

10 ^aEzek. 24:4

13 ^aJer. 49:8, 13 ^bEzek. 29:8; Mal. 1:3, 4 ^cGen. 36:34; Jer. 49:7; Amos 1:12 ^dJer. 25:23; 49:8

14 ^aEzek. 35:11

15 ^aEzek. 25:6, 12; Is. 14:29-31; Joel 3:4

16 ^aJer. 25:20; 47:1-7 ^b1 Sam. 30:14; Zeph. 2:5

2 ¹Lit., *turned*
²Sam. 5:11; Is. 23:1; Jer. 25:22 ^bIs. 62:10 ^cEzek. 25:8; 35:10

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
²Mic. 4:11 ^bIs. 5:30; Jer. 50:42; 51:42

4 ^aEzek. 26:9; Is. 23:11; Amos 1:10

5 ^aEzek. 25:7; 29:19

6 ¹Lit., *in the field*
^aEzek. 26:8; 16:46, 53; Jer. 47:4; 49:2

7 ¹Lit., *an assembly, even many people*
^aEzra 7:12; Is. 10:8; Jer. 52:32; Dan. 2:37, 47 ^bEzek. 23:24; Nah. 2:3, 4

8 ¹Lit., *in the field*
^aEzek. 21:22; Jer. 52:4 ^bJer. 6:6; 32:24

9 ¹Lit., *swords*

10 ¹Lit., *wheels*
^aJer. 4:13; 47:3 ^bEzek. 26:15; 27:28 ^cJer. 39:3

11 ^aIs. 5:28; Hab. 1:8 ^bIs. 26:5; Jer. 43:13

12 ¹Lit., *put*
^aEzek. 27:3-27; Is. 23:8, 18; Zech. 9:3 ^bJer. 52:14 ^c2 Chr. 32:27; Amos 5:11 ^dEzek. 27:27, 32, 34; 28:8

13 ¹Lit., *cause to cease*
^aIs. 23:16; 24:8, 9; Amos 6:5 ^bIs. 5:12

14 ^aDeut. 13:16; Job 12:14; Mal. 1:4 ^bIs. 14:27

15 ^aEzek. 26:18; 27:35 ^bEzek. 31:16; Jer. 49:21

16 ¹Lit., *tremblings*
^aJon. 3:6 ^bEzek. 7:27; Job 8:22; Ps. 35:26; 1 Pet. 3:4; 5 ^cEzek. 32:10; Hos. 11:10

17 ^aEzek. 19:1, 14; 27:2, 32; 32:2, 16 ^bIs. 14:12; Jer. 48:39; 50:23 ^cEzek. 27:3, 10, 11; 28:2

NOW it came about in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, because ^aTyre has said concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha, the ^bgateway of the peoples is broken; it has ^{1c}opened to me. I shall be filled, *now that she is laid waste,*'

3 therefore, thus says the Lord ¹GOD, 'Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up ^amany nations against you, as the ^bsea brings up its waves.

4 'And they will destroy the ^awalls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock.

5 'She will be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' declares the Lord GOD, 'and she will become ^aspoil for the nations.

6 'Also her ^adaughters who are ¹on the mainland will be slain by the sword, and they will know that I am the LORD.' "

7 For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will bring upon Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, ^aking of kings, with horses, ^bchariots, cavalry, and a ¹great army.

8 "He will slay your daughters ¹on the mainland with the sword; and he will make ^asiege walls against you, cast up a ^bmound against you, and raise up a large shield against you.

9 "And the blow of his battering rams he will direct against your walls, and with his ¹axes he will break down your towers.

10 "Because of the multitude of his ^ahorses the dust *raised by them will cover you*; your walls will ^bshake at the noise of cavalry and ¹wagons and chariots, when he ^centers your gates as men enter a city that is breached.

11 "With the hoofs of his ^ahorses he will trample all your streets. He will slay your people with the sword; and your strong pillars will ^bcome down to the ground.

12 "Also they will make a spoil of your riches and a prey of your ^amerchandise, ^bbreak down your walls and destroy your ^cpleasant houses, and ¹throw your stones and your timbers and your debris ^dinto the water.

13 "So I will ¹silence the sound of your ^asongs, and the sound of your ^bharps will be heard no more.

14 "And I will make you a bare rock; you will be a place for the spreading of nets. You will be built ^ano more, for I the ^bLORD have spoken," declares the Lord GOD.

15 Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre, "Shall not the ^acoastlands ^bshake at the sound of your fall when the wounded groan, when the slaughter occurs in your midst?

16 "Then all the princes of the sea will ^ago down from their thrones, remove their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments. They will ^bclothe themselves with ¹trembling; they will sit on the ground, ^ctremble every moment, and be appalled at you.

17 "And they will take up a ^alamentation over you and say to you,

^bHow you have perished, O inhabited One,
 From the seas, O renowned city,
 Which was ^cmighty on the sea,

A Lamentation over Tyre.

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She and her inhabitants,
Who ¹imposed ²her terror
On all her inhabitants!

- 18 ¹Now the ^acoastlands will tremble
On the day of your fall;
Yes, the coastlands which are by the sea
Will be terrified at your ^bpassing.”

19 For thus says the Lord God, “When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities which are not inhabited, when I shall ^abring up the deep over you, and the great waters will cover you,

20 then I shall bring you down with those who ^ago down to the pit, to the people of old, and I shall make you dwell in the ^blower parts of the earth, like the ancient waste places, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not ¹be inhabited; but I shall set ^cglory in the land of the living.

21 “I shall ¹bring ^aterrors on you, and you will be no more; though you will be sought, you will never be found again,” declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 27

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came to me saying,
2 “And you, son of man, ^atake up a lamentation over Tyre;

3 and say to Tyre, who dwells at the ¹entrance to the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, “Thus says the Lord ²God,

“O Tyre, you have said, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’

- 4 “Your borders are in the heart of the seas;
Your builders have perfected your beauty.

5 “They have ¹made all *your* planks of fir trees from ^aSenir;

They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

6 “Of ^aoaks from ^bBashan they have made your oars;
With ivory they have ¹inlaid your deck of boxwood from the coastlands of ^cCyprus.

7 “Your sail was of fine embroidered linen from Egypt
So that it became your ¹distinguishing mark;
Your ²awning was ³ablue and purple from the coastlands of ^bElishah.

8 “The inhabitants of Sidon and ^aArvad were your rowers;
Your ^bwise men, O Tyre, were ¹aboard; they were your pilots.

9 “The elders of Gebal and her wise men were with you repairing your seams;
All the ships of the sea and their sailors were with you in order to deal in your merchandise.

10 “^aPersia and ^aLud and ^aPut were in your army, your men of war. They hung shield and helmet in you; they set forth your splendor.

11 “The sons of Arvad and your army were on your walls, *all* around, and the ¹Gammadim were in your towers. They hung their shields on your walls, *all* around; they perfected your beauty.

17 ¹Lit., *put* ²Lit., *their*

18 *Ezek. 26:15; 27:35; Is. 41:5 ^bIs. 23:5-7, 10, 11, 15

19 *Ezek. 26:3; Is. 8:7, 8

20 ¹Or, *return*
*Ezek. 32:30; Is. 14:9, 10 ^bPs. 88:6; Amos 9:2; Jon. 2:2, 6
^cJer. 33:9; Zech. 2:8

21 ¹Lit., *give you terrors*
*Ezek. 26:15, 16; 27:36

2 *Ezek. 28:12; Jer. 9:10, 17-20

3 ¹Lit., *entrances*
²YHWH, usually rendered *Lord*, and so throughout the chap.

5 ¹Lit., *built*
*Deut. 3:9; 1 Chr. 5:23; Song of Sol. 4:8

6 ¹Lit., *made*
*Is. 2:13; Zech. 11:2 ^bNum. 21:33; Is. 2:13; Jer. 22:20
^cGen. 10:4; Is. 23:1, 12; Jer. 2:10

7 ¹Or, *standard* ²Lit., *covering* ¹Or, *violet*
²Ex. 25:4; Jer. 10:9 ^bGen. 10:4

8 ¹Lit., *in you*
*Ezek. 27:11; Gen. 10:18;
1 Chr. 1:16 ^b1 Kin. 9:27

10 *Ezek. 30:5; 38:5

11 ¹Or, *valorous ones*

13 *Ezek. 27:19; Gen. 10:2; Is. 66:19 *Ezek. 38:2; 39:1; Gen. 10:2, 3 *Joel 3:3; Rev. 18:13

14 *Ezek. 39:6; Gen. 10:3

15 ¹Lit., *the market of your hand*
*Ezek. 27:20; 25:13; Jer. 25:23 ¹Kin. 10:22; Rev. 18:12

16 ¹Lit., *Aram* ²Lit., *works*
*Ezek. 16:57; Judg. 10:6; Is. 7:1-8 *Ezek. 28:13; Ex. 28:18; 39:11 *Ezek. 16:13, 18

17 ¹Lit., *pannag*
*Judg. 11:33

18 ¹Lit., *works*
*Ezek. 47:16-18; Gen. 14:15; Is. 7:8; Jer. 49:23

19 ¹Or, *with yam* ²Or, *calamus*

21 ¹Lit., *customers of your hand*
*Is. 21:13 ¹Is. 60:7

22 *Ezek. 38:13; Gen. 10:7; Is. 60:6 *Gen. 43:11; ¹Kin. 10:2

23 *2 Kin. 19:12; Is. 37:12; Amos 1:5

24 ¹Or, *violet*

25 ¹Lit., *your travelers*
²Lit., *honored*

26 *Ezek. 26:19 *Ps. 48:7; Jer. 18:17; Acts 27:14

28 *Ezek. 26:10, 15, 18

29 *Rev. 18:17-19

12 "Tarshish was your customer because of the abundance of all *kinds* of wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they paid for your wares.

13 "Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your traders; with the lives of men and vessels of bronze they paid for your merchandise.

14 "Those from Beth-togarmah gave horses and war horses and mules for your wares.

15 "The sons of Dedan were your traders. Many coastlands were your market; ivory tusks and ebony they brought as your payment.

16 "Syria was your customer because of the abundance of your goods; they paid for your wares with emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral, and rubies.

17 "Judah and the land of Israel, they were your traders; with the wheat of Minnith, cakes, honey, oil, and balm they paid for your merchandise.

18 "Damascus was your customer because of the abundance of your goods, because of the abundance of all *kinds* of wealth, because of the wine of Helbon and white wool.

19 "Vedan and Javan paid for your wares from Uzal; wrought iron, cassia, and sweet cane were among your merchandise.

20 "Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding.

21 "Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they were your customers for lambs, rams, and goats; for these they were your customers.

22 "The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they paid for your wares with the best of all *kinds* of spices, and with all *kinds* of precious stones, and gold.

23 "Haran, Canneh, Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad traded with you.

24 "They traded with you in choice garments, in clothes of blue and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors, and tightly wound cords, which were among your merchandise.

25 "The ships of Tarshish were the carriers for your merchandise.

And you were filled and were very glorious
In the heart of the seas.

26 "Your rowers have brought you
Into great waters;
The east wind has broken you
In the heart of the seas.

27 "Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise,
Your sailors, and your pilots,
Your repairers of seams, your dealers in merchandise,
And all your men of war who are in you,
With all your company that is in your midst,
Will fall into the heart of the seas
On the day of your overthrow.

28 "At the sound of the cry of your pilots
The pasture lands will shake.

29 "And all who handle the oar,
The sailors, and all the pilots of the sea

- Will come down from their ships;
They will stand on the land,
30 And they will ^amake their voice heard over you
And will cry bitterly.
They will ^bcast dust on their heads,
They will ^cwallow in ashes.
31 "Also they will make themselves ^abald for you
And ^bgird themselves with sackcloth;
And they will ^cweep for you in bitterness of soul
With bitter mourning.
32 "Moreover, in their wailing they will take up a ^alamentation for you
And lament over you:
Who is ^blike Tyre,
Like her who is silent in the midst of the sea?
33 "When your wares went out from the seas,
You satisfied many peoples;
With the ^aabundance of your wealth and your
merchandise
You enriched the kings of earth.
34 "Now that you are ^abroken by the seas
In the depths of the waters,
Your ^bmerchandise and all your company
Have fallen in the midst of you.
35 "All the ^ainhabitants of the coastlands
Are appalled at you,
And their kings are horribly afraid;
They are troubled in countenance.
36 "The merchants among the peoples ^ahiss at you;
You have become ¹terrified,
And you ^bwill be no more.' "

CHAPTER 28

- T**HE word of the LORD came again to me saying,
2 "Son of man, say to the ¹leader of Tyre, 'Thus says the
Lord ²GOD,
"Because your heart is lifted up
And you have said, '^aI am a god,
I sit in the seat of ³gods,
In the heart of the seas';
Yet you are a ^bman and not God,
Although you make your heart like the heart of God—
3 "Behold, you are wiser than ^aDaniel;
There is no secret that is a match for you.
4 "By your wisdom and understanding
You have acquired ^ariches for yourself,
And have acquired gold and silver for your treasuries.
5 "By your great wisdom, by your ^atrade
You have increased your riches,
And your ^bheart is lifted up because of your riches—
6 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD,
'Because you have ^amade your heart
Like the heart of God,
7 'Therefore, behold, I will bring ^astrangers upon you,
The most ^bruthless of the nations.

30 *Ezek. 26:17; Is. 23:1-6
¹ Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:2;
Lam. 2:10; Rev. 18:19 ^cJer.
6:26; Jon. 3:6

31 *Ezek. 29:18; Is. 15:2
^bEzek. 7:18; Is. 22:12 ^cIs.
16:9; 22:4

32 *Ezek. 27:2; 26:17; 28:12
^bLam. 2:13

33 *Ezek. 27:12, 18; 28:4, 5

34 ¹Lit., *The time*
^aEzek. 27:26, 27; 26:12
^bZech. 9:3, 4

35 *Ezek. 26:16; Is. 23:6

36 ¹Lit., *terrors*
^aJer. 18:16; 19:8; 49:17;
50:13; Zeph. 2:15 ^bPs.
37:10, 36

² ¹Or, *ruler, prince*
²YHWH, usually rendered
LORD, and so throughout the
chap. ³Or, *God*
^aEzek. 28:9; Is. 14:14; 47:8;
2 Thess. 2:4 ^bEzek. 28:9; Ps.
9:20; 82:6, 7; Is. 31:3

³ *Dan. 1:20; 2:20-23, 28;
5:11, 12

⁴ *Ezek. 27:33; Zech.
9:2, 3

⁵ *Ezek. 27:12; Hos. 12:7;
⁸ ^bEzek. 28:2; Job. 31:24, 25;
Ps. 52:7; Hos. 13:6

⁶ *Ezek. 28:2; Ex. 9:17

⁷ *Ezek. 26:7 ^bEzek. 30:11;
31:12; 32:12; Hab. 1:6-8

8 *Ezek. 27:26, 27, 34

10 *Ezek. 31:18; 32:30;
1 Sam. 17:26, 3612 ¹Lit., were the one
sealing a pattern
²Ezek. 19:1; 26:17; 27:213 ¹Or, tambourines ²Or,
flutes
³Ezek. 31:8, 9, 16; 36:35;
Gen. 2:8; Is. 51:3 ⁴Ezek.
27:16, 22 ⁵Ex. 28:17-20 ⁶Is.
24:8; 30:3214 ¹Or, guards
²Ezek. 28:16; Ex. 25:17-20;
30:26; 40:9 ³Ezek. 28:16;
20:40 ⁴Ezek. 28:13, 16; Rev.
18:1615 *Ezek. 28:3-6, 12; 27:3, 4
^bEzek. 28:17, 18; Is. 14:1216 ¹Lit., They filled your
midst ²Or, guardian
³Ezek. 26:17; 27:12 ⁴Ezek.
8:17; Hab. 2:8, 1717 *Ezek. 28:7; 27:3, 4 ^bIs.
19:11 ^cEzek. 26:1618 *Amos 1:9, 10 ^bMal. 4:3

And they will draw their swords
Against the beauty of your wisdom
And defile your splendor.

8 'They will bring you down to the pit.
And you will ^adie the death of those who are slain
In the heart of the seas.

9 'Will you still say, "I am a god,"
In the presence of your slayer,
Although you are a man and not God,
In the hands of those who wound you?

10 'You will die the death of the ^auncircumcised
By the hand of strangers,
For I have spoken!' declares the Lord God!" ' ' ' "

11 Again the word of the LORD came to me saying,

12 "Son of man, ^atake up a lamentation over the king of
Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord God,

"You ¹had the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 "You were in ^aEden, the garden of God;
^bEvery precious stone was your covering:
The ^cruby, the topaz, and the diamond;
The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper;
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald;
And the ^cgold, the workmanship of your ^{1d}settings and
²sockets,

Was in you.
On the day that you ^{were} created
They were prepared.

14 "You were the ^aanointed cherub who ¹covers;
And I placed you *there*.
You were on the holy ^bmountain of God;
You walked in the midst of the ^cstones of fire.

15 "You were ^ablameless in your ways
From the day you were created,
Until ^bunrighteousness was found in you.

16 "By the ^aabundance of your trade
¹You were internally ^bfilled with violence,
And you sinned;
Therefore I have cast you as profane
From the mountain of God.
And I have destroyed you, O ²covering cherub,
From the midst of the stones of fire.

17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your ^abeauty;
You ^bcorrupted your wisdom by reason of your
splendor.

I cast you to the ground;
I put you before ^ckings,
That they may see you.

18 "By the multitude of your iniquities,
In the unrighteousness of your trade,
You profaned your sanctuaries.
Therefore I have brought ^afire from the midst of you;
It has consumed you,
And I have turned you to ^bashes on the earth
In the eyes of all who see you.

Prophecy against Sidon.

Restoration of Israel. Prophecy against Egypt.

19 "All who know you among the peoples
Are appalled at you;
You have become ^{1a}terrified,
And you will be ^bno more." ' ' "

20 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

21 "Son of man, ^aset your face toward ^bSidon, prophesy
against her,

22 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God,
'Behold, I am against you, O Sidon,
And I shall ¹be glorified in your midst.' '

"Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I ^aexecute
judgments in her,
And I shall manifest My holiness in her.

23 "For I shall send pestilence to her
And blood to her streets,
And the ^awounded will ¹fall in her midst
By the sword upon her on every side;
Then they will know that I am the LORD.

24 "And there will be no more for the house of Israel a
^aprickling brier or a painful thorn from any round about them
who scorned them; then they will know that I am the Lord
GOD."

25 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "When I ^agather the house of
Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and
shall manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations,
then they will ^blive in their ¹land which I gave to My servant
Jacob.

26 "And they will ^alive in it securely; and they will ^bbuild
houses, plant vineyards, and live securely, when I ^cexecute judg-
ments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then
they will know that I am the LORD their God." ' ' "

CHAPTER 29

IN the ^atenth year, in the tenth *month*, on the twelfth of the
month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against ^aPharaoh king of
Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all ^bEgypt.

3 "Speak and say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD,
'Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt,
The great ^{2a}monster that lies in the midst of his ³rivers,
That ^bhas said, 'My Nile is mine, and I myself have
made it.'

4 "And I shall put ^ahooks in your jaws,
And I shall make the fish of your ¹rivers cling to your
scales.

And I shall bring you up out of the midst of your
¹rivers,

And all the fish of your ¹rivers will cling to your scales.

5 "And I shall ^aabandon you to the wilderness, you and all
the fish of your ¹rivers;
You will fall on the ²open field; you will not be brought
together or ³gathered.

I have given you for ^bfood to the beasts of the earth
and to the birds of the sky.

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *terrors*
^aEzek. 26:21; 27:36 ^bJer.
51:64

²¹ ^aEzek. 6:2; 25:2 ^bEzek.
27:8; Gen. 10:15, 19; Is.
23:2, 4

²² ¹Or, *glorify Myself*
^aEzek. 28:26; 30:19

²³ ¹Or, *be judged*
^aJer. 51:52

²⁴ ^aEzek. 2:6; Num. 33:55;
Josh. 23:13; Is. 55:13

²⁵ ¹Lit., *ground*
^aEzek. 20:41; 34:13, 27; Ps.
106:47; Is. 11:12, 13; Jer.
32:37 ^bJer. 23:8; 27:11

²⁶ ^aEzek. 34:25-28; 38:8;
Jer. 23:6 ^bJer. 32:15, 43, 44;
Amos 9:13, 14 ^cEzek. 28:22;
25:11

¹ ^aEzek. 29:17; 26:1; 30:20

² ^aJer. 44:30 ^bEzek. 30:1-
32; Is. 19:1-17; Jer. 46:2-26

³ ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD, and so
throughout the chap. ²Lit.,
tannim ³Or, *Nile*
^aEzek. 32:2; Is. 27:1 ^bEzek.
29:9; 30:12; Is. 10:13

⁴ ¹Or, *Nile*
^aEzek. 38:4; 2 Kin. 19:28

⁵ ¹Or, *Nile* ²Lit., *faces of
the field* ³Or, with several
ms. and Targum, *burned*; cf.
Jer. 8:2; 25:33
^aEzek. 32:4-6 ^bEzek. 39:4;
Jer. 7:33; 34:20

6 ¹Is. 36:6

7 ¹So with some ancient versions; M.T., *shoulders*; cf. 2 Kin. 18:21; Is. 36:6 ²Lit., *stand*
²Ezek. 17:15-17; Jer. 37:5-11

8 ²Ezek. 14:17; Jer. 46:13

9 ¹Lit., *he*
²Ezek. 29:10-12; 30:7, 8, 13-18 ³Ezek. 29:3; Prov. 16:18; 18:12

10 ¹Or, *Nile* ²Lit., *Cush*
²Ezek. 29:3; 13:8; 21:3; 26:3

11 ²Ezek. 32:13; Jer. 43:11, 12; 46:19

12 ²Ezek. 30:7; Jer. 25:15-19; 27:6-11 ³Ezek. 30:23, 26; Jer. 46:19

13 ¹Lit., *where*
²Is. 19:22; Jer. 46:26

14 ¹Is. 30:14; Is. 11:11; Jer. 44:1, 15

15 ²Ezek. 17:6, 14; 30:13; Zech. 10:11 ³Ezek. 31:2; 32:2; Nah. 3:8-10

16 ¹Lit., *causing to remember* ²Lit., *after them*
²Ezek. 29:6, 7; 17:15; Is. 20:5; 30:1-3; 31:1; 36:6 ³Ezek. 21:23; Is. 64:9; Jer. 14:10; Hos. 8:13

17 ²Ezek. 29:1; 24:1; 26:1; 30:20; 40:1

18 ¹Lit., *a great labor* ²Lit., *labored*
²Ezek. 26:7-12; Jer. 25:9; 27:6 ³Ezek. 27:31; Jer. 48:37

19 ¹Or, *multitude*
²Ezek. 30:10, 24, 25; 32:11 ³Ezek. 30:14; Jer. 43:10-13

20 ¹Lit., *labored*
²Is. 10:6, 7; 45:1-3; Jer. 25:9

21 ¹Sam. 2:10; Ps. 92:10; Ps. 132:17

6 "Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am the LORD,
Because they have been *only* a ²staff *made* of reed to the house of Israel.

7 "When they took hold of you with the hand,
You ²broke and tore all their ¹hands;
And when they leaned on you,
You broke and made all their loins ²quake."

8 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I shall ²bring upon you a sword, and I shall cut off from you man and beast.

9 "And the ²land of Egypt will become a desolation and waste. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Because ¹you ²said, "The Nile is mine, and I have made it,"

10 therefore, behold, I am ²against you and against your ¹rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from Migdol to Syene and even to the border of ²Ethiopia.

11 "A man's foot will ²not pass through it, and the foot of a beast will not pass through it, and it will not be inhabited forty years.

12 "So I shall make the land of Egypt a desolation in the ²midst of desolated lands. And her cities, in the midst of cities that are laid waste, will be desolate forty years; and I shall ²scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands."

13 "For thus says the Lord God, "At the end of forty years I shall ²gather the Egyptians from the peoples ¹among whom they were scattered.

14 "And I shall turn the fortunes of Egypt and shall make them return to the land of ²Pathros, to the land of their origin; and there they will be a lowly kingdom.

15 "It will be the ²lowest of the kingdoms; and it will never again lift itself up above the nations. And I shall make them so small that they will not ²rule over the nations.

16 "And it will never again be the ²confidence of the house of Israel, ^{1b}bringing to mind the iniquity of their having turned ²to Egypt. Then they will know that I am the Lord God." ' ' "

17 Now in the ²twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, ²Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army labor ¹hard against Tyre; every head was made ²bald, and every shoulder was rubbed bare. But he and his army had no wages from Tyre for the labor that he had ²performed against it."

19 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I shall give the land of ²Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And he will carry off her ^{1b}wealth, and capture her spoil and seize her plunder; and it will be wages for his army.

20 "I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labor which he ^{1a}performed, because they acted for Me," declares the Lord God.

21 "On that day I shall make a ²horn sprout for the house

of Israel, and I shall ¹open your mouth in their midst. Then they will know that I am the LORD.” ’ ’ ’

²¹ ¹Lit., give you an opening of the mouth
^bEzek. 3:27; 24:27; 33:22;
Amos 3:7, 8; Luke 21:15

CHAPTER 30

THE word of the LORD came again to me saying,

2 “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord ¹GOD,

“aWail, ‘Alas for the day!’

3 “For the day is near,
Even ^athe day of the LORD is near;
It will be a day of ^bclouds,
A time of *doom* for the nations.

4 “And a sword will come upon Egypt,
And anguish will be in ¹Ethiopia
When the slain fall in Egypt,
They take away her ²wealth,
And her foundations are torn down.

5 “¹Ethiopia, Put, Lud, all ^{2a}Arabia, ³Libya, and the ⁴people of the land ⁵that is in league will fall with them by the sword.”

² YHWH, usually rendered LOAN, and so throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 21:12; Is. 13:6; 15:2; Joel 1:5, 11, 13

³ ^aEzek. 7:19; 13:5; Joel 1:15; 2:1; Obad. 15 ^bEzek. 30:18; 32:7; 34:12

⁴ ¹Or, Cush ²Or, multitude

⁵ ¹Or, Cush ²Or, the mixed people ³Or, Cub ⁴Lit., sons ⁵Lit., of the covenant
^aJer. 25:20, 24

6 “Thus says the LORD,
“Indeed, those who support ^aEgypt will fall,
And the pride of her power will come down;
From Migdol to Syene
They will fall within her by the sword,”
Declares the Lord GOD.

7 “And they will be desolate
In the ^amidst of the desolated lands;
And her cities will be
In the midst of the devastated cities.

8 “And they will ^aknow that I am the LORD,
When I set a ^bfire in Egypt
And all her helpers are broken.

9 “On that day ^amessengers will go forth from Me in ships to frighten ^bsecure ¹Ethiopia; and ^canguish will be on them as on the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes!”

10 “Thus says the Lord GOD,
“I will also make the ¹multitude of Egypt cease
By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

11 “He and his people with him,
The most ruthless of the nations,
Will be brought in to destroy the land;
And they will draw their swords against Egypt
And fill the land with the slain.

12 “Moreover, I will make the ^aNile canals dry
And sell the land into the hands of evil men.
And I will make the land desolate,
And ¹all that is in it,
By the hand of strangers; I, the LORD, have spoken.”

13 “Thus says the Lord GOD,
“I will also ^adestroy the idols
And make the ¹images cease from ^{2b}Memphis.

⁶ ^aIs. 20:3-6

⁷ ^aEzek. 29:12; Jer. 25:18-26

⁸ ^aEzek. 29:6, 9, 16; Ps. 58:11 ^bEzek. 30:14, 16; 22:31; Amos 1:4, 7, 10, 12, 14

⁹ ¹Or, Cush
^aIs. 18:1, 2 ^bEzek. 38:11; 39:6; Is. 47:8 ^cEzek. 32:9, 10; Is. 19:17; 23:5

¹⁰ ¹Or, wealth

¹² ¹Lit., her fullness
^aEzek. 29:3, 9

¹³ ¹Or, futile ones ²Or, Noph
^aIs. 2:18 ^bEzek. 30:16; Is. 19:13; Jer. 2:16; 44:1; 46:14

14 ¹Or, No
^aEzek. 29:14; Is. 11:11; Jer. 44:1, 15 ^bPs. 78:12, 43; Is. 19:11, 13 ^cEzek. 30:15, 16; Jer. 46:25; Nah. 3:8

15 ¹Or, Pelusium ²Or, No

16 ¹Or, Pelusium ²Or, No
³Or, Noph ⁴Or, adversaries

17 ¹Or, Aven ² Lit., they
^aGen. 41:45; 46:20

18 ¹So with many mss. and ancient versions; M.T., restrain
^aJer. 43:8-13 ^bEzek. 30:3
^cEzek. 34:27; Lev. 26:13; Is. 10:27; Jer. 27:2; 28:10, 13; 30:8

19 ^aEzek. 30:14; 5:8, 15;
 25:11; Ps. 9:16

20 ^aEzek. 26:1; 29:1, 17;
 31:1

21 ¹Lit., to give healing
²Lit., to put a bandage, to wrap it
^aEzek. 30:24; Ps. 10:15; 37:17
^bJer. 30:13; 46:11

22 ^aEzek. 29:3; Jer. 46:25
^b2 Kin. 24:7; Jer. 37:7 ^cJer. 46:21

23 ^aEzek. 30:17, 18, 26;
 29:12

24 ^aEzek. 30:10, 25; Neh. 6:9; Is. 45:1, 5; Zech. 10:12
^bEzek. 30:11, 25; Is. 10:5, 6, 15; Zeph. 2:12

25 ^aJosh. 8:18; 1 Chr. 21:16;
 Is. 5:25

1 ^aEzek. 30:20; 32:1; Jer. 52:5, 6

2 ^aEzek. 29:19; 30:10;
 Nah. 3:8, 9

And there will no longer be a prince in the land of Egypt;

And I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

14 "And I will make ^aPathros desolate,
 Set a fire in ^bZoan,

And execute judgments on ^{1c}Thebes.

15 "And I will pour out My wrath on ¹Sin,
 The stronghold of Egypt;

I will also cut off the multitude of ²Thebes.

16 "And I will set a fire in Egypt;
¹Sin will writhe in anguish,

²Thebes will be breached,
 And ³Memphis will have ⁴distresses daily.

17 "The young men of ^{1a}On and of Pi-beseth
 Will fall by the sword,

And the ²women will go into captivity.

18 "And in ^aTehaphnehes the day will ^{1b}be ^ddark
 When I ^cbreak there the yoke bars of Egypt.
 Then the pride of her power will cease in her;
 A cloud will cover her,

And her daughters will go into captivity.

19 "Thus I will ^aexecute judgments on Egypt,
 And they will know that I am the LORD." . . .

20 And it came about in the ^aeleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

21 "Son of man, I have ^abroken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, behold, it has not been ^bbound up ¹for healing ²or wrapped with a bandage, that it may be strong to hold the sword.

22 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I am ^aagainst Pharaoh king of Egypt and will break his arms, both the strong and the ^bbroken; and I will make the sword ^cfall from his hand.

23 'And I will ^ascatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

24 'For I will ^astrengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put ^bMy sword in his hand; and I will break the arms of Pharaoh, so that he will groan before him with the groanings of a wounded man.

25 'Thus I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he ^astretches it out against the land of Egypt.

26 'When I scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands, then they will know that I am the LORD.'

CHAPTER 31

AND it came about in the ^aeleventh year, in the third month, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his ^amultitude:

'Whom are you like in your greatness?

- 3 'Behold, Assyria was a ^acedar in Lebanon
With beautiful branches and forest shade,
And ¹very ^bhigh;
And its top was among the ²clouds.
- 4 'The ^awaters made it grow, the ¹deep made it high.
With its rivers it continually ²extended all around its
planting place, and it sent out its channels to all
the trees of the field.
- 5 'Therefore its height was loftier than all the trees of the
field
And its boughs became many and its branches long
Because of ^amany waters ¹as it spread them out.
- 6 'All the ^abirds of the heavens nested in its boughs,
And under its branches all the beasts of the field gave
birth,
And all great nations lived under its shade.
- 7 'So it was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its
branches;
For its ¹roots extended to many waters.
- 8 'The ^acedars in God's ^bgarden ¹could not match it;
The ²cypresses ¹could not compare with its boughs,
And the plane trees ³could not match its branches.
No tree in God's ^bgarden ¹could compare with it in its
beauty.
- 9 'I made it beautiful with the multitude of its branches,
And all the trees of ^aEden, which were in the ^agarden of
God, were jealous of it.
- 10 'Therefore, thus says the Lord ¹God, "Because ²it is
high in stature, and it has set its top among the ³clouds, and its
^aheart is haughty in its loftiness,
11 therefore, I will give it into the hand of a ¹despot of
the nations; he will thoroughly deal with it. According to its
wickedness I have ^bdriven it away.
- 12 "And ^aalien ^btyrants of the nations have cut it down and
left it; on the ^cmountains and in all the valleys its branches
have fallen, and its boughs have been broken in all the ravines
of the land. And all the peoples of the earth have ^dgone down
from its shade and left it.
- 13 "On its ruin all the ^abirds of the heavens will dwell. And
all the beasts of the field will be on its *fallen* branches
- 14 in order that all the trees by the waters may not be
exalted in their stature, nor set their top among the ¹clouds,
nor their ²well-watered mighty ones stand *erect* in their height.
For they have all been given over to death, to the earth ^abe-
neath, among the sons of men, with those who go down to the
pit."
- 15 'Thus says the Lord God, "On the day when it went
down to Sheol I ^acaused lamentations; I closed the ¹deep over
it and held back its rivers. And its many waters were stopped
up, and I made Lebanon ²mourn for it, and all the trees of the
field wilted away on account of it.
- 16 "I made the nations ^aquake at the sound of its fall when
I made it ^bgo down to Sheol with those who go down to the
pit; and all the ¹well-watered trees of Eden, the choicest and
best of ^cLebanon, were ^dcomforted in the earth beneath.
- 17 "They also ^awent down with it to Sheol to those who

³ ¹Lit. *high of stature* ²So
Ck.: M.T. *thick boughs*
^aEzek. 31:16; 17:3; 4; 22:1s.
10:33; 34; Dan. 4:10; 20:23
^bEzek. 31:5, 10; Is. 10:33

⁴ ¹i.e. *subterranean*
waters ²Lit. *were going*
^aEzek. 17:5, 8; Rev. 17:1, 15

⁵ ¹Lit., *in its sending forth*
^aEzek. 17:5; Ps. 1:3

⁶ ^aEzek. 31:12, 13; 17:23;
Dan. 4:12, 21; Matt. 13:32

⁷ ¹Lit., *root was*

⁸ ¹Lit., *did* ²Or.
Phoenician junipers ³Lit.,
were not like
^aEzek. 31:3; Ps. 80:10 ^bEzek.
31:16, 18; 28:13; Gen. 2:8, 9;
13:10; Is. 51:3

⁹ ^aEzek. 31:16, 18; 28:13;
Gen. 2:8, 9; 13:10; Is. 51:3

¹⁰ ¹YHWH, usually
rendered *Lord*, and so
throughout the chap. ²Lit.,
you are ³Or. *thick boughs*
^aEzek. 28:17; 2 Chr. 32:25;
Is. 10:12; 14:13, 14; Dan. 5:20

¹¹ ¹Or. *mighty one*
^aEzek. 30:10, 11; 32:11, 12;
Dan. 5:18, 19 ^bDeut. 18:12;
Nah. 3:18

¹² ^aEzek. 7:21; 28:7; 30:12;
Hab. 1:6 ^bEzek. 28:7; 30:11;
32:12 ^cEzek. 32:5; 35:8
^dEzek. 31:17; Dan. 4:14;
Nah. 3:17, 18

¹³ ^aEzek. 31:6; 29:5; 32:4;
Is. 18:6

¹⁴ ¹Or. *thick boughs* ²Lit.,
drinkers of water
^aEzek. 31:18; 26:20; 32:24;
Num. 16:30, 33; Ps. 63:9;
Amos 9:2; Jon. 2:2, 6; Eph.
4:9

¹⁵ ¹i.e. *subterranean*
waters ²Lit. *be darkened*
^aEzek. 32:7; Nah. 2:10

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *drinkers of water*
^aEzek. 26:15; 27:28; Hag. 2:7
^bEzek. 32:18; Is. 14:15 ^cIs.
14:8; Hab. 2:17 ^dEzek. 14:22,
23; 32:31

¹⁷ ^aPs. 9:17

17 ¹Lit., *arm*
^bEzek. 32:18-20; Is. 14:9;
 Nah. 3:17, 18 ^cEzek. 31:3, 6;
 Dan. 4:12

18 ¹Lit., *like*
^aEzek. 28:10; 32:19, 21; Jer.
 9:25, 26 ^bPs. 52:7; Matt.
 13:19

1 ^aEzek. 32:17; 30:20; 31:1;
 33:21

2 ¹Or, *were like* ²Lit.,
fouled by stamping
^aEzek. 32:16; 19:1; 27:2;
 28:12 ^bEzek. 19:2-6; 38:13;
 Jer. 4:7; Nah. 2:11-13 ^cEzek.
 29:3; Is. 27:1 ^dJer. 46:7,8

3 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD, and so
 throughout the chap.

4 ¹Lit., *surface of the field*
²Lit., *from*
^aEzek. 29:5; 31:12, 13; 39:4,
 5, 17-20; Jer. 8:2 ^bIs. 18:6

6 ^aEzek. 35:6; Ex. 7:17; Is.
 34:3, 7; Rev. 14:20

7 ^aJob 18:5, 6; Prov. 13:9
^bEzek. 30:3, 18; 34:12; Ex.
 10:21-23; Is. 34:4 ^cIs. 13:10
^dJoel 2:2, 31; 3:15; Amos 8:9

8 ^aGen. 1:14

9 ^aEzek. 27:29-32; 28:19;
 Rev. 18:10-15 ^bEx. 15:14-16

were ^bslain by the sword; and those who were its ¹strength lived
^cunder its shade among the nations.

18 "To which among the trees of Eden are you thus ¹equal
 in glory and greatness? Yet you will be brought down with the
 trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you will lie in the midst of
 the ^auncircumcised, with those who were slain by the sword.
^bSo is Pharaoh and all his multitude!" declares the Lord
 GOD."

CHAPTER 32

AND it came about in the ^atwelfth year, in the twelfth
month, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD
 came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, take up a ^alamentation over Pharaoh king
 of Egypt, and say to him,

'You ¹compared yourself to a young ^blion of the
 nations,

Yet you are like the ^cmonster in the seas;
 And you ^dburst forth in your rivers,
 And muddied the waters with your feet,
 And ²fouled their rivers.'

3 Thus says the Lord ¹GOD,

"Now I will spread My net over you
 With a company of many peoples,
 And they shall lift you up in My net.

4 "And I will leave you on the ^aland;
 I will cast you on the ¹open field.

And I will cause all the ^bbirds of the heavens to dwell
 on you,

And I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth ²with
 you.

5 "And I will lay your flesh on the mountains,
 And fill the valleys with your refuse.

6 "I will also make the land drink the discharge of your
^ablood,

As far as the mountains,
 And the ravines shall be full of you.

7 "And when I ^aextinguish you,

I will ^bcover the heavens, and darken their ^cstars;
 I will cover the ^dsun with a cloud,
 And the moon shall not give its light.

8 "All the shining ^alights in the heavens
 I will darken over you

And will set darkness on your land,"
 Declares the Lord GOD.

9 "I will also ^atrouble the hearts of many peoples, when I
^bbring your destruction among the nations, into lands which
 you have not known.

10 "And I will make many peoples appalled at you, and
 their kings shall be horribly afraid for you when I brandish My
 sword before them; and they shall tremble every moment,
 every man for his own life, on the day of your fall."

11 For thus says the Lord GOD, "The sword of the king of
 Babylon shall come upon you.

12 "By the swords of the mighty ones I will cause your multitude to fall; all of them are tyrants of the nations,

And they shall devastate the pride of Egypt,
And all its multitude shall be destroyed.

13 "I will also destroy all its cattle from beside many waters;

And the foot of man shall not muddy them any more,
And the hoofs of beasts shall not muddy them.

14 "Then I will make their waters settle,
And will cause their rivers to run like oil,"
Declares the Lord God.

15 "When I make the land of Egypt a ^adesolation,
And the land is destitute of that which filled it,
When I smite all those who live in it,
Then they shall ^bknow that I am the LORD.

16 "This is a ^alamentation and they shall ¹chant it. The daughters of the nations shall ¹chant it. Over Egypt and over all her multitude they shall ¹chant it," declares the Lord God.

17 And it came about in the ^atwelfth year, on the ^afifteenth of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, ^awail for the multitude of Egypt, and ^bbring it down, her and the daughters of the powerful nations, to the ^cnether world, with those who go down to the pit;

19 "Whom do you surpass in beauty?

Go down and make your bed with the ^auncircumcised."

20 "They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword. ¹She is given over to the sword; they have ^adrawn her and all her multitudes away.

21 "The ^astrong among the mighty ones shall speak of him and his helpers from the midst of Sheol, 'They have gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'

22 "^aAssyria is there and all her company; ¹her graves are round about ²her. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword,

23 whose graves are set in the remotest parts of the pit, and her company is round about her grave. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword, who ¹spread terror in the land of the living.

24 "^aElam is there and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised to the ^blower parts of the earth, who instilled their terror in the ^cland of the living, and ^dbore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit.

25 "They have made a ^abed for her among the slain with all her multitude. Her graves are around it, they are all uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror was ¹instilled in the land of the living) and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; ²they were put in the midst of the slain.

26 "^aMeshech-^bTubal and all its multitude are there; its graves ¹surround them. All of them were slain by the sword ^cuncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living.

27 "^aNor do they lie beside the fallen ^{1b}heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punish-

¹⁵ ^aEzek. 29:12, 19, 20; Ps. 107:34 ^bEzek. 6:7; 30:19, 26; Ex. 7:5; 14:4, 18; Ps. 9:16; 83:17, 18

¹⁶ ¹Or, *lament*
^aEzek. 32:2; 26:17; 2 Sam. 1:17; 3:33, 34; 2 Chr. 35:25; Jer. 9:17

¹⁷ ^aEzek. 32:1; 31:1; 33:21

¹⁸ ^aEzek. 32:2, 16; 21:6; Is. 16:9; Mic. 1:8 ^bEzek. 43:3; Jer. 1:10; Hos. 6:5 ^cEzek. 32:24; 31:14, 16, 18

¹⁹ ^aEzek. 32:21, 24, 29, 30; 31:18; Jer. 9:25, 26

²⁰ ¹Or, *The sword is given*
^aPs. 28:3

²¹ ^aEzek. 32:27; Is. 14:9-12

²² ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *him*
^aEzek. 27:23; 31:3, 16

²³ ¹Lit., *gave*, and so throughout the chap.

²⁴ ^aGen. 10:22; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Jer. 25:25; 49:34-39
^bEzek. 32:18; 26:20; 31:14, 18
^cJob 28:13; Ps. 27:13; 52:5; 142:5; Is. 38:11; Jer. 11:19
^dEzek. 32:25, 30; 16:52, 54

²⁵ ¹Lit., *given* ²So with ancient versions; M.T. reads: *he was*
^aPs. 139:8

²⁶ ¹Lit., *are around him*
^aEzek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1; Gen. 10:2 ^bEzek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1; Gen. 10:2; Is. 66:19
^cEzek. 32:19

²⁷ ¹Or, *mighty ones*
^aIs. 14:18, ¹⁹^bEzek. 32:21; Job 3:13-15

27¹Or, *mighty ones*
Job 20:11; Ps. 109:18

29¹Or, *leaders* ²Or, in
Ezek. 25:13; 35:9, 15; Is.
34:5-15; Jer. 49:7-22

30¹Or, *princes*
Ezek. 38:6, 15; 39:2; Jer.
1:15; 25:26 ²Ezek. 28:21-23;
Jer. 25:22

31 ²Ezek. 14:22; 31:16

2 ²Ezek. 33:12, 17, 30;
3:11; 37:18

3 ²Ezek. 33:9; Neh. 4:18-
20; Is. 58:1; Hos. 8:1; Joel 2:1

4 ²Chr. 25:16; Jer. 6:17;
Zech. 1:4 ²Ezek. 33:5, 9;
18:13; Acts 18:6

5 ²Ex. 9:19-21; Heb. 11:7

6¹Or, *for, and so*
throughout the chap.
²Ezek. 33:8, 9; 18:20, 24
³Ezek. 3:18, 20

7¹Or, *given* ²Lit., *word*
²Ezek. 3:17-21; Is. 62:6
³Ezek. 2:7, 8; Jer. 1:17; 26:2;
Acts 5:20

8 ²Ezek. 33:14; 18:4, 13,
18, 20; Is. 3:11

9 ²Acts 13:40, 41, 46
³Ezek. 3:19, 21; Acts 20:26

10¹Lit., *five*
²Ezek. 4:17; 24:23; Lev. 26:39
³Ezek. 37:11; Is. 49:14

11 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD, and so
throughout the chap.
²Ezek. 5:11; Is. 49:18

ment for their iniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of *these* heroes was once on the land of the living.

28 "But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will be broken and lie with those slain by the sword.

29 "There also is Edom, its kings, and all its princes, who for all their might are laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

30 "There also are the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword, and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

31 "These Pharaoh will see, and he will be comforted for all his multitude slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his army," declares the Lord God.

32 "Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet he will be made to lie down among the uncircumcised along with those slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 33

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, speak to the sons of your people, and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman;

3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land, and he blows on the trumpet and warns the people,

4 then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head.

5 'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life.

6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand.'

7 "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth, and give them warning from Me.

8 "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.

9 "But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your life.

10 "Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus you have spoken, saying, "Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?"'

11 "Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord God, 'I take

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^bno pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked ^cturn from his way and live. ^dTurn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?

12 “And you, son of man, say to ¹your fellow-citizens, ‘The ^arighteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will ^bnot stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live ²by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.’

13 “When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he ^acommits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die.

14 “But when I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and he ^aturns from his sin and practices ^bjustice and righteousness,

15 *if a* wicked man restores a ^bpledge, ^apays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the ^bstatutes ¹which ensure life without committing iniquity, he will surely live; he shall not die.

16 “^aNone of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he will surely live.

17 “Yet ¹your fellow citizens say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right’, when it is their own way that is not right.

18 “When the righteous turns from his righteousness and ^acommits iniquity, then he shall die in ¹it.

19 “But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.

20 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

21 Now it ^acame about in the ^btwelfth year of our exile, on the fifth of the tenth month, that the ¹refugees from Jerusalem came to me, saying, “The city has been ²taken.”

22 Now the ^ahand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, before the ¹refugees came. And he ^bopened my mouth ²at the time *they* came to me in the morning; so my mouth was ^copened, and I was no longer ³speechless.

23 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

24 “Son of man, they who ^alive in these waste places in the land of Israel are saying, ^b‘Abraham was *only* one, yet he possessed the land; so to ^cus who are many the land has been given as a possession.’

25 “Therefore, say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “You eat *meat* with the ^ablood *in it*, lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood. ^bShould you then possess the land?”

26 “You ¹rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor’s wife. Should you then possess the land?”’

27 “Thus you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will ^afall by the sword, and whoever is in the ¹open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and in the ^bcaves will die of pestilence.

28 “And I shall make the land a desolation and a ^awaste,

11 ^bEzek. 18:23, 32; Hos. 11:8 ^c1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9
^dEzek. 18:30, 31; Is. 55:6, 7; Jer. 3:22; 31:20; Hos. 14:1; Acts 3:19

12 ¹Lit., *the sons of your people* ²Lit., *by it*
^aEzek. 33:18; 3:18; 18:24
^bEzek. 33:19; 18:21; 2 Chr. 7:14

13 ^aEzek. 18:26; Heb. 10:38; 2 Pet. 2:20, 21

14 ^aEzek. 33:8; 18:27; Is. 55:7; Jer. 18:7, 8; Hos. 14:1, 4
^bMic. 6:8

15 ¹Lit., *of life*
^aEx. 22:1-4; Lev. 6:4, 5; Luke 19:8
^bEzek. 20:11; Ps. 119:59; 143:8

16 ^aEzek. 18:22; Is. 1:18; 43:25

17 ¹Lit., *the sons of your people*

18 ¹Lit., *them*
^aEzek. 33:12, 13; 3:20; 18:24

21 ¹Or, *refugee* ²Lit., *smitten*
^aEzek. 31:1; 32:1, 17; 40:1
^bEzek. 24:1, 2; Jer. 39:1, 2; 52:4-7

22 ¹Lit., *refugee* ²Lit., *until he came* ³Or, *dumb*
^aEzek. 1:3; 8:1; 37:1
^bEzek. 3:26, 27; 24:27 ^cLuke 1:64

24 ^aEzek. 33:27; Jer. 39:10; 40:7
^bIs. 51:2; Acts 7:5
^cEzek. 11:15; Luke 3:8; Rom. 4:12

25 ^aLev. 17:10, 12, 14; Deut. 12:16, 23; 15:23
^bJer. 7:9, 10

26 ¹Lit., *stand*
^aMic. 2:1, 2; Zeph. 3:3

27 ¹Lit., *surface of the field*
^aEzek. 33:24; 5:12, 14; Jer. 15:2-4; 42:22
^b1 Sam. 13:6; Is. 2:19

28 ^aEzek. 5:15; 6:14; Jer. 42:22; Mic. 7:13

28 ^bEzek. 7:24; 24:21;
30:6, 7

30 ¹Lit., *the sons of your people* ²Lit., *word*
^aEzek. 14:3; 20:3, 31; Is.
29:13; 58:2

31 ^aPs. 78:36, 37; Is. 29:13;
1 John 3:18 ^bEzek. 22:13, 27;
Luke 12:15

32 ^aMark 6:20; John 5:35

33 ¹Lit., *behold, it is coming*
^aEzek. 33:29; Jer. 28:9

2 ¹Lit., *them, the shepherds* ²YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ³Lit., *pasturing, pasture*
^aJer. 2:8; 3:15; 10:21; 12:10
^bEzek. 34:8-10; 22:25; Jer.
23:1; Mic. 3:1-3, 11 ^cEzek.
34:14, 15; Ps. 78:71, 72; Is.
40:11; John 10:11; 21:15-17

3 ¹Lit., *pasturing*
^aZech. 11:5, 16 ^bEzek.
22:25, 27

4 ¹Lit., *sick*
^aZech. 11:15, 16 ^bMatt. 9:36;
10:6; 18:12, 13; Luke 15:4

5 ^aJer. 10:21; 50:6, 7 ^bEzek.
34:8, 28; Jer. 23:2

6 ^aEzek. 7:16; Jer. 40:11,
12; 1 Pet. 2:25 ^bJohn 10:16
^cPs. 142:4

8 ^aActs 20:29

10 ¹Or. (a) *flock* ²Lit., *from their hand* ³Lit., *pasture, and so throughout the chap.*
^aEzek. 34:2; 5:8; 13:8; Jer.
21:13; Zech. 10:3 ^b1 Sam.
2:29, 30; Jer. 52:24-27 ^cEzek.
13:23; Ps. 72:12-14

11 ^aEzek. 11:17; 20:41; Is.
51:12

12 ¹Or. *seek(s) out* ²Or.
flock
^aJer. 31:10 ^bIs. 40:11; 56:8;
Jer. 23:3; 31:8; Luke 19:10;
John 10:16

and the ^bpride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate, so that no one will pass through.

29 "Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed."

30 "But as for you, son of man, ¹your fellow citizens who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, ^a'Come now, and hear what the ²message is which comes forth from the LORD.'

31 "And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as My people, but they do the lustful desires expressed by their ^amouth, and their heart ^bgoes after their gain.

32 "And behold, you are to them like a sensual song by one who has a ^abeautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not practice them.

33 "So when it ^acomes to pass—¹as surely it will—then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst."

CHAPTER 34

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the ^ashepherds of Israel. Prophecy and say to ¹those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord ²GOD, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been ³feeding ^bthemselves! Should not the shepherds ³feed the ^cflock?"

3 "You ^aeat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you ^bslaughter the fat *sheep* without ¹feeding the flock.

4 "Those who are ^asickly you have not strengthened, the ¹diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not ^abound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you ^bsought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

5 "And they were ^ascattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became ^bfood for every beast of the field and were scattered.

6 "My flock ^awandered through all the mountains and on every high hill, and ^bMy flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth; and there was ^c'no one to seek for them.'"

7 Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

8 "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock has become a ^aprey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but *rather* the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock;

9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

10 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am ^aagainst the shepherds, and I shall demand My ¹sheep ²from them and make them ^bcease from feeding ¹sheep. So the shepherds will not ³feed themselves any more, but I shall ^cdeliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.'"

11 For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, ^aI Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

12 "^aAs a shepherd ¹cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered ²sheep, so I will ¹care for My ²sheep and

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will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a ^ccloudy and gloomy day.

13 "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will ^afeed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ^bstreams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

14 "I will feed them in a ^a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing ground, and they will feed in ^lrich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 "^aI will feed My flock and I will ^llead them to rest," declares the Lord God.

16 "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the ^afat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with ^bjudgment.

17 "And as for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I will ^ajudge between one ^lsheep and another, between the rains and the male goats.

18 'Is it too ^aslight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must ^btread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must ^lfoul the rest with your feet?

19 'And as for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet, and they must drink what you ^lfoul with your feet! "

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them, "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 "Because you ^apush with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the ^lweak with your horns, until you have scattered them ²abroad,

22 therefore, I will ^adeliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.

23 "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd.

24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant ^aDavid will be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

25 "And I will make a ^acovenant of peace with them and ^beliminate harmful beasts from the land, so that they may ^clive securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 "And I will make them and the places around My hill a ^ablessing. And I will cause ^bshowers to come down in their season; they will be showers of ^cblessing.

27 "Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be ^asecure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have ^bbroken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28 "And they will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live ^asecurely, and no one will make *them* afraid.

29 "And I will establish for them a renowned ^aplanting place, and they will not again be ^lvictims of ^bfamine in the land, and they will not ^cendure the insults of the nations any more.

12 ^cEzek. 30:3; Jer. 13:16; Joel 2:2

13 ^aEzek. 34:23; 36:29, 30; Mic. 7:14 ^bIs. 30:25

14 ^lLit., *fat* ^aPs. 23:1, 2; Jer. 31:12-14, 25; John 10:9 ^bEzek. 28:25, 26; 36:29, 30

15 ^lLit., *cause them to lie down* ^aEzek. 34:23; Ps. 23:1, 2

16 ^aIs. 10:16 ^bIs. 49:26

17 ^lOr, *lamb* ^aEzek. 34:20-22; 20:38; Mal. 4:1; Matt. 25:32

18 ^lLit., *foul by trampling* ^aNum. 16:9, 13; 2 Sam. 7:19; Is. 7:13 ^bMatt. 23:13; Luke 11:52

19 ^lLit., *foul by trampling*

21 ^lOr, *sick* ²Lit., *to the outside* ^aDeut. 33:17; Dan. 8:4; Luke 13:14-16

22 ^aEzek. 34:10; Ps. 72:12-14; Jer. 23:2, 3

24 ^aEzek. 37:24, 25; Is. 55:3-5; Jer. 30:9; Hos. 3:5

25 ^aEzek. 16:60; 20:37; 37:26 ^bJob 5:22; Is. 11:6-9 ^cEzek. 34:27, 28; 28:26; Jer. 33:16

26 ^aEzek. 34:14; Gen. 12:2 ^bDeut. 11:13-15; 28:12 ^cLev. 25:21; Is. 44:3

27 ^aEzek. 38:8, 11 ^bLev. 26:13; Is. 52:2, 3; Jer. 30:8

28 ^aEzek. 39:26; Jer. 30:10

29 ^lLit., *those gathered* ^aIs. 4:2; 60:21; 61:3 ^bEzek. 34:26, 27; 36:29 ^cEzek. 36:6, 15

30 ¹Ezek. 14:11; 36:28; Ps. 46:7, 11

31 ¹Ezek. 36:38; Ps. 78:52; 80:1 ^bPs. 100:3; Jer. 23:1

2 ¹Ezek. 25:12; 36:5; Gen. 36:8

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ²Ezek. 25:13; Jer. 6:12; 15:6 ^bEzek. 35:7; Jer. 49:13, 17, 18

4 ¹Ezek. 35:9; 6:6; Mal. 1:3, 4

5 ¹Lit., poured ²Or, iniquity ³Ezek. 25:12, 15; 36:5; Ps. 137:7; Amos 1:11; Obad. 10 ^bEzek. 7:2; 21:25, 29

6 ¹Lit., prepare you for ²Ezek. 16:38; 32:6; Is. 63:2-6

8 ¹Lit., fall in them ²Ezek. 31:12; 32:4, 5; 39:4, 5; Is. 34:5, 6

9 ¹Ezek. 25:13; Jer. 49:13

10 ¹Lit., it ²Ezek. 36:2, 5; Ps. 83:4-12 ^bEzek. 48:3; Ps. 48:1-3; 132:13, 14; Is. 12:6; Zeph. 3:15

11 ¹Ezek. 25:14; Ps. 137:7; Amos 1:11 ^bPs. 9:16; 73:17, 18

12 ¹Or, that I am the LORD: I have heard ²Ezek. 36:2; Jer. 50:7

13 ¹Lit., made great with your mouth ²Is. 10:13, 14; 36:20; Jer. 49:26, 42; Dan. 11:36 ^bJer. 7:11; 29:23

14 ¹Is. 44:23; 49:13; Jer. 51:48

15 ¹Jer. 50:11; Lam. 4:21 ^bObad. 12, 15 ^cEzek. 35:3, 4; Is. 34:5, 6

30 "Then they will know that ^aI, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people," declares the Lord God.

31 "As for you, ^aMy sheep, the sheep of ^bMy pasture, you are men, and I am your God," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 35

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came to me saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against ^aMount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3 and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, And I will ^astretch out My hand against you, And I will make you a ^bdesolation and a waste.

4 "I will ^alay waste your cities, And you will become a desolation. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

5 "Because you have had everlasting ^aenmity and have ¹delivered the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of the ²^bpunishment of the end,

6 therefore, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "I will ¹give you over to ^abloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you.

7 "And I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation, and I will cut off from it the one who passes through and returns.

8 "And I will ^afill its mountains with its slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those slain by the sword will ¹fall.

9 "I will make you an everlasting ^adesolation, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

10 "Because you have ^asaid, 'These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess ¹them,' although the ^bLORD was there,

11 therefore, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "I will deal *with you* ^aaccording to your anger and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; so I will ^bmake Myself known among them when I judge you.

12 "Then you will know ¹that I, the LORD, have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, 'They are laid desolate; they are ^agiven to us for food.'

13 "And you have ¹^aspoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; ^bI have heard."

14 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "As all the earth ^arejoices, I will make you a desolation.

15 "As you ^arejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, ^bso I will do to you. You will be a ^cdesolation, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the LORD." "

CHAPTER 36

“AND you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

2 ‘Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, “Because the enemy has spoken against you, ‘Aha!’ and, ‘The everlasting ^{2a}heights have become our possession,’

3 therefore, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “¹For good cause they have made you ^adesolate and ^bcrushed you from every side, that you should become a possession of the rest of the nations, and you have been taken up in the ^{2c}talk and the whispering of the people.” ’ ”

4 ‘Therefore, O ^amountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities, which have become a ^bprey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about.

5 therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Surely in the fire of My ^ajealousy I have spoken against the ^brest of the nations, and against all Edom, who ^aappropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted ^cjoy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey.”

6 ‘Therefore, prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have ^aendured the insults of the nations.’

7 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘I have ¹sworn that surely the nations which are around you will themselves endure their insults.

8 ‘But you, O mountains of Israel, you will ^aput forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.

9 ‘For, behold, I am for you, and I will ^aturn to you, and you shall be ^bcultivated and sown.

10 ‘And I will multiply men on you, ^aall the house of Israel, all of it; and the ^bcities will be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.

11 ‘And I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were ^aformerly and will ¹treat you ^bbetter than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

12 ‘Yes, I will cause ^amen—My people Israel—to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their ^binheritance and never again ^cbereave them of children.’

13 “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because they say to you, “You are a devourer of men and have bereaved your ¹nation of children,”

14 therefore, you will no longer devour men, and no longer bereave your nation of children,’ declares the Lord GOD.

15 “And I will not let you hear ^ainsults from the nations any more, nor will you bear ^bdisgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to ^cstumble any longer,” declares the Lord GOD.’ ”

16 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

17 “Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their

² ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ²Lit., *Bamoth*.
^aDeut. 32:13; Ps. 78:69; Is. 58:14; Hab. 3:19

³ ¹Lit., *because, by the cause* ²Lit., *lip of the tongue*
^aJer. 2:15 ^bPs. 35:25; Jer. 51:34; Lam. 2:2, 5, 16 ^cEzek. 35:13; Ps. 44:13, 14; Jer. 18:16

⁴ Ezek. 36:1, 6, 8; Deut. 11:11 ^bEzek. 34:8, 28

⁵ ¹Lit., *gave*
^aEzek. 36:6; 5:13; 38:19; Is. 66:15, 16 ^bEzek. 36:3; Jer. 25:9, 15-29 ^cEzek. 35:15; Jer. 50:11; Mic. 7:8

⁶ Ezek. 34:29; Ps. 74:10; 123:3, 4

⁷ ¹Lit., *lifted up My hand*

⁸ Ezek. 17:23; 34:26-29; Is. 4:2; 27:6

⁹ Lev. 26:9 ^bEzek. 36:34; 28:26; 34:14

¹⁰ Ezek. 37:21, 22; Is. 27:6; 49:17-23 ^bEzek. 36:33; Jer. 31:27, 28; 33:12

¹¹ ¹Lit., *cause good*
^aEzek. 16:55; Jer. 30:18; Mic. 7:14 ^bJob 42:12; Is. 51:3

¹² Ezek. 34:13, 14 ^bEzek. 47:14 ^cNum. 13:32

¹³ ¹Or, *nations*, and so throughout the chap.

¹⁵ Ezek. 36:7; 34:29; Is. 54:4; 60:14 ^bEzek. 22:4; Ps. 89:50 ^cIs. 63:13; Jer. 13:16; 18:15

18 *Ezek. 22:20; 2 Chr. 34:21, 25; Lam. 2:4; 4:11

19 *Ezek. 5:12; 22:15; Deut. 28:64; Amos 9:9 ^bEzek. 24:14; 39:24; Rom. 2:6

20 *Ezek. 12:16; 14:22; Is. 52:5; Rom. 2:24 ^bJer. 33:24

21 ¹Lit., *compassion*
*Ezek. 20:44; Ps. 74:18; Is. 37:35; 48:9

22 *Ezek. 36:32; Deut. 7:7, 8; 9:5-7; Ps. 108:6

23 *Ezek. 20:41; 38:23; 39:7, 25; Is. 5:16; 1 Pet. 3:15 ^bPs. 102:13, 15; 126:2

24 *Ezek. 34:13; 37:21; Is. 43:5, 6

25 *Num. 19:17-19; Ps. 51:7; Titus 3:5, 6; Heb. 9:13, 19; 10:22 ^bIs. 4:4; Zech. 13:1 ^cIs. 2:18, 20; Hos. 14:3, 8

26 *Ezek. 11:19; 18:31; Ps. 51:10; John 3:3, 5; 2 Cor. 5:17 ^bEzek. 11:19; Zech. 7:12

27 *Ezek. 37:14; 39:29; Is. 44:3; 59:21; Joel 2:28, 29

28 *Ezek. 14:11; 37:23, 27

29 ¹Lit., *put*
*Ezek. 34:27, 29; Hos. 2:21-23

30 *Lev. 26:4

31 *Ezek. 16:61-63; 20:43

33 *Ezek. 36:10; Zech. 8:7, 8 ^bIs. 58:12

own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.

18 "Therefore, I ^apoured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.

19 "Also I ^ascattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. ^bAccording to their ways and their deeds I judged them.

20 "When they came to the nations where they went, they ^aprofaned My holy name, because it was said of them, 'These are the ^bpeople of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.'

21 "But I had ¹concern for My ^aholy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

22 "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to ^aact, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.

23 "And I will ^avindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the ^bnations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord GOD, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.

24 "For I will ^atake you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.

25 "Then I will ^asprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your ^bfilthiness and from all your ^cidols.

26 "Moreover, I will give you a ^anew heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of ^bstone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 "And I will ^aput My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

28 "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be ^aMy people, and I will be your God.

29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not ¹bring a famine on you.

30 "And I will ^amultiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

31 "Then you will ^aremember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

32 "I am not doing *this* for your sake," declares the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

33 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the ^acities to be inhabited, and the ^bwaste places will be rebuilt.

34 "And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passed by.

35 "And they will say, 'This desolate land has become like

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the ^agarden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited.’

36 “Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and ^awill do it.”

37 “Thus says the Lord God, “This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

38 “Like the ^aflock ¹for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with ^bflocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”’”

CHAPTER 37

THE ^ahand of the LORD was upon me, and He ^bbrought me out ¹by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the ^cvalley; and it was full of bones.

2 And He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were* very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, *they were* very dry.

3 And He said to me, “Son of man, ^acan these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord ¹God, ^bThou knowest.”

4 Again He said to me, “^aProphesy over these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, ^bhear the word of the LORD.’”

5 “Thus says the Lord God to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause ^{1a}breath to enter you that you may come to life.

6 ‘And I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will ^aknow that I am the LORD’”

7 So I prophesied ^aas I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a ¹noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew, and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

9 Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they ^acome to life.”’”

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life, and stood on their feet, an ^aexceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the ^awhole house of Israel; behold, they say, “^bOur bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are ¹completely ^ccut off.’”

12 “Therefore prophesy, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will open your graves and ^acause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

13 “Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.

14 “And I will ^aput My ¹Spirit within you, and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you

Ezekiel 36, 37

35 ^aEzek. 31:9; Is. 51:3; Joel 2:3

36 ^aHos. 14:4-9

38 ¹Lit., *of holy things*
^a1 Kin. 8:63; 2 Chr. 35:7-9;
John 2:14 ^bPs. 74:1; 100:3;
Jer. 23:1; Zech. 11:17; John
10:7, 9, 16

¹ ¹Or, *in*
^aEzek. 1:3; 33:22; 40:1 ^bEzek.
8:3; 11:24; 43:5; Acts 8:39
^cJer. 7:32-8:2

³ ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD, and so
throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 26:19 ^bDeut. 32:39;
1 Sam. 2:6

⁴ ^aEzek. 37:9, 12; Num.
20:8; 1 Kin. 13:2 ^bEzek. 36:1;
Is. 42:18; Jer. 22:29

⁵ ¹Or, *spirit*, and so
throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 37:9, 10, 14; Gen. 2:7;
Ps. 104:29, 30

⁶ ^aEzek. 35:9; 38:23; 39:6;
Is. 49:23; Joel 2:27; 3:17

⁷ ¹Lit., *voice*; or *thunder*
^aJer. 13:5-7

⁹ ^aHos. 13:14

¹⁰ ^aJer. 30:19; 33:22

¹¹ ¹Lit., *cut off to ourselves*
^aEzek. 36:10; 39:25; Jer.
33:24 ^bPs. 141:7; Is. 40:27
^cPs. 88:5; Lam. 3:54

¹² ^aDeut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6;
Is. 26:19; 66:14; Hos. 13:14

¹⁴ ¹Or, *breath*
^aEzek. 37:9; 11:19; 36:27;
39:29; Is. 32:15; Joel 2:28, 29;
Zech. 12:10

16 ^aNum. 17:2, 3 ^{b2} Chr. 10:17; 11:11-17; 15:9 ^{c1} Kin. 12:16-20; 2 Chr. 10:19

17 ^aEzek. 37:22-24; Is. 11:13; Jer. 50:4; Hos. 1:11; Zeph. 3:9

18 ^aEzek. 12:9; 17:12; 20:49; 24:19

21 ^aEzek. 36:24; 39:27; Is. 43:5, 6; Jer. 29:14; Amos 9:14, 15

22 ^aEzek. 36:10; Jer. 3:18; 50:4, 5 ^bEzek. 37:24; 34:23, 24

23 ¹Another reading is, *backslidings*.

24 ^aEzek. 37:25; 34:24; Jer. 30:9; Hos. 3:5 ^bEzek. 34:23; Ps. 78:71; Is. 40:11

25 ^aEzek. 37:24; Is. 11:1; Zech. 6:12

26 ¹Lit., *give*
^aEzek. 16:62; 20:37; 34:25
^bEzek. 16:60; Ps. 89:3, 4; Is. 55:3; 59:21 ^cEzek. 36:10, 11, 37; Jer. 30:19 ^dEzek. 20:40; 43:7

27 ^aJohn 1:14 ^bEzek. 37:23; 2 Cor. 6:16

28 ^aEzek. 20:12; Ex. 31:13

2 ¹Or, *chief prince of Meshech*
^aEzek. 38:3, 14, 16, 18; 39:1, 11; Rev. 20:8 ^bEzek. 39:6; Gen. 10:2; Rev. 20:8 ^cEzek. 38:3; 39:1 ^dEzek. 38:3; 27:13; 39:1

will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD.'"

15 The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

16 "And you, son of man, take for yourself ^aone stick and write on it, '^bFor Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For ^cJoseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'

17 "Then ^ajoin them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

18 "And when the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us ^awhat you mean by these?'

19 say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."'

20 "And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 "And say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will ^atake the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them ^aone nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and ^bone king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

23 "And they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their ¹dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.

24 "And My servant ^aDavid will be king over them, and they will all have ^bone shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them.

25 "And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and ^aDavid My servant shall be their prince forever.

26 "And I will make a ^acovenant of peace with them; it will be an ^beverlasting covenant with them. And I will ¹place them and ^cmultiply them, and will set My ^dsanctuary in their midst forever.

27 "My ^adwelling place also will be with them; and ^{b1}I will be their God, and they will be My people.

28 "And the nations will know that I am the LORD ^awho sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.'"

CHAPTER 38

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face toward ^aGog of the land of ^bMagog, the ¹prince of ^cRosh, ^dMeshech, and ^dTubal, and prophesy against him,

3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, ²prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

4 "And I will turn you about, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will ^abring you out, and all your army, ^bhorses and horsemen, all of them ¹splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;

5 ^aPersia, ^{1b}Ethiopia, and ^cPut with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

6 ^aGomer with all its troops; Beth-^btogarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you.

7 "Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.

8 "After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, *whose inhabitants* have been ^bgathered from many ¹nations to the ^cmountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but ²its people were brought out from the ¹nations, and they are ^dliving securely, all of them.

9 "And you will go up, you will come ^alike a storm; you will be like a ^bcloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."

10 'Thus says the Lord God, "It will come about on that day, that ¹thoughts will come into your mind, and you will ^adevise an evil plan,

11 and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of ^{1a}unwalled villages. I will go against those who are ^bat rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls, and having no bars or gates;

12 to ^acapture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the ¹center of the world.

13 "Sheba, and ^bDedan, and the merchants of ^cTarshish, with all its ^{1d}villages, will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great ^cspoil?'"

14 "Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord God, "On that day when My people Israel are ^dliving securely, will you not know it?

15 "And you will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

16 and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It will come about in the last days that I shall bring you against My land, in order that the nations may ^aknow Me when I shall be ^bsanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog."

17 'Thus says the Lord God, "Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who ^aprophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them?

18 "And it will come about on that day, when Gog comes

³YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ²Or, chief prince of Meshech

⁴Or, clothed in full armor
^aIs. 43:17 ^bEzek. 38:15; Dan. 11:40

⁵Lit., Cush
^aEzek. 27:10; 2 Chr. 36:20; Ezra 1:1; Dan. 8:20 ^bEzek. 30:4, 5; Gen. 10:6-8 ^cEzek. 27:10; 30:5

⁶Gen. 10:2, ³Ezek. 27:14; Gen. 10:3

⁸Lit., peoples ²Lit., it was
^aIs. 24:22 ^bEzek. 38:12; 36:24; 37:21; 39:27, 28; Is. 11:11 ^cEzek. 34:13; 36:1-8 ^dEzek. 38:11, 14; 39:26

⁹Is. 5:28; 21:1; 25:4; 28:2; Jer. 4:13 ^bEzek. 39:16; 30:18; Joel 2:2

¹⁰Lit., words
^aPs. 36:4; Mic. 2:1

¹¹Or, open country
^aZech. 2:4 ^bJer. 49:31

¹²Lit., navel
^aEzek. 29:19; Is. 10:6

¹³Or, young lions
^aEzek. 27:22, 23 ^bEzek. 25:13; 27:15, 20 ^cEzek. 27:12 ^dEzek. 32:2; Nah. 2:11-13 ^eIs. 10:6; 33:23; Jer. 15:13

¹⁴Ezek. 38:8, 11; Jer. 23:6; Zech. 2:5, 8

¹⁶Ezek. 38:23; 36:23; Ps. 83:18 ^bEzek. 28:22; Is. 5:16; 8:13; 29:23

¹⁷Is. 5:26-29; 34:1-6; 63:1-6; 66:15, 16; Joel 3:9-14

18 *Ps. 18:8, 15

19 ¹Or, *shaking*

^aEzek. 5:13; 36:5, 6; Deut. 32:22; Ps. 18:7, 8; Nah. 1:2; Heb. 12:29 ^bEzek. 37:7; Joel 3:16; Hag. 2:6, 7, 21, 22

20 ¹Lit., *fall*

^aJer. 4:24, 25; Hos. 4:3; Nah. 1:4-6 ^bZech. 14:4

21 ¹L.e. Gog

^aEzek. 14:17 ^bJudg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20; 2 Chr. 20:23; Hag. 2:22

22 ¹Lit., *overflowing*

^aIs. 66:16; Jer. 25:31 ^bPs. 11:6; 18:12-14; Is. 28:17

23 ^aEzek. 38:16; 37:28; Ps. 9:16

¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ²Or, *chief prince of Meshech*

³Ezek. 30:21-24; Ps. 76:3; Jer. 21:4, 5; Hos. 1:5

⁴Lit., *wing*

^aEzek. 39:17-20; Is. 14:24, 25 ^bEzek. 29:5; 32:4, 5; 33:27

⁵Lit., *face of the*

⁶Ezek. 30:8, 16; 38:19, 22; Amos 1:4, 7, 10; Nah. 1:6 ^bPs. 72:10; Is. 66:19; Jer. 25:22

⁷Ezek. 39:25; 36:20-22

^bEzek. 20:9, 14, 39; Ez. 20:7 ^cEzek. 38:16, 23 ^dIs. 12:6; 43:3, 14; 55:5; 60:9, 14

⁹Is. 66:24; Mal. 1:5

^bJosh. 11:6; Ps. 46:9

¹⁰Is. 14:2; 33:1; Mic. 5:8; Hab. 2:8

against the land of Israel," declares the Lord God, "that My fury will mount up in My ^aanger.

19 "And in My ^azeal and in My blazing wrath I declare *that* on that day there will surely be a great ¹bearthquake in the land of Israel.

20 ^a"And the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the ^bmountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will ¹collapse, and every wall will fall to the ground.

21 "And I shall call for a ^asword against ¹him on all My mountains," declares the Lord God. ^b"Every man's sword will be against his brother.

22 "And with pestilence and with blood I shall enter into ^ajudgment with him; and I shall rain on him, and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a ¹torrential rain, with ^bhailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 "And I shall magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make ^aMyself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 39

"**AND** you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, ²prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;

2 and I shall turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

3 "And I shall ^astrike your bow from your left hand, and dash down your arrows from your right hand.

4 "You shall ^afall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you; I shall give you as food to every ¹kind of ^bpredatory bird and beast of the field.

5 "You will fall on the ¹open field; for it is I who have spoken," declares the Lord God.

6 "And I shall send ^afire upon Magog and those who inhabit the ^bcoastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the LORD.

7 "And My ^aholy name I shall make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I shall not let My holy name be ^bprofaned any more. And the ^cnations will know that I am the Lord, the ^dHoly One in Israel.

8 "Behold, it is coming and it shall be done," declares the Lord God. "That is the day of which I have spoken.

9 "Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will ^ago out, and make ^bfires with the weapons and burn *them*, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears and for seven years they will make fires of them.

10 "And they will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them, and seize the ^aplunder of those who plundered them," declares the Lord God.

**Burial of Gog's Hordes.
God's Great Sacrifice.**

11 "And it will come about on that day that I shall give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off the passers-by. So they will bury Gog there with all his multitude, and they will call it The Valley of ¹Hamon-Gog.

12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to ²cleanse the land.

13 "Even all the people of the land will bury *them*; and it will be ¹to their ²renown on the day that I ³glorify Myself," declares the Lord God.

14 "And they will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, ²burying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search.

15 "And as those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man's bone, then he will ¹set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of ²Hamon-Gog.

16 "And even *the* name of *the* city will be Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land." "

17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God, 'Speak to every ¹kind of a ²bird and to every ³beast of the field, 'Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to ⁴sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 "You shall eat the ²flesh of mighty men, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as *though they were* ³rams, lambs, goats, and ⁴bulls, all of them fatlings of ⁵Bashan.

19 "So you will eat fat until you are gluttoned, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 "And you will be gluttoned at My table with ²horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war," declares the Lord God.

21 "And I shall set My ²glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them.

22 "And the house of Israel will ²know that I am the LORD their God from that day onward.

23 "And the nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their ²iniquity because they acted treacherously against Me, and I ³hid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword.

24 "According to their ²uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them." "

25 Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Now I shall ¹restore the fortunes of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole ²house of Israel; and I shall be ³jealous for My holy name.

26 "And they shall ¹forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they ²perpetrated against Me, when they ³blive securely on their *own* land with ⁴no one to make them afraid.

27 "When I ²bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall be ³sanctified ¹through them in the sight of the many nations.

¹¹ ¹Or, *the multitude of Gog*

¹² ²Ezek. 39:14, 16; Deut. 21:23

¹³ ¹Or, *a memorial for them*
²Jer. 33:9; Zeph. 3:19, 20
³Ezek. 28:22

¹⁴ ²Jer. 14:16

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *build* ²Or, *the multitude of Gog*

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *wing*
²Ezek. 39:4; Is. 56:9; Jer. 12:9; Zeph. 1:7; Rev. 19:17, 18
³Is. 34:6, 7; Jer. 46:10; Zeph. 1:7

¹⁸ ²Ezek. 29:5; Rev. 19:18
³Jer. 51:40
⁴Jer. 50:27
⁵Ps. 22:12; Amos 4:1

²⁰ ²Ezek. 38:4; Ps. 76:5, 6; Hag. 2:22; Rev. 19:18

²¹ ²Ezek. 39:13, 36:23; 38:16, 23; Ex. 9:16; Is. 37:20

²² ²Jer. 24:7

²³ ²Ezek. 36:18, 19; Jer. 22:8, 9; 44:22
³Ezek. 39:29; Is. 1:15; 59:2

²⁴ ²Ezek. 36:19; 2 Kin. 17:7; Jer. 2:17, 19; 4:18

²⁵ ¹Or, *return the captivity*
²Ezek. 34:13; Is. 27:12, 13; Jer. 33:7
³Ezek. 36:10; 37:21, 22; Jer. 31:1; Hos. 1:11
⁴Ex. 20:5; Nah. 1:2

²⁶ ¹Another reading is: *bear*
²Lit., *did treacherously*
³Ezek. 16:63; 20:43; 36:31
⁴Ezek. 34:25-28; 1 Kin. 4:25
⁵Is. 17:2; Mic. 4:4

²⁷ ¹Lit., *in*
²Ezek. 36:24; 37:21
³Ezek. 36:23; 38:16, 23

29 ^aEzek. 36:27; 37:14; Is. 32:15; Joel 2:28

1 ¹Lit., *struck*
^aEzek. 32:1, 17; 33:21 ^bEzek. 33:21; 2 Kin. 25:1-7; Jer. 39:1-9; 52:4-11 ^cEzek. 1:3; 3:14, 22; 37:1

2 ^aEzek. 1:1; 8:3; Dan. 7:1, 7 ^bEzek. 17:23; 20:40; 37:22; Is. 2:2, 3; Mic. 4:1; Rev. 21:10
^c1 Chr. 28:12, 19 ^dPs. 48:2; Is. 14:13

3 ¹Lit., *reed*, and so throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 1:7; Dan. 10:5, 6; Rev. 1:15 ^bEzek. 47:3; Zech. 2:1, 2
^cRev. 11:1; 21:15

4 ^aEzek. 2:1, 3, 6, 8; 44:5
^bEzek. 2:7, 8; 43:10; 44:5 ^cIs. 21:10; Jer. 26:2; Acts 20:27

5 ¹Lit., *house* ²i.e., 20.4 inches ³Lit., *building*
^aEzek. 42:20

6 ¹Or., *in depth*
^aEzek. 40:20; 8:16; 11:1; 43:1

7 ¹Lit., *from the house*
^aEzek. 40:10-16, 21, 29, 33, 36

8 ¹Lit., *from the house*

9 ¹Lit., *from the house*

11 ¹Lit., *entrance of the gate*

12 ¹Lit., *border*

28 "Then they will know that I am the LORD their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them *again* to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer.

29 "And I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I shall have ^apoured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 40

IN the ^atwenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was ^btaken, on that same day the ^chand of the LORD was upon me and He brought me there.

2 In the ^avisions of God He brought me into the land of Israel, and set me on a very ^bhigh mountain; and on it to the ^csouth *there was* a ^dstructure like a city.

3 So He brought me there; and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of ^abronze, with a ^bline of flax and a measuring ^crod in his hand; and he was standing in the gateway.

4 And the man said to me, "^aSon of man, ^bsee with your eyes, hear with your ears, and give attention to all that I am going to show you; for you have been brought here in order to show *it* to you. ^cDeclare to the house of Israel all that you see."

5 And behold, there was a ^awall on the outside of the ^btemple all around, and in the man's hand was a measuring rod of six cubits, *each of which was* a cubit and a ²handbreadth. So he measured the thickness of the ³wall, one rod; and the height, one rod.

6 Then he went to the gate which faced ^aeast, went up its steps, and measured the threshold of the gate, one rod ¹in width; and the other threshold *was* one rod ¹in width.

7 And the ^aguardroom *was* one rod long and one rod wide; and *there were* five cubits between the guardrooms. And the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate ¹facing inward *was* one rod.

8 Then he measured the porch of the gate ¹facing inward, one rod.

9 And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its side pillars, two cubits. And the porch of the gate was ¹faced inward.

10 And the guardrooms of the gate towards the east *numbered* three on each side; the three of them had the same measurement. The side pillars also had the same measurement on each side.

11 And he measured the width of the ¹gateway, ten cubits, and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 And *there was* a ¹barrier wall one cubit *wide* in front of the guardrooms on each side; and the guardrooms *were* six cubits *square* on each side.

13 And he measured the gate from the roof of the one guardroom to the roof of the other, a width of twenty-five cubits from *one* door to *the* door opposite.

14 And he made the side pillars sixty cubits *high*; the gate *extended* round about to the side pillar of the ^acourtyard.

15 And *from* the front of the entrance gate to the front of the inner porch of the gate *was* fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* ^{1a}shuttered windows *looking* toward the guardrooms, and toward their side pillars within the gate all around, and likewise for the porches. And *there were* windows all around inside; and on *each* side pillar *were* ^bpalm tree ornaments.

17 Then he brought me into the ^aouter court, and behold, *there were* ^bchambers and a pavement, made for the court all around; thirty chambers ¹faced the pavement.

18 And the pavement (*that is*, the lower ^apavement) *was* by the ¹side of the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates.

19 Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the exterior of the inner court, a ^ahundred cubits on the east and on the north.

20 And *as for* the ^agate of the outer court which faced the north, he measured its length and its width.

21 And ¹it had three ^aguardrooms on each side; and its ^bside pillars and its porches ²had the same measurement as the first gate. Its length *was* ^cfifty cubits, and the width ^atwenty-five cubits.

22 And its ^awindows, and its porches, and its palm tree ornaments *had* the same measurements as the ^bgate which faced toward the east; and ¹it was reached by seven ^csteps, and its ²porch *was* in front of them.

23 And the inner court had a gate opposite the gate on the north as well as *the gate* on the east; and he measured a ^ahundred cubits from gate to gate.

24 Then he led me toward the ^asouth, and behold, *there was* a gate toward the south; and he measured its ^bside pillars and its porches according to ¹those same measurements.

25 And ¹the gate and its porches had ^awindows all around like ²those other windows; the length *was* ^bfifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

26 And *there were* seven ^asteps going up to it, and its porches *were* in front of them; and it had ^bpalm tree ornaments on its side pillars, one on each side.

27 And the inner court had a gate toward the ^asouth; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, a ^bhundred cubits.

28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate ^aaccording to those same measurements.

29 Its ^aguardrooms also, its side pillars, and its ^bporches *were* according to those same measurements. And ¹the gate and its porches had ^bwindows all around; it *was* ^cfifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 And *there were* ^aporches all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

31 And its porches *were* toward the outer court; and ^apalm tree ornaments *were* on its side pillars, and its stairway had eight ^bsteps.

¹⁴ *Ezek. 8:7; 42:1; Ex. 27:9; 1 Chr. 28:6; Ps. 100:4; Is. 62:9

¹⁶ ¹Or, *beveled inwards*
*Ezek. 41:16, 26; 1 Kin. 6:4
²Ezek. 40:22, 26, 31, 34, 37;
41:18-20, 25, 26; 1 Kin. 6:29,
32, 35; 2 Chr. 3:5

¹⁷ ¹Lit., to
*Ezek. 10:5; 42:1; 46:21; Rev.
11:2 ²Ezek. 40:38; 2 Kin.
23:11; 1 Chr. 9:26; 23:28;
2 Chr. 31:11

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *shoulder*
*Ezek. 40:23, 27; 46:1, 2

¹⁹ *Ezek. 40:23, 27

²⁰ *Ezek. 40:6

²¹ ¹Lit., *its guardrooms*
were three ²Lit., *was*
*Ezek. 40:7 ^bEzek. 40:16, 30
^cEzek. 40:15 ^aEzek. 40:13

²² ¹Lit., *they were going up*
into it ²Or, *porches*
*Ezek. 40:16 ^bEzek. 40:6
^cEzek. 40:6, 26, 31, 34, 37, 49

²³ *Ezek. 40:19, 27

²⁴ ¹Lit., *these*
measurements, and so
throughout the chap.
*Ezek. 40:6, 20, 35; 46:9
^bEzek. 40:21

²⁵ ¹Lit., *it* ²Lit., *these*
windows
*Ezek. 40:16, 22, 29 ^bEzek.
40:21, 33

²⁶ *Ezek. 40:6, 22 ^bEzek.
40:16

²⁷ *Ezek. 40:23, 32 ^bEzek.
40:19, 23

²⁸ *Ezek. 40:32, 35

²⁹ ¹Lit., *it*
*Ezek. 40:7, 10, 21 ^bEzek.
40:16, 22, 25 ^cEzek. 40:21

³⁰ *Ezek. 40:16, 21

³¹ *Ezek. 40:16 ^bEzek.
40:22, 26, 34, 37

32 ^aEzek. 40:28-31, 35
^bEzek. 40:28

33 ¹Lit., *it*
^aEzek. 40:29 ^bEzek. 40:16
^cEzek. 40:21

34 ^aEzek. 40:16 ^bEzek.
40:22, 37

35 ^aEzek. 40:27, 32; 44:4;
47:2

36 ¹Lit., *it*
^aEzek. 40:7, 29 ^bEzek. 40:16
^cEzek. 40:21

37 ^aEzek. 40:16 ^bEzek.
40:35

38 ^aEzek. 40:17; 41:10;
42:13; 1 Chr. 28:12; Neh.
13:5, 9; Jer. 35:4; 36:10
^b2 Chr. 4:6

39 ^aEzek. 40:42 ^bEzek. 46:2;
Lev. 1:3-17

40 ¹Lit., *shoulder* ²Lit., *to
the one going up* ³Lit.,
entrance of the gate

41 ¹Lit., *by the shoulder of*
^aEzek. 40:39, 40

42 ^aEzek. 40:39 ^bEx. 20:25
^cEzek. 40:39

43 ¹Or, *ledges* ²Or, *inside*

44 ¹Ck. reads: *in two
chambers* ²Lit., *shoulder*
³Lit., *their* ⁴Ck. reads: *south*
^aEzek. 40:23, 27 ^bEzek.
40:17, 38 ^c1 Chr. 6:31, 32;
16:41-43; 25:1-7

45 ¹Or, *house*
^aEzek. 40:17, 38 ^b1 Chr. 9:23;
Ps. 134:1

46 ^aEzek. 40:17, 38 ^bEzek.
44:15; Lev. 6:12, 13 ^cEzek.
43:19; 44:15; 48:11; 1 Kin.
2:35 ^dEzek. 42:13; 45:4; Lev.
10:3; Num. 16:5, 40

47 ¹Lit., *house*
^aEzek. 40:19, 23, 27

48 ¹Lit., *house*
^a1 Kin. 6:3; 2 Chr. 3:4

49 ^aEzek. 40:31, 34, 37
^b1 Kin. 7:15-21; 2 Chr. 3:17;
Jer. 52:17-23; Rev. 3:12

32 And he brought me into the ^ainner court toward the east. And he measured the gate ^baccording to those same measurements.

33 Its ^aguardrooms also, its side pillars, and its porches *were* according to those same measurements. And ¹the gate and its porches had ^bwindows all around; it *was* ^cfifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 And its ^aporches *were* toward the outer court; and ^apalm tree ornaments *were* on its side pillars, on each side, and its stairway had eight ^bsteps.

35 Then he brought me to the ^anorth gate; and he measured *it* according to those same measurements,

36 *with* its ^aguardrooms, its side pillars, and its ^bporches. And ¹the gate had ^bwindows all around; the length *was* ^cfifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

37 And its side pillars *were* toward the outer court; and ^apalm tree ornaments *were* on its side pillars on each side, and its stairway had eight ^bsteps.

38 And ^aa chamber with its doorway *was* by the side pillars at the gates; there they ^brinse the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate *were* two ^atables on each side, on which to slaughter the ^bburnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

40 And on the outer ¹side, ²as one went up to the ³gateway toward the north, *were* two tables; and on the other ¹side of the porch of the gate *were* two tables.

41 Four ^atables *were* on each side ¹next to the gate; or, eight tables on which they slaughter *sacrifices*.

42 And for the burnt offering *there were* ^afour tables of ^bhewn stone, a cubit and a half long, a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high, on which they lay the instruments with which they slaughter the ^cburnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And the double ¹hooks, one handbreadth in length, *were* installed ²in the house all around; and on the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 And from the outside to the ^ainner gate *were* ^bchambers for the ^csingers in the inner court, *one of* which *was* at the ²side of the north gate, with ³its front toward the south, and one at the ²side of the ^aeast gate facing toward the north.

45 And he said to me, "This is the ^achamber which faces toward the south, *intended* for the priests who ^bkeep charge of the ¹temple;

46 *but* the ^achamber which faces toward the north is for the priests who ^bkeep charge of the altar. These are the ^csons of Zadok, who from the sons of Levi ^dcome near to the LORD to minister to Him."

47 And he measured the court, a *perfect* square, a ^ahundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide; and the altar *was* in front of the ¹temple.

48 Then he brought me to the ^aporch of the ¹temple and measured *each* side pillar of the porch, five cubits on each side; and the width of the gate *was* three cubits on each side.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and at the ^astairway by which it *was* ascended *were* ^bcolumns belonging to the side pillars, one on each side.

CHAPTER 41

THEN he ^abrought me to the ^bnave and measured the ^cside pillars; six cubits wide on each side *was* the width of the ²side pillar.

2 And the width of the entrance *was* ten cubits, and the ¹sides of the entrance were five cubits on each side. And he measured ²the length of the nave, ^aforty cubits, and the width, ^atwenty cubits.

3 Then he went ^{1a}inside and measured each ^bside pillar of the doorway, two cubits, and the doorway, six cubits *high*; and the width of the doorway, seven cubits.

4 And he measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, ^atwenty cubits, before the ^bnave; and he said to me, "This is the ^cmost holy *place*."

5 Then he measured the wall of the ¹temple, six cubits; and the width of the ^aside chambers, four cubits, all around about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were in three stories, ¹one above another, and ²thirty in each story; and ³the side chambers ^aextended to the wall which *stood* on ⁴their inward side all around, that they might be fastened, and not be fastened into the wall of the temple *itself*.

7 And the side chambers surrounding the temple were wider at each successive story. Because the structure ^asurrounding the temple went upward by stages on all sides of the temple, therefore the width of the temple increased as it went higher; and thus one went up from the lowest *story* to the highest by way of the ¹second *story*.

8 I saw also that the house had a raised ¹platform all around; the foundations of the side chambers were a full rod of ^asix ²long cubits *in height*.

9 The ¹thickness of the outer wall of the side chambers was five cubits. But the ^afree space between the side chambers belonging to the temple

10 and the ^{1outer} chambers was twenty cubits in width all around the temple on every side.

11 And the ¹doorways of the ²side chambers toward the ^afree space *consisted* of one doorway toward the north and another doorway toward the south; and the width of the ^afree space was five cubits all around.

12 And the ^abuilding that *was* in front of the ^bseparate area at the side toward the west *was* seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits ¹thick all around, and its length *was* ninety cubits.

13 Then he measured the temple, ^aa hundred cubits long; the ^bseparate area with the ^cbuilding and its walls *were* also ^aa hundred cubits long.

14 Also the width of the front of the temple and *that* of the separate ¹areas along the east *side totaled* a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the ^abuilding ¹along the front of the ^bseparate area behind it, with a ^{2c}gallery on each side, a hundred cubits; *he also measured* the inner nave and the porches of the court.

16 The ^athresholds, the ^{1b}latticed windows, and the ^{2c}galler-

1 ¹i.e., the main inner hall
²Heb., *tent*
^aEzek. 40:2, 3, 17 ^bEzek. 41:21, 23; 42:8 ^cEzek. 41:3; 40:9

2 ¹Lit., *shoulders* ²Lit., *its length*
^a1 Kin. 6:2, 17; 2 Chr. 3:3

3 ¹i.e., of the inner sanctuary
^aEzek. 40:16 ^bEzek. 41:1

4 ^a1 Kin. 6:20 ^b1 Kin. 6:5 ^cEx. 26:33, 34; Heb. 9:3-8; 1 Kin. 6:16; 7:50; 8:6; 2 Chr. 5:7

5 ¹Lit., *house*, and so throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 41:6-11; 1 Kin. 6:5

6 ¹Lit., *chamber upon chamber* ²Lit., *thirty times*; ³Lit., *they were coming* ⁴Lit., *to the inside of the side chambers*
^a1 Kin. 6:6, 10

7 ¹Lit., *middle*
^a1 Kin. 6:8

8 ¹Lit., *height* ²Or, *to the joint*
^aEzek. 40:5

9 ¹Lit., *width*
^aEzek. 41:11

10 ¹cf. 42:1
^aEzek. 40:17

11 ¹Lit., *doorway* ²Lit., *side chamber*
^aEzek. 41:9

12 ¹Lit., *wide*
^aEzek. 41:13, 15; 42:1 ^bEzek. 41:13-15; 42:1, 10, 13

13 ^aEzek. 40:47 ^bEzek. 41:13-15; 42:1, 10, 13 ^cEzek. 41:13, 15; 42:1

14 ¹Lit., *area*

15 ¹Lit., *to* ²Or, *passageway*
^aEzek. 41:13, 15; 42:1 ^bEzek. 41:13-15; 42:1, 10, 13 ^cEzek. 41:16; 42:3, 5

16 ¹Or, *framed* ²Or, *passageways*
^aEzek. 41:25; 10:18; 40:6; Is. 6:4 ^bEzek. 41:26; 40:16, 25; 1 Kin. 6:4 ^cEzek. 41:15

16 ^dEzek. 42:3 ^{e1} Kin. 6:15

18 ¹Lit., *made*
^aEzek. 41:20, 25; 1 Kin. 6:29,
32, 35; 7:36 ^bEzek. 40:16;
2 Chr. 3:5

19 ¹Lit., *made*
^aEzek. 1:10; 10:14

20 ¹Lit., *made*
^aEzek. 41:18

21 ^aEzek. 41:1; 40:9, 14, 16;
1 Kin. 6:33 ^bEzek. 41:1

22 ¹Lit., *length* ²Lit., *walls*
^aEx. 30:1-3; 1 Kin. 6:20; Rev.
8:3 ^bEzek. 23:41; 44:16; Ex.
25:23, 30; Lev. 24:6; Mal. 1:7,
12

23 ^aEzek. 41:1 ^bEzek. 41:4
^{c1} Kin. 6:31-35

24 ¹Or, *turning*
^{a1} Kin. 6:34

25 ¹Lit., *made* ²Or, *canopy*
of wood over
^aEzek. 41:18 ^bEzek. 41:16

26 ¹Or, *framed* ²Or,
canopies
^aEzek. 41:16 ^bEzek. 40:16
^cEzek. 40:9, 48 ^dEzek. 41:5

1 ^aEzek. 40:17, 28, 48; 41:1
^bEzek. 40:17, 20 ^cEzek. 40:20
^dEzek. 42:4; 40:17 ^eEzek.
42:10, 13; 41:12 ^fEzek. 41:12

2 ^aEzek. 41:13

3 ¹Or, *passageway*
^aEzek. 41:10 ^bEzek. 40:17
^cEzek. 42:5; 41:15, 16

4 ^aEzek. 46:19

5 ¹Lit., *shorter* ²Or,
passageways
^aEzek. 42:3

6 ¹Or, *reduced*
^aEzek. 41:6

7 ^aEzek. 42:10, 12

ies round about their ^dthree stories, opposite the threshold, were ^cpaneled with wood all around, and *from* the ground to the windows (but the windows were covered),

17 over the entrance, and to the inner house, and on the outside, and on all the wall all around inside and outside, by measurement.

18 And it was ¹carved with ^acherubim and ^bpalm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces,

19 a ^aman's face toward the palm tree on one side, and a young ^alion's face toward the palm tree on the other side; ¹they were carved on all the house all around.

20 From the ground to above the entrance ^acherubim and ^apalm trees were ¹carved, as well as *on* the wall of the nave.

21 The ^adoorposts of the ^bnave were square; as for the front of the sanctuary, the appearance of one doorpost was like that of the other.

22 The ^aaltar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits; its corners, its ¹base, and its ²sides were of wood. And he said to me, "This is the ^btable that is before the LORD."

23 And the ^anave and the ^bsanctuary each had a double ^cdoor.

24 And each of the doors had two leaves, two ^{1a}swinging leaves; two *leaves* for one door and two leaves for the other.

25 Also there were ¹carved on them, on the doors of the nave, ^acherubim and ^apalm trees like those ¹carved on the walls; and *there was a* ^{2b}threshold of wood on the front of the porch outside.

26 And *there were* ^{1a}latticed windows and ^bpalm trees on one side and on the other, on the sides of the ^cporch; thus *were* the ^dside chambers of the house and the ²thresholds.

CHAPTER 42

THEN he ^abrought me out into the ^bouter court, the way ^ctoward the north; and he brought me to the ^dchamber which was opposite the ^eseparate area and opposite the ^fbuilding toward the north.

2 Along the length, *which was a* ^ahundred cubits, *was* the north door; the width *was* fifty cubits.

3 Opposite the ^atwenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the ^bpavement which belonged to the outer court, *was* ^{1c}gallery corresponding to ¹gallery in three stories.

4 And before the ^achambers *was* an inner walk ten cubits wide, a way of one *hundred* cubits; and their openings *were* on the north.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* ¹smaller because the ^{2a}galleries took more *space* away from them than from the lower and middle ones in the building.

6 For they *were* in ^athree stories and had no pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore *the upper chambers* were ¹set back from the ground upward, more than the lower and middle ones.

7 As for the outer ^awall by the side of the chambers,

toward the outer court facing the chambers, its length was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers which were in the outer court was fifty cubits; and behold, the length of those facing the temple was a hundred cubits.

9 And below these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer court.

10 In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, facing the separate area and facing the building, there were chambers.

11 And the way in front of them was like the appearance of the chambers which were on the north, according to their length so was their width; and all their exits were both according to their arrangements and openings.

12 And corresponding to the openings of the chambers which were toward the south was an opening at the head of the way, the way in front of the wall toward the east, as one enters them.

13 Then he said to me, "The north chambers and the south chambers, which are opposite the separate area, they are the holy chambers where the priests who are near to the LORD shall eat the most holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.

14 "When the priests enter, then they shall not go out into the outer court from the sanctuary without laying there their garments in which they minister, for they are holy. They shall put on other garments; then they shall approach that which is for the people."

15 Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the gate which faced toward the east, and measured it all around.

16 He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, by the measuring reed.

17 He measured on the north side five hundred reeds by the measuring reed.

18 On the south side he measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

19 He turned to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, the length five hundred and the width five hundred, to divide between the holy and the profane.

CHAPTER 43

THEN he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east;

2 and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.

3 And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to destroy the city. And the visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

8 *Ezek. 41:13, 14

9 *Ezek. 44:5; 46:19

10 ¹Lit., width
*Ezek. 42:7 ^bEzek. 42:1, 13
^cEzek. 40:17

11 *Ezek. 42:4

12 *Ezek. 42:7

13 *Ezek. 42:1, 10 ^bEx. 29:31; Lev. 7:6; 10:13, 14, 17
^cEzek. 40:46; Lev. 10:3; Deut. 21:5 ^dLev. 6:25, 29; 14:13; Num. 18:9, 10

14 ¹Lit., but there they shall lay
*Ezek. 44:19 ^bEx. 29:4-9; Lev. 8:7, 13; Is. 61:10; Zech. 3:4, 5

15 *Ezek. 40:6; 43:1

16 *Ezek. 40:3

20 ¹Lit., toward the four winds
^aEzek. 40:5; Is. 60:18; Zech. 2:5 ^bEzek. 45:2; Rev. 21:16
^cEzek. 22:26; 44:23; 48:15

1 *Ezek. 43:4; 10:19; 40:6; 42:15; 44:1; 46:1

2 *Ezek. 1:28; 3:23; 10:18, 19; Is. 6:3 ^bEzek. 11:23
^cEzek. 1:24; Rev. 1:15; 14:2
^dEzek. 1:28; 10:4; Rev. 18:1

3 ¹So with some mss. and some ancient versions; M.T., I
^aEzek. 1:4-28 ^bEzek. 9:1, 5; 32:18; Jer. 1:10 ^cEzek. 1:3; 10:20 ^dEzek. 1:28; 3:23

4 *Ezek. 43:2; 10:19; 11:23

5 *Ezek. 3:14; 8:3; 11:1, 24;
2 Cor. 12:2-4 ^bEzek. 10:4

6 *Ezek. 1:26

7 ¹Or, *monuments* as in
Ugaritic; cf. Lev. 26:30 ²Or,
in their high places
^aEzek. 1:26; Ps. 47:8 ^bEzek.
37:26, 28 ^cEzek. 6:5, 13
^dEzek. 20:29, 30

8 *Ezek. 8:3, 16

9 ¹Or, *monuments* as in
Ugaritic
^aEzek. 18:30, 31 ^bEzek. 43:7;
37:26-28

10 ¹Lit., *declare* ²Lit.,
house ³Lit., *perfection* or
pattern; cf. 28:12
^aEzek. 40:4 ^bEzek. 43:11;
16:61, 63

11 ¹Or, *form* ²Or, *forms*
³M. T. adds, *and all its*
designs after statutes
^aEzek. 44:5 ^bEzek. 12:3
^cEzek. 11:20; 36:27

12 ¹Or, *instruction* for
²Lit., *border*
^aEzek. 40:2; 42:20

13 ¹Lit., *lap* ²Or, *back*
^aEx. 27:1-8, 2 Chr. 4:1 ^bEzek.
40:5; 41:8

14 ¹Lit., *the*
^aEzek. 43:17, 20; 45:19

15 ¹Or, *ariel* shall
^aEx. 27:2; Lev. 9:9; 1 Kin.
1:50, Ps. 118:27

16 ¹Or, *ariel* shall
^aEx. 27:1

17 ¹Or, *be on the east side*
^aEx. 20:26 ^bEzek. 40:6

18 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD, and so
throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 2:1 ^bEx. 40:29 ^cLev.
1:5, 11; Heb. 9:21, 22

19 *Ezek. 40:46; 44:15;
1 Kin. 2:35 ^bNum. 16:5, 40
^cEzek. 43:23; 45:18, 19; Lev.
4:3 ^dHeb. 7:27

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the ^aeast.

5 And the ^aSpirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the ^bglory of the LORD filled the house.

6 Then I heard one speaking to me from the house, while a ^aman was standing beside me.

7 And He said to me, "Son of man, *this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the ¹corpses of their kings ²when they ^ddie,*

8 *by setting their threshold by My threshold, and their door post beside My door post, with ^{only} the wall between Me and them. And they have ^adefiled My holy name by their abominations which they have committed. So I have consumed them in My anger.*

9 "Now let them ^aput away their harlotry and the ¹corpses of their kings far from Me; and I will ^bdwell among them forever.

10 "As for you, son of man, ¹describe the ²temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ^bashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the ³plan.

11 "And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the ¹design of the house, its structure, its ^aexits, its entrances, all its ²designs, all its ³statutes, and all its laws. And write it ^bin their sight, so that they may observe its whole ¹design and all its statutes, and ^cdo them.

12 "This is the ¹law of the house: its entire ²area on the top of the ^amountain all around *shall be* most holy. Behold, this is the ¹law of the house.

13 "And these are the measurements of the ^aaltar by cubits (the ^bcubit being a cubit and a handbreadth): the ¹base *shall be* a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border on its edge round about one span; and this *shall be* the ^{height} of the ²base of the altar.

14 "And from the base on the ground to the lower ^aledge *shall be* two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge *shall be* four cubits, and the width ¹one cubit.

15 "And the ¹altar hearth *shall be* four cubits; and from the ¹altar hearth shall extend upwards four ^ahorns.

16 "Now the ¹altar hearth *shall be* twelve cubits long by twelve wide, ^asquare in its four sides.

17 "And the ledge *shall be* fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides, the border around it *shall be* half a cubit, and its base *shall be* a cubit round about; and its ^asteps shall ¹face the east."

18 And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord ¹GOD, 'These are the statutes for the altar on the day it is built, to offer ^bburnt offerings on it and to ^csprinkle blood on it.

19 'And you shall give to the Levitical priests who are from the offspring of ^aZadok, who draw ^bnear to Me to minister to Me,' declares the Lord GOD, 'a ^cyoung bull for a ^dsin offering.

20 'And you shall take some of its blood, and put it on its

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four horns, and on the four corners of the bledge, and on the border round about; thus you shall ccleanse it and make atone-ment for it.

21 You shall also take the bull for the sin offering; and it shall be aburned in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day you shall offer a amale goat without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall bcleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.

23 When you have finished cleansing it, you shall present a young abull without blemish and a bram from the flock without blemish.

24 And you shall present them before the LORD, and the priests shall throw asalt on them, and they shall offer them up as a burnt offering to the LORD.

25 For seven days you shall prepare daily a goat for a sin offering; also a young bull and a ram from the flock, without blemish, shall be prepared.

26 For seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they lconsecrate it.

27 And when they have completed the days, it shall be that on the aeighth day and onward, the priests shall loffer your burnt offerings on the altar, and your bpeace offerings; and I will caccept you,' declares the Lord God."

CHAPTER 44

THEN he brought me back by the way of the aouter gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east; and it was shut.

2 And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the aLORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.

3 "As for the a'prince, he shall sit in it as prince to beat bread before the LORD; he shall c'enter by way of the d'porch of the gate, and shall go out l'by the same way."

4 Then he brought me by way of the anorth gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the bglory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and I cfell on my face.

5 And the LORD said to me, "aSon of man, lmark well, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the bstatutes of the house of the LORD and concerning all its laws; and lmark well the entrance of the house, with all exits of the sanctuary.

6 "And you shall say to the larebellious ones, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord 2God, "bEnough of all your abominations, O house of Israel,

7 when you brought in aforeigners, uncircumcised in bheart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, even My house, when you c'offered My food, the fat and the blood; for they made My covenant dvoid—this in addition to all your abominations.

8 "And you have not akept charge of My holy things yourselves, but you have set foreigners lto keep charge of My sanctuary."

9 Thus says the Lord GOD, "aNo foreigner, uncircum-

20 aEzek. 43:15; Lev. 8:15; 9:9 bEzek. 43:14, 16, 17 cEzek. 43:22, 26; Lev. 16:19

21 aEx. 29:14; Lev. 4:12; Heb. 13:11

22 aEzek. 43:25 bEzek. 43:20, 26

23 aEzek. 45:18; Ex. 29:1, 10 bEx. 29:1

24 aLev. 2:13; Num. 18:19; Mark 9:49, 50; Col. 4:6

25 aEx. 29:35-37; Lev. 8:33, 35

26 lLit., fill its hands

27 lLit., make aLev. 9:1 bLev. 3:1; 17:5 cEzek. 20:40

1 aEzek. 40:6, 17; 42:14

2 aEzek. 43:2-4

3 lLit., by his way aEzek. 34:24; 37:25 bGen. 31:54; Ex. 24:9-11 cEzek. 46:2, 8-10 dEzek. 40:9

4 aEzek. 40:20, 40 bEzek. 1:28; 3:23; 43:4, 5; Is. 63:4; Hag. 2:7 cEzek. 1:28; 43:3

5 lLit., set your heart on aEzek. 40:4; Deut. 32:46 bEzek. 43:10, 11; Deut. 12:32

6 lLit., rebellion 2YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. aEzek. 2:5-7; 3:9 bEzek. 45:9; 1 Pet. 4:3

7 aEx. 12:43-49 bLev. 26:41; Deut. 10:16; Jer. 4:4; 9:26 cLev. 22:25 dGen. 17:14

8 lLit., as keepers of My charge in My aNum. 18:7

9 aEzek. 44:7; Joel 3:17; Zech. 14:21

10 *Ezek. 44:12; 22:26;
2 Kin. 23:8, 9^b Num. 18:23

11 *Num. 3:5-37; 4:1-33;
18:2-6^{b1} Chr. 26:1-19 *Ezek.
44:14; 40:45-42 Chr. 29:34;
30:17 *Num. 16:9

12 ¹Lit., *lifted up My hand*
*2 Kin. 16:10-16; Hos. 4:6;
5:1

13 *Num. 18:3^b Ezek.
16:61, 63; 39:26

14 ¹Lit., *give* ²Lit., *keepers
of the charge*
*Ezek. 44:11; Num. 18:4;
1 Chr. 23:28-32

15 *Jer. 33:18-22^b Ezek.
40:45; Num. 18:7 *Ezek.
44:10; 48:11 *Zech. 3:1, 7
*Ezek. 44:7; Lev. 3:16, 17

16 *Num. 18:5, 7, 8^b Ezek.
41:22; Mal. 1:7, 12

17 ¹Lit., *come upon*
*Ex. 28:42, 43; 39:27-29; Rev.
19:8

18 *Ezek. 24:17, 23; Ex.
28:40; Is. 3:20^b Ex. 28:42

19 *Ezek. 42:14; Lev. 6:10;
16:4, 23, 24^b Ezek. 46:20;
Lev. 6:27

20 ¹Or, *hang loose*
*Lev. 21:5^b Num. 6:5

22 ¹Lit., *take as wives for
themselves*

23 *Ezek. 22:26; Lev. 10:10,
11; Hos. 4:6; Mic. 3:9-11;
Zeph. 3:4; Hag. 2:11-13;
Mal. 2:6-8

24 *Deut. 17:8, 9; 19:17;
21:5; 1 Chr. 23:4; 2 Chr. 19:8;
10^b Lev. 23:2, 4, 44

cised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary.

10 "But the Levites who ^awent far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, shall ^bbear the punishment for their iniquity.

11 "Yet they shall be ^aministers in My sanctuary, having oversight at the ^bgates of the house and ^cministering in the house; they shall ^dslaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall ^estand before them to minister to them.

12 "Because they ministered to them ^abefore their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have ¹sworn against them," declares the Lord God, "that they shall bear the punishment for their iniquity.

13 "And they shall ^anot come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall ^bbear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

14 "Yet I will ¹appoint them ²to ^akeep charge of the house, of all its service, and of all that shall be done in it.

15 "But the Levitical ^apriests, the sons of Zadok, who ^bkept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel ^cwent astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall ^dstand before Me to offer Me the ^e"fat and the blood," declares the Lord God.

16 "They shall ^aenter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My ^btable to minister to Me and keep My charge.

17 "And it shall be that when they enter at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with ^alinen garments; and wool shall not ¹be on them while they are ministering in the gates of the inner court and in the house.

18 "Linen ^aturbans shall be on their heads, and linen ^bundergarments shall be on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with *anything which makes them sweat*.

19 "And when they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall ^aput off their garments in which they have been ministering and lay them in the holy chambers; then they shall put on other garments that they may not transmit ^bholiness to the people with their garments.

20 "Also they shall not ^ashave their heads, yet they shall not ^blet their locks ¹grow long; they shall only trim *the hair of* their heads.

21 "Nor shall any of the priests drink wine when they enter the inner court.

22 "And they shall not ¹marry a widow or a divorced woman but shall take virgins from the offspring of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.

23 "Moreover, they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 "And in a dispute ^athey shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances. They shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My ^bappointed feasts, and sanctify My sabbaths.

25 "And ¹they shall not go to a dead person to defile *themselves*; however, for father, for mother, for son, for daughter, for brother, or for a sister who has not had a husband, they may defile themselves.

26 "And after he is ^acleansed, seven days shall ¹elapse for him.

27 "And on the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his ^asin offering," declares the Lord God.

28 "And it shall be with regard to an inheritance for them, *that* ^aI am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel—I am their possession.

29 "They shall ^aeat the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every ^{1b}devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 "And the first of all the ^afirst fruits of every kind and every ¹contribution of every kind, from all your ¹contributions, shall be for the priests; you shall also give to the priest the ^bfirst of your ²dough to cause a ^cblessing to rest on your house.

31 "The priests shall not eat any bird or beast that ¹has ^adied a natural death or has been torn to pieces.

CHAPTER 45

"AND when you shall ^adivide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an ^{1b}allotment to the LORD, a ^choly portion of the land; the length shall be the length of 25,000 ^acubits, and the width shall be ²10,000. It shall be holy within all its boundary round about.

2 "Out of this there shall be for the holy place a square round about five hundred by five hundred *cubits*, and fifty cubits for its ¹open space round about.

3 "And from this ¹area you shall measure a length of 25,000 *cubits*, and a width of 10,000 *cubits*; and in it shall be the sanctuary, the most holy place.

4 "It shall be the holy portion of the land; it shall be for the ^apriests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who ^bcome near to minister to the LORD, and it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 "And *an area* 25,000 *cubits* in length and 10,000 in width shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, *and* for their possession ¹cities to dwell in.

6 "And you shall give the ^acity possession of *an area* 5,000 *cubits* wide and 25,000 *cubits* long, alongside the ¹allotment of the holy portion; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 "And the ^aprince shall have *land* on either side of the holy ¹allotment and the ²property of the city, adjacent to the holy ¹allotment and the ²property of the city, on the west side toward the west and on the east side toward the east, and in length comparable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

8 "This shall be his land for a possession in Israel; so My princes shall no longer ^aoppress My people, but they shall give *the rest* of the land ^ato the house of Israel ^baccording to their tribes."

25 ¹Lit., *he*

26 ¹Lit., *be counted*
^aNum. 19:13-19

27 ^aLev. 5:3, 6; Num. 6:9-11

28 ^aNum. 18:20; Deut. 10:9; 18:1, 2; Josh. 13:33

29 ¹Or, *dedicated*; cf. Num. 18:14
^aNum. 18:9, 14; Josh. 13:14
^bLev. 27:21, 28

30 ¹Or, *heave offering* ²Or, *coarse meal*
^aNum. 18:12; 2 Chr. 31:4-6, 10; Neh. 10:35-37 ^bNum. 15:20, 21 ^cMal. 3:10

31 ¹Lit., *a corpse*
^aEzek. 4:14; Lev. 22:8; Deut. 14:21

¹ Or, *contribution* ²Or, with Gk., 20,000
^aEzek. 47:21; 48:29; Num. 34:13; Josh. 13:7, 14:3 ^bEzek. 48:8, 9 ^cZech. 14:20, 21
^dEzek. 45:2; 42:16

² Or, *pasture land*; cf. 27:28

³ Lit., *measure*

⁴ ^aEzek. 48:10, 11 ^bEzek. 40:45; 43:19; Num. 16:5

⁵ So with Gk.; M.T., *twenty chambers*

⁶ ¹Or, *contribution*
^aEzek. 48:15-18, 30-35

⁷ ¹Or, *contribution* ²Lit., *possession*
^aEzek. 34:24; 37:24; 46:16-18; 48:21

⁸ ^aEzek. 19:7; 22:27; 46:18; Is. 11:3-5; Jer. 23:5 ^bJosh. 11:23

9 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
²Ezek. 7:11, 23; 8:17; Jer. 6:7
Jer. 22:3; Zech. 8:16 ³Neh. 5:1-5

10 ¹Lev. 19:36; Deut. 25:15; Prov. 16:11; Amos 8:4-6; Mic. 6:10, 11 ²Is. 5:10

11 ¹Lit., *one* ²Lit., *its measure*
³Is. 5:10

12 ¹Or, *mina*
²Ex. 30:13; Lev. 27:25; Num. 3:47

15 ¹Lev. 1:4; 6:30

16 ¹Lit., *be*
²Ex. 30:14, 15 ³Is. 16:1

17 ¹Kin. 8:64; 1 Chr. 16:2; 2 Chr. 31:3 ²Lev. 23:1-44; Num. 28:1-29, 39 ³Is. 66:23
⁴Ezek. 43:27; 1 Kin. 8:63

18 ²Ex. 12:2 ³Lev. 22:20; Heb. 9:14 ⁴Ezek. 43:22, 26; Lev. 16:16, 33

19 ²Ezek. 43:20; Lev. 16:18-20
³Ezek. 43:14, 17, 20

20 ¹Lit., *simple*
²Lev. 4:27; Ps. 19:12 ³Ezek. 45:15, 18; Lev. 16:20

21 ²Ex. 12:1-24; Lev. 23:5-8

22 ²Lev. 4:14

23 ¹Lev. 23:8 ²Num. 28:16-25
³Num. 23:1, 2; Job 42:8

24 ¹Lit., *for*
²Ezek. 46:5-7; Num. 28:12-15

25 ¹Lit., *according to*
²Lev. 23:33-43; Num. 29:12-38; 2 Chr. 5:3; 7:8, 10

9 "Thus says the Lord ¹God, "Enough, you princes of Israel; put away ²violence and destruction, and ³practice justice and righteousness. Stop your ⁴expropriations from My people," declares the Lord God.

10 "You shall have ²just balances, a just ³ephah, and a just ⁴bath.

11 "The ephah and the bath shall be ¹the same quantity, so that the bath may contain a tenth of a ²homer, and the ephah a tenth of a homer; ³their standard shall be according to the homer.

12 "And the ²shekel shall be twenty ³gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels shall be your ⁴maneh.

13 "This is the offering that you shall offer: a sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat; a sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley;

14 and the prescribed portion of oil (*namely*, the bath of oil), a tenth of a bath from *each* cor (*which is ten baths or a homer*, for ten baths are a homer);

15 and one sheep from *each* flock of two hundred from the watering places of Israel—for a grain offering, for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to ²make atonement for them," declares the Lord God.

16 "All the people of the land shall ¹give to this offering for the ²prince in Israel.

17 "And it shall be the prince's part to *provide* the ²burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings, at the ³feasts, on the ⁴new moons, and on the sabbaths, at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall provide the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the ⁵peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel."

18 "Thus says the Lord God, "In the ²first month, on the first of the month, you shall take a young bull ³without blemish and ⁴cleanse the sanctuary.

19 "And the priest shall take some of the blood from the sin offering and put it on the door posts of the house, on the ²four corners of the ³ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 "And thus you shall do on the seventh *day* of the month for every one who goes ²astray or is ³naive; so you shall make ⁴atonement for the house.

21 "In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the ²Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And on that day the prince shall provide for himself and all the people of the land a ²bull for a sin offering.

23 "And *during* the ²seven days of the feast he shall provide as a ³burnt offering to the LORD ⁴seven bulls and seven rams without blemish on every day of the seven days, and a male goat daily for a sin offering.

24 "And he shall provide as a ²grain offering an ephah ³with a bull, an ephah ⁴with a ram, and a hin of oil ⁵with an ephah.

25 "In the ²seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall provide like this seven days ³for the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

CHAPTER 46

‘THUS says the Lord ¹God, “The gate of the ^ainner court facing east shall be ^bshut the six ^cworking days; but it shall be opened on the ^dsabbath day, and opened on the day of the ^enew moon.

2 “And the ^aprince shall enter by way of the ^aporch of the gate from outside and stand by the ^bpost of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 “The ^apeople of the land shall also worship at the doorway of that gate before the LORD on the sabbaths and on the new moons.

4 “And the ^aburnt offering which the prince shall offer to the LORD on the sabbath day shall be ^bsix lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish;

5 and the ^agrain offering shall be an ephah ¹with the ram, and the grain offering ¹with the lambs ²as much as he is ^bable to give, and a hin of oil ¹with an ephah.

6 “And on the day of the new moon *he shall offer* a young bull without blemish, also six lambs and a ram, *which* shall be without blemish.

7 “And he shall provide a grain offering, an ephah ¹with the bull, and an ephah ¹with the ram, and ¹with the lambs as ²much as he is ^aable, and a hin of oil ¹with an ephah.

8 “And when the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the porch of the gate and go out ¹by the same way.

9 “But when the people of the land come ^abefore the LORD at the appointed feasts, he who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And he who enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. ¹No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered but shall go straight out.

10 “And when they go in, the prince shall go in ^aamong them; and when they go out, ¹he shall go out.

11 “And at the ^afestivals and the appointed feasts the grain offering shall be an ephah ¹with a bull and an ephah ¹with a ram, and ¹with the lambs as ²much as one is able to give, and a hin of oil ¹with an ephah.

12 “And when the prince provides a ^afreewill offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD, the gate facing east shall be ^bopened for him. And he shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the ^csabbath day. Then he shall go out, and the gate shall be shut after he goes out.

13 “And you shall provide a ^alamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the LORD daily; ^bmorning by morning you shall provide it.

14 “Also you shall provide a grain offering with it morning by morning, a ^asixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour, a grain offering to the LORD continually by a perpetual ¹ordinance.

15 “Thus they shall provide the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a ^acontinual burnt offering.”

¹ YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
^aEzek. 8:16; 10:3 ^bEzek. 44:1, 2 ^cEx. 20:9 ^dEzek. 45:17; Is. 66:23 ^eEzek. 46:3, 6; 45:18

2 ^aEzek. 46:8; 44:3 ^bEzek. 45:19

3 ^aLuke 1:10

4 ^aEzek. 45:17 ^bNum. 28:9, 10

5 ¹ Lit., for ² Lit., a gift of his hand
^aEzek. 46:7, 11; 45:24; Num. 28:12 ^bEzek. 46:7

7 ¹ Lit., for ² Lit., his hand can reach
^aEzek. 46:5; Lev. 14:21; Deut. 16:17

8 ¹ Lit., by its way

9 ¹ Lit., He shall not
^aEx. 34:23; Ps. 84:7; Mic. 6:6

10 So with many mss. and the ancient versions; M.T., they
^a2 Sam. 6:14, 15; 1 Chr. 29:20, 21; 2 Chr. 6:3; 7:4; Ps. 42:4

11 ¹ Lit., for ² Lit., a gift of his hand
^aEzek. 45:17

12 ^aLev. 23:38; 2 Chr. 29:31
^bEzek. 46:1, 2, 8; 44:3 ^cEzek. 45:17

13 ^aNum. 28:3-5 ^bIs. 50:4

14 ¹ Lit., statutes
^aNum. 28:5

15 ^aEx. 29:42; Num. 28:6

16^a 2 Chr. 21:317^a Lev. 25:1018¹ Lit., *oppressing*
^aEzek. 45:8; Is. 11:3, 4 ^bEzek.
22:27; 1 Kin. 21:19; Mic.
2:1, 219^a Ezek. 42:9; 44:520^a Ezek. 44:29; 2 Chr.
35:13 ^bLev. 2:4-722¹ Lit., *one measure*24¹ Lit., *houses*1^a Ezek. 41:2, 23-25 ^bPs.
46:4; Is. 30:25; 55:1; Jer. 2:13;
Joel 3:18; Zech. 13:1; 14:8;
Rev. 22:1, 172¹ Lit., *by way of*5^a Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:146¹ Lit., *and caused me to*
return
^aEzek. 8:6; 40:4; 44:5

16 "Thus says the Lord God, "If the prince gives a gift *out* of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.

17 "But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the ^ayear of liberty; then it shall return to the prince. His inheritance *shall be* only his sons; it shall belong to them.

18 "And the prince shall ^anot take from the people's inheritance, ^bthrusting them out of their possession; he shall give his sons inheritance from his own possession so that My people shall not be scattered, anyone from his possession." "

19 Then he brought me through the ^aentrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced north; and behold, there was a place at the extreme rear toward the west.

20 And he said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the ^aguilt offering and the sin offering, *and* where they shall ^bbake the grain offering, in order that they may not bring *them* out into the outer court to transmit holiness to the people."

21 Then he brought me out into the outer court and led me across to the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court *there was a small court.*

22 In the four corners of the court *there were* enclosed courts, forty *cubits* long and thirty wide; these four in the corners *were* ¹the same size.

23 And *there was* a row of *masonry* round about in them, around the four of them, and boiling places were made under the rows round about.

24 Then he said to me, "These are the boiling ¹places where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

CHAPTER 47

THEN he brought me back to the ^adoor of the house; and behold, ^bwater was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar.

2 And he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around ¹on the outside to the outer gate by way of *the gate* that faces east. And behold, water was trickling from the south side.

3 When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, water *reaching* the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water *reaching* the knees. Again he measured a thousand and led me through *the water*, water *reaching* the loins.

5 Again he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not ford, for the water had risen, *enough* water to swim in, a ^ariver that could not be forded.

6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you ^aseen *this*?" Then he brought me ¹back to the bank of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the

river there *were* very many ^atrees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then he said to me, "These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the ^aArabah; then they go toward the sea, being made to flow into the ^bsea, and the waters of the sea become ¹fresh.

9 "And it will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the ¹river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there, and the others ²become fresh; so ^aeverything will live where the river goes.

10 "And it will come about that ^afishermen will stand ^bbeside it; from ^cEngedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the ^dspreading of nets. Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the ^eGreat Sea, ^fvery many.

11 "But its swamps and marshes will not become ¹fresh; they will be ²left for ^asalt.

12 "And ^aby the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all *kinds of* ^btrees for food. Their ^cleaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their ^dleaves for healing."

13 Thus says the Lord ¹God, "This *shall be* the ^aboundary by which you shall divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph *shall have two* ^bportions.

14 "And you shall divide it for an inheritance, each one ¹equally with the other; for I ²swore to give it to your forefathers, and this land shall fall to you ³as an inheritance.

15 "And this *shall be* the boundary of the land: On the ^anorth side, from the Great Sea *by* the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of ^bZedad;

16 ¹aHamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of ^bDamascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.

17 "And the boundary shall ¹extend from the sea to Hazaranan at the border of Damascus, and on the north toward the north is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

18 "And the ^aeast side, from between Hauran, Damascus, ^bGilcad, and the land of Israel, *shall be* the ^cJordan; from the *north* border to the Eastern Sea you shall measure. This is the east side.

19 "And the ^asouth side toward the south *shall extend* from ^bTamar as far as the waters of ^cMeribath-kadesh, to the ^dBrook of Egypt, and to the ^eGreat Sea. This is the south side toward the south.

20 "And the ^awest side *shall be* the Great Sea, from the *south* border to a point opposite ^bLebo-hamath. This is the west side.

21 "So you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

22 "And it will come about that you shall divide it by ^alot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the ^baliens who stay in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst. And they shall be to you as the native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall be allotted an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 "And it will come about that in the tribe with which the

7 ^aEzek. 47:12; Is. 60:13, 21; 61:3

8 ¹Lit., *healed*
^aDeut. 3:17; Is. 35:6, 7; 41:17.
19; 44:3 ^bJosh. 3:16

9 ¹Lit., *two rivers* ²Lit., *are healed*
^aIs. 12:3; 55:1; John 4:14;
7:37, 38; Rev. 21:7

10 ¹Matt. 4:19; 13:47; Luke 5:10 ^b1 Sam. 23:24; 24:1
^cGen. 14:7; Josh. 15:62;
1 Sam. 23:29; 24:1; 2 Chr. 20:2 ^dEzek. 26:5; 14 ^eEzek. 47:15; 49:28; Num. 34:6; Ps. 104:25 ^fLuke 5:5-9; John 21:6

11 ¹Lit., *healed* ²Lit., *given*
^aDeut. 29:23

12 ^aEzek. 47:7; Rev. 22:2
^bGen. 2:9 ^cPs. 1:3; Jer. 17:8
^dRev. 22:2

13 ¹YHWH, usually rendered *Lord*, and so throughout the chap.
^aNum. 34:2-12 ^bEzek. 48:4, 5; Gen. 48:5; 49:26

14 ¹Lit., *like his brother*
²Lit., *lifted up My hand*
³Lit., *in*
^aEzek. 20:6; Deut. 1:8

15 ¹Or, *Hamath*
^aNum. 34:7-9 ^bNum. 34:8

16 ¹Or, *Zedad*
^aEzek. 47:17, 20; 48:1; Num. 13:21; Is. 10:9; Zech. 9:2
^bEzek. 47:17, 18; 48:1; Gen. 14:15

17 ¹Lit., *be*

18 ^aNum. 34:10-12 ^bGen. 37:25; Jer. 50:19 ^cGen. 13:10, 11

19 ^aNum. 34:3-5 ^bEzek. 48:28 ^cDeut. 32:51 ^dNum. 34:5; 1 Kin. 8:65; Is. 27:12
^eEzek. 47:10, 15

20 ¹Or, *entrance of Hamath*
^aNum. 34:6 ^bEzek. 48:1; Judg. 3:3; 2 Chr. 7:8; Amos 6:14

22 ^aNum. 26:55, 56 ^bIs. 14:1; 56:6, 7 ^cActs 11:18; 15:9; Eph. 2:12-14; 3:6; Col. 3:11

¹ Lit., at the hand of ² Or, the entrance of Hamath
³ Lit., and there shall be to it an east and west side
^a Ex. 1:1 ^b Josh. 19:40-48

2 ^a Josh. 19:24-31

3 ^a Josh. 19:32-39

4 ^a Josh. 13:29-31; 17:1-11

5 ^a Josh. 16:5-9; 17:8-10, 14-18

6 ^a Josh. 13:15-21

7 ^a Josh. 15:1-63; 19:9

8 ¹ Or, contribution, and so throughout the chap.
² Lit., offer ³ Or, possibly, reeds, and so throughout the chap.
^a Ezek. 45:3, 4; Is. 12:6; 33:20-22

10 ^a Ezek. 44:28; 45:4

11 ^a Ezek. 40:46; 44:15
^b Ezek. 41:10, 12

14 ¹ Lit., first or first fruits
^a Lev. 25:32-34

15 ¹ Lit., in front ² Or, pasture land
^a Ezek. 42:20; 45:6

16 ^a Rev. 21:16

17 ¹ Or, pasture land

alien stays, there you shall give *him* his inheritance," declares the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 48

“NOW ^athese are the names of the tribes: From the northern extremity, ¹beside the way of Hethlon to ²Lebo-hamath, as far as Hazar-cnan at the border of Damascus, toward the north ¹beside Hamath, ³running from east to west, ^bDan, one *portion*.

2 “And beside the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, ^aAsher, one *portion*.

3 “And beside the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, ^aNaphtali, one *portion*.

4 “And beside the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, ^aManasseh, one *portion*.

5 “And beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, ^aEphraim, one *portion*.

6 “And beside the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, ^aReuben, one *portion*.

7 “And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, ^aJudah, one *portion*.

8 “And beside the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the ¹allotment which you shall ²set apart, 25,000 ³cubits in width, and in length like one of the portions, from the east side to the west side; and the ^asanctuary shall be in the middle of it.

9 “The allotment that you shall set apart to the LORD shall be 25,000 cubits in length, and 10,000 in width.

10 “And the holy allotment shall be for these, *namely* for the ^apriests, toward the north 25,000 cubits in length, toward the west 10,000 in width, toward the east 10,000 in width, and toward the south 25,000 in length; and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in its midst.

11 “It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the ^asons of Zadok, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray, as the ^bLevites went astray.

12 “And it shall be an allotment to them from the allotment of the land, a most holy place, by the border of the Levites.

13 “And alongside the border of the priests the Levites shall have 25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width. The whole length shall be 25,000 cubits and the width 10,000.

14 “Moreover, they shall not ^asell or exchange any of it, or alienate this ¹choice *portion* of land; for it is holy to the LORD.

15 “And the remainder, 5,000 cubits in width and 25,000 ¹in length, shall be for ^acommon use for the city, for dwellings and for ²open spaces; and the city shall be in its midst.

16 “And these shall be its measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side 4,500 cubits, the east side 4,500 cubits, and the west side 4,500 cubits.

17 “And the city shall have ¹open spaces: on the north 250 cubits, on the south 250 cubits, on the east 250 cubits, and on the west 250 cubits.

18 “And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000

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toward the west; and it shall be ¹alongside the holy allotment. And its produce shall be food for the workers of the city.

19 "And the workers of the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.

20 "The whole allotment *shall be* 25,000 by 25,000 cubits; you shall ¹set apart the holy allotment, a ²square, with the ³property of the city.

21 "And the ^aremainder *shall be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy allotment and of the ¹property of the city; in front of the 25,000 cubits of the allotment toward the east border and westward in front of the 25,000 toward the west border, alongside the portions, *it shall be* for the prince. And the holy allotment and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the middle of it.

22 "And exclusive of the ¹property of the Levites and the ¹property of the city, *which* are in the middle of that which belongs to the prince, *everything* between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall be for the prince.

23 "As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, ^aBenjamin, one *portion*.

24 "And beside the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, ^aSimeon, one *portion*.

25 "And beside the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, ^aIssachar, one *portion*.

26 "And beside the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, ^aZebulun, one *portion*.

27 "And beside the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, ^aGad, one *portion*.

28 "And beside the border of Gad, at the south side toward the south, the border shall be from ^aTamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the Brook of *Egypt*, to the ^bGreat Sea.

29 "This is the ^aland which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, and these are their *several* portions," declares the Lord ¹GOD.

30 "And these are the exits of the city: On the ^anorth side, 4,500 cubits by measurement,

31 ¹shall be the gates of the city, ^{2a}named for the tribes of Israel, three gates toward the north: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one: the gate of Levi, one.

32 "And on the east side, 4,500 cubits, ¹shall be three gates: the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

33 "And on the south side, 4,500 cubits by measurement, ¹shall be three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

34 "On the west side, 4,500 cubits, *shall be* three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

35 "The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the ^aname of the city from *that day shall be*, ¹The ^bLORD is there."

18 ¹Or, *exactly as*

20 ¹Lit., *offer* ²Lit., *fourth*
³Or, *possession*

21 ¹Or, *possession*
^aEzek. 48:22; 34:24; 45:7

22 ¹Or, *possession*

23 ^aJosh. 18:21-28

24 ^aJosh. 19:1-9

25 ^aJosh. 19:17-23

26 ^aJosh. 19:10-16

27 ^aJosh. 13:24-28

28 ^aEzek. 47:19; Gen. 14:7;
²Chr. 20:2 ^bEzek. 47:10, 15,
19, 20

29 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^aEzek. 47:13-20

30 ^aEzek. 48:32, 33, 34

31 ¹Lit., *and* ²Lit.,
according to the names of
^aRev. 21:12, 13

32 ¹Lit., *and*

33 ¹Lit., *and*

35 ¹Heb., YHWH-
shammah
^aJer. 23:6; 33:16 ^bEzek.
35:10; Is. 12:6; 14:32; 24:23;
Jer. 3:17; 8:19; 14:9; Joel
3:21; Zech. 2:10; Rev. 21:3;
22:3

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¹ ² Kin. 24:1; 2 Chr. 36:5;
⁶ Jer. 25:1; 52:12, 28-30

² ¹ Or, *gods*
^a Dan. 2:37, 38; Is. 42:24
^b Dan. 5:2; 2 Chr. 36:7; Jer.
27:19, 20 ^c Gen. 10:10; 11:2;
Is. 11:11; Zech. 5:11 ^d Jer.
50:2; 51:44

³ ¹ Or, *said to* ² Or,
eunuchs, and so throughout
the chap. ¹ Lit., *seed of the*
² Kin. 24:14; Is. 39:7

⁴ ¹ Lit., *standing* ² Lit.,
palace ³ Or, *writing*
^a 2 Sam. 14:25 ^b Dan. 2:4; Is.
36:11; Jer. 5:15 ^c Dan. 2:2, 4,
5, 10; 3:8; 4:7; 5:7, 11, 30; 9:1

⁵ ¹ Or, *reared* ² Lit., *stand*
before the king
^a Dan. 1:19; 1 Sam. 16:22; Jer.
15:1

⁶ ^a Ezek. 14:14, 20;
28:3; Matt. 24:15

⁷ ^a Dan. 2:26; 4:8; 5:12
^b Dan. 2:49; 3:12

⁸ ¹ Lit., *set upon his heart*
^a Lev. 11:47; Ezek. 4:13, 14;
Hos. 9:3; 4 ^b Dan. 1:5; Ps.
141:4 ^c Dan. 5:4; Deut. 32:38

⁹ ¹ Lit., *lovingkindness*
^a Job 5:15, 16; Ps. 106:46;
Prov. 16:7

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., *make my head*
guilty

¹³ ¹ Lit., *seen*

IN the third year of the reign of ^aJehoiakim king of Judah, ^bNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the ^aLord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the ^bvessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of ^cShinar, to the house of his ¹god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his ^{1d}god.

3 Then the king ¹ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his ²officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the ³royal ^afamily and of the nobles,

4 youths in whom was ^ano defect, who were good looking, showing intelligence in every *branch* of wisdom, endowed with understanding, and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for ¹servicing in the king's ²court; and *he ordered him* to teach them the ³literature and ^blanguage of the ^cChaldeans.

5 And the king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and *appointed* that they should be ¹educated three years, at the end of which they were to ^{2a}enter the king's personal service.

6 Now among them from the sons of Judah were ^aDaniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

7 Then the commander of the officials assigned *new* names to them; and to Daniel he assigned *the name* ^aBelteshazzar, to Hananiah ^bShadrach, to Mishael ^bMeshach, and to Azariah ^bAbed-nego.

8 But Daniel ¹made up his mind that he would not ^adefile himself with the ^bking's choice food or with the ^cwine which he drank; so he sought *permission* from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God granted Daniel ^{1a}favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,

10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would ¹make me forfeit my head to the king."

11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 "Then let our appearance be ¹observed in your presence, and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."

14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their appearance seemed

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^abetter and ¹they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.

16 So the overseer continued to ¹withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

17 And as for these four youths, ^aGod gave them knowledge and intelligence in every *branch* of ¹literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all *kinds* of ^bvisions and dreams.

18 Then at the end of the days which the king had ¹specified ²for presenting them, the commander of the officials ³presented them before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they ^{1a}entered the king's personal service.

20 And as for every matter of ^awisdom ¹and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ^bten times ^cbetter than all the ^{2a}magicians *and* conjurers who were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel ¹continued until the ^afirst year of Cyrus the king.

CHAPTER 2

NOW in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar ^{1a}had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his ^bsleep ²left him.

2 Then the king ¹gave orders to call in the ^{2a}magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the ³Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I ^{1a}had a dream, and my spirit ²is anxious to ³understand the dream."

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in ^{1a}Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be ^{2a}torn limb from limb, and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.

6 "But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me ^agifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you are ¹bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that ²the command from me is firm,

9 that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only ^aone ¹decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt ²words before me until the ³situation is changed; therefore tell me the dream, that I may ^bknow that you can declare to me its interpretation."

10 The Chaldeans answered ¹the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter ²for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has *ever* asked anything like this of any ³magician, conjurer or Chaldean.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *fat of flesh*
^aEx. 23:25; Prov. 10:22

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *take away*

¹⁷ ¹Or, *writing*
^aDan. 1:20; 2:21, 23; 1 Kin. 3:12, 28; Job 32:8 ^bDan. 2:19; 7:1; 8:1

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *said* ²Lit., *to bring them in* ³Lit., *brought in*

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *stood before the king*
^aDan. 1:5; Gen. 41:46; 1 Kin. 17; Prov. 22:29; Jer. 1:1

²⁰ ¹Lit., *of* ²Or, *soothsayer priests*
^aDan. 1:17; 1 Kin. 4:30, 31 ^bGen. 31:7; Num. 14:22; Neh. 4:12; Job 19:3 ^cDan. 2:27, 28, 46, 48 ^dDan. 2:2; 4:18; 5:7; Is. 19:3

²¹ ¹Lit., *was until*
^aDan. 6:28; 10:1

¹ ¹Lit., *dreamed dreams*
²Lit., *was gone upon him*
^aDan. 2:3; 4:5; Gen. 40:5-8; 14:1; Job 33:15-17 ^bDan. 6:18; Esth. 6:1

² ¹Lit., *said to call* ²Or, *soothsayer priests* ³Or, *master astrologers, and so throughout the chap.*
^aDan. 2:10, 27; 1:20; 4:6; 5:7; Gen. 41:8; Is. 47:12, 13

³ ¹Lit., *dreamed* ²Lit., *was troubled* ³Lit., *know*
^aDan. 4:5; Gen. 40:8; 41:15

⁴ ¹The text is in Aramaic from here through 7:28
^aEzra 4:7; Is. 36:11

⁵ ¹Another reading is, *The word has gone from me* ²Lit., *made into limbs*
^aDan. 2:12; 3:29; Ezra 6:11

⁶ ^aDan. 2:48; 5:7, 16, 29

⁸ ¹Lit., *buying* ²See v. 5 nt. 1

⁹ ¹Or, *law* ²Lit., *word* ³Lit., *time*
^aDan. 3:15; Esth. 4:11 ^bIs. 41:23

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *before the* ²Lit., *of* ³Or, *soothsayer priest*

**Daniel Intercedes for Threatened Magicians.
God Gives Daniel a Vision.**

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11 ¹Or, rare ²Lit., before
^aDan. 5:11; Gen. 41:39 ^bEx.
29:45; Is. 57:15

12 ^aDan. 2:5; 3:13, 19; Ps.
76:10

13 ¹Or, law ²Lit., be killed

14 ¹Or, executioners

15 ¹Or, law ²Or, harsh

16 ¹Or, appoint a time for
him

18 ^aDan. 2:23; Esth. 4:15,
16; Is. 37:4; Jer. 33:3; Ezek.
36:37 ^bGen. 18:26; Mal. 3:18

19 ^aDan. 1:17; 7:2, 7, 13;
Num. 12:6; Job 33:15, 16

20 ^aPs. 103:1, 2; 113:1, 2
^bDan. 2:21-23; 1 Chr. 29:11,
12; Job 12:13, 16-22

21 ¹Or, sets up ²Lit.,
knowers
^aDan. 2:9; 7:25; Ps. 31:15
^bDan. 4:17, 32; Job 12:18; Ps.
75:6, 7 ^c1 Kin. 3:9, 10; 4:29;
James 1:5

22 ^aDan. 2:19, 28; Job 12:22
^bJob 26:6; Ps. 139:12; Is.
45:7; Jer. 23:24 ^cDan. 5:11,
14; Ps. 36:9; 1 John 1:5

23 ^aGen. 31:42; Ex. 3:15
^bDan. 2:21; 1:17 ^cDan. 2:18,
29, 30; Ps. 21:2, 4

24 ¹Lit., in before the king
^aDan. 2:12, 13; Acts 27:24

25 ¹Lit., in before the king
²Lit., sons of the exile of
^aGen. 41:14 ^bDan. 1:6; 5:13;
6:13

26 ^aDan. 1:7; 4:8; 5:12

27 ^aDan. 2:2, 10, 11; 5:7, 8

11 "Moreover, the thing which the king demands is ¹difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it ²to the king except ^agods, whose ^bdwelling place is not with *mortal* flesh."

12 Because of this the king became ^aindignant and very furious, and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the ¹decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to ²kill them.

14 Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's ¹bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;

15 He answered and said to Arioch, the king's commander, "For what reason is the ¹decree from the king so ²urgent?" Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter.

16 So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would ¹give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter,

18 in order that they might ^arequest compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends might not be ^bdestroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night ^avision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;

20 Daniel answered and said,

"Let the name of God be ^ablessed forever and ever. For ^bwisdom and power belong to Him.

21 "And it is He who ^achanges the times and the epochs; He ^bremoves kings and ¹establishes kings; He gives ^cwisdom to wise men, And knowledge to ²men of understanding.

22 "It is He who ^areveals the profound and hidden things; ^bHe knows what is in the darkness, And the ^clight dwells with him.

23 "To Thee, O ^aGod of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For Thou hast given me ^bwisdom and power; Even now Thou hast made known to me what we ^crequested of Thee,

For Thou hast made known to us the king's matter."

24 Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: "^aDo not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me ¹into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king!"

25 Then Arioch hurriedly ^abrought Daniel ¹into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the ²exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!"

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was ^aBelteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither ^awise men,

Daniel Reveals the King's Dream and Interprets It.

conjurers, ¹magicians, *nor* diviners are able to declare *it* to the king.

28 "However, there is a ^aGod in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the ^{1b}latter days. This was your dream and the visions ²in your mind *while* on your bed.

29 "As for you, O king, *while* on your bed your thoughts ¹turned to what would take place ²in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.

30 "But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any ^awisdom ¹residing in me more than *in* any *other* living man, but for the purpose of ^bmaking the interpretation known to the king, and that you may ²understand the ^cthoughts of your ³mind.

31 "You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and ¹of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was ^aawesome.

32 "The head of that statue *was made* of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,

33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 "You ¹continued looking until a stone was cut out ^awithout hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and ^bcrushed them.

35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed ¹all at the same time, and became ^alike chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that ^bnot a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great ^cmountain and filled the whole earth.

36 "This *was* the dream; now we shall tell its interpretation before the king.

37 "You, O king, are the ^aking of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the ¹kingdom, the ^bpower, the strength, and the glory;

38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the ^abeasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given *them* into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

39 "And after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

40 "Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

41 "And in that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with ¹common clay.

42 "And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of pottery, *so* some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.

43 "And in that you saw the iron mixed with ¹common clay, they will combine with one another ²in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

27 ¹Or, *soothsayer priests*

28 ¹Lit., *end of the days*
²Lit., *of your head*
^aDan. 2:22, 45; Gen. 40:8;
41:16 ^bDan. 10:14; Gen.
49:1; Is. 2:2; Mic. 4:1

29 ¹Lit., *came up* ²Lit.,
after this

30 ¹Lit., *which is* ²Lit.,
know ³Lit., *heart*
^aDan. 1:17; Gen. 41:16 ^bIs.
45:3 ^cPs. 139:2; Amos 4:13

31 ¹Lit., *its splendor was*
surpassing
^aDan. 7:7; Is. 25:3-5; Hab.
1:7

34 ¹Lit., *were*
^aDan. 8:25; Zech. 4:6 ^bPs.
2:9; Is. 60:12

35 ¹Lit., *like one*
^aPs. 1:4; Is. 17:13; 41:15, 16;
Hos. 13:3 ^bPs. 37:10, 36 ^cIs.
2:2; Mic. 4:1

37 ¹Or, *sovereignty*
^aIs. 47:5; Jer. 27:6, 7; Ezek.
26:7 ^bPs. 62:11

38 ^aDan. 4:21, 22; Ps. 50:10,
11

41 ¹Lit., *clay of mud*

43 ¹Lit., *clay of mud* ²Or,
with

44 ¹Or, *passed on to*
^aIs. 9:6, 7 ^bDan. 4:3, 34; 6:26;
7:14, 27; Ps. 145:13; Ezek.
37:25; Mic. 4:7 ^cDan. 2:34,
35; Ps. 2:9; Is. 60:12

45 ¹Lit., *after this*
^aDan. 2:29; Deut. 10:17;
2 Sam. 7:22; Ps. 48:1; Jer.
32:18, 19; Mal. 1:11 ^bGen.
41:28, 32

46 ¹Lit., *sweet odors*
^aDan. 3:5, 7; Acts 10:25;
14:13; Rev. 19:10; 22:8 ^bLev.
26:31

47 ^aDan. 3:15; 4:25 ^bDan.
11:36; Deut. 10:17; Ps. 136:2,
3 ^cDan. 2:22, 30; Amos 3:7

48 ¹Lit., *made great* ²Lit.,
of the prefects
^aDan. 2:6; 5:16, 29; Gen.
41:39-43 ^bDan. 3:1, 12, 30

49 ¹Lit., *gate*
^aEsth. 2:19, 21; Amos 5:15

1 ¹A cubit equals approx.
18 inches
^aDan. 2:31; Is. 46:6; Jer.
16:20; Hab. 2:19 ^bDan. 3:30;
2:48

2 ^aDan. 3:3, 27; 6:1-7

4 ¹Lit., *they command*
²Lit., *tongues*
^aDan. 4:14; Is. 40:9; 58:1;
Rev. 18:2 ^bDan. 3:7; 4:1; 6:25

5 ¹Or, *zither* ²I.e.,
triangular lyre ³Or, *a type of*
harp
^aDan. 3:7, 10, 15

6 ¹Or, *in the same hour*
^aDan. 3:11, 15, 21; 6:7 ^bJer.
29:22; Ezek. 22:18-22; Matt.
13:42, 50; Rev. 9:2; 14:11

7 ¹See notes at v. 5 ²Lit.,
tongues

8 ¹Lit., *ate the pieces of*
^aDan. 2:2, 10; 4:7 ^bDan. 6:12,
13; Ezra 4:12-16; Esth. 3:8, 9

44 "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will ^aset up a ^bkingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be ¹left for another people; it will ^ccrush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

45 "Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the ^agreat God has made known to the king what ^bwill take place ¹in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy."

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did ^ahomage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and ¹bfragrant incense.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely ^ayour God is a ^bGod of gods and a Lord of kings and a ^crevealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."

48 Then the king ¹promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole ^bprovince of Babylon and chief ²prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel *was* at the king's ¹a court.

CHAPTER 3

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an ^aimage of gold, the height of which *was* sixty ¹cubits *and* its width six ¹cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the ^bprovince of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent *word* to assemble the ^asatraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then the herald ^aloudly proclaimed: "To you ¹the command is given, ^bO peoples, nations and *men of every* ²language,

5 that at the moment you ^ahear the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, ²trigon, ³psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

6 "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall ¹immediately be ^acast into the midst of a ^bfurnace of blazing fire."

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and *men of every* ²language fell down *and* worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 For this reason at that time certain ^aChaldeans came forward and ¹brought charges against the Jews.

**Daniel's Friends Refuse to Worship It.
The Flery Furnace.**

9 They responded and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king: "aO king, live forever!

10 "You yourself, O king, have ^amade a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image.

11 "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.

12 "There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, *namely* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in ^arage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve ^amy gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?

15 "Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, *very well*. But if you will not worship, you will ²immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and ^awhat god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?"

16 ^aShadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this.

17 "If it be so, our ^aGod whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; ²and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

18 "^aBut *even* if *He does* not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with ^awrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered ¹by giving orders to heat the furnace ^bseven times more than it was usually heated.

20 And he commanded certain valiant warriors who *were* in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, in order to cast *them* into the furnace of blazing fire.

21 Then these men were tied up in their ¹trousers, their ²coats, their caps and their *other* clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

22 For this reason, because the king's ¹command was ^{2a}urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

23 But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire *still* tied up.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he responded and said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "Certainly, O king."

9^aDan. 2:4; 5:10

10¹See notes at v. 5
^aDan. 3:4-6; 6:12; Esth. 3:12-14

13^aDan. 2:12; 3:19

14^aDan. 3:1; 4:8; Is. 46:1; Jer. 50:2

15¹See notes at v. 5²Or, in the same hour
^aDan. 2:47; Ex. 5:2; Is. 36:18-20

16^aDan. 1:7; 3:12

17¹Or, *If our God . . . is able*²Or, *then*
^aJob 5:19; Ps. 27:1, 2; Is. 26:3, 4; Jer. 1:8; 15:20, 21

18^aDan. 3:28; Josh. 24:15; 1 Kin. 19:14, 18; Is. 51:12, 13

19¹Lit., *and ordered to*
^aDan. 3:13; Esth. 7:7^bLev. 26:18, 21, 24, 28

21¹Or, *cloaks*²Or, *leggings*

22¹Lit., *word*²Or, *harsh*
^aDan. 2:15; Ex. 12:33

**Their Deliverance Evokes the King's
Acknowledgment of God.**

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25 ¹Lit., *there is no injury in them*
^aPs. 91:3-9; Is. 43:2 ^bJer. 1:8, 19; 15:21; Ezek. 34:10

26 ^aDan. 3:17; 4:2 ^bDeut. 4:20; 1 Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

27 ¹Lit., *power over* ²Lit., *their* ³Or, *cloaks* ⁴Lit., *changed*
^aIs. 43:2; Heb. 11:34 ^bDan. 3:21

28 ¹Lit., *and changed the king's word*
^aDan. 3:15; 2:47 ^bDan. 3:25; 6:22; Ps. 34:7, 8; Is. 37:36; Acts 5:19; 12:7 ^cPs. 22:4, 5; Is. 26:3, 4

29 ^aDan. 3:12; 1:7, 19; 2:17. ^bDan. 2:5; Ezra 6:11 ^cDan. 3:15; 2:47

30 ^aDan. 3:12; 2:49

1 ¹Chap. 3:31 in Aram.
²Lit., *tongues* ³Or, *welfare or prosperity*
^aDan. 6:25; Ezra 4:17

2 ^aDan. 4:17, 24, 25, 32, 34; 3:26

3 ^aDan. 6:27; Ps. 77:19; 105:27; Is. 25:1 ^bDan. 4:34; 2:44; 6:26

4 ¹Chap. 4:1 in Aram.
^aPs. 30:6; Is. 47:7, 8

5 ¹Lit., *of my head*
^aDan. 4:10, 13; 2:28

6 ^aDan. 2:2; Gen. 41:8

7 ¹Or, *soothsayer priests, and so throughout the chap.*
²Or, *master astrologers* ³Lit., *before*
^aDan. 2:10, 27; 5:7 ^bDan. 2:7; Is. 44:25; Jer. 27:9, 10

8 ¹Or, possibly, *the Spirit of the holy God, and so throughout the chap.* ²Lit., *before*
^aDan. 1:7; 2:26; 5:12 ^bDan. 4:9, 18; 5:11, 14

9 ^aDan. 1:20; 2:48; 5:11 ^bDan. 4:8; Gen. 41:38 ^cDan. 2:47; Ezek. 28:3

25 He answered and said, "Look! I see four men loosed *and* ^awalking *about* in the midst of the fire ¹without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the ^bgods!"

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the ^aMost High God, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego ^bcame out of the midst of the fire.

27 And the satraps, the prefects, the governors and the king's high officials gathered around *and* saw in regard to these men that the ^afire had no ¹effect on ²the bodies of these men nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their ³trousers ⁴damaged, nor had the smell of fire *even* come upon them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the ^aGod of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who has ^bsent His angel and delivered His servants who put their ^ctrust in Him, ¹violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

29 "Therefore, I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of ^aShadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their ^bhouses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is ^cno other god who is able to deliver in this way."

30 Then the king ^acaused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

¹NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king to all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* ²language that live in all the earth: "May your ³peace abound!

2 "It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the ^aMost High God has done for me.

3 "How great are His ^asigns,
And how mighty are His wonders!
His ^bkingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And His dominion is from generation to generation.

4 "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and ^aflourishing in my palace.

5 "I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and *these fantasies as I lay* on my bed and the ^avisions ¹in my mind kept alarming me.

6 "So I gave orders to ^abring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 "Then the ¹magicians, the conjurers, the ²Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I related the dream ³to them; but they could not make its ^binterpretation known to me.

8 "But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is ^aBelteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is ¹^ba spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream ²to him, *saying,*

9 "O Belteshazzar, ^achief of the magicians, since I know that ^ba spirit of the holy gods is in you and ^cno mystery baffles

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Daniel Interprets the Dream.

you, ^dtell *me* the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.

10 'Now *these were* the visions ¹in my mind *as I lay* on my bed: I was looking, and behold, *there was* a tree in the midst of the ²earth, and its height *was* great.

11 'The tree grew large and became strong,
And its height ^areached to the sky,
And it *was* visible to the end of the whole earth.

12 'Its foliage *was* ^abeautiful and its fruit abundant,
And in it *was* food for all.
The ^bbeasts of the field found ^cshade under it,
And the ^dbirds of the sky dwelt in its branches,
And all ¹living creatures fed themselves from it.

13 'I was looking in the visions ¹in my mind *as I lay* on my bed, and behold, an *angelic* watcher, a ^aholy one, descended from heaven.

14 'He shouted out and spoke as follows:
"Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,
Strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit;
Let the ^bbeasts flee from under it,
And the birds from its branches.

15 "Yet ^aleave the stump ¹with its roots in the ground,
But with a band of iron and bronze *around it*
In the new grass of the field;
And let him be drenched with the dew of heaven,
And let ²him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

16 "Let his ¹mind be changed from *that of* a man,
And let a beast's ¹mind be given to him,
And let ^aseven ²periods of time ^bpass over him.

17 "This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic* watchers,
And the decision is a command of the holy ones,
In order that the living may ^aknow
That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,
And ^bbestows it on whom He wishes,
And sets over it the ^clowliest of men."

18 'This is the dream *which* I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, tell *me* its interpretation, inasmuch as none of the ^awise men of my kingdom is able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for a spirit of the holy gods is in you.'

19 "Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his ^athoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, 'Belteshazzar, do not ^blet the dream or its interpretation alarm you.' Belteshazzar answered and said, 'My lord, *if only* the dream applied to those who hate you, and its interpretation to ^dyour adversaries!

20 'The tree that you saw, which became large and grew strong, whose height reached to the sky and was visible to all the earth,

21 and whose foliage *was* beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which *was* food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt and in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged—

22 it is ^ayou, O king; for you have become great and grown strong, and your ¹majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your ^bdominion to the end of the earth.

⁹ ^dDan. 2:4, 5; Gen. 41:15

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *of my head* ²Or, land, and so throughout the chap.

¹¹ ^aDan. 4:21, 22; Deut. 9:1

¹² ¹Lit., *feesh* ^aEzek. 31:7 ^bJer. 27:6; Ezek. 31:6 ^cLam. 4:20 ^dMatt. 13:32; Luke 13:19

¹³ ¹Lit., *of my head* ^aDan. 8:13; Deut. 33:2; Ps. 89:7

¹⁴ ^aDan. 4:23; Ezek. 31:10-14; Matt. 3:10; 7:19; Luke 13:7-9 ^bDan. 4:12; Ezek. 31:12, 13

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *of* ²Lit., *his portion be with* ^aJob 14:7-9

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *heart* ²i.e., years ^aDan. 4:23, 25, 32; 7:25; 11:13 ^bChr. 29:30

¹⁷ ^aPs. 9:16; 83:18 ^bDan. 4:25; 5:18, 19; Jer. 27:5-7 ^cDan. 11:21; 1 Sam. 2:8

¹⁸ ^aDan. 4:7; 5:8, 15; Gen. 41:8

¹⁹ ^aDan. 7:15, 28; 8:27; 10:16, 17; Jer. 4:19 ^bDan. 4:4, 5; 1 Sam. 3:17 ^cDan. 4:24; 10:16; 2 Sam. 18:31; 1 Kin. 18:7 ^d2 Sam. 18:32; Jer. 29:7

²² ¹Lit., *greatness* ^aDan. 2:37, 38; 2 Sam. 12:7 ^bJer. 27:6, 7

23 ¹Lit., of ²Lit., his portion
be with ³i.e., years

24 ^aJob 40:11, 12; Ps. 107:40

25 ¹i.e., years

^aDan. 4:33; 5:21 ^bDan. 4:2,
17; Ps. 83:18; Jer. 27:5 ^cDan.
4:17; 2:37; 5:21

26 ¹Lit., of ²Lit., enduring
^aDan. 4:31; 2:18, 19, 28, 37,
44

27 ¹Or, *redeem now your*

^{sins}
^aGen. 41:33-37 ^bProv. 28:13;
Is. 55:6, 7; Ezek. 18:21, 22
^cPs. 41:1-3; Is. 58:6, 7, 10
^d1 Kin. 21:29; Jon. 3:9

28 ^aNum. 23:19; Zech. 1:6

29 ^a2 Pet. 3:9

30 ¹Lit., *answered* ²Lit.,
house
^aHab. 2:4

31 ¹Lit., *fell* ²Or, *kingdom*

32 ¹i.e., years

33 ^aDan. 4:25; 5:21

34 ¹Lit., *the days* ²Lit.,
knowledge
^aDan. 4:2; 5:18, 21 ^bDan.
6:26; 12:7; Ps. 102:24 ^cDan.
4:3; Ps. 145:13; Jer. 10:10

35 ¹Lit., *strike against*
^aIs. 40:17 ^bDan. 6:27; Ps.
135:6 ^cJob 42:2; Is. 43:13 ^dIs.
45:9

23 'And in that the king saw an *angelic* watcher, a holy one, descending from heaven and saying, "Chop down the tree and destroy it; yet leave the stump ¹with its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze *around it* in the new grass of the field, and let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let ²him share with the beasts of the field until seven ³periods of time pass over him";

24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has ^acome upon my lord the king:

25 that you be ^adriven away from mankind, and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven ¹periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the ^bMost High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and ^cbestows it on whomever He wishes.

26 'And in that it was commanded to leave the stump ¹with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be ²assured to you after you recognize that it is ^aHeaven *that* rules.

27 'Therefore, O king, may my ^aadvice be pleasing to you: ¹break away now from your sins by *doing* righteousness, and from your iniquities by ^cshowing mercy to *the* poor, in case there may be a ^dprolonging of your prosperity.'

28 "All *this* ^ahappened to Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 "^aTwelve months later he was walking on the *roof* of the royal palace of Babylon.

30 "The king ¹reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the ^agreat, which I myself have built as a royal ²residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'

31 "While the word *was* in the king's mouth, a voice ¹came from heaven, *saying*, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: ²sovereignty has been removed from you,

32 and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place *will be* with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven ¹periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes.'

33 "Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was ^adriven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 "But at the end of ¹that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my ²reason returned to me, and I blessed the ^aMost High and praised and honored Him who ^blives forever;

For His dominion is an ^ceverlasting dominion,
And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation.

35 "And ^aall the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,

But ^bHe does according to His will in the host of heaven

And *among* the inhabitants of earth;

And ^cno one can ¹ward off His hand

Or say to Him, '^dWhat hast Thou done?'

36 "At that time my ^{1a}reason returned to me. And my majesty and ^bsplendor were ²restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was re-established in my ³sovereignty, and surpassing ^cgreatness was added to me.

37 "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of ^aheaven, for ^ball His works are ¹true and His ways ²just, and He is able to humble those who ^cwalk in pride."

CHAPTER 5

BELSHAZZAR the king ¹held a great ^afeast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

2 When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver ^avessels which Nebuchadnezzar his ¹father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, in order that the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

4 They ^adrank the wine and praised the gods of ^bgold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5 Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the ¹back of the hand that did the writing.

6 Then the king's ^{1a}face grew pale, and his thoughts alarmed him; and his ^bhip joints went slack, and his ^cknees began knocking together.

7 The king called aloud to bring in the ^aconjurers, the ¹Chaldeans and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me will be ^bclothed with purple, and *have* a ^cnecklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as ^{2d}third ruler in the kingdom."

8 Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king.

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly ^aalarmed, his ^bface grew *even* paler, and his nobles were perplexed.

10 The queen entered the banquet ¹hall because of the words of the king and his nobles; the queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your ²face be pale.

11 "There is a ^aman in your kingdom in whom is ^{1a} ^bspirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father ²the king, appointed him chief of the ³magicians, conjurers, ⁴Chaldeans, and diviners.

12 "*This was* because an ^aextraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas,

36 ¹Lit., *knowledge* ²Lit., *returning* ³Or, *kingdom*
^aDan. 4:34; 2 Chr. 33:12, 13
^bDan. 2:31 ^cDan. 4:22; Prov. 22:4

37 ¹Lit., *truth* ²Lit., *justice*
^aDan. 4:26; 5:23 ^bDeut. 32:4; Ps. 33:4, 5; Is. 5:16 ^cDan. 5:20; Ex. 18:11; Job 40:11, 12

1 ¹Lit., *made*
^aEsth. 1:3; Is. 22:12-14

2 ¹Or, *forefather*, and so throughout the chap.
^aDan. 1:2; 2 Kin. 24:13; 25:15; Ezra 1:7-11

4 ^aDan. 5:23; Is. 42:8
^bDan. 3:1; Ps. 115:4; 135:15; Is. 40:19, 20; Hab. 2:19

5 ¹Or, *palm*

6 ¹Lit., *brightness changed for him*
^aDan. 5:9, 10; 7:28 ^bPs. 69:23; Nah. 2:10 ^cEzek. 7:17; 21:7

7 ¹Or, *master astrologers*
²Or, *a triumvir*
^aDan. 5:11, 15; 4:6, 7; Is. 44:25; 47:13 ^bDan. 5:16, 29; Gen. 41:42-44 ^cEzek. 16:11
^dDan. 5:16, 29; 2:48; 6:2, 3

9 ¹Lit., *brightness was changing upon him*
^aDan. 5:6; 2:1; Job 18:11; Is. 21:2-4; Jer 6:24 ^bIs. 13:6-8

10 ¹Lit., *house* ²Lit., *brightness be changed*
^aDan. 3:9; 6:6

11 ¹Or possibly, *the Spirit of the holy God* ²Or, *O king*
³Or, *soothsayer priests* ⁴Or, *master astrologers*
^aDan. 2:47; Gen. 41:11-15
^bDan. 5:14; 4:8, 9, 18

12 ^aDan 5:14; 6:3

12 ^bDan. 1:7; 4:8

13 ¹Lit., *sons of the exile*
^aDan. 2:25; 6:13; Ezra 4:1;
6:16, 19, 20 ^bDan. 1:1, 2

14 ¹Or possibly, *the Spirit of God*

15 ¹Lit., *word*
^aDan. 5:8; Is. 47:12

16 ¹Or, *triumvir*
^aGen. 40:8

17 ¹Lit., *Let . . . be for*
^a2 Kin. 5:16

18 ¹Lit., *You, O king* ²Or, *the kingdom*
^aDan. 5:21; 4:2 ^bDan. 2:37;
38; 4:17 ^cJer. 25:9; 27:5-7

19 ¹Lit., *tongues*
^aDan. 2:12, 13; 3:6; 11:3, 16,
36

20 ¹Lit., *strong*
^aDan. 4:30, 31; Ex. 9:17; Job
15:25; Is. 14:13-15 ^b2 Kin.
17:14; 2 Chr. 36:13 ^cJob
40:11, 12; Jer. 13:18

21 ¹Lit., *the sons of man*
^aDan. 4:33; Job 30:3-7 ^bJob
39:5, 8 ^cDan. 4:34, 35; Ex.
9:14-16; Ps. 83:17, 18; Ezek.
17:24

22 ¹Or, *descendant* ²Lit.,
inasmuch as you
^aPs. 119:46 ^bEx. 10:3; 2 Chr.
33:23; 36:12

23 ^aDan. 5:3, 4; 2 Kin.
14:10; Is. 2:12; 37:23; Jer.
50:29 ^bDan. 4:37 ^cPs. 115:4;
8; Is. 37:19; Hab. 2:18, 19
^dJob 12:10 ^eJob 31:4; Ps.
139:3; Prov. 20:24; Jer. 10:23

24 ¹Lit., *palm of the hand*

25 ¹Or, *a mina* (50
shekels)—from verb “to
number” ²Or, *a shekel*—
from verb “to weigh” ³Or,
and *half-shekels* (sing.)
pers—from verb “to
divide”

26 ¹Lit., *word*
^aIs. 13:6, 17; Jer. 27:7;
50:41-43

and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named ^bBelteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned, and he will declare the interpretation.”

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Are you that Daniel who is one of the ¹exiles from Judah, whom my father the king ^bbrought from Judah?

14 “Now I have heard about you that ¹a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight, and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you.

15 “Just now the wise men and the conjurers were brought in before me that they might read this inscription and make its interpretation known to me, but they ^acould not declare the interpretation of the ¹message.

16 “But I personally have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve difficult problems. Now if you are able to read the inscription and make its ^ainterpretation known to me, you will be clothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold around your neck, and you will have authority as the ¹third ruler in the kingdom.”

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, “Keep your ^agifts for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.

18 “O king, the ^aMost High God ^bgranted ²sovereignty, ^cgrandeur, glory, and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father.

19 “And because of the grandeur which He bestowed on him, all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* ¹language feared and trembled before him; ^awhomever he wished he killed, and whomever he wished he spared alive; and whomever he wished he elevated, and whomever he wished he humbled.

20 “But when his heart was ^alifted up and his spirit became so ^bproud that he behaved arrogantly, he was ^cdeposed from his royal throne, and *his* glory was taken away from him.

21 “He was also ^adriven away from ¹mankind, and his heart was made like *that of* beasts, and his dwelling place was with the ^bwild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he recognized that the ^cMost High God is ruler over the realm of mankind, and *that* He sets over it whomever He wishes.

22 “Yet ^ayou, his ¹son, Belshazzar, have ^bnot humbled your heart, ²even though you knew all this,

23 but you have ^aexalted yourself against the ^bLord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not ^csee, hear or understand. But the God ^din whose hand are your life-breath and your ^eways, you have not glorified.

24 “Then the ¹hand was sent from Him, and this inscription was written out.

25 “Now this is the inscription that was written out: ¹‘MENE, ²‘MENE, ³‘TEKEL ³‘UPHARSIN.’

26 “This is the interpretation of the ¹message: ‘MENĒ’—God has numbered your kingdom and ^aput an end to it.

27 “‘TEKĒL’—you have been ^aweighed on the scales and found deficient.

28 “‘PERES’—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the ^aMedes and ¹Persians.”

29 Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and *put* a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he *now* had authority as the ¹third ruler in the kingdom.

30 That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was ^aslain.

31 ¹So ^aDarius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.

1 CHAPTER 6

IT seemed good to Darius to appoint ^a120 satraps over the kingdom, that they should be in charge of the whole kingdom,

2 and over them three commissioners (of whom ^aDaniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer ^bloss.

3 Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself ¹among the commissioners and satraps because ²he possessed an ^aextraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the ^bentire kingdom.

4 Then the commissioners and satraps began ^atrying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to ¹government affairs; but they could find ^bno ground of accusation or *evidence of corruption*, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was *to be* found in him.

5 Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him with regard to the ^alaw of his God.”

6 Then these commissioners and satraps came ¹by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: “King Darius, ^alive forever!

7 “All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have ^aconsulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall ^bbe cast into the lions’ ¹den.

8 “Now, O king, ^aestablish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the ^blaw of the Medes and Persians, which ¹may not be revoked.”

9 Therefore King Darius ^asigned the document, that is, the injunction.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open ^atoward Jerusalem); and he continued ^bkneeling on his knees three times a day, ^cpraying and ^dgiving thanks before his God, ¹as he had been doing previously.

11 Then these men came ¹by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.

12 Then they approached and ^aspoke before the king about the king’s injunction, “Did you not sign an injunction

27 ^aJob 31:6; Ps. 62:9

28 ¹Aram.: PARAS
^aDan. 5:31; 6:8, 28; Is. 21:2; 45:1, 2

29 ¹Or, *triumvir*

30 ^aIs. 21:4-9; 47:9; Jer. 51:11, 31, 39, 57

31 ¹Chap. 6:1 in Aram.
^aDan. 6:1; 9:1

¹Chap. 6:2 in Aram.
^aEsth. 1:1

²Dan. 2:48, 49; 5:16, 29
^bEzra 4:22; Esth. 7:4

³ ¹Lit., *above* ²Lit., *there was in him*
^aDan. 5:12, 14; 9:23 ^bGen. 41:40; Esth. 10:3

⁴ ¹Lit., *the kingdom*
^aDan. 3:8; Gen. 43:18; Judg. 14:4; Jer. 20:10; Luke 20:20
^bLuke 20:26; 23:14, 15

⁵ ^aActs 24:13-16, 20, 21

⁶ ¹Or, *thronging*
^aDan. 6:21; 5:10

⁷ ¹Or, *pit*, and so throughout the chap.
^aPs. 59:3; 62:4, 64:2-6; 83:1-3
^bDan. 6:16; 3:6; Ps. 10:9

⁸ ¹Lit., *does not pass away*
^aEsth. 3:12; 8:10; Is. 10:1
^bDan. 6:12, 15; Esth. 1:19; 8:8

⁹ ^aPs. 118:9; 146:3

¹⁰ ¹Or, *because*
^a1 Kin. 8:48, 49; Ps. 5:7; Jon. 2:4 ^bPs. 95:6 ^cDan. 9:4-19; Luke 14:26; Acts 4:17, 19
^dPs. 34:1; Phil. 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:17, 18

¹¹ ¹Or, *thronging*
^aDan. 6:6; Ps. 37:32, 33

¹² ^aDan. 3:8-12; Acts 16:19-21

**Daniel in the Lion's Den. Daniel Is Safe.
His Enemies Are Destroyed. His God Is Honored.**

Daniel 6

¹² ¹Lit., *does not pass away*
^aDan. 6:8; Esth. 1:19

¹³ ¹Lit., *sons of the exile*
^aDan. 3:12; Esth. 3:8; Acts
5:29

¹⁴ ^aMark 6:26

¹⁵ ¹Or, *thronging*
^aDan. 6:8, 12; Esth. 8:8; Ps.
94:20, 21

¹⁶ ¹Or, *May your
God... Himself deliver
you*
^aDan. 6:7; 2 Sam. 3:39; Jer.
38:5 ^bDan. 6:20; 3:17, 28; Job
5:19; Ps. 37:39, 40

¹⁷ ^aLam. 3:53; Matt. 27:66

¹⁸ ^a2 Sam. 12:16, 17 ^bDan.
2:1; Esth. 6:1; Ps. 77:4

²⁰ ^aDan. 3:17; Gen. 18:14;
Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17

²¹ ¹Lit., *with*

²² ¹Lit., *innocence was
found for me* ²Lit., *before*
^aDan. 3:28; Num. 20:16; Is.
63:9; Acts 12:11 ^bPs. 91:11-
13; 2 Tim. 4:17; Heb. 11:33

²³ ^aDan. 3:17, 28; 1 Chr.
5:20; 2 Chr. 20:20; Ps. 118:8,
9; Is. 26:3

²⁴ ¹Lit., *eaten the pieces of
Daniel*
^aDeut. 19:18, 19; Esth. 7:10
^bDeut. 24:16; 2 Kin. 14:6;
Esth. 9:10

²⁵ ¹Lit., *tongues* ²Or,
welfare or prosperity
^aDan. 4:1; Ezra 1:1, 2; Esth.
3:12; 8:9 ^bEzra 4:17; 1 Pet.
1:2

²⁶ ¹Lit., *from me a decree is
made* ²Lit., *to the end*
^aDan. 3:29; Ezra 6:8-12; 7:13,
21 ^bDan. 6:20; Hos. 1:10;
Rom. 9:26 ^cPs. 93:1, 2; Mal.
3:6

that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?" The king answered and said, "The statement is true, according to the ^blaw of the Medes and Persians, which ¹may not be revoked."

¹³ Then they answered and spoke before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the ¹exiles from Judah, pays ^ano attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day."

¹⁴ Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply ^adistressed and set *his* mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him.

¹⁵ Then these men came ¹by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Recognize, O king, that it is a ^alaw of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

¹⁶ Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and ^acast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "¹^bYour God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you."

¹⁷ And a ^astone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing might be changed in regard to Daniel.

¹⁸ Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night ^afasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his ^bsleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then the king arose with the dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den.

²⁰ And when he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a ^atroubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been ^aable to deliver you from the lions?"

²¹ Then Daniel spoke ¹to the king, "O king, live forever!

²² "My God ^asent His angel and ^bshut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as ¹I was found innocent before Him; and also ²toward you, O king, I have committed no crime."

²³ Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had ^atrusted in his God.

²⁴ The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had ¹maliciously accused Daniel, and they ^acast them, their ^bchildren, and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

²⁵ Then Darius the king wrote to all the ^apeoples, nations, and *men of every* ¹language who were living in all the land: "^bMay your ²peace abound!

²⁶ "I ^amake a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel: For He is the ^bliving God and ^cenduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion *will be* ²forever.

**Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts.
The Ancient of Days.**

Daniel 6, 7

27 "He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders
In heaven and on earth,
Who has *also* delivered Daniel from the ¹power of the lions."

27 ¹Lit., *hand*

28 So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

¹ ¹Lit., *of his head* ²Or, *beginning* ³Lit., *words*
⁴Dan. 1:17; 2:1, 26-28; 4:5-9;
Job 33:14-16; Joel 2:28 ⁵Jer. 36:4, 32

CHAPTER 7

IN the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a ^adream and visions ¹in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he ^bwrote the dream down *and* related the following ²summary of ³it.

² ¹Lit., *spoke and said*
³Rev. 7:1

2 Daniel ¹said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the ^afour winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

3 ^aRev. 13:1

3 "And four great ^abeasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

4 "The first was like a lion and had *the* wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human ¹mind also was given to it.

4 ¹Lit., *heart*

5 "And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'

6 ¹Or, *sides*

6 "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its ¹back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 ^aRev. 12:3; 13:1

7 "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ^aten horns.

8 ¹Lit., *in this horn were eyes*

8 "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, ¹this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth uttering great *boasts*.

9 ¹Lit., *flames of fire*
^aMark 9:3 ^bRev. 1:14 ^cEzek. 1:13, 26 ^dEzek. 10:2, 6

9 "I kept looking
Until thrones were set up,
And the Ancient of Days took *His* seat;
His ^avesture *was* like white snow,
And the ^bhair of His head like pure wool.
His ^cthrone *was* ¹ablaze with flames,
Its ^dwheels *were* a burning fire.

10 ^aPs. 18:8; 50:3; 97:3; Is. 30:27, 33 ^bRev. 5:11 ^cDeut. 33:2 ^dDan. 7:22, 26; Ps. 96:11-13 ^eDan. 12:1; Rev. 20:11-15

10 "A river of ^afire was flowing
And coming out from before Him;
^bThousands upon thousands were attending Him,
And ^cmyriads upon myriads were standing before Him;
The ^dcourt sat,
And ^ethe books were opened.

11 ¹Lit., *great*

11 "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the ¹boast-

11 ²Lit., of the fire
^aRev. 19:20; 20:10

13 ^aMatt. 26:64; Mark
14:62

14 ¹Or, sovereignty ²Lit.,
tongues
^aDan. 7:27; 1 Cor. 15:27;
Eph. 1:20-22; Phil. 2:9-11;
Rev. 1:6 ^bDan. 2:37 ^cPs.
72:11; 102:22 ^dHeb. 12:28

15 ¹Lit., in the midst of its
sheath ²Lit., of my head
^aDan. 7:28; 4:19

16 ¹Lit., truth concerning
^aZech. 1:9, 19; Rev. 5:5; 7:13,
14 ^bDan. 8:16, 17; 9:22

18 ¹Lit., holy ones ²Lit.,
and unto the age of the ages
^aDan. 7:22, 25, 27 ^bDan.
7:14; Ps. 149:5-9; Is. 60:12-14;
Rev. 2:26, 27; 20:4

19 ¹Lit., truth concerning
²Lit., of them

20 ¹Lit., its appearance was
larger

21 ¹Lit., holy ones
^aRev. 13:7

22 ¹Lit., given for ²Lit., holy
ones
^aDan. 7:10; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3

25 ¹Lit., words ²Lit., holy
ones ³Lit., the saints ⁴Lit.,
year(s)
^aDan. 11:36; Rev. 13:6 ^bDan.
3:26; 4:2, 17, 34 ^cRev. 13:7
^dDan. 12:7; Rev. 12:14

ful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the ^aburning ²fire.

12 "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

13 "I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a ^aSon of Man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.

14 "And to Him was given ^adominion,
Glory and ^{1b}a kingdom,
^cThat all the peoples, nations, and *men of every*
²language
Might serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will ^dnot be destroyed.

15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed ¹within me, and the visions ²in my mind kept ^aalarming me.

16 "I approached one of those who were ^astanding by and began asking him the ¹exact meaning of all this. So he ^btold me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 "These great beasts, which are four *in number*, are four kings *who* will arise from the earth.

18 "But the ^{1a}saints of the Highest One will ^breceive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, ²for all ages to come."

19 "Then I desired to know the ¹exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all ²the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

20 *and the meaning* of the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three of *them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts*, and ¹which was larger in appearance than its associates.

21 "I kept looking, and that horn was ^awaging war with the ¹saints and overpowering them

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and ^ajudgment was ¹passed in favor of the ²saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the ²saints took possession of the kingdom.

23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

24 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

25 'And he will ^aspeak ^bout against the ^bMost High and ^cwear down the ²saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and ³they will be given into his hand for a ^{4d}time, ⁴times, and half a ⁴time.

**“His Kingdom Everlasting.” Another Vision.
The Male Goat with the Desecrating Horn.**

Daniel 7, 8

26 ‘But the court will sit *for judgment*, and his dominion will be ^ataken away, ¹annihilated and destroyed ²forever.

27 ‘Then the ^{1a}sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the ²saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be* an ^beverlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will ^cserve and obey Him.’

28 “¹At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my ²face grew pale, but I ^akept the matter ³to myself.”

CHAPTER 8

IN the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, ¹Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me ²previously.

2 And I ^alooked in the vision, and it came about while I was looking, that I was in the citadel of ^bSusa, which is in the province of ^cElam; and I looked in the vision, and I myself was beside the Ulai ¹Canal.

3 Then I lifted my gaze and looked, and behold, a ^aram which had two horns was standing in front of the ¹canal. Now the two horns *were* ²long, but one *was* ²longer than the other, with the ²longer one coming up last.

4 I saw the ram ^abutting westward, northward, and southward, and no *other* beasts could stand before him, nor was there anyone to rescue from his ¹power; but he did as he pleased and magnified *himself*.

5 While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the ¹goat *had* a ^aconspicuous horn between his eyes.

6 And he came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the ¹canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

7 And I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his ¹power.

8 Then the male goat magnified *himself* exceedingly. But as soon as ^ahe was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous *horns* toward the ^bfour winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a rather ^asmall horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the ^{1b}Beautiful Land.

10 And it grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the ^astars to fall to the earth, and it ^btrampled them down.

11 It even ^amagnified *itself* ¹to be equal with the ²Commander of the host; and it removed the ^bregular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

12 And on account of transgression the host will be given

26 ¹Lit., *to annihilate and to destroy* ²Lit., *to the end* ^aRev. 17:14; 19:2

27 ¹Or, *kingdom* ²Lit., *holy ones* ^aDan. 7:14, 18, 22; Is. 54:3; Rev. 20:4 ^bDan. 7:14; 2:44; 4:34; Ps. 145:13; Is. 9:7 ^cPs. 2:6-12; 22:27; 72:11; 86:9; Is. 60:12; Rev. 11:1

28 ¹Lit., *To here the end of the word* ²Lit., *brightness was changing upon me* ³Lit., *in my heart* ^aLuke 2:19, 51

1 ¹Lit., *I, Daniel* ²Lit., *at the beginning*

2 ¹Or, *river* ^aDan. 8:3; 7:2, 15; Num. 12:6 ^bNeh. 1:1; Esth. 1:2; 2:8 ^cGen. 10:22; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Jer. 25:25; Ezek. 32:24

3 ¹Or, *river* ²Lit., *high(er)* ^aDan. 8:20

4 ¹Lit., *hand* ^aDeut. 33:17; 1 Kin. 22:11; Ezek. 34:21

5 ¹Lit., *buck* ^aDan. 8:8, 21; 11:3

6 ¹Or, *river*

7 ¹Lit., *hand*

8 ^aDan. 5:20; 2 Chr. 26:16 ^bDan. 7:2; Rev. 7:1

9 ¹i.e., *Palestine* ^aDan. 8:23 ^bDan. 11:16, 41

10 ^aIs. 14:13 ^bDan. 8:7; 7:7

11 ¹Lit., *up to the* ²Or, *Prince* ^aDan. 8:25; 11:36, 37; 2 Kin. 19:22, 23; 2 Chr. 32:15-17; Is. 37:23 ^bDan. 11:31; 12:11; Ezek. 46:14

12 ^aIs. 59:14

13 ¹Or possibly, *and the transgression that horrifies*
²Lit., *as a trampling*
^aDan. 4:13, 23 ^bDan. 12:6, 8;
Ps. 74:10; 79:5; Is. 6:11; Rev.
6:10 ^cIs. 63:18; Jer. 12:10;
Luke 21:24; Heb. 10:29; Rev.
11:2

14 ¹Lit., *vindicate*
^aDan. 7:25; 12:7, 11; Rev.
11:2, 3; 12:14; 13:5

15 ¹Lit., *understanding*
²Lit., *like the appearance of*
^aman
^aDan. 7:13; 10:16, 18

16 ^aDan. 9:21; Luke 1:19,
26

17 ^aDan. 2:46; Ezek. 1:28;
44:4 ^bDan. 8:19; 11:35, 40

18 ¹Lit., *on my standing*
^aDan. 10:9; Luke 9:32 ^bDan.
10:10, 16, 18; Ezek. 2:2

19 ^aDan. 8:15-17

21 ¹Lit., *buck* ²Lit., *king*

23 ¹Or, *kingdom* ²Lit.,
finished ³Lit., *Strong of face*
⁴Or, *ambiguous speech*

24 ¹Or, *corrupt* ²Lit.,
people of the saints
^aDan. 8:11-13; 12:7; Rev.
16:6

25 ¹Lit., *hand* ²Or, *corrupt*
¹Or, *secure* ⁴Lit., *stand*
against
^aDan. 2:34, 45; Job 34:20

27 ¹Or, *done in* ²Lit., *make*
understand
^aDan. 7:28; 8:17; Hab. 3:16

over to *the horn* along with the regular sacrifice; and it will
^afling truth to the ground and perform *its will* and prosper.

13 Then I heard a ^aholy one speaking, and another holy
one said to that particular one who was speaking, “^bHow long
will the vision *about* the regular sacrifice apply, ¹while the
transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place
and the host ²to be “trampled?”

14 And he said to me, “For ^a2,300 evenings *and* mornings;
then the holy place will be ¹properly restored.”

15 And it came about when I, Daniel, had seen the vision,
that I sought ¹to understand it; and behold, standing before
me was one ²who looked like a ^aman.

16 And I heard the voice of a man between *the banks* of
Ulai, and he called out and said, “^aGabriel, give this *man* an
understanding of the vision.”

17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he
came I was frightened and ^afell on my face; but he said to me,
“Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the ^btime
of the end.”

18 Now while he was talking with me, I ^asank into a deep
sleep with my face to the ground; but he ^btouched me and
made me stand ¹upright.

19 And he said, “Behold, I am going to ^alet you know what
will occur at the final period of the indignation; for it pertains
to the appointed time of the end.

20 “The ram which you saw with the two horns represents
the kings of Media and Persia.

21 “And the shaggy ¹goat *represents* the ²kingdom of
Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first
king.

22 “And the broken *horn* and the four *horns that* arose in
its place *represent* four kingdoms *which* will arise from *his*
nation, although not with his power.

23 “And in the latter period of their ¹rule,
When the transgressors have ²run *their course*,
A king will arise
³Insolent and skilled in ⁴intrigue.

24 “And his power will be mighty, but not by his *own*
power,

And he will ^{1a}destroy to an extraordinary degree
and prosper and perform *his will*;
He will ¹destroy mighty men and ²the holy people.

25 “And through his shrewdness
He will cause deceit to succeed by his ¹influence;
And he will magnify *himself* in his heart,
And he will ²destroy many while *they are* ³at ease.
He will even ⁴oppose the Prince of princes,
But he will be broken without ^{1a}human agency.

26 “And the vision of the evenings and mornings
Which has been told is true;
But keep the vision secret,
For it pertains to many days *in the future*.”

27 Then I, Daniel, was ^{1a}exhausted and sick for days.
Then I got up *again* and carried on the king's business; but I
was astounded at the vision, and there was none to ²explain it.

CHAPTER 9

IN the first year of ^aDarius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the LORD to ^aJeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, ^aseventy years.

3 So I ^lgave my attention to the LORD God to seek *Him* by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the ^agreat and awesome God, who ^bkeeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

5 we have ^asinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and ^brebelled, even ^cturning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.

6 "Moreover, we have not ^alistened to Thy servants the prophets, who spoke in Thy name to our kings, our princes, our fathers, and all the people of the land.

7 "^aRighteousness belongs to Thee, O Lord, but to us ^lbopen shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near by and those who are far away in all the countries to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee.

8 "^lOpen shame belongs to us, O LORD, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee.

9 "To the LORD our God belong ^acompassion and forgiveness, ^lfor we have ^brebelled against Him;

10 nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His ^lteachings which He ^aset before us through His servants the prophets.

11 "Indeed all Israel has transgressed Thy law and turned aside, not obeying Thy voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

12 "Thus He has ^aconfirmed His words which he had spoken against us and against our ^lbuilders who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has ^cnot been done *anything* like what was done to Jerusalem.

13 "As it is written in the ^alaw of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have ^bnot ^lsought the favor of the LORD our God by ^cturning from our iniquity and ²giving attention to Thy truth.

14 "Therefore, the LORD has ^lkept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is ^brighteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

15 "And now, O LORD our God, who hast ^abrought Thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and hast ^bmade a name for Thyself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.

16 "O Lord, in accordance with all Thy ^lrighteous acts, let now Thine ^aanger and Thy wrath turn away from Thy city

1 ^aDan. 5:31; 11:1

2 ^{a2} Chr. 36:21; Ezra 1:1; Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10; Zech. 7:5

3 ^lLit., *set my face*

4 ^aDeut. 7:21; Neh. 9:32 ^bDeut. 7:9

5 ^aPs. 106:6 ^bLam. 1:18, 20 ^cDan. 9:11; Ps. 119:176; Is. 53:6

6 ^aJer. 44:4, 5, 21

7 ^lLit., *the shame of face* ^aDan. 9:18; Jer. 23:6; 33:16 ^bPs. 44:15; Jer. 2:26, 27; 3:25

8 ^lLit., *The shame of face*

9 ^lOr, *though* ^aNeh. 9:17; Ps. 130:4 ^bDan. 9:5, 6; Ps. 106:43; Jer. 14:7

10 ^lOr, *laws* ^{a2} Kin. 17:13-15; 18:12

12 ^lLit., *judges who judged us* ^aIs. 44:26; Jer. 44:2-6; Lam. 2:17; Zech. 1:6 ^bJob 12:17; Ps. 82:2-7; 148:11 ^cLam. 1:12; 2:13; Ezek. 5:9

13 ^lLit., *softened the face of* ²Or, *having insight into* ^aDan. 9:11; Lev. 26:14-45; Deut. 28:15-68 ^bJob 36:13; Is. 9:13; Jer. 2:30; 5:3 ^cJer. 31:18

14 ^lLit., *watched over the evil* ^aJer. 31:28; 44:27 ^bDan. 9:7; Ps. 51:14

15 ^aDeut. 5:15 ^bNeh. 9:10; Jer. 32:20

16 ^lLit., *righteousnesses* ^aJer. 32:31, 32

16 ^bDan. 9:20; Ps. 87:1-3; Joel 3:17; Zech. 8:3 ^cEzek. 5:14

17 ¹Lit., *for the sake of the Lord*
^aNum. 6:24-26; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19
^bLam. 5:18

18 ¹Lit., *causing to fall*
²Lit., *our righteousnesses*
^aIs. 37:17 ^bPs. 80:14 ^cJer. 7:10-12 ^dJer. 36:7

19 ^aPs. 44:23; 74:10, 11

20 ¹Lit., *causing to fall*
^aDan. 9:3; 10:12; Ps. 145:18;
Is. 58:9 ^bIs. 6:5

21 ¹Lit., *at the beginning*
²Lit., *was reaching or touching* ³Lit., *wearied with weariness*
^aDan. 8:16; Luke 1:19, 26
^bEx. 29:39; 1 Kin. 18:36;
Ezra 9:4

22 ^aDan. 8:16; 10:21; Zech. 1:9, 14

23 ¹Lit., *word went out*
²Lit., *desirable or precious*
^aMatt. 24:15

24 ¹Or, *units of seven*, and so throughout the chap. ²Or, *restrain* ³Another reading is: *seal up sins* ⁴Lit., *prophet*
^aLev. 25:8; Num. 14:34;
Ezek. 4:6 ^{b2}Chr. 29:24; Is. 53:10; Rom. 5:10 ^cIs. 51:6, 8; 56:1; Jer. 23:5, 6; Rom. 3:21, 22

25 ¹Lit., *word* ²Or, *an anointed one* ³Or, *streets*
^aEzra 4:24; 6:1-15; Neh. 2:1-8; 3:1 ^bJohn 1:41; 4:25 ^cDan. 8:11, 25; Is. 9:6

26 ¹Or, *anointed one* ²Or, *no one* ³Or, *his* ⁴Or, *war will be decreed for desolations*
^aIs. 53:8; Mark 9:12; Luke 24:26 ^bMatt. 24:2; Mark 13:2; Luke 19:43, 44 ^cNah. 1:8

27 ¹Or, *detestable things*
²Or, *causes horror*
^aDan. 11:31; Matt. 24:15;
Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20 ^bIs. 10:23; 28:22

1 ¹Lit., *word* ²Or, *warfare*
^aDan. 1:21; 6:28 ^bDan. 1:17; 2:21

Jerusalem, Thy ^bholy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people *have become* a ^creproach to all those around us.

17 "So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplications, and for ¹Thy sake, O Lord, ^alet Thy face shine on Thy ^bdesolate sanctuary.

18 "O my God, ^aincline Thine ear and hear! Open Thine eyes and ^bsee our desolations and the city which is ^ccalled by Thy name; for we are not ^dpresenting our supplications before Thee on account of ²any merits of our own, but on account of Thy great compassion.

19 "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Thine own sake, O my God, do not ^adelay, because Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."

20 Now while I was ^aspeaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of ^bmy people Israel, and ¹presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

21 while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man ^aGabriel, whom I had seen in the vision ¹previously, ²came to me ³in my extreme weariness about the time of the ^bevening offering.

22 And he gave *me* instruction and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with ^aunderstanding.

23 "At the beginning of your supplications the ¹command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are ²highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain ^aunderstanding of the vision.

24 "Seventy ¹weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to ²finish the transgression, to ³make an end of sin, to ^bmake atonement for iniquity, to bring in ^ceverlasting righteousness, to ^aseal up vision and ⁴prophecy, and to anoint the most holy *place*.

25 "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a ¹decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until ²^bMessiah the ^cPrince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with ³plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the ¹Messiah will be ^acut off and have ²nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will ^bdestroy the city and the sanctuary. And ³its end *will come* with a ^cflood; even to the end ⁴there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of ¹^aabominations *will come* one who ²makes desolate, even until a ^bcomplete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who ²makes desolate."

CHAPTER 10

IN the third year of ^aCyrus king of Persia a ¹message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the ¹message was true and *one of great* ²conflict, but he understood the ¹message and had an ^bunderstanding of the vision.

Daniel Is Terrified by the Vision of a Man. The Man Comforts Him.

Daniel 10

2 In those days I, Daniel, had been ^amourning for three entire weeks.

3 I did not eat any ¹tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all, until the entire three weeks were completed.

4 And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great ^ariver, that is, the ¹Tigris,

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man ^adressed in linen, whose waist was ^bgirded with a *belt of pure ^cgold of Uphaz.*

6 His body also was like ¹beryl, his face ²had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a ³tumult.

7 Now I, Daniel, ^aalone saw the vision, while the ^bmen who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great ^cdreed fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

8 So I was ^aleft alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was ^bleft in me, for my ¹natural color turned to ²a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

9 But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I ^afell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

10 Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my ¹hands and knees.

11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man of ¹high esteem, ^aunderstand the words that I am about to tell you and ^bstand ²upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up ^ctrembling.

12 Then he said to me, "^aDo not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on ^bhumbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response ^cto your words.

13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was ¹withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, ^aMichael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

14 "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the ^{1a}latter days, for the vision pertains to ^bthe days yet *future.*"

15 And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I ¹turned my face toward the ground and became ^aspeechless.

16 And behold, ¹one who resembled a human being was ^atouching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision ^{2b}anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 "For ^ahow can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me."

18 Then *this* one with human appearance touched me again and ^astrengthened me.

19 And he said, "O man of ¹high esteem, ^ado not be afraid. Peace ^{2b}be with you; take ^bcourage and be courageous!"

²^aEzra 9:4, 5; Neh. 1:4

³¹Lit., *bread of desirability*

⁴¹Heb., *Hiddeqel*
^aDan. 8:2; Ezek. 1:3

⁵^aDan. 12:6, 7; Ezek. 9:2
^bRev. 1:13; 15:6 ^cJer. 10:9

⁶¹Or, *yellow serpentine*
²Lit., *like ³Or, roaring*

⁷² Kin. 6:17 ^bActs 9:7
^cEzek. 12:18

⁸¹Lit., *splendor* ²Lit., *corruption*
^aGen. 32:24 ^bDan. 7:28; 8:27; Hab. 3:16

⁹^aDan. 8:18; Gen. 15:12; Job 4:13

¹⁰¹Lit., *knees and the palms of my hands*

¹¹¹Lit., *desirability, or preciousness* ²Lit., *upon your standing*
^aDan. 8:16, 17 ^bEzek. 2:1
^cJob 4:14, 15

¹²^aDan. 10:19; Is. 41:10, 14
^bDan. 10:2, 3; 9:20-23 ^cActs 10:30, 31

¹³¹Lit., *standing opposite*
^aDan. 10:21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7

¹⁴¹Lit., *end of the days*
^aDan. 2:28; Deut. 31:29
^bDan. 8:26; 12:4, 9

¹⁵¹Lit., *set*
^aEzek. 24:27; Luke 1:20

¹⁶¹Lit., *as a likeness of sons of man* ²Lit., *my pains have*
^aIs. 6:7; Jer. 1:9 ^bDan. 10:8, 9; 7:15, 28; 8:17, 27

¹⁷^aEx. 24:10, 11; Is. 6:1-5

¹⁸^aIs. 35:3, 4

¹⁹¹Lit., *desirability, or preciousness* ²Lit., *to you*
^aDan. 10:12; Judg. 6:23; Is. 43:1 ^bJosh. 1:6, 7, 9; Is. 35:4

19 ^cPs. 138:3; 2 Cor. 12:9

20 ¹Lit., *know* ²i.e., Satanic angel ³Heb., *Javan*
^aDan. 8:21; 11:2

21 ¹Lit., *shows himself strong*
^aDan. 12:1, 4

1 ¹Lit., *my standing up*
was ²Lit., *for a strengthener*
^aDan. 5:31; 9:1

2 ¹Lit., *for* ²Or, *they all will stir up the realm of Greece* ³Heb., *Javan*
^aDan. 8:26; 10:1, 21 ^bDan. 8:21; 10:20

3 ^aDan. 8:5, 21 ^bDan. 11:16, 36; 5:19; 8:4

4 ¹Lit., *winds of the heaven* ²i.e., his descendants
^aDan. 8:8, 22 ^bDan. 7:2; 8:8; Jer. 49:36; Ezek. 37:9; Zech. 2:6; Rev. 7:1 ^cJer. 12:15, 17; 18:7

5 ¹Lit., *and* ²Lit., *and he*
^aDan. 11:9, 11, 14, 25, 40

6 ¹Or, *an equitable agreement* ²Lit., *strength of arm* ³Lit., *arm*
^aDan. 11:7, 13, 15, 40

7 ¹Lit., *branch of her roots*
^aDan. 11:19, 38, 39

8 ¹Lit., *cast images* ²Or, *stand against the king*
^aIs. 37:19; 46:1, 2; Jer. 43:12, 13

9 ¹Lit., *he will, and so*
throughout the chap.

10 ¹Or, *wage war* ²Or, *return and wage*
^aDan. 11:26, 40; Is. 8:8; Jer. 46:7, 8; 51:42

11 ¹Lit., *with him, with*
²Lit., *his hand*

The Man Tells of Coming Conflicts. Alliances and Conflicts between North and South.

Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

20 Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the ²prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the ^{2a}prince of ³Greece is about to come.

21 "However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of ^atruth. (Yet there is no one who ¹stands firmly with me against these *forces* except Michael your prince.

CHAPTER 11

AND in the ^afirst year of Darius the Mede I ¹arose to be ^{2a}an encouragement and a protection for him.)

2 "And now I will tell you the ^atruth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise ¹in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of *them*; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, ²he will arouse the whole *empire* against the realm of ^{3b}Greece.

3 "And a ^amighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and ^bdo as he pleases.

4 "But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parcelled out ^atoward the ^bfour ¹points of the compass, though not to his *own* descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded; for his sovereignty will be ^cuprooted and *given* to others besides ²them.

5 "Then the ^aking of the South will grow strong, ¹along with *one* of his princes ²who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain *will be* a great dominion *indeed*.

6 "And after some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the ^aking of the North to carry out ^{1a}a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her ²position of power, nor will he remain with his ³power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in, and the one who sired her, as well as he who supported her in *those* times.

7 "But one of the ¹descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against *their* army and enter the ^afortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display *great* strength.

8 "And also their ^agods with their ¹metal images *and* their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will ²refrain from *attacking* the king of the North for *some* years.

9 "Then ¹the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, and will return to his *own* land.

10 "And his sons will ¹mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and ^aoverflow and pass through, that he may ²again wage war up to his very fortress.

11 "And the king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight ¹with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but *that* multitude will be given into ²the hand of the *former*.

Conflicts between King of the North and King of the South.

Daniel 11

12 "When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.

13 "For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and ¹after an ²interval of some years he will ³press on with a great army and much equipment.

14 "Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will ¹fall down.

15 "Then the king of the North will come, cast up a siege ^around, and capture a well fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand *their ground*, not even ¹their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.

16 "But he who comes against him will ^ado as he pleases, and ^bno one will be *able* to withstand him; he will also stay for *a time* in the ^{1c}Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

17 "And he will ^aset his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, ¹bringing with him ^{2a}a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand *for him* or be ³on his side.

18 "Then he will turn his face to the ^acoastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will ^brepay him for his scorn.

19 "So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will ^astumble and fall and be found ^bno more.

20 "Then in his place one will arise who will ^asend an ¹oppressor through the ²Jewel of *his* kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though neither in anger nor in battle.

21 "And in his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

22 "And the overflowing ^aforces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.

23 "And after an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small *force* of people.

24 ¹In a time of tranquility he will enter the ^arichest *parts* of the ²realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ³ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty, and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but *only* for a time.

25 "And he will stir up his strength and ¹courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.

26 "And those who eat his choice food will ¹destroy him, and his army will ^{2a}overflow, but many will fall down slain.

27 "As for both kings, their hearts will be *intent* on ^aevil, and they will ^bspeak lies to *each other* at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the ^cend is still to *come* at the appointed time.

28 "Then he will return to his land with much ¹plunder; but

¹³ ¹Lit., *at the end of the times, years ²Or, *keep on coming*
^aDan. 4:16; 12:7*

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *stumble*, and so throughout the chap.

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *the people of its choice ones*
^aJer. 6:6; Ezek. 4:2; 17:17

¹⁶ ¹i.e., *Palestine*
^aDan. 11:3; 36; 5:19 ^bJosh. 1:5 ^cDan. 11:41; 8:9

¹⁷ ¹Lit., and ²Lit., *equitable things* ³Lit., *for him*; i.e., *for her father*
^a2 Kin. 12:17; Ezek. 4:3, 7

¹⁸ ^aGen. 10:5; Is. 66:19; Jer. 2:10; 31:10; Zeph. 2:11 ^bHos. 12:14

¹⁹ ^aPs. 27:2; Jer. 46:6 ^bJob 20:8; Ps. 37:36; Ezek. 26:21

²⁰ ¹Or, *exacter of tribute*
²Lit., *adornment*; i.e., probably *Jerusalem and its temple*
^aIs. 60:17

²² ^aDan. 11:10; 9:26

²⁴ ¹Lit., *Into tranquility and the richest . . . he will enter* ²Or, *province* ³Lit., *fathers' fathers*
^aNum. 13:20; Neh. 9:25; Ezek. 34:14

²⁵ ¹Lit., *heart*

²⁶ ¹Lit., *break* ²Or, *be swept away, and many*
^aDan. 11:10, 40

²⁷ ^aPs. 52:1; 64:6 ^bJer. 9:3-5; 41:1-3 ^cDan. 11:35, 40; 8:19; Hab. 2:3

²⁸ ¹Lit., *possessions*

29 ¹Lit., *it will not happen as the first and as the last*

30 ^aGen. 10:4; Num. 24:24; Is. 23:1, 12; Jer. 2:10

31 ¹Lit., *that makes desolate, or that causes horror*

^aDan. 8:11-13; 12:11 ^bDan. 9:27; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14

32 ¹Or, *pollute those*
^aDan. 11:21, 34 ^bMic. 5:7-9; Zech. 9:13-16; 10:3-6

33 ¹Or, *instructors of the people*
^aMatt. 24:9; John 16:2; Heb. 11:36-38

34 ^aMatt. 7:15; Acts 20:29, 30 ^bDan. 11:21, 32; Rom. 16:18

35 ¹Or, *the instructors*
²Lit., *white*
^aDan. 12:10; Deut. 8:16; Prov. 17:3; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:2, 3 ^bJohn 15:2 ^cRev. 7:14

36 ¹Lit., *extraordinary*
^aDan. 11:3, 16; 5:19 ^bDan. 5:20; 8:11, 25; Is. 14:13; 2 Thess. 2:4 ^cDan. 7:8, 11; Rev. 13:5, 6 ^dDan. 2:47; Deut. 10:17; Ps. 136:2 ^eDan. 8:19; Is. 10:25; 26:20 ^fDan. 9:27

37 ¹Or, *God*

38 ¹Lit., *in his place*

39 ¹Lit., *the one who acknowledges*

40 ^aDan. 11:27, 35; 12:4, 9
^bIs. 5:28; Jer. 4:13

41 ¹i.e., *Palestine*
^aJer. 48:47 ^bJer. 49:6

43 ¹Or, *rule over* ²Lit., *footsteps*
^aChr. 12:3; Nah. 3:9
^bChr. 12:3; Ezek. 30:4, 5; Nah. 3:9

44 ¹Lit., *devote to destruction*

45 ^aDan. 9:16, 20; Is. 11:9; 27:13; 65:25; 66:20

his heart will be *set* against the holy covenant, and he will take action and *then* return to his *own* land.

29 "At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but ¹this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.

30 "For ships of ^aKittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened, and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 "And forces from him will arise, ^adesecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the ^babomination ¹of desolation.

32 "And by ^asmooth words he will ¹turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display ^bstrength and take action.

33 "And ¹those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will ^afall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, for *many* days.

34 "Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will ^ajoin with them in ^bhypocrisy.

35 "And some of ¹those who have insight will fall, in order to ^arefine, ^bpurge, and make them ²pure, until the end time; because *it is still to come* at the appointed time.

36 "Then the king will ^ado as he pleases, and he will exalt and ^bmagnify himself above every god, and will speak ¹monstrous things against the ^dGod of gods; and he will prosper until the ^eindignation is finished, for that which is ^fdecreed will be done.

37 "And he will show no regard for the ¹gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any *other* god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

38 "But ¹instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor *him* with gold, silver, costly stones, and treasures.

39 "And he will take action against the strongest of fortresses with *the help* of a foreign god; he will give great honor to ¹those who acknowledge *him*, and he will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

40 "And at the end ^atime the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will ^bstorm against him with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow *them*, and pass through.

41 "He will also enter the ¹Beautiful Land, and many *countries* will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, ^aMoab and the foremost of the sons of ^bAmmon.

42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against *other* countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

43 "But he will ¹gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and ^aLibyans and ^bEthiopians *will follow* at his ²heels.

44 "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and ¹annihilate many.

45 "And he will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful ^aHoly Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

CHAPTER 12

“NOW at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress ^asuch as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the ^bbook, will be rescued.

2 “And ^amany of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, ^bthese to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting ¹contempt.

3 “And ¹those who have ^ainsight will ^bshine brightly like the brightness of the ²expanse of heaven, and those who ^clead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

4 “But as for you, Daniel, ^aconceal these words and ^bseal up the book until the end of ^ctime; ^dmany will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”

5 Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river, and the other on that bank of the river.

6 And ^aone said to the man ^bdressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “^cHow long will it be until the end of these wonders?”

7 And I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, ¹as he ^araised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a ^{2b}time, ²times, and half a ²time; and as soon as ³they finish ^cshattering the ⁴power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, “My lord, what will be the ¹outcome of these events?”

9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.

10 “Many will be purged, ¹purified and refined; but the wicked will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand, but ²those who ^bhave insight will understand.

11 “And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the ^{1a}abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1290 days.

12 “How ^ablessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the ^b1335 days!

13 “But as for you, go your way to the ¹end; then you will enter into ^arest and risc again for your ^ballotted portion at the end of the ²age.”

¹ Dan. 9:12; Jer. 30:7; Ezek. 5:9; Matt. 24:21; Mark 13:19 ^b Dan. 12:4; 7:10; 10:21

² Lit., *abhorrence*
¹ Is. 26:19; Ezek. 37:12-14
^b John 5:28, 29

³ Or, *the instructors will*
² Or, *firmament*
^a Dan. 12:10; 11:33, 35 ^b John 5:35 ^c Dan. 11:33; Is. 53:11

⁴ Dan. 12:9; 8:26 ^b Dan. 12:9; Is. 8:16 ^c Dan. 12:9, 13; 8:17 ^d Dan. 11:33; Is. 11:9; 29:18, 19

⁶ Dan. 8:16; Zech. 1:12, 13 ^b Dan. 10:5; Ezek. 9:2
^c Dan. 12:8; 8:13; Matt. 24:3; Mark 13:4

⁷ Lit., *and* ² I.e., year(s)
¹ Lit., *to finish* ⁴ Lit., *hand*
^a Ezek. 20:5; Rev. 10:5, 6
^b Dan. 7:25; Rev. 12:14 ^c Dan. 8:24; Luke 21:24

⁸ Or, *final end*

¹⁰ Lit., *made white* ² Or, *the instructors will*
¹ Is. 32:6, 7 ^b Dan. 12:3; Hos. 14:9

¹¹ Or, *horrible abomination*
^a Dan. 9:27; 11:31; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14

¹² Is. 30:18 ^b Dan. 8:14; Rev. 11:2; 12:6; 13:5

¹³ I.e., end of your life
² Lit., *days*
^a Rev. 14:13 ^b Ps. 16:5

THE BOOK OF HOSEA

Hosea's Wife and Children. Restoration of Israel.

1 *Rom. 9:25 b2 Chr. 26:1-23; Is. 1:1; Amos 1:1 c2 Kin. 15:5, 7, 32-38; 2 Chr. 27:1-9 d2 Kin. 16:1-20; 2 Chr. 28:1-27; Is. 1:1; 7:1-17; Mic. 1:1 e2 Kin. 18:1-20-21; 2 Chr. 29:1-32;33; Mic. 1:1

2 ¹Lit., from following after Hos. 3:1; Is. 20:2, 3

4 ¹Lit., visit the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu

5 ^aJer. 49:35; Ezek. 39:3 bJosh. 17:16; Judg. 6:33

6 ¹Lit., He ²I.e., she has not obtained compassion

7 ^aIs. 30:18 bJer. 25:5, 6; Zech. 9:9, 10 cPs. 44:3-7

9 ¹Lit., He ²I.e., not my people ³Lit., yours

10 ¹Ch. 2:1 in Heb. aGen. 22:17; Jer. 33:22 bHos. 1:9; Is. 65:1 cIs. 63:16; 64:8

11 ^aHos. 3:5; Jer. 30:21

1 ¹Ch. 2:3 in Heb. ²I.e., my people ³I.e., she has obtained compassion

2 ^aHos. 2:5; 4:5; Ezek. 23:45

3 ^aEzek. 16:7, 22, 39

THE word of the LORD which came to ^aHosea the son of Beeri, during the days of ^bUzziah, ^cJotham, ^dAhaz, and ^eHezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “^aGo, take to yourself a wife of harlotry, and have children of harlotry; for the land commits flagrant harlotry, ¹forsaking the LORD.”

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

4 And the LORD said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will ¹punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 “And it will come about on that day, that I will ^abreak the bow of Israel in the ^bvalley of Jezreel.”

6 Then she conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. And ¹the LORD said to him, “Name her ²Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel, that I should ever forgive them.

7 “But I will have ^acompassion on the house of Judah and ^bdeliver them by the LORD their God, and will not deliver them by ^cbow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen.”

8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and gave birth to a son.

9 And ¹the LORD said, “Name him ²Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not ³your God.”

10 ¹Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the ^asand of the sea,

Which cannot be measured or numbered;

And it will come about that, in the place

Where it is said to them,

“You are ^bnot My people,”

It will be said to them,

“You are the ^csons of the living God.”

11 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together,

And they will appoint for themselves ^aone leader,

And they will go up from the land,

For great will be the day of Jezreel.

CHAPTER 2

¹SAY to your brothers, “²Ammi,” and to your sisters, “³Ruhamah.”

2 “Contend with your mother, ^acontend,

For she is not my wife, and I am not her husband;

And let her put away her harlotry from her face,

And her adultery from between her breasts,

3 Lest I strip her ^anaked

And expose her as on the day when she was born.

- I will also ^bmake her like a wilderness,
 Make her like desert land,
 And slay her with ^cthirst.
- 4 "Also, I will have no compassion on her children,
 Because they are children of harlotry.
- 5 "For their mother has played the harlot;
 She who conceived them has acted shamefully.
 For she said, 'I will go after my lovers,
 Who ^bgive me my bread and my water,
 My wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.'
- 6 "Therefore, behold, I will ^ahedge up ¹her way with
 thorns,
 And I will build ²a wall against her so that she cannot
 find her ^bpaths.
- 7 "And she will ^apursue her lovers, but she will not over-
 take them;
 And she will seek them, but will not find *them*.
 Then she will say, 'I will go back to my ^bfirst husband,
 For it was ^cbetter for me then than now!'
- 8 "For she does ^anot know that it was ^bI who gave her the
 grain, the new wine, and the oil,
 And lavished on her silver and gold,
 Which they ¹used for Baal.
- 9 "Therefore, I will take back My grain at ¹harvest time
 And My new wine in its season.
 I will also take away My wool and My flax
 Given to cover her nakedness.
- 10 "And then I will ^auncover her lewdness
 In the sight of her lovers,
 And no one will rescue her out of My hand.
- 11 "I will also ^aput an end to all her gaiety,
 Her ^bfeasts, her ^cnew moons, her sabbaths,
 And all her festal assemblies.
- 12 "And I will ^adestroy her vines and fig trees,
 Of which she said, 'These are my wages
 Which my lovers have given me.'
 And I will ^bmake them a forest,
 And the ^cbeasts of the field will devour them.
- 13 "And I will punish her for the ^adays of the Baals
 When she used to ¹offer sacrifices to them
 And adorn herself with her ²earrings and jewelry,
 And follow her lovers, so that she forgot Me," declares
 the LORD.
- 14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
^aBring her into the wilderness,
 And speak ¹kindly to her.
- 15 "Then I will give her her ^avineyards from there,
 And the ^bvalley of Achor as a door of hope.
 And she will ¹sing there as in the days of her youth,
 As in the day when she came up from the land of
 Egypt.
- 16 "And it will come about in that day," declares the LORD,
 "That you will call Me ¹Ishi
 And will no longer call Me ²Baali.

³ ^bHos. 13:15; Is. 32:13, 14
^cJer. 14:3; Amos 8: 11-13

⁵ ^aJer. 2:25; 3:1, 2 ^bHos.
 2:12; Jer. 44:17, 18

⁶ ¹So with some ancient
 versions; Heb., your ²Lit.,
 her wall so that
^aJob 19:8 ^bJer. 18:15

⁷ ^aHos. 5:13; 2 Chr. 28:20-
 22 ^bJer. 2:2; 3:1; Ezek. 16:8;
 23:4 ^cHos. 13:6; Jer. 14: 22

⁸ ¹Or, made into the
^aIs. 1:3 ^bEzek. 16:19

⁹ ¹Lit., its time

¹⁰ ^aEzek. 16:37

¹¹ ^aJer. 7:34; 16:9 ^bHos. 3:4;
 Amos 5:21; 8:10 ^cIs. 1:13, 14

¹² ^aJer. 5:17; 8:13 ^bPs.
 80:12; Is. 5:5; 7:23 ^cHos. 13:8;
 Is. 32:13-15

¹³ ¹Or, burn incense ²Or,
 nose rings
^aHos. 4:13; 11:2 ^bJer. 7:9

¹⁴ ¹Lit., upon her heart
^aEzek. 20:33-38

¹⁵ ¹Or, give answer
^aEzek. 28:25,26 ^bJosh. 7:26
^cJer. 2:1-3

¹⁶ ¹I.e., my Husband ²I.e.,
 my Master, or my Baal
^aHos. 2:7; Is. 54:5

17 ¹Or, *remembered*18 ¹Lit., *break*
^aEzek. 39:1-10 ^bEzek. 34:2519 ^aIs. 62:4, 5; Jer. 3:14 ^bIs.
1:27; 54:6-820 ^aHos. 6:6; 13:421 ^aIs. 55:10; Zech. 8:12;
Mal. 3:10, 1122 ¹I.e., God sows
^aJer. 31:12; Joel 2:1923 ¹Heb., *Lo-ruhamah*
²Heb., *Lo-ammi* ³Lit., *he*
^aJer. 31:27 ^bRom. 9:25 ^cHos.
1:91 ¹I.e., *Gomer* ²Lit.,
companion
^a2 Sam. 6:19; 1 Chr. 16:3;
Song of Sol. 2:52 ¹Heb., *lethech*
^aRuth 4:103 ¹Or, *husband*4 ¹Heb., *teraphim*
^aHos. 2:11; Dan. 9:27; 11:31;
12:11 ^bHos. 10:1, 2 ^cEx. 28:4;
12:1 Sam. 23:9-125 ^aJer. 50:4, 5 ^bEzek. 34:241 ^aHos. 12:2; Mic. 6:217 "For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth,
So that they will be ¹mentioned by their names no more.18 "In that day I will also make a covenant for them
With the beasts of the field,
The birds of the sky,
And the creeping things of the ground.
And I will ^{1a}abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land,
And will make them ^blie down in safety.19 "And I will ^abetroth you to Me forever;
Yes, I will betroth you to Me in ^brighteousness and in justice,20 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness.
Then you will ^aknow the LORD.21 "And it will come about in that day that ^aI will respond,"
declares the LORD.

"I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth,

22 And the ^aearth will respond to the grain, to the new wine, and to the oil,
And they will respond to ¹Jezreel.23 "And I will ^asow her for Myself in the land.
I will also have compassion on ¹her who had not obtained compassion,And ^bI will say to ²those who were 'not My people,
'You are My people!'And ³they will say, '*Thou art my God!*' "

CHAPTER 3

THEN the LORD said to me, "Go, again love a ¹woman who is loved by *her* ²husband, yet an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin ^acakes."2 So I ^abought her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver and a homer and a ¹half of barley.3 Then I said to her, "You shall stay with me for many days. You shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a ¹man; so I will also be toward you."4 For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, ^awithout sacrifice or sacred ^bpillar, and without ^cephod or ¹household idols.5 Afterward the sons of Israel will ^areturn and seek the LORD their God and ^bDavid their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.

CHAPTER 4

LISTEN to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel,
For the LORD has a ^acase against the inhabitants of the land,

- Because there is ^bno ¹faithfulness or ²kindness
Or knowledge of God in the land.
- 2 There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing, and adultery.
They employ violence, so that bloodshed ¹follows bloodshed.
- 3 Therefore the land ^amourns,
And every one who lives in it languishes
Along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky;
And also the fish of the sea ¹disappear.
- 4 Yet let no one ^{1a}find fault, and let none offer reproof;
For your people are like those who ^bcontend with the priest.
- 5 So you will ^astumble by day,
And the prophet also will stumble with you by night;
And I will destroy your ^bmother.
- 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have ^arejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being My priest.
Since you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.
- 7 The more they ^amultiplied, the more they sinned against Me;
I will ^bchange their glory into shame.
- 8 They feed on the ¹sin of My people,
And ^adirect their desire toward their iniquity.
- 9 And it will be, like people, ^alike priest;
So I will punish them for their ways,
And repay them for their deeds.
- 10 And they will eat, but not have enough;
They will play the harlot, but not increase,
Because they have ¹stopped giving heed to the LORD.
- 11 Harlotry, wine, and new wine ^atake away the ¹understanding.
- 12 My people ^aconsult their wooden idol, and their *diviner's* wand informs them;
For a spirit of harlotry has led *them* astray,
And they have played the harlot, *departing* ¹from their God.
- 13 They offer sacrifices on the ^atops of the mountains
And ^{1b}burn incense on the hills,
^cUnder oak, poplar, and terebinth,
Because their shade is pleasant.
Therefore your daughters play the harlot,
And your ²brides commit adultery.
- 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot
Or your ¹brides when they commit adultery,
For *the men* themselves go apart with harlots
And offer sacrifices with temple ^aprostitutes;
So the people without understanding are ²ruined.
- ¹ Or, truth ²Or, loyalty
^bIs. 50:4; Jer. 7:28
- ² Lit., touches
- ³ Lit., are taken away
^aIs. 24:4; 33:9
- ⁴ Lit., contend
^aEzek. 3:26; Amos 5:10, 13
^bDeut. 17:12
- ⁵ ^aHos. 5:5; Ezek. 14:3, 7
^bHos. 2:2, 5
- ⁶ ^aHos. 4:14; Zech. 11:8, 9, 15-17
- ⁷ ^aHos. 10:1; 13:6 ^bHab. 2:16
- ⁸ Or, sin offering
^aIs. 56:11; Mic. 3:11
- ⁹ Is. 24:2; Jer. 5:31
- ¹⁰ Lit., forsaken giving heed; or, forsaken the LORD to practice (v. 11) harlotry.
- ¹¹ Lit., heart
^aIs. 5:12; 28:7
- ¹² Lit., from under
^aIs. 44:19; Jer. 2:27
- ¹³ Or, offer sacrifices ²Or, daughter-in-law
^aJer. 3:6 ^bHos. 2:13; 11:2 ^cJer. 2:20
- ¹⁴ Or, daughter-in-law
²Lit., chust down
^aDeut. 23:17

15 ^aJer. 5:2; 44:26

16 ¹Or, *Now the LORD will pasture . . . field.*
^aPs. 78:8 ^bIs. 5:17; 7:25

17 ^aHos. 13:2 ^bHos. 4:4; Ps. 81:12

18 ¹Lit., *shields*

19 ^aHos. 12:1; 13:15

2 ¹Or, *waded deep in slaughter*
^aHos. 4:2; 6:9

3 ^aAmos 3:2; 5:12

4 ^aHos. 4:6, 14

5 ^aEzek. 23:31-35

6 ^aHos. 8:13; Mic. 6:6, 7
^bIs. 1:15; Jer. 14:12 ^cEzek. 8:6

7 ¹Lit., *strange* ²Lit.,
portions
^aHos. 6:7; Is. 48:8 ^bHos. 2:4
^cHos. 2:11, 12; Is. 1:14

8 ^aJudg. 5:14

9 ^aHos. 9:11-17; Is. 28:1-4
^bIs. 37:3 ^cIs. 46:10; Zech. 1:6

10 ^aDeut. 27:17 ^bEzek. 7:8
^cPs. 32:6; 93:3, 4

- 15 Though you, Israel, play the harlot,
Do not let Judah become guilty;
Also do not go to Gilgal,
Or go up to Beth-aven,
^aAnd take the oath:
"As the LORD lives!"
- 16 Since Israel is ^astubborn
Like a stubborn heifer,
¹Can the LORD now ^bpasture them
Like a lamb in a large field?
- 17 Ephraim is joined to ^aidols;
^bLet him alone.
- 18 Their liquor gone,
They play the harlot continually;
Their ¹rulers dearly love shame.
- 19 ^aThe wind wraps them in its wings,
And they will be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER 5

- HEAR this, O priests!
Give heed, O house of Israel!
Listen, O house of the king!
For the judgment applies to you,
For you have been a snare at Mizpah,
And a net spread out on Tabor.
- 2 And the revolters have ^{1a}gone deep in depravity,
But I will chastise all of them.
- 3 I ^aknow Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from Me;
For now, O Ephraim, you have played the harlot,
Israel has defiled itself.
- 4 Their deeds will not allow them
To return to their God.
For a spirit of harlotry is within them,
And they do not ^aknow the LORD.
- 5 Moreover, the pride of Israel testifies against him,
And Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity;
^aJudah also has stumbled with them.
- 6 They will ^ago with their flocks and herds
To seek the LORD, but they will ^bnot find *Him*;
He has ^cwithdrawn from them.
- 7 They have ^adealt treacherously against the LORD,
For they have borne ^billegitimate children.
Now the ^cnew moon will devour them with their ²land.
- 8 Blow the horn in Gibeah,
The trumpet in Ramah.
Sound an alarm at Beth-aven:
"Behind you, Benjamin!"
- 9 Ephraim will become a ^adesolation in the ^bday of
rebuke;
Among the tribes of Israel I declare what is ^csure.
- 10 The princes of Judah have become like those who
^amove a boundary;
On them I will ^bpour out My wrath ^clike water.

- 11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
Because he was determined to ¹follow *man's*
command.
- 12 Therefore I am like a ²moth to Ephraim,
And like rottenness to the house of Judah.
- 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,
And Judah his ¹wound,
Then Ephraim went to Assyria
And sent to ²King Jareb.
But he is unable to heal you,
Or to cure you of your ¹wound.
- 14 For I *will be* ²like a lion to Ephraim,
And like a young lion to the house of Judah.
¹I, even I, will tear to pieces and go away,
I will carry away, and there will be ^cnone to deliver.
- 15 I will go away *and* return to My place
Until they ^{1a}acknowledge their guilt and seek My face;
In their affliction they will earnestly ^bseek Me.

¹¹ ¹Or, with some ancient versions, *follow nothingness*

¹² ^aPs. 39:11; Is. 51:8

¹³ ¹Or, *ulcer* ²Or, *the avenging king; or, the great king*

¹⁴ ^aHos. 13:7, 8; Ps. 7:2; Amos 3:4 ^bPs. 50:22 ^cMic. 5:8

¹⁵ ¹Or, *bear their punishment* ^aIs. 64:7-9; Jer. 3:13, 14 ^bHos. 3:5; Ps. 50:15; 78:34; Jer. 2:27

CHAPTER 6

- ¹ **C**OME, let us return to the LORD.
For he has torn *us*, but He will heal us;
He has ¹wounded *us*, but He will ^bbandage *us*.
- 2 "He will ^arevive *us* after two days;
He will raise *us* up on the third day
That we may live before Him.
- 3 "So let *us* ^aknow, let *us* press on to know the LORD.
His ^bgoing forth is as certain as the dawn;
And He will come to *us* like the ^crain,
Like the spring rain watering the earth."
- 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
For your ¹loyalty is like a ^amorning cloud,
And like the dew which goes away early.
- 5 Therefore I have ^ahewn *them* in pieces by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of My mouth;
And the judgments on you are *like* the light that goes forth.
- 6 For ^aI delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice,
And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
- 7 But like ¹Adam they have transgressed the covenant;
There they have dealt treacherously against Me.
- 8 Gilead is a city of wrongdoers,
Tracked with bloody *footprints*.
- 9 And as raiders wait for a man,
So a band of priests ^amurder on the way to Shechem;
Surely they have committed ^{1b}crime.
- 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a ^ahorrible thing;
Ephraim's harlotry is there, Israel has defiled itself.
- 11 Also, O Judah, there is a ^aharvest appointed for you,
When I ^brestore the fortunes of My people.

¹ ¹Lit., *struck* ^aJer. 50:4, 5 ^bIs. 30:26

² ^aPs. 30:5

³ ^aIs. 2:3; Mic. 4:2 ^bPs. 19:6; Mic. 5:2 ^cJoel 2:23

⁴ ¹Or, *lovingkindness* ^aHos. 13:3; Ps. 78:34-37

⁵ ^a1 Sam. 15:32, 33; Jer. 1:10, 18; 5:14

⁶ ^aMatt. 9:13; 12:7

⁷ ¹Or, *men*

⁹ ¹Or, *lewdness* ^aHos. 4:2; Jer. 7:9, 10 ^bHos. 2:10; Ezek. 22:9, 23:27

¹⁰ ^aJer. 5:30, 31; 23:14

¹¹ ^aJer. 51:33; Joel 3:13 ^bZeph. 2:7

CHAPTER 7

¹ *Hos. 7:13; 6:4; 11:8;
Ezek. 24:13

² ¹ Lit., *say to their heart*
*Hos. 8:13; 9:9; Ps. 25:7; Jer.
14:10; Amos 8:7 ^b Hos. 4:9;
Jer. 2:19; 4:18

³ *Hos. 7:5; Jer. 28:1-4;
Mic. 7:3

⁴ *Jer. 9:2; 23:10

⁵ ¹ i.e., a festive occasion
^a Is. 28:1, 7, 8 ^b Is. 28:14

⁶ ¹ Lit., *ambush* ² So with
some ancient versions; M. T.,
baker ³ Lit., *sleeps*
^a Ps. 21:9

⁸ ¹ Lit., *peoples*

⁹ *Is. 1:7

¹¹ ¹ Lit., *heart*

¹² ¹ Lit., *report*
^a Ezek. 12:13

¹³ *Hos. 9:17; Jer. 14:10;
Ezek. 34:6 ^b Hos. 7:1; Jer.
51:9; Matt. 23:37

¹⁴ ¹ Or, with Gk. and many
ancient mss., *gash*
themselves
^a Judg. 9:27; Amos 2:8; Mic.
2:11

¹⁵ *Nah. 1:9

- WHEN I ^awould heal Israel,
The iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered,
And the evil deeds of Samaria,
For they deal falsely;
The thief enters in,
Bandits raid outside,
2 And they do not ¹consider in their hearts
That I ^aremember all their wickedness.
Now their ^bdeeds are all around them;
They are before My face.
3 With their wickedness they make the ^aking glad,
And the princes with their lies.
4 They are ^aall adulterers
Like an oven heated by the baker,
Who ceases to stir up *the fire*
From the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.
5 On the ¹day of our king the princes ^abecame sick with
the heat of wine;
He stretched out his hand with ^bscoffers,
6 For their hearts are like an ^aoven
As they approach their ¹plotting;
Their ²anger ³smolders all night,
In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.
All of them are hot like an oven,
And they consume their rulers;
7 All their kings have fallen.
None of them calls on Me.
- 8 Ephraim mixes himself with the ¹nations;
Ephraim has become a cake not turned.
9 ^aStrangers devour his strength,
Yet he does not know *it*;
Gray hairs also are sprinkled on him,
Yet he does not know *it*.
10 Though the pride of Israel testifies against him,
Yet they have neither returned to the LORD their God,
Nor have they sought Him, for all this.
11 So Ephraim has become like a silly dove, without
¹sense;
They call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.
12 When they go, I will ^aspread My net over them;
I will bring them down like the birds of the sky.
I will chastise them in accordance with the ¹proclama-
tion to their assembly.
13 Woe to them, for they have ^astrayed from Me!
Destruction is theirs, for they have rebelled against Me!
I ^bwould redeem them, but they speak lies against Me.
14 And they do not cry to Me from their heart
When they wail on their beds;
For the sake of grain and new wine they ^{1a}assemble
themselves,
They turn away from Me.
15 Although I trained *and* strengthened their arms,
Yet they ^adevise evil against Me.

- 16 They turn, *but* not ¹upward,
 They are like a ²deceitful bow;
 Their princes will fall by the sword
 Because of the ^{2b}insolence of their tongue.
 This *will be* their ^cderision in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 8

- PUT** the trumpet to your ¹lips!
^aLike an eagle *the enemy comes* ^bagainst the house of
 the LORD,
 Because they have transgressed My covenant,
 And rebelled against My law.
- 2 They cry out to Me,
 "My God, we of Israel know Thee!"
- 3 Israel has rejected the good;
 The enemy will pursue him.
- 4 They have set up kings, but not by Me;
 They have appointed princes, but I did not know *it*.
 With their ^asilver and gold they have made idols for
 themselves,
 That ¹they might be cut off.
- 5 ¹He has rejected your calf, O Samaria, saying,
 "My anger burns against them!"
 How long will they be incapable of ^ainnocence?
- 6 For from Israel is even this!
 A craftsman made it, so it is not God;
 Surely the calf of Samaria will be broken to ¹pieces.
- 7 For they sow the wind,
 And they reap the ^awhirlwind.
 The standing grain has no ¹heads;
 It yields no ²grain.
 Should it yield, strangers would swallow it up.
- 8 Israel is ^aswallowed up;
 They are now among the nations
 Like a ^bvessel in which no one delights.
- 9 For they have gone up to Assyria,
 Like a wild donkey ¹all alone;
 Ephraim has ^ahired ¹lovers.
- 10 Even though they hire *allies* among the nations,
 Now I will ^agather them up;
 And they will begin ^{1b}to diminish
 Because of the burden of the ^cking of princes.
- 11 Since Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin,
 They have become altars of sinning for him.
- 12 Though I wrote for him ten thousand *precepts* of My
 law,
 They are regarded as a strange thing.
- 13 As for My sacrificial gifts,
 They ^asacrifice the flesh and eat *it*,
 But the LORD has taken no delight in them.
 Now He will ^bremember their iniquity,
 And punish *them* for their sins;
 They will return to Egypt.

16 ¹Or possibly, to the Most High ²Lit., indignation or cursing ^aPs. 78:57 ^bPs. 12:3, 4; 17:10; Dan. 7:25; Mal. 3:13, 14 ^cEzek. 23:32

¹ ¹Lit., palate ^aHab. 1:8 ^bDeut. 28:49

⁴ ¹Lit., he ^aHos. 2:8; 13:1, 2

⁵ ¹Or, Your calf has rejected you ^aPs. 19:13; Jer. 13:27

⁶ ¹Or, splinters

⁷ ¹Lit., growth ²Or, meal ^aIs. 66:15; Nah. 1:3

⁸ ^aJer. 51:34 ^bHos. 13:15; Jer. 25:34

⁹ ¹Lit., loves ^aEzek. 16:33

¹⁰ ¹Lit., Or, suffer for awhile ^aEzek. 22:20 ^bJer. 42:2 ^cIs. 10:8

¹³ ^aJer. 6:20; 7:21 ^bHos. 7:2; Luke 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:5

14 ^aHos. 2:13; 4:6; 13:6 ^bIs. 9:9, 10 ^cJer. 17:27

1 ¹Lit., to ²Lit., peoples
³Lit., away from your God
⁴Lit., all threshing floors of grain
^aHos. 10:5; Is. 22:12, 13

2 ¹Lit., her

3 ^aEzek. 4:13

4 ¹Lit., be to them ²Or, bread of misfortune ³Lit., their appetite
^aEx. 29:40 ^bHag. 2:14

5 ^aIs. 10:3; Jer. 5:31 ^bHos. 2:11; Joel 1:13

6 ^aHos. 10:8; Is. 5:6; 7:23

7 ¹Or, Israel will know it
²Lit., man of the spirit
^aIs. 10:3; Jer. 10:15; Mic. 7:4
^bIs. 34:8; Jer. 16:18; 25:14
^cLam. 2:14; Ezek. 13:3, 10
^dIs. 44:25 ^eEzek. 14:9, 10

9 ¹Lit., they have corrupted
^aIs. 31:6 ^bHos. 7:2; 8:13

10 ¹i.e., Baal
^aMic. 7:1 ^bJer. 24:2 ^cHos. 4:18; Jer. 11:13 ^dEzek. 20:8

11 ^aHos. 4:7; 10:5

12 ¹Lit., without a man

14 For Israel has ^aforgotten his Maker and ^bbuilt palaces; And Judah has multiplied fortified cities, But I will send a ^cfire on its cities that it may consume its palatial dwellings.

CHAPTER 9

DO not rejoice, O Israel, ¹with exultation like the ²nations! For you have played the harlot, ³forsaking your God. You have loved *harlots'* earnings on ⁴every threshing floor.

2 Threshing floor and wine press will not feed them, And the new wine will fail ¹them.

3 They will not remain in the LORD's land, But Ephraim will return to Egypt, And in Assyria they will eat ^aunclean food.

4 They will not pour out libations of ^awine to the LORD, Their sacrifices will not please Him, *Their bread will ¹be* like ²mourners' bread; All who eat of it will be ^bdefiled, For their bread will be for ³themselves *alone*; It will not enter the house of the LORD.

5 ^aWhat will you do on the day of the appointed festival And on the day of the ^bfeast of the LORD?

6 For behold, they will go because of destruction; Egypt will gather them up, Memphis will bury them. Weeds will take over their treasures of silver; ^aThorns *will be* in their tents.

7 The days of ^apunishment have come, The days of ^bretribution have come;

¹Let Israel know *this!* The prophet is a ^cfool, The ^dinspired man is ^edemented, Because of the grossness of your ^einiquity, And *because* your hostility is so great.

8 Ephraim *was* a watchman with my God, a prophet; Yet the snare of a bird catcher is in all his ways, And there is *only* hostility in the house of his God.

9 They have gone ^adeep ¹in depravity As in the days of Gibeah; He will ^bremember their iniquity, He will punish their sins.

10 I found Israel like ^agrapes in the wilderness; I saw your forefathers as the ^bearliest fruit on the fig tree in its first *season*. But they came to Baal-peor and devoted themselves to ¹shame, And they became as ^ddetestable as that which they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory will ^afly away like a bird— No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!

12 Though they bring up their children, Yet I will bereave them ¹until not a man is left. Yes, woe to them indeed when I depart from them!

- 13 Ephraim, as I have seen,
Is planted in a pleasant meadow like Tyre;
But Ephraim will bring out his children for slaughter.
- 14 Give them, O LORD— what wilt Thou give?
Give them a ^amiscarrying womb and dry breasts.
- 15 All their evil is at Gilgal;
Indeed, I came to hate them there!
Because of the ^awickedness of their deeds
I will drive them out of My house!
I will love them no more;
All their princes are ^brebels.
- 16 Ephraim is stricken, their root is dried up,
They will bear no fruit.
Even though they bear children,
I will slay the ^aprecious ones of their womb.
- 17 My God will cast them away
Because they have not listened to Him;
And they will be wanderers among the nations.

CHAPTER 10

- ISRAEL is a ¹luxuriant ^avine;
He produces fruit for himself.
The more his fruit,
The more altars he ^bmade;
The ²richer his land,
The better ³he made the sacred ^cpillars.
- 2 Their heart is ^{1a}faithless;
Now they must bear their ^bguilt.
²The LORD will ^cbreak down their altars
And destroy their sacred pillars.
- 3 Surely now they will say, "We have ^ano king,
For we do not revere the LORD.
As for the king, what can he do for us?"
- 4 They speak *mere* words,
¹With worthless ^aoaths they make covenants;
And ^bjudgment sprouts like poisonous weeds in the
furrows of the field.
- 5 The inhabitants of Samaria will fear
For the ¹calf of Beth-aven.
Indeed, its people will mourn for it,
And its idolatrous priests ²will cry out over it,
Over its glory, since it has departed from it.
- 6 The thing itself will be carried to Assyria
As tribute to ¹King Jareb;
Ephraim will ²be seized with shame,
And Israel will be ashamed of its ^aown counsel.
- 7 Samaria will be ^acut off *with* her king,
Like a stick on the surface of the water.
- 8 Also the ^ahigh places of Aven, the ^bsin of Israel, will be
destroyed;
^cThorn and thistle will grow on their altars,
Then they will ^dsay to the mountains,
"Cover us!" And to the hills, "Fall on us!"

14^aHos. 9:11

15^aHos. 4:9; 7:2; 12:2^bHos. 5:2

16^aEzek. 24:21

¹ Or, *degenerate* ² Or, *better* ³ Lit., *they*
^a Is. 5:1-7; Ezek. 15:1-5 ^b Hos. 8:11; 12:11; Jer. 2:28^c Hos. 3:4; 1 Kin. 14:23

² Lit., *smooth* ² Lit., *He*
^a 1 Kin. 18:21; Zeph. 1:5
^b Hos. 13:16^c Hos. 10:8; Mic. 5:13

3^a Ps. 12:4; Is. 5:19

⁴ Or, *swearing falsely in making a covenant*
^a Hos. 4:2; Ezek. 17:13-19
^b Deut. 31:16, 17; 2 Kin. 17:3, 4

⁵ So with some ancient versions; Heb., *calves* ² Or, *who used to rejoice over*

⁶ Or, *the avenging king; or, the great king* ² Lit., *receive shame*
^a Is. 30:3; Jer. 7:24

7^a Hos. 13:11

⁸ Hos. 4:13 ^b 1 Kin. 12:28-30; 13:34^c Hos. 10:2; 9:6; Is. 32:13 ^d Luke 23:30; Rev. 6:16

10 ¹Or, *bind*
^aEzek. 5:13

11 ^aHos. 4:16; Jer. 50:11
^bJer. 28:14 ^cPs. 66:12

12 ¹Or, *loyalty* ²Or, *teach*
^aProv. 11:18 ^bJer. 4:3 ^cIs.
 44:3; 45:8

13 ^aJob 4:8; Gal. 6:7 ^bHos.
 4:2; 7:3; 11:12 ^cPs. 33:16

14 ^aIs. 17:3 ^bHos. 13:16

1 ^aHos. 2:15; 12:9, 13; 13:4
^bMatt. 2:15

2 ¹i.e., *God's prophets*
^a2 Kin. 17:13-15 ^bIs. 65:7;
 Jer. 18:15

3 ¹So ancient versions;
 Heb., *He . . . His*
^aDeut. 1:31; 32:10, 11 ^bPs.
 107:20; Jer. 30:17

4 ^aJer. 31:2, 3 ^bEx. 16:32

5 ¹Lit., *He* ²Lit., *his*

6 ¹Lit., *his*
^aLam. 2:9 ^bHos. 4:16, 17

7 ¹i.e., *God's prophets*
²Lit., *him*; i.e., *Israel*
^aJer. 8:5

Wickedness Unabated. God Yearns over His People.

- 9 From the days of Gibeah you have sinned, O Israel;
 There they stand!
 Will not the battle against the sons of iniquity overtake
 them in Gibeah?
- 10 When it is My ^adesire, I will ¹chastise them;
 And the peoples will be gathered against them
 When they are bound for their double guilt.
- 11 And Ephraim is a trained ^aheifer that loves to thresh,
 But I will ^bcome over her fair neck *with a yoke*;
 I will ^charness Ephraim,
 Judah will plow, Jacob will harrow for himself.
- 12 ^aSow with a view to righteousness,
 Reap in accordance with ¹kindness;
^bBreak up your fallow ground,
 For it is time to seek the LORD
 Until He comes to ²rain righteousness on you.
- 13 You have ^aplowed wickedness, you have reaped
 injustice,
 You have eaten the fruit of ^blies.
 Because you have trusted in your way, in your ^cnumerous
 warriors,
- 14 Therefore, a tumult will arise among your people,
 And all your ^afortresses will be destroyed,
 As Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle,
 When ^bmothers were dashed in pieces with *their*
 children.
- 15 Thus it will be done to you at Bethel because of your
 great wickedness.
 At dawn the king of Israel will be completely cut off.

CHAPTER 11

- WHEN Israel was a youth I loved him,
 And ^aout of Egypt I ^bcalled My son.
- 2 The more ¹they called them,
 The more they went from ¹them;
 They kept sacrificing to the Baals
 And ^bburning incense to idols.
- 3 Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk,
¹I ^atook them in ¹My arms;
 But they did not know that I ^bhealed them.
- 4 I ^aled them with cords of a man, with bonds of love,
 And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from
 their jaws;
 And I bent down *and* ^bfed them.
- 5 ¹They will not return to the land of Egypt;
 But Assyria—he will be ²their king,
 Because they refused to return to *Me*.
- 6 And the sword will whirl against ¹their cities,
 And will demolish ¹their gate bars
 And ^aconsume *them* because of their ^bcounsels.
- 7 So My people are bent on ^aturning from Me.
 Though ¹they call ²them to *the One* on high,
 None at all exalts *Him*.

- 8 ^aHow can I give you up, O Ephraim?
 How can I surrender you, O Israel?
 How can I ¹make you like ^bAdmah?
 How can I treat you like ^bZeboiim?
 My heart is turned over within Me,
²All my compassions are kindled.
- 9 I will ^anot execute My fierce anger;
 I will not destroy Ephraim ^bagain.
 For I am God and not man, the ^cHoly One in your
 midst,
 And I will not come in ¹wrath.
- 10 They will ^awalk after the LORD,
 He will ^broar like a lion;
 Indeed He will roar,
 And His sons will come ^ctrembling from the west.
- 11 They will come trembling like birds from ^aEgypt,
 And like ^bdoves from the land of ^aAssyria;
 And I will ^csettle them in their houses, declares the
 LORD.
- 12 ¹Ephraim surrounds Me with lies,
 And the house of Israel with deceit;
 Judah is also unruly against God,
 Even against the Holy one who is faithful.

8 ¹Lit., give ²Lit.,
 Together
^aHos. 6:4; 7:1 ^bGen. 14:8;
 Deut. 29:23

9 ¹Lit., excitement
^aDeut. 13:17 ^bJer. 26:3; 30:11
^cIs. 5:24; 12:6; 41:14, 16

10 ^aHos. 3:5; 6:1-3 ^bIs. 31:4;
 Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2 ^cIs.
 66:2, 5

11 ^aIs. 11:11 ^bHos. 7:11; Is.
 60:8 ^cEzek. 34:27, 28

12 ¹Chap. 12:1 in Heb.

1 ¹Chap. 12:2 in Heb.
²Lit., they make
^aJer. 22:22 ^bGen. 41:6; Ezek.
 17:10

2 ^aHos. 4:1 ^bHos. 4:9; 7:2

3 ^aGen. 25:26 ^bGen. 32:28

4 ^aGen. 32:26 ^bGen. 28:13-
 15; 35:10-15

5 ¹Lit., memorial
^aEx. 3:15

6 ¹Or, royalty
^aMic. 7:7

7 ¹Or, Ganaanite
^aHos. 7:14 ^bProv. 11:1; Amos
 8:5; Mic. 6:11

8 ^aHos. 13:6; Ps. 62:10
^bHos. 4:8; 14:1

9 ^aLev. 23:42

CHAPTER 12

- ¹EPHRAIM feeds on ^awind,
 And pursues the east ^bwind continually;
 He multiplies lies and violence.
 Moreover, ²he makes a covenant with Assyria,
 And oil is carried to Egypt.
- 2 The LORD also has a ^adispute with Judah,
 And will punish Jacob ^baccording to his ways;
 He will repay him according to his deeds.
- 3 In the womb he ^atook his brother by the heel,
 And in his maturity he ^bcontended with God.
- 4 Yes, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed;
 He wept and ^asought His favor.
 He found Him at ^bBethel,
 And there He spoke with us,
- 5 Even the LORD, the God of hosts;
 The LORD is His ¹^aname.
- 6 Therefore, return to your God,
 Observe ¹kindness and justice,
 And ^await for your God continually.
- 7 A ¹merchant, in whose hands are false ^bbalances,
 He loves to oppress.
- 8 And Ephraim said, "Surely I have become ^arich,
 I have found wealth for myself;
 In all my labors they will find in me
^bNo iniquity, which would be sin."
- 9 But I *have been* the LORD your God since the land of
 Egypt;
 I will make you ^alive in tents again,
 As in the days of the appointed festival.

10 ¹Lit., multiplied the vision
^aJer. 7:25 ^bEzek. 17:2; 20:49

12 ¹Lit., field
^aGen. 28:5 ^bGen. 29:20

13 ^aEx. 14:19-22; Is. 63:11-14

14 ^{a2} Kin. 17:7-18 ^bEzek. 18:10-13 ^cDan. 11:18; Mic. 6:16

1 ¹Or, spoke with trembling ²Or, became guilty
^aJob 29:21, 22 ^bJudg. 8:1; 12:1 ^cHos. 2:8-17; 11:2

2 ¹Or, according to their own understanding ²Lit., sacrificers of (or, among) mankind
^aHos. 2:8; Is. 46:6; Jer. 10:4 ^bIs. 44:17-20 ^cHos. 8:6

3 ¹Lit., goes away early
²Lit., window
^aPs. 1:4; Is. 17:13; Dan. 2:35 ^bPs. 68:2

4 ^aEx. 20:3; 2 Kin. 18:35 ^bIs. 43:11; 45:21, 22

5 ¹Or, knew
^aDeut. 32:10

6 ^aDeut. 8:12, 14; 32:13-15; Jer. 5:7 ^bHos. 2:13; 4:6; 8:14

7 ¹Or, watch
^aJer. 5:6

8 ¹Lit., the enclosure of their heart
^aPs. 50:22

9 ¹Or, But in Me is your help
^aJer. 2:17, 19; Mal. 1:12, 13 ^bDeut. 33:26, 29

10 ^aHos. 8:4; 2 Kin. 17:4

- 10 I have also spoken to the ^aprophets,
 And I ¹gave numerous visions;
 And through the prophets I gave ^bparables.
- 11 Is there iniquity in Gilead?
 Surely they are worthless.
 In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls,
 Yes, their altars are like the stone heaps
 Beside the furrows of the field.
- 12 Now ^aJacob fled to the ¹land of Aram,
 And ^bIsrael worked for a wife,
 And for a wife he kept *sheep*.
- 13 But by a ^aprophet the LORD brought Israel from Egypt,
 And by a prophet he was kept.
- 14 ^aEphraim has provoked to bitter anger;
 So his Lord will leave his ^bblood guilt on him,
 And bring back his ^creproach to him.

CHAPTER 13

- ^aWHEN Ephraim ¹spoke, *there was* trembling.
 He ^bexalted himself in Israel,
 But through ^cBaal he ²did wrong and died.
- 2 And now they sin more and more,
 And make for themselves ^amolten images,
 Idols ^bskillfully made from their silver,
 All of them the ^cwork of craftsmen.
 They say of them, "Let the ²men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"
- 3 Therefore, they will be like the morning cloud,
 And like dew which ¹soon disappears,
 Like ^achaff which is blown away from the threshing floor,
 And like ^bsmoke from a ²chimney.
- 4 Yet I *have been* the LORD your God
 Since the land of Egypt;
 And you were not to know ^aany god except Me,
 For there is no savior ^bbesides Me.
- 5 I ¹acared for you in the wilderness,
 In the land of drought.
- 6 As *they had* their pasture, they became ^asatisfied,
 And being satisfied, their heart became proud;
 Therefore, they ^bforgot Me.
- 7 So I will be like a lion to them;
 Like a ^aleopard I will ¹lie in wait by the wayside.
- 8 I will encounter them like a bear robbed of her cubs,
 And I will tear open ¹their chests;
 There I will also ^adevour them like a lioness,
 As a wild beast would tear them.
- 9 *It is* your destruction, O Israel,
¹That *you are* ^aagainst Me, against your ^bhelp.
- 10 Where now is your ^aking
 That he may save you in all your cities,

- And your judges of whom you ¹requested,
 "Give me a king and princes"?"
- 11 I ^agave you a king in My anger,
 And ^btook him away in My wrath.
- 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;
 His sin is ^astored up.
- 13 The pains of ^achildbirth come upon him;
 He is ^bnot a wise son,
 For ¹it is not the time that he should ^cdelay at the
 opening of the womb.
- 14 I will ^aransom them from the ¹power of Sheol;
 I will redeem them from death.
^bO Death, where are your thorns?
^cO Sheol, where is your sting?
^cCompassion will be hid from My sight.
- 15 Though he ^aflourishes among the ¹reeds,
 An ^beast wind will come,
 The wind of the LORD coming up from the wilderness;
 And his fountain will ^cbecome dry,
 And his spring will be dried up;
 It will ^dplunder *his* treasury of every precious article.
- 16 ¹Samaria will be held guilty,
 For she has rebelled against her God.
 They will fall by the sword,
 Their little ones will be dashed in pieces,
 And their pregnant ^awomen will be ripped open.

10 ¹Lit., *said*11 ^{a1} Sam. 8:7 ^bHos. 10:7;
1 Kin. 14:7-1012 ^aDeut. 32:34, 35; Job
14:17; Rom. 2:513 ¹Lit., *it is the time that
he should not tarry at the
breaking forth of children*
^aMic. 4:9, 10 ^bHos. 5:4;
Deut. 32:6 ^cIs. 37:3; 66:914 ¹Lit., *hand*
^aPs. 49:15; Ezek. 37:12, 13
^{b1} Cor. 15:55 ^cJer. 20:16;
31:35-3715 ¹Or, *brothers*
^aHos. 10:1; Gen. 49:22 ^bGen.
41:6; Ezek. 17:10, 19:12 ^cJer.
51:36 ^dJer. 20:516 ¹Ch. 14:1 in Heb.
^{a2} Kin. 15:161 ¹Ch. 14:2 in Heb. ²Or, *in*
^aHos. 6:1; 10:12; 12:6 ^bHos.
4:8; 5:5; 9:72 ¹Or, *accept that which
is good* ²So with ancient
versions; M.T., *our lips as
bulls*
^aMic. 7:18, 19 ^bHos. 6:6; Ps.
51:16, 173 ¹Or, *fatherless*
^aIs. 31:1 ^bHos. 8:6; 13:2
^cHos. 4:12 ^dPs. 68:54 ^aHos. 6:1; Is. 57:18
^bZeph. 3:17 ^cIs. 12:15 ¹Lit., *strike his roots*
^aIs. 26:19 ^bSong of Sol. 2:1;
Matt. 6:286 ¹Lit., *go* ²Or, *splendor*
^aJer. 11:16 ^bSong of Sol. 4:117 ¹Or, *return, they will
raise grain*
^aEzek. 17:23

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CHAPTER 14

- R**ETURN, O Israel, to the LORD your God,
 For you have stumbled ²because of your ^biniquity.
- 2 Take words with you and return to the LORD.
 Say to Him, "aTake away all iniquity,
 And ¹receive us graciously,
 That we may ^bpresent ²the fruit of our lips.
- 3 "Assyria will not save us,
 We will ^anot ride on horses;
 Nor will we say again, 'bOur god,'
 To the ^cwork of our hands;
 For in ^dThee the ¹orphan finds mercy."
- 4 I will ^aheal their apostasy,
 I will ^blove them freely,
 For My anger has ^cturned away from them.
- 5 I will be like the ^adew to Israel;
 He will blossom like the ^blily
 And he will ¹take root like *the cedars of Lebanon*.
- 6 His shoots will ¹sprout,
 And his ²beauty will be like the ^aolive tree,
 And his fragrance like *the cedars of* ^bLebanon.
- 7 Those who ^alive in his shadow;
 Will ¹again raise grain,
 And they will blossom like the vine.
 His renown *will be* like the wine of Lebanon.

⁸ ¹Lit. *him*
^aHos. 14:3; Job 34:32 ^bIs.
 41:19 ^cEzek. 17:23

⁹ ^aPs. 107:43; Jer. 9:12 ^bPs.
 111:7, 8; Zeph. 3:5 ^cIs. 26:7
^dIs. 1:28

¹ ^aJer. 1:2; Ezek. 1:3; Hos.
 1:1 ^bActs 2:16

² ^aHos. 4:1; 5:1 ^bJoel 1:14;
 Job 8:8 ^cJoel 2:2; Jer. 30:7

³ ^aEx. 10:2; Ps. 78:4

⁴ ^aJoel 2:25; Amos 4:9
^bNah. 3:15, 16 ^cIs. 33:4

⁶ ¹Lit., *come up against*
^aJoel 2:2, 11, 25

⁷ ¹Or, *a stump*
^aAmos 4:9

⁸ ^aJoel 1:13; Amos 8:10

⁹ ^aJoel 1:13; 2:14; Hos. 9:4

¹⁰ ^aIs. 24:4, 7

- 8 O Ephraim, what more have I to do with ^aidols?
 It is I who answer and look after ^byou.
 I am like a luxuriant ^bcypress;
 From ^cMe comes your fruit.
- 9 ^aWhoever is wise, let him understand these things;
Whoever is discerning, let him know them.
 For the ^bways of the LORD are right,
 And the ^crighteous will walk in them,
 But ^dtransgressors will stumble in them.

THE BOOK OF JOEL

Devastation of Locusts.

THE ^aword of the LORD that came to ^bJoel, the son of Pethuel.

- 2 ^aHear this, O ^belders,
 And listen, all inhabitants of the land.
 Has *anything like* this happened in ^cyour days
 Or in your fathers' days?
- 3 ^aTell your sons about it,
 And *let* your sons *tell* their sons,
 And their sons the next generation.
- 4 What the ^agnawing locust has left, the swarming locust
 has eaten;
 And what the swarming locust has left, the ^bcreeping
 locust has eaten;
 And what the creeping locust has left, the ^cstripping
 locust has eaten.
- 5 Awake, drunkards, and weep;
 And wail, all you wine drinkers,
 On account of the sweet wine,
 That is cut off from your mouth.
- 6 For a ^anation has ¹invaded my land,
 Mighty and without number;
 Its teeth are the teeth of a lion,
 And it has the fangs of a lioness.
- 7 It has ^amade my vine a waste,
 And my fig tree ¹splinters.
 It has stripped them bare and cast *them* away;
 Their branches have become white.
- 8 Wail like a virgin ^agirded with sackcloth
 For the bridegroom of her youth.
- 9 The ^agrain offering and the libation are cut off
 From the house of the LORD.
 The priests mourn,
 The ministers of the LORD.
- 10 The field is ^aruined,
 The land mourns;

- For the grain is ruined,
The new wine dries up,
Fresh oil ¹fails.
- 11 ^{1a}Be ashamed, O farmers,
Wail, O vinedressers,
For the wheat and the barley;
Because the ^bharvest of the field is destroyed.
- 12 The ^avine dries up,
And the fig tree ¹fails;
The ^bpomegranate, the ^cpalm also, and the ^{2d}apple
tree,
All the trees of the field dry up.
Indeed, ^crejoicing dries up
From the sons of men.
- 13 Gird yourselves *with sackcloth*,
And lament, O priests;
^aWail, O ministers of the altar!
Come, ^bspend the night in sackcloth,
O ministers of my God,
For the grain offering and the libation
Are withheld from the house of your God.
- 14 Consecrate a fast,
Proclaim a solemn assembly;
Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of the land
To the house of the LORD your God,
And ^acry out to the LORD.
- 15 ^aAlas for the day!
For the day of the LORD is near,
And it will come as ^bdestruction from the ¹Almighty.
- 16 Has not ^afood been cut off before our eyes,
Gladness and ^bjoy from the house of our God?
- 17 The ^{1a}seeds shrivel under their ²clouds;
The storehouses are desolate,
The barns are torn down,
For the grain is dried up.
- 18 How the beasts groan!
The herds of cattle wander aimlessly
Because there is no pasture for them;
Even the flocks of sheep ¹suffer.
- 19 ^aTo Thee, O LORD, I cry;
For ^bfire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness,
And the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.
- 20 Even the beasts of the field ^{1a}pant for Thee;
For the ^bwater brooks are dried up,
And fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

10 ¹Lit., *wastes away*

11 ¹Or, *The farmers are ashamed, The vinedressers wail*
^aJer. 14:4; Amos 5:16 ^bIs. 17:11; Jer. 9:12

12 ¹Lit., *wastes away* ²Or, *apricot*
^aHab. 3:17, 18 ^bHag. 2:19
^cSong of Sol. 7:8 ^dSong of Sol. 2:3 ^eIs. 16:10; 24:11

13 ^aJer. 9:10 ^{b1} Kin. 21:27

14 ^aJon. 3:8

15 ¹Heb., *Shaddai*
^aJer. 30:7; Amos 5:16 ^bIs. 13:6; Ezek. 7:2-12

16 ^aIs. 3:7; Amos 4:6, 7
^bDeut. 12:6, 7; Ps. 43:4

17 ¹Or, *dried figs* ²Or, *shovels*
^aIs. 17:10, 11

18 ¹Lit., *bear punishment*

19 ^aPs. 50:15; Mic. 7:7 ^bJer. 9:10; Amos 7:4

20 ¹Lit., *long for*
^aJoel 1:18; Ps. 104:21; 147:9
^{b1} Kin. 17:7; 18:5

1 ^aJoel 2:15; Zeph. 1:16
^bJoel 2:11, 31; 1:15; 3:14

2 ^aJoel 2:10, 31; Zeph. 1:15

CHAPTER 2

- ^a**BLOW** a trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm on My holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
For the ^bday of the LORD is coming;
Surely it is near,
- 2 A day of ^adarkness and gloom,

2 ^bJoel 2:11, 25; 1:6
^cJoel 1:2; Lam. 1:12; Dan.
 9:12; 12:1

3 ^aPs. 97:3; Is. 9:18, 19 ^bIs.
 51:3; Ezek. 36:35 ^cEx. 10:5,
 15; Ps. 105:34, 35

4 ^aRev. 9:7

5 ¹Lit., *Like the noise of
 chariots* ²Lit., *noise*
^aRev. 9:9 ^bIs. 5:24; 30:30

6 ¹Or, *become flushed*
^aIs. 13:8; Nah. 2:10 ^bJer. 30:6

7 ¹Lit., *in his ways*
^aIs. 5:26, 27

8 ¹Lit., *fall* ²Lit., *weapon,*
 probably *javelin*

9 ^aEx. 10:6 ^bJer. 9:21

10 ^aJoel 3:16, Ps. 18:7; Nah.
 1:5 ^bJoel 2:31; 3:15; Is. 13:10;
 34:4; Jer. 4:23; Ezek. 32:7

11 ^aJoel 3:16; Ps. 46:6; Is.
 13:4 ^bJer. 50:34; Rev. 18:8
^cJoel 1:31; 1:15; 3:14 ^dEzek.
 22:14

12 ^aDeut. 4:29; Ezek. 33:11

13 ^aEx. 34:6 ^bJer. 18:8;
 42:10; Amos 7:3, 6

14 ^aHag. 2:19

A day of clouds and thick darkness.

As the dawn is spread over the mountains,
 So there is a ^bgreat and mighty people;
 There has ^cnever been *anything* like it,
 Nor will there be again after it
 To the years of many generations.

3 A ^afire consumes before them,
 And behind them a flame burns.
 The land is ^blike the garden of Eden before them,
 But a ^cdesolate wilderness behind them,
 And nothing at all escapes them.

4 Their ^aappearance is like the appearance of horses;
 And like war horses, so they run.

5 ¹With a ^anoise as of chariots
 They leap on the tops of the mountains,
 Like the ²crackling of a ^bflame of fire consuming the
 stubble,

Like a mighty people arranged for battle.

6 Before them the peoples are in ^aanguish;
 All ^bfaces ¹turn pale.

7 They run like ^amighty men;
 They climb the wall like soldiers;
 And they each march ¹in line,
 Nor do they deviate from their paths.

8 They do not crowd each other;
 They march every one in his path.
 When they ¹burst through the ²defenses,
 They do not break ranks.

9 They rush on the city,
 They run on the wall;
 They climb into the ^ahouses,
 They ^benter through the windows like a thief.

10 Before them the earth ^aquakes,
 The heavens tremble,
 The ^bsun and the moon grow dark,
 And the stars lose their brightness.

11 And the LORD ^autters His voice before His army;
 Surely His camp is very great,
 For ^bstrong is He who carries out His word.
 The ^cday of the LORD is indeed great and very
 awesome,

And ^dwho can endure it?

12 "Yet even now," declares the LORD,
 "Return to Me with all your heart,
 And with fasting, weeping, and mourning;
 13 And rend your heart and not your garments."
 Now return to the LORD your God,

For He is ^agracious and compassionate,
 Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness,
 And ^brelenting of evil.

14 Who knows whether He will *not* turn and relent,
 And leave a ^ablessing behind Him,
 Even a grain offering and a libation
 For the LORD your God?

15 Blow a trumpet in Zion,
 Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly,

- 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation,
 Assemble the elders,
 Gather the children and the nursing infants.
 Let the ^abridegroom come out of his room
 And the bride out of her *bridal* chamber.
- 17 Let the priests, the LORD's ministers,
^aWeep between the porch and the altar,
 And let them say, "^bSpare Thy people, O LORD,
 And do not make Thine inheritance a ^creproach,
 A byword among the nations.
 Why should they among the peoples say,
 '^dWhere is their God?'"
- 18 Then the LORD ¹will be ^azealous for His land,
 And ²will have ^bpity on His people.
- 19 And the LORD ¹will answer and say to His people,
 "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and
 oil,
 And you will be satisfied *in full* with ²them;
 And I will ^anever again make you a reproach among the
 nations.
- 20 "But I will remove the ^anorthern *army* far from you,
 And I will drive it into a parched and desolate land,
 And its vanguard into the ^beastern sea,
 And its rear guard into the ^cwestern sea.
 And its ^dstench will arise and its foul smell will come
 up,
 For it has done great things."
- 21 Do not ^afear, O land, rejoice and be glad,
 For the LORD has done ^bgreat things.
- 22 Do not fear, beasts of the field,
 For the pastures of the wilderness have turned green,
 For the tree has borne its fruit,
 The fig tree and the vine have yielded ¹in full.
- 23 So rejoice, O sons of Zion,
 And ^abe glad in the LORD your God;
 For He has ^bgiven you ¹the early rain for *your* vindi-
 cation.
 And He has poured down for you the rain,
 The ²early and ³latter rain ⁴as before.
- 24 And the threshing ^afloors will be full of grain,
 And the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil.
- 25 "Then I will make up to you for the years
 That the swarming ^alocust has eaten,
 The creeping locust, the stripping locust, and the gnaw-
 ing locust,
 My great army which I sent among you.
- 26 "And you shall have plenty to ^aeat and be satisfied,
 And ^bpraise the name of the LORD your God,
 Who has ^cdealt wondrously with you;
 Then My people will never be ^dput to shame.
- 27 "Thus you will ^aknow that I am in the midst of Israel,
 And that I am the LORD your God
 And there is ^bno other;
 And My people will never be put to shame.

16 •Ps. 19:5

17 •2 Chr. 8:12; Ezek. 8:16
 bIs. 37:20; Amos 7:2, 5•Ps.
 44:13; 74:10 dPs. 79:10; 115:2

18 ¹Or, *was zealous* ²Or,
had pity
^aZech. 1:14; 8:2 bIs. 60:10;
 63:9, 15

19 ¹Or, *answered and said*
²Lit., *if*
^aEzek. 34:29; 36:15

20 ^aJer. 1:14, 15 ^bZech. 14:8
^cDeut. 11:24 ^dIs. 34:3; Amos
 4:10

21 ^aIs. 54:4; Jer. 30:10;
 Zeph. 3:16, 17 ^bJoel 2:26; Ps.
 126:3

22 ¹Lit., *their wealth*

23 ¹I.e., autumn; or
 possibly, *the teacher for*
righteousness ²I.e., autumn
¹I.e., spring ^aSo with ancient
 versions; Heb., *in the first*
^aIs. 12:2-6 ^bDeut. 11:14; Jer.
 5:24 ^cHos. 6:3; Zech. 10:1

24 ^aLev. 26:10; Amos 9:13;
 Mal. 3:10

25 ^aJoel 2:2-11; 1:4-7

26 ^aDeut. 11:15; Is. 62:9
^bDeut. 12:7; Ps. 67:5-7 ^cPs.
 126:2, 3; Is. 25:1 ^dIs. 45:17

27 ^aJoel 3:17, 21 bIs. 45:5, 6

28 ¹Chap. 3:1 in Heb. ²Lit., *flesh*
³Is. 32:15; 44:3; Ezek. 39:29
⁴Is. 40:5; 49:6

29 ¹1 Cor. 12:13

30 ¹Luke 21:11, 25, 26; Acts 2:19

31 ¹Joel 2:10; 3:15; Is. 13:9, 10; 34:4; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Acts 2:20 ²Zeph. 1:14-16; Mal. 4:1, 5

32 ¹Jer. 33:3; Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13 ²Is. 4:2; Obad. 17

1 ¹Chap. 4:1 in Heb.

2 ¹i.e., YHWH judges
²Is. 66:18; Mic. 4:12 ³Joel 3:14 ⁴Is. 66:16; Jer. 25:31
⁵Jer. 50:17; Ezek. 34:6 ⁶Ezek. 35:10; 36:1-5

3 ¹Lit., Given
²Obad. 11; Nah. 3:10 ³Amos 2:6

5 ¹Lit., *goodly things*
²2 Kin. 12:18; 2 Chr. 21:16, 17

6 ¹Lit., *sons of Javan*

9 ¹Jer. 51:27, 28 ²Jer. 6:4; Mic. 3:5 ³Is. 8:9, 10; Jer. 46:3, 4; Zech. 14:2, 3

10 ¹Is. 2:4; Mic. 4:3

11 ¹Or, *Lend aid*
²Is. 13:3

Outpouring of God's Spirit. The Nations Judged.

- 28 ¹"And it will come about after this
 That I will pour out My ²Spirit on all ^{2b}mankind;
 And your sons and daughters will prophesy,
 Your old men will dream dreams,
 Your young men will see visions.
- 29 "And even on the ³male and female servants
 I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
- 30 "And I will ⁴display wonders in the sky and on the earth,
 Blood, fire, and columns of smoke.
- 31 "The ⁵sun will be turned into darkness,
 And the moon into blood,
 Before the ⁶great and awesome day of the LORD comes.
- 32 "And it will come about that ⁷whoever calls on the name
 of the LORD
 Will be delivered;
 For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
 There will be those who ⁸escape,
 As the LORD has said,
 Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

CHAPTER 3

- ¹"FOR behold, in those days and at that time,
 When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
 2 I will ²gather all the nations,
 And bring them down to the ³valley of ¹Jehoshaphat.
 Then I will ⁴enter into judgment with them there
 On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel,
 Whom they have ⁵scattered among the nations;
 And they have ⁶divided up My land.
- 3 "They have also ⁷cast lots for my people,
^{1b}Traded a boy for a harlot,
 And sold a girl for wine that they may drink.
- 4 "Moreover, what are you to Me, O Tyre, Sidon, and all
 the regions of Philistia? Are you rendering Me a recompense?
 But if you do recompense Me, swiftly and speedily I will re-
 turn your recompense on your head.
- 5 "Since you have ⁸taken My silver and My gold, brought
 My precious ¹treasures to your temples,
 6 and sold the sons of Judah and Jerusalem to the
¹Greeks in order to remove them far from their territory,
 7 behold, I am going to arouse them from the place
 where you have sold them, and return your recompense on
 your head.
- 8 "Also I will sell your sons and your daughters into the
 hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the
 Sabaeans, to a distant nation," for the LORD has spoken.
- 9 ²Proclaim this among the nations:
³Prepare a war; ⁴rouse the mighty men!
 Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up!
- 10 ⁵Beat your plowshares into swords,
 And your pruning hooks into spears;
 Let the weak say, "I am a mighty man."
- 11 ¹Hasten and come all you surrounding nations,
 And gather yourselves there.
 Bring down, O LORD, Thy ²mighty ones.

- 12 Let the nations be aroused
And come up to the ^avalley of ¹Jehoshaphat,
For there I will sit to ^bjudge
All the surrounding nations.
- 13 Put in the sickle, for the ^aharvest is ripe.
Come, tread, for the wine press is full;
The vats overflow, for their ^bwickedness is great.
- 14 ^aMultitudes, multitudes in the ^bvalley of ¹decision!
For the ^cday of the LORD is near in the valley of
¹decision.
- 15 The ^asun and moon grow dark,
And the stars lose their brightness.
- 16 And the LORD ^aroars from Zion
And utters His voice from Jerusalem,
And the ^bheavens and the earth tremble.
But the LORD is a ^crefuge for His people
And a ^dstronghold to the sons of Israel.
- 17 Then you will know that I am the LORD your God,
Dwelling in Zion My ^aholy mountain.
So Jerusalem will be ^bholy,
And ^cstrangers will pass through it no more.
- 18 And it will come about in that day
That the ^amountains will drip with ¹sweet wine,
And the hills will ^bflow with milk,
And all the ^cbrooks of Judah will flow with water;
And a ^dspring will go out from the house of the LORD,
To water the valley of ²Shittim.
- 19 Egypt will become a waste,
And Edom will become a desolate wilderness,
Because of the ^aviolence done to the sons of Judah,
In whose land they have shed innocent blood.
- 20 But Judah will be ^ainhabited forever,
And Jerusalem for all generations.
- 21 And I will ^aavenge their blood which I have not
avenged, for the LORD dwells in Zion.

12 ¹I.e., YHWH judges
^aJoel 3:2, 14 ^bPs. 7:6; 98:9; Is.
3:13

13 ^aJer. 51:33; Hos. 6:11
^bGen. 18:20

14 ¹I.e., God's verdict
^aIs. 34:2-8 ^bJoel 3:2, 12 ^cJoel
1:15; 2:1, 11, 31

15 ^aJoel 2:10, 31

16 ^aHos. 11:10; Amos 1:2
^bJoel 2:10; Ezek. 38:19; Hag.
2:6 ^cPs. 61:3; Is. 33:16; Jer.
17:17 ^dJer. 16:19; Nah. 1:7

17 ^aIs. 11:9; 56:7; Ezek.
20:40 ^bIs. 4:3; Obad. 17 ^cIs.
52:1; Nah. 1:15

18 ¹Lit., *freshly pressed out
grape juice* ²Or, *acacias*
^aAmos 9:13 ^bEx. 3:8 ^cIs.
30:25; 35:6 ^dEzek. 47:1-12

19 ^aObad. 10

20 ^aEzek. 37:25; Amos 9:15

21 ^aIs. 4:4; Ezek. 36:25

THE BOOK OF AMOS

Judgment on Neighbor Nations.

THE words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from ^aTekoa, which he ¹envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the ^bearthquake.

2 And he said,

“The ^aLORD roars from Zion,
And from Jerusalem He utters His voice;
And the shepherds’ ^bpasture grounds mourn,
And the ¹summit of Carmel dries up.”

3 Thus says the LORD,

“For three transgressions of Damascus and for four

¹Lit., *concerning saw*
^a2 Sam. 14:2; Jer. 6:1 ^bZech.
14:5

²Lit., *head*
^aIs. 42:13; Jer. 25:30; Joel
3:16 ^bJer. 12:4; Joel 1:18, 19

³ ¹Lit., *cause it to turn back*, and so throughout the chap.
²Is. 6:4

⁵ ¹Possibly *Baalbek*
²Jer. 51:30; Lam. 2:9

⁶ ¹Sam. 6:17; Jer. 47:1, 5; Zeph. 2:4 ²Ezek. 35:5; Obad. 11

⁸ ¹Lit., *cause to return*
²Lit., *hand* ³YHWH, usually rendered LORD
⁴Amos 3:9; 2 Chr. 26:6; Zech. 9:6 ⁵Jer. 47:5; Zeph. 2:4 ⁶Is. 14:29-31; Ezek. 25:16

⁹ ¹Lit., *brothers*
²Is. 23:1-18; Jer. 25:22; Ezek. 26:2-4 ³1 Kin. 5:1; 9:11-14

¹¹ ¹Lit., *corrupted*
²Is. 34:5, 6; 63:1-6; Jer. 49:7-22 ³Num. 20:14-21; 2 Chr. 28:17; Obad. 10-12 ⁴Is. 57:16; Mic. 7:18

12 ²Jer. 49:7, 20

13 ²Jer. 49:1-6; Ezek. 25:2-7; Zeph. 2:8, 9 ³2 Kin. 15:16; Hos. 13:16 ⁴Is. 5:8; Ezek. 35:10

14 ¹Or, *shouts*
²Amos 2:2; Ezek. 21:22 ³Is. 29:6; 30:30

15 ²Jer. 49:3

I will ²not ¹revoke its *punishment*,
 Because they threshed Gilead with *implements* of sharp iron.

- 4 "So I will send fire upon the house of Hazael,
 And it will consume the citadels of Behadad.
- 5 "I will also ²break the *gate* bar of Damascus,
 And cut off the inhabitant from the ¹Valley of Aven,
 And him who holds the scepter, from Beth Eden;
 So the people of Syria will go exiled to Kir,"
 Says the LORD.
- 6 Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of ²Gaza and for four
 I will not revoke its *punishment*,
 Because they deported an entire population
 To deliver it up to ³Edom.
- 7 "So I will send fire upon the wall of Gaza,
 And it will consume her citadels.
- 8 "I will also cut off the inhabitant from ²Ashdod,
 And him who holds the scepter, from ³Ashkelon;
 I will even ¹unleash My ²power upon Ekron,
 And the remnant of the ⁴Philistines will perish,"
 Says the Lord ³God.
- 9 Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of ²Tyre and for four
 I will not revoke its *punishment*,
 Because they delivered up an entire population to
 Edom
 And did not remember *the covenant* of ^{1b}brotherhood.
- 10 "So I will send fire upon the wall of Tyre,
 And it will consume her citadels."
- 11 Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of ²Edom and for four
 I will not revoke its *punishment*,
 Because he ^bpursued his brother with the sword,
 While he ¹stified his compassion;
 His anger also ^ctore continually,
 And he maintained his fury forever.
- 12 "So I will send fire upon ²Teman,
 And it will consume the citadels of Bozrah."
- 13 Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of the sons of ²Ammon and for
 four
 I will not revoke its *punishment*,
 Because they ^bripped open the pregnant women of
 Gilead
 In order to ^cenlarge their borders.
- 14 "So I will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah,
 And it will consume her citadels
 Amid ^{1a}war cries on the day of battle
 And a ^bstorm on the day of tempest.
- 15 "Their ²king will go into exile,
 He and his princes together," says the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

THUS says the LORD,

“For three transgressions of ^aMoab and for four
I will not ¹revoke its *punishment*,
Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to
lime.

2 “So I will send fire upon Moab,
And it will consume the citadels of ^aKerioth;
And Moab will die amid ^btumult,
With ¹war cries and the sound of a trumpet.

3 “I will also cut off the ^{1a}judge from her midst,
And slay all her princes with him,” says the LORD.

4 Thus says the LORD,

“For three transgressions of ^aJudah and for four
I will not revoke its *punishment*,
Because they ^brejected the law of the LORD
And have not kept His statutes;
Their ^{1c}lies also have led them astray,
Those after which their ^dfathers walked.

5 “So I will ^asend fire upon Judah,
And it will consume the citadels of Jerusalem.”

6 Thus says the LORD,

“For three transgressions of Israel and for four
I will not revoke its *punishment*,
Because they ^asell the righteous for money
And the needy for a pair of sandals.

7 “These who ¹pant after the very dust of the earth on the
head of the ²helpless
Also turn aside the way of the humble;
And a ^bman and his father ²resort to the same ³girl
In order to profane My holy name.

8 “And on garments ^ataken as pledges they stretch out
beside every altar,
And in the house of their God they drink the wine of
those who have been fined.

9 “Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them,
¹Though his height was like the height of cedars
And he was strong as the oaks;
I even destroyed his ^afruit above and his root below.

10 “And it was I who brought you up from the land of
Egypt,
And I led you in the wilderness ^aforty years
¹That you might take possession of the land of the
Amorite.

11 “Then I ^araised up some of your sons to be prophets
And some of your young men to be ^bNazirites.
Is this not so, O sons of Israel?” declares the LORD.

12 “But you made the Nazirites drink wine,
And you commanded the prophets saying, ‘You shall
not ^aprophesy!’

¹ ¹Lit., *cause it to turn back, and so throughout the chap.*
²Is. 15:1-16:14; Jer. 48:1-47; Zeph. 2:8, 9

² ¹Or, *shouts*
^aJer. 48:24, 41 ^bJer. 48:45

³ ¹Or, *executive officer*
^aAmos 5:7, 12; 6:12; Ps. 2:10; 141:6

⁴ ¹Or, *false gods*
^aAmos 3:2; 2 Kin. 17:19; Hos. 12:2 ^bJudg. 2:17-20; 2 Kin. 22:11-17; Jer. 6:19; 8:9
^cIs. 9:15, 16; 28:15; Hab. 2:18
^dJer. 9:14; 16:11, 12; Ezek. 20:18, 24, 30

⁵ ^aJer. 17:27; 21:10

⁶ ^aAmos 5:11, 12; 8:6; Joel 3:3

⁷ ¹Or, *trample the head of the helpless on the dust; or, snap at, etc.* ²Lit., *go*
³Possibly a harlot, or a temple prostitute
^aAmos 8:4; Mic. 2:2, 9 ^bHos. 4:14

⁸ ^aEx. 22:26

⁹ ¹Lit., *whose height*
^aEzek. 17:9; Mal. 4:1

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *To possess*
^aDeut. 2:7

¹¹ ^aDeut. 18:17; Jer. 7:25
^bNum. 6:2, 3

¹² ^aAmos 7:13, 16; Jer. 11:21

13 ¹Or, tottering ²Or, totters
³Joel 3:13

14 ¹Or, A place of refuge
²Lit., soul
³Is. 30:16, 17 ^bJer. 9:23

15 ¹Lit., soul
²Is. 31:3

16 ¹Lit., stout of heart
²Judg. 4:17; Jer. 48:41

1 ¹I.e., nation ²Lit., I
³Jer. 8:3; 13:11

2 ¹Lit., visit
²Ex. 19:5, 6; Deut. 4:32:37

3 ¹Or, agreement
²Lev. 26:23, 24

4 ¹Lit., give his voice
²Ps. 104:21; Hos. 5:14; 11:10

5 ¹Or, striker-bar set

6 ²Jer. 4:5, 19, 21; 6:1; Hos. 5:8; Zeph. 1:16 ^bIs. 14:24-27; 45:7

7 ¹Or, For
²Gen. 18:17; Jer. 23:22; Dan. 9:22

8 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
²Jon. 1:1-3; 3:1-3 ^bJer. 20:9

9 ²Amos 4:1; 6:1; Is. 28:1; Ezek. 37:22 ^bAmos 4:1; 5:11; 8:6

10 ¹I.e., the booty from violence, etc.
²Amos 5:7; 6:12; Ps. 14:4; Jer. 4:22 ^bHab. 2:8-11; Zeph. 1:9; Zech. 5:3, 4

11 ¹Or, stronghold

12 ¹Or, delivers ²Or, delivered ³Lit., damask
⁴1 Sam. 17:34-37

13 ²Ezek. 2:7

14 ²Amos 4:4; 5:5, 6; 7:10; 13; Hos. 10:5-8, 14, 15

- 13 "Behold, I am ¹weighted down beneath you
 As a wagon is ²weighted down when filled with sheaves.
- 14 "¹Flight will perish from the swift,
 And the stalwart will not strengthen his power,
 Nor the ^bmighty man save his ²life.
- 15 "He who grasps the bow will not stand *his ground*,
 The swift of foot will not escape,
 Nor will he who ^arides the horse save his ¹life.
- 16 "Even the ¹bravest among the warriors will ^aflee naked
 in that day," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

HEAR this word which the LORD has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against the entire ¹a family which ²He brought up from the land of Egypt,

- 2 "^aYou only have Me among all the families of the earth;
 Therefore, I will ¹punish you for all your iniquities."
- 3 Do two men ^awalk together unless they have made an ¹appointment?
- 4 Does a lion ^aroar in the forest when he has no prey?
 Does a young lion ¹growl from his den unless he has captured *something*?
- 5 Does a bird fall into a trap on the ground when there is no ¹bait in it?
 Does a trap spring up from the earth when it captures nothing at all?
- 6 If a ^atrumpet is blown in a city will not the people tremble?
- 7 If a ^bcalamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it?
- 7 ¹Surely the LORD God does nothing
 Unless He ^areveals His secret counsel
 To His servants the prophets.
- 8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear?
 The ^aLord ¹God has spoken! ^bWho can but prophesy?
- 9 Proclaim on the citadels in Ashdod and on the citadels in the land of Egypt and say, "Assemble yourselves on the ^amountains of Samaria and see the great tumults within her and *the* ^boppressions in her midst.
- 10 "But they do not ^aknow how to do what is right," declares the LORD, "these who ^bhoard up ¹violence and devastation in their citadels."
- 11 Therefore, thus says the Lord God,
 "An enemy, even one surrounding the land,
 Will pull down your ¹strength from you
 And your citadels will be looted."
- 12 Thus says the LORD,
 "Just as the shepherd ¹a snatches from the lion's mouth a couple of legs or a piece of an ear,
 So will the sons of Israel dwelling in Samaria be ²snatched away—
 With *the* corner of a bed and *the* ³cover of a couch!
- 13 "Hear and ^atestify against the house of Jacob,"
 Declares the Lord God, the God of hosts.
- 14 "For on the day that I punish Israel's transgressions,
 I will also punish the altars of ^aBethel;

The horns of the altar will be cut off,
And they will fall to the ground.

- 15 "I will also smite the ^{1a}winter house together with the ^bsummer house;
The houses of ^{2c}ivory will also perish
And the great houses will come to an end,"
Declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR this word, you cows of ^aBashan who are on the mountain of Samaria,

Who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,
Who say to ¹your husbands, "Bring now, that we may drink!"

- 2 The Lord ¹GOD has sworn by His ^aholiness,
"Behold, the days are coming upon you
When ²they will take you away with ^bmeat hooks.
And the last of you with ^cfish hooks.
- 3 "You will ^ago out *through breaches in the walls*,
Each one straight before her,
And you ¹will be cast to Harmon," declares the LORD.
- 4 "Enter Bethel and transgress;
In Gilgal multiply transgression!
Bring your sacrifices every morning,
Your tithes every three days.
- 5 "Offer a ^athank offering also from that which is leavened,
And proclaim ^bfreewill offerings, make them known.
For so you ^clove to do, you sons of Israel,"
Declares the Lord God.
- 6 "But I gave you also ^acleanness of teeth in all your cities
And lack of bread in all your places,
Yet you have ^bnot returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 7 "And furthermore, I ^awithheld the rain from you
While there *were* still three months until harvest.
Then I would send rain on one city
And on ^banother city I would not send rain;
One part would be rained on,
While the part not rained on would dry up.
- 8 "So two or three cities would stagger to another city to drink ^awater,
But would ^bnot be satisfied;
Yet you have ^cnot returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 9 "I ^asmote you with scorching *wind* and mildew;
And the ^bcaterpillar was devouring
Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive trees;
Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 10 "I sent a ^aplague among you after the manner of Egypt;
I slew your ^byoung men by the sword along with your ^ccaptured horses,
And I made the ^dstench of your camp rise up in your nostrils;
Yet you have ^enot returned to Me," declares the LORD.

¹⁵ ¹Or, *autumn* ²i.e., ivory inlay
^aJer. 36:22 ^bJudg. 3:20
^c1 Kin. 22:39; Ps. 45:8

¹ ¹Lit., *their lords*
^aPs. 22:12; Ezek. 39:18

² ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. ²Lit., *he*
^aPs. 89:35 ^bIs. 37:29; Ezek. 38:4 ^cEzek. 29:4

³ ¹So Gk.; M.T. reads, *will cast*
^aJer. 52:7

⁵ ¹Lit., *Offer up in smoke*
^aLev. 7:13 ^bLev. 22:18-21
^cHos. 9:1, 10; Jer. 7:9, 10

⁶ ^aIs. 3:1; Jer. 14:18 ^bIs. 9:13; Jer. 5:3; Hag. 2:17

⁷ ^aDeut. 11:17; 2 Chr. 7:13; Is. 5:6 ^bEx. 9:4, 26; 10:22, 23

⁸ ^a1 Kin. 18:5; Jer. 14:4
^bEzek. 4:16; Hag. 1:6 ^cJer. 3:7

⁹ ^aDeut. 28:22; Hag. 2:17
^bAmos 7:1, 2; Joel 1:4, 7

¹⁰ ^aLev. 26:25; Deut. 28:27, 60 ^bJer. 11:22; 18:21; 48:15
^c2 Kin. 13:3, 7 ^dJoel 2:20 ^eIs. 9:13

11 ^aGen. 19:25; Deut. 29:23
^bZech. 3:2 ^cJer. 23:14

12 ^aIs. 32:11; 64:2; Jer. 5:22

13 ^aJob 38:4-7; Ps. 65:6; Is. 40:12 ^bPs. 135:7; Jer. 10:13
^cPs. 139:2; Dan. 2:30 ^dAmos 5:8; Jer. 13:16; Joel 2:2 ^eMic. 1:3

1 ^aJer. 7:29; 9:10, 17; Ezek. 19:1

2 ^aJer. 14:17 ^bIs. 51:18; Jer. 50:32

3 ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.
^aIs. 6:13

4 ^aDeut. 4:29; 32:46, 47

5 ¹Lit., *seek* ²Or, *become iniquity*

6 ¹Or, *in the house*
^aAmos 5:14; Is. 55:3, 6, 7
^bDeut. 4:24

7 ¹Lit., *they have put down*
^aAmos 5:12; 2:3; 6:12

8 ¹Lit., *He darkened*
^aJob 9:9; 38:31 ^bJob 12:22; 38:12; Is. 42:16 ^cAmos 9:6; Ps. 104:6-9

9 ^aAmos 2:14; Job 5:3; Is. 29:5 ^bMic. 5:11

10 ¹L.e., the place where court was held
^aAmos 5:15; Is. 29:21 ^bIs. 59:15; Jer. 17:16-18

11 ¹Another reading is: *trample upon*

"Seek Me that You May Live!"

- 11 "I overthrew you as ^aGod overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
And you were like a ^bfirebrand snatched from a blaze;
Yet you have ^cnot returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 12 "Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel;
Because I shall do this to you,
Prepare to ^ameet your God, O Israel."
- 13 For behold, He who ^aforms mountains and ^bcreates the wind
And ^cdeclares to man what are His thoughts,
He who ^dmakes dawn into darkness
And ^etreads on the high places of the earth,
The LORD God of hosts is His name.

CHAPTER 5

HEAR this word which I take up for you as a ^adirge, O house of Israel.

- 2 She has fallen, she will not rise again—
The ^avirgin Israel.
She *lies* neglected on her land;
There is ^bnone to raise her up.
- 3 For thus says the Lord ¹God,
"The city which goes forth a thousand *strong*
Will have a ^ahundred left,
And the *one* which goes forth a hundred *strong*
Will have ten left to the house of Israel."
- 4 For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel,
"^aSeek Me that you may live.
- 5 "But do not ¹resort to Bethel,
And do not come to Gilgal,
Nor cross over to Beersheba;
For Gilgal will certainly go into captivity,
And Bethel will ²come to trouble.
- 6 "^aSeek the LORD that you may live,
Lest He break forth like a ^bfire, ¹O house of Joseph,
And it consume with none to quench *it* for Bethel,
- 7 For those who turn ^ajustice into wormwood
And ¹cast righteousness down to the earth."
- 8 He who made the ^aPleiades and Orion
And ^bchanges deep darkness into morning,
Who also ¹darkens day *into* night,
Who ^ccalls for the waters of the sea
And pours them out on the surface of the earth,
The LORD is His name.
- 9 It is He who ^aflashes forth *with* destruction upon the strong,
So that ^bdestruction comes upon the fortress.
- 10 They hate him who ^areproves in the ¹gate,
And they ^babhor him who speaks *with* integrity.
- 11 Therefore, because you ¹impose heavy rent on the poor
And exact a tribute of grain from them,

- Though* you have built houses of well hewn stone,
Yet you will not live in them;
You have planted pleasant vineyards, yet you will ^anot
drink their wine.
- 12 Because I know your transgressions are many and your
sins are great,
You who ^adistress the righteous *and* accept bribes,
And ¹turn aside the poor in the ²gate.
- 13 Therefore, at ¹such a time the prudent person ^akeeps
silent, for it is an evil time.
- 14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
And thus may the LORD God of hosts be with you,
Just as you have said!
- 15 ^aHate evil, love good,
And establish justice in the ¹gate!
Perhaps the LORD God of hosts
^bMay be gracious to the ^cremnant of Joseph.
- 16 Therefore, thus says the LORD God of hosts, the Lord,
“There is ^awailing in all the plazas,
And in all the streets they say, ‘Alas! Alas!’
They also call the ^bfarmer to mourning
And ^{1c}professional mourners to lamentation.
- 17 “And in all the ^avineyards *there is* wailing,
Because I shall pass through the midst of you,” says the
LORD.
- 18 Alas, you who are longing for the ^aday of the LORD,
For what purpose *will* the day of the LORD *be* to you?
It *will be* ^bdarkness and not light;
- 19 As when a man ^aflees from a lion,
And a bear meets him,
¹Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall,
And a snake bites him.
- 20 *Will* not the day of the LORD *be* ^adarkness instead of
light,
Even gloom with no brightness in it?
- 21 “I hate, I ^areject your festivals,
Nor do I ^{1b}delight in your solemn assemblies.
- 22 “Even though you ^aoffer up to Me burnt offerings and
your grain offerings,
I will not accept *them*;
And I will not *even* look at the ^bpeace offering of your
fatlings.
- 23 “Take away from Me the noise of your songs;
I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.
- 24 “But let ^ajustice roll down like waters
And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
- 25 “¹Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offering
in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?
26 “You also carried along ¹Sikkuth your ²king and
²Kiyyun, your images, ³the star of your gods which you made
for yourselves.
- 11 ^aMic. 6:15
- 12 ¹Lit., *they turn* ²i.e., the
place where court was held
^aIs. 1:23; 5:23
- 13 ¹Lit., *that time*
^aEccles. 3:7; Hos. 4:4
- 15 ¹i.e., the place where
court was held
^aPs. 97:10 ^bJoel 2:14 ^cMic.
5:3, 7, 8
- 16 ¹Lit., *those who know
lamentation*
^aAmos 8:3; Jer. 9:10, 18-20
^bJoel 1:11 ^cChr. 35:25
- 17 ^aIs. 16:10; Jer. 48:33
- 18 ^aIs. 5:19; Joel 1:15; 2:1,
11, 31 ^bIs. 5:30; 9:19; Jer. 30:7
- 19 ¹Or, *Then*
^aJob 20:24; Is. 24:17, 18; Jer.
15:2, 3
- 20 ^aIs. 13:10; Zeph. 1:15
- 21 ¹Lit., *like to smell*
^aAmos 4:4, 5; 8:10; Is. 1:11-
16; 66:3 ^bLev. 26:31; Jer.
14:12; Hos. 5:6
- 22 ^aMic. 6:6, 7 ^bAmos 4:5;
Lev. 7:11-15
- 24 ^aJer. 22:3; Ezek. 45:9;
Mic. 6:8
- 25 ¹Or, *You presented Me
with the sacrifices and a
grain offering*
- 26 ¹Or, *Sakkuth or
(Saturn); or else, shrine of
your Moloch* ²Or, *Karwan
(Saturn); or else: stands of
Or, your star gods*

1 *Is. 32:9-11; Zeph. 1:12
 bAmos 3:2; Ex. 19:5

2 ¹Or, you
 aGen. 10:10; Is. 10:9 b1 Kin.
 8:65; 2 Kin. 18:34; Is. 10:9
 c1 Sam. 5:8; 2 Chr. 26:6

3 *Amos 9:10; Is. 56:12
 bPs. 94:20

4 *Ezek. 34:2, 3

5 ¹Or, invented musical
 instruments
 a1 Chr. 15:16

6 ¹Lit., sprinkling basins
 aEzek. 9:4

7 ¹Or, cultic feasts ²Lit.,
 turn aside
 a1 Kin. 20:16-20; Dan. 5:4-6,
 30

8 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD ²Lit., hate
³Lit., its fulness
 aAmos 5:21; Lev. 26:30;
 Deut. 32:19; Ps. 106:40
 bHos. 11:6

10 ¹Or, beloved one ²Lit.,
 one who burns him ³Lit., say
⁴Lit., not to make mention
 of the name of
 a1 Sam. 31:12 bAmos 5:13;
 8:3 cJer. 44:26; Ezek. 20:39

12 ¹Another reading is: the
 sea with oxen ²i.e.,
 bitterness
 aAmos 5:7, 11, 12; 1 Kin.
 21:7-13; Is. 59:13, 14

13 ¹Lit., a thing of nothing
²Lit., who ³Lit., a pair of
 horns
 aJob 8:14, 15; Ps. 2:2-4; Luke
 12:19, 20 bPs. 75:4, 5; Is.
 28:14, 15

27 "Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

CHAPTER 6

^aW^OE to those who are at ease in Zion,
 And to those who *feel* secure in the mountain of
 Samaria,

The ^bdistinguished men of the foremost of nations,
 To whom the house of Israel comes.

2 Go over to ^aCalneh and look,
 And go from there to ^bHamath the great,
 Then go down to ^cGath of the Philistines.
 Are ¹they better than these kingdoms,
 Or is their territory greater than yours?

3 Do you ^aput off the day of calamity,
 And would you ^bbring near the seat of violence?

4 Those who recline on beds of ivory
 And sprawl on their couches,
 And ^aeat lambs from the flock
 And calves from the midst of the stall,

5 Who improvise to the sound of the harp,
 And like David have ^{1a}composed songs for themselves.

6 Who drink wine from ¹sacrificial bowls
 While they anoint themselves with the finest of oils,
 Yet they have not ^agrieved over the ruin of Joseph.

7 Therefore, they will now go into exile at the head of
 the exiles,
 And the ^asprawlers' ¹banqueting will ²pass away.

8 The Lord ¹GOD has sworn by Himself, the LORD God
 of hosts has declared:

"I ^aloathe the arrogance of Jacob,
 And I ²detest his citadels;

Therefore, I will ^bdeliver up *the* city and ³all it con-
 tains.

9 And it will be, if ten men are left in one house, they will
 die.

10 Then one's ¹uncle, or his ^{2a}undertaker, will lift him up
 to carry out *his* bones from the house, and he will say to the
 one who is in the innermost part of the house, "Is anyone else
 with you?" And that one will say, "No one." Then he will
³answer, "^bKeep quiet. For ⁴the name of the LORD is ^cnot to be
 mentioned."

11 For behold, the LORD is going to command that the
 great house be smashed to pieces and the small house to
 fragments.

12 Do horses run on rocks?
 Or does one plow ¹them with oxen?
 Yet you have turned ^ajustice into poison,
 And the fruit of righteousness into ²wormwood,

13 You who rejoice in ^{1a}Lo-debar,
²And say, "Have we not by our own strength ^btaken
³Karnaim for ourselves?"

14 "For behold, I am going to raise up a nation against you,

O house of Israel," declares the LORD God of hosts,
"And they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath
To the brook of the Arabah.

CHAPTER 7

THUS the Lord God showed me, and behold, He was forming a locust-swarm when the spring crop began to sprout. And behold, the spring crop was after the king's mowing.

2 And it came about, when it had finished eating the vegetation of the land, that I said,

"Lord God, please pardon!

How can Jacob stand,

For he is small?"

3 The Lord changed His mind about this.

"It shall not be," said the Lord.

4 Thus the Lord God showed me, and behold, the Lord God was calling to contend with them by fire, and it consumed the great deep and began to consume the farm land.

5 Then I said,

"Lord God, please stop!

How can Jacob stand, for he is small?"

6 The Lord changed His mind about this.

"This too shall not be," said the Lord God.

7 Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall, with a plumb line in His hand.

8 And the Lord said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold I am about to put a plumb line

In the midst of my people Israel.

I will spare them no longer.

9 "The high places of Isaac will be desolated

And the sanctuaries of Israel laid waste.

Then shall I rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam, king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to endure all his words.

11 "For thus Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'"

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Go, you seer, flee away to the land of Judah, and there eat bread and there do your prophesying!

13 "But no longer prophesy at Bethel, for it is a sanctuary of the king and a royal residence."

14 Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs.

15 "But the Lord took me from following the flock and the Lord said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'

16 "And now hear the word of the Lord: you are saying, 'You shall not prophesy against Israel nor shall you preach against the house of Isaac.'

17 "Therefore, thus says the Lord, 'Your wife will become

14 Num. 34:7, 8; 2 Kin. 14:25

1 YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. 2 Lit., at the beginning of the coming up of 3 Or, shearings 4 Amos 4:9; Joel 1:4; Nah. 3:15

2 1 Lit., if 2 Lit., as who 3 Ex. 10:15 4 Jer. 14:7, 20, 21; Ezek. 9:8; 11:13 5 Is. 37:4; Jer. 42:2

3 Or, relented 4 Amos 5:15; Jer. 26:19; Hos. 11:8

4 1 Lit., portion 2 Amos 2:5; Deut. 32:22; Is. 66:15, 16

5 Ps. 85:4; Joel 2:17

6 Or, relented 7 Amos 7:3; Ps. 106:45; Jon. 3:10

7 Or, upon 2 Lit., wall of a plumb line

8 1 Lit., pass him by 2 Amos 8:2; Jer. 1:11 3 Is. 28:17; 34:11; Lam. 2:8 4 Amos 8:2; Jer. 15:6; Ezek. 7:2-9

9 Hos. 10:8; Mic. 1:5 10 Amos 7:13; Lev. 26:31; Is. 63:18; Jer. 51:51 11 Amos 7:11; 2 Kin. 15:8-10

10 1 Kin. 12:31, 32; 13:33 2 Jer. 26:8-11; 38:4

12 Matt. 8:34

13 1 Lit., house 2 Amos 2:12; Acts 4:18 3 Amos 7:9; 1 Kin. 12:29, 32

14 Or, nipper 2 Kin. 2:3; 4:38; 2 Chr. 19:2

15 1 Lit., behind 2 Jer. 1:7; Ezek. 2:3, 4

16 1 Lit., drip 2 Amos 7:13; 2:12 3 Deut. 32:2; Ezek. 20:46; 21:2

17 Hos. 4:13, 14

17 ¹Or, in an unclean land
^vJer. 14:16 ^{c2}Kin. 17:6;
 Ezek. 4:13; Hos. 9:3

1 ¹YHWH, usually
 rendered LORD, and so
 throughout the chap.

2 ¹Lit., pass him by
^vJer. 24:3 ^bEzek. 7:2, 3, 6

3 ¹Or, they will howl the
 palace songs ²Lit., he has
 thrown ³Or, hush!
^vAmos 8:10; 5:23; 6:4, 5

4 ¹Or, snap at
^vAmos 2:7; 5:11, 12

5 ¹Lit., pass by ²Lit.,
 ephah ³Lit., balances of
 deception
^vNum. 28:11; 2 Kin. 4:23
^bEx. 31:13-17 ^cHos. 12:7

6 ¹Lit., silver

7 ^vDeut. 33:26, 29; Ps.
 68:34 ^bPs. 10:11; Jer. 17:1;
 Hos. 7:2

8 ^vPs. 18:7; 60:2; Is. 5:25
^bHos. 4:3 ^cAmos 9:5; Jer.
 46:7, 8

9 ¹Lit., a day of light
^vIs. 13:10; Jer. 15:9; Mic. 3:6
^bAmos 4:13; 5:8; Is. 59:9, 10

10 ¹Or, a dirge
^vAmos 5:21; Job 20:23
^bEzek. 7:18 ^cJer. 6:26; Zech.
 12:10

12 ^vEzek. 20:3, 31

13 ^vLam. 1:18; 2:21 ^bIs.
 41:17; Hos. 2:3

a harlot in the city, your ^bsons and your daughters will fall by the sword, your land will be parceled up by a *measuring* line, and you yourself will die ¹upon ^cunclean soil. Moreover, Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.' ”

CHAPTER 8

THUS the Lord ¹GOD showed me, and behold, *there was* a basket of summer fruit.

2 And He said, “What do you see, Amos?” And ^aI said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me, “The ^bbend has come for My people Israel. I will ¹spare them no longer.

3 “The ^asongs of the palace will ¹turn to wailing in that day,” declares the Lord God. “Many *will be* the corpses; in every place ²they will cast them forth ³in silence.”

4 Hear this, you who ¹trample the ^aneedy, to do away with the humble of the land,

5 saying,

“When will the ^anew moon ¹be over,

So that we may buy grain,

And the ^bsabbath, that we may open the wheat *market*.

To make the ²bushel smaller and the shekel bigger,

And to ^ccheat with ³dishonest scales,

6 So as to buy the helpless for ¹money

And the needy for a pair of sandals,

And *that* we may sell the refuse of the wheat.”

7 The LORD has sworn by the ^apride of Jacob,

“Indeed, I will ^bnever forget any of their deeds.

8 “Because of this will not the land ^aquake

And everyone who dwells in it ^bmourn?

Indeed, all of it will ^crise up like the Nile,

And it will be tossed about,

And subside like the Nile of Egypt.

9 “And it will come about in that day,” declares the Lord
 GOD,

“That I shall make the ^asun go down at noon

And ^bmake the earth dark in ¹broad daylight.

10 “Then I shall turn your ^afestivals into mourning

And all your songs into ¹lamentation;

And I will bring ^bsackcloth on everyone’s loins

And baldness on every head.

And I will make it ^clike *a time of mourning* for an only
 son,

And the end of it will be like a bitter day.

11 “Behold days are coming,” declares the Lord God,

“When I will send a famine on the land,

Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,

But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.

12 “And people will stagger from sea to sea,

And from the north even to the east;

They will go to and fro to ^aseek the word of the LORD,

But they will not find *it*.

13 “In that day the beautiful ^avirgins

And the young men will ^bfaint from thirst.

- 14 "As for those who swear by the ^{1a}guilt of Samaria,
Who say, 'As your god lives, O ^bDan,'
And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives,'
They will fall and not rise again."

CHAPTER 9

- I SAW the Lord standing beside the altar, and He said,
"Smite the ^acapitals so that the thresholds will shake,
And break them on the heads of them all!
Then I will slay the rest of them with the sword;
They will not have a ^bfugitive who will flee,
Or a refugee who will escape.
- 2 "Though they dig into ^aSheol,
From there shall My hand take them;
And though they ^bascend to heaven,
From there will I bring them down.
- 3 "And though they hide on the summit of Carmel,
I will ^asearch them out and take them from there;
And though they ^bconceal themselves from My sight
on the floor of the sea,
From there I will command the ^cserpent and it will bite
them.
- 4 "And though they go into ^acaptivity before their
enemies,
From there I will command the sword that it slay them,
And I will ^bset My eyes against them for evil and not
for good."
- 5 And the Lord ¹GOD of hosts,
The One who ^atouches the land so that it melts,
And all those who dwell in it mourn,
And all of it rises up like the Nile
And subsides like the Nile of Egypt;
- 6 The One who builds His ¹upper ^achambers in the
heavens,
And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth,
He who calls for the waters of the sea
And ^bpours them out on the face of the earth,
The LORD is His name.
- 7 "Are you not as the sons of ^aEthiopia to Me,
O sons of Israel?" declares the LORD.
"Have I not brought up Israel from the land of Egypt,
And the Philistines from Caphtor and ¹the Syrians
from Kir?
- 8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful
kingdom,
And I will ^adestroy it from the face of the earth;
Nevertheless, I will ^bnot totally destroy the house of
Jacob,"
Declares the LORD.
- 9 "For behold, I am commanding,
And I will ^ashake the house of Jacob among all nations
As *grain* is shaken in a sieve,
But not a ¹kernel will fall to the ground.

¹⁴ ¹Or, *Ashimah*
^aHos. 8:5 ^{b1} Kin. 12:28, 29

¹ ^aZeph. 2:14 ^bJer. 11:11

² ^aPs. 139:8 ^bJer. 51:53;
Obad. 4

³ ^aJer. 16:16 ^bJob 34:22;
Ps. 139:9-12; Jer. 16:16, 17
^cIs. 27:1

⁴ ^aLev. 26:33 ^bJer. 21:10;
39:16; 44:11

⁵ ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD, and so
throughout the chap.
^aPs. 104:32; 144:5; Is. 64:1

⁶ ¹Or, *stairs*
^aPs. 104:3, 13 ^bPs. 104:6

⁷ ¹Lit., *Aram*
^{a2} Chr. 14:9, 12; Is. 20:4; 43:3

⁸ ^aAmos 9:10; 3:12; 7:17
^bJer. 5:10; 30:11; 31:35, 36;
Joel 2:32

⁹ ¹Or, *pebble*
^aIs. 30:28; Luke 22:31

10 ^aIs. 33:14; Zech. 13:8, 9

11 ¹Or, *shelter*, or, *tabernacle*

^aActs 15:16-18 ^bIs. 16:5 ^cPs. 80:12 ^dIs. 63:11; Jer. 46:26

12 ¹Or, *Gentiles*
^aIs. 43:7

13 ^aLev. 26:5 ^bJoel 3:18

14 ¹Or, *fortunes*
^aPs. 53:6; Is. 60:4; Jer. 30:18
^bIs. 61:4; 65:21

- 10 "All the ^asinners of My people will die by the sword, Those who say, 'The calamity will not overtake or confront us.'
- 11 "In that day I will ^araise up the fallen ^{1b}booth of David, And wall up its ^cbreaches; I will also raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the ^ddays of old;
- 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the ¹nations who are ^acalled by My name," Declares the LORD who does this.
- 13 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the ^aplowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the ^bmountains will drip sweet wine, And all the hills will be dissolved.
- 14 "Also I will ^arestore the ¹captivity of My people Israel, And they will ^brebuild the ruined cities and live in *them*, They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit.
- 15 "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

Edom Will Be Humbled.

THE vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord ¹GOD concerning ^aEdom—

^bWe have heard a report from the LORD,

And an ^cenvoy has been sent among the nations saying,

^d"Arise and let us go against her for battle"—

2 "Behold, I will make you ^asmall among the nations;

You are greatly despised.

3 "The ^aarrogance of your heart has deceived you,

You who live in the clefts of ¹the ^brock,

In the loftiness of your dwelling place,

Who say in your heart,

^c"Who will bring me down to earth?"

4 "Though you ^abuild high like the eagle,

Though you set your nest among the ^bstars,

From there I will bring you down," declares the LORD.

5 "If ^athieves came to you,

If ¹robbers by night—

O how you will be ruined!—

Would they not steal *only* ²until they had enough?

If grape gatherers came to you,

Would they not leave *some* gleanings?

¹ YHWH, usually rendered LORD

^aPs. 137:7; Is. 34:1-17; 63:1-6; Jer. 49:7-22; Ezek. 25:12-14

^bObad. 1-4; Jer. 49:14-16 ^cIs. 18:2; 30:4 ^dJer. 6:4, 5

² Num. 24:18; Is. 23:9

³ Or, *Sela*

^aIs. 16:6; Jer. 49:16 ^{b2} Kin. 14:7; 2 Chr. 25:12 ^cIs. 14:13-15

⁴ Job 20:6, 7; Hab. 2:9 ^bIs. 14:12-15

⁵ ¹Lit., *devastators of the night* ²Lit., *their sufficiency* ^aJer. 49:9

- 6 "O how Esau will be ^aransacked,
And his hidden treasures searched out!
- 7 "All the ^amen ^lallied with you
Will send you forth to the border,
And the men at ^bpeace with you
Will deceive you and overpower you.
They who eat your ^bbread
Will set an ambush for you.
(There is no ^dunderstanding ²in him.)
- 8 "Will I not on that day," declares the LORD,
"^aDestroy wise men from Edom
And understanding from the mountain of Esau?"
- 9 "Then your ^amighty men will be dismayed, O Teman,
In order that every one may be ^bcut off from the moun-
tain of Esau by slaughter.
- 10 "Because of ^aviolence to your brother Jacob,
¹You will be covered *with shame*,
And you will be cut off forever.
- 11 "On the day that you ^astood aloof,
On the day that strangers carried off his wealth,
And foreigners entered his gate
And ^bcast lots for Jerusalem—
^cYou too were as one of them.
- 12 "Do not ^lgloat over your brother's day,
The day of his misfortune.
And do not ^brejoice over the sons of Judah
In the day of their destruction;
Yes, do not ^{2c}boast
In the day of *their* distress.
- 13 "Do not enter the gate of My people
In the ^aday of their disaster.
Yes you, do not ^lgloat over their calamity
In the day of their disaster.
And do not ^bloot their wealth
In the day of their disaster.
- 14 "And do not ^astand at the fork of the road
To cut down their fugitives;
And do not imprison their survivors
In the day of their distress.
- 15 "For the ^aday of the LORD draws near on all the nations.
^bAs you have done, it will be done to you.
Your ^cdealings will return on your own head.
- 16 "Because just as you drank on My holy mountain,
All the nations will drink continually.
They will drink and ^lswallow,
And become as if they had never existed.
- 17 "But on Mount ^aZion there will be those who escape,
And it will be holy.
And the house of Jacob will ^bpossess their possessions.
- 18 "Then the house of Jacob will be a ^afire
And the house of Joseph a flame;
But the house of Esau *will be* as stubble.
And they will set ^lthem on fire and consume ^lthem,
So that there will be ^bno survivor of the house of Esau,"
For the LORD has spoken.

6 *Jer. 49:10

7 ¹Lit., of your covenant
²i.e., in Esau; or, of it
^aJer. 30:14 ^bJer. 38:22 ^cPs.
41:9 ^dJer. 49:7

8 *Job 5:12-14

9 *Jer. 49:22 ^bObad. 5; Is.
34:5-8; 63:1-310 ¹Lit., Shame will cover
you
^aEzek. 25:12; Joel 3:19;
Amos 1:1111 *Ps. 83:5, 6; 137:7; Amos
1:6, 9 ^bJoel 3:3; Nah. 3:10
^cEzek. 35:1012 ¹Lit., look on ²Lit., make
your mouth large
^aMic. 4:11; 7:10 ^bEzek.
35:15; 36:5 ^cPs. 31:18; Ezek.
35:1213 ¹Lit., look on
^aEzek. 35:5 ^bEzek. 35:10;
36:2, 3

14 *Is. 16:3, 4

15 *Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31;
Amos 5:18, 20 ^bJer. 50:29;
51:56 ^cEzek. 35:1116 ¹Or, stagger17 *Is. 4:2, 3 ^bIs. 14:1, 2;
Amos 9:11-1518 ¹i.e., the people of Esau
^aIs. 5:24; 9:18, 19 ^bJer. 11:23;
Amos 1:8

19 ¹l.e., South country
²l.e., the foothills
³Is. 11:14; Amos 9:12 ^bIs.
 11:14 ^cJer. 31:5; 32:44

20 ^aJer. 32:44; 33:13

21 ^aNeh. 9:27 ^bPs. 22:28;
 47:7-9; 67:4; Zech. 14:9

- 19 Then *those* of the ¹Negev will ^apossess the mountain of Esau,
 And *those* of the ²Shephelah the ^bPhilistine plain;
 Also, they will ^cpossess the territory of Ephraim and the territory of Samaria,
 And Benjamin will possess Gilead.
- 20 And the exiles of this host of the sons of Israel,
 Who are *among* the Canaanites as far as Zarephath,
 And the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sephard
 Will possess the ^acities of the Negev.
- 21 The ^adeliverers will ascend Mount Zion
 To judge the mountain of Esau,
 And the ^bkingdom will be the LORD's.

THE BOOK OF JONAH

Jonah's Disobedience.

THE word of the LORD came to ^aJonah the son of Amittai saying,

2 "Arise; go to ^aNineveh the great city, and ^bcry against it, for their ^cwickedness has come up before Me."

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish ^afrom the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

4 And the LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to ¹break up.

5 Then the sailors became afraid, and every man cried to ^ahis god, and they ^bthrew the ¹cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it ²for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down, and fallen sound asleep.

6 So the captain approached him and said, "How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, ^acall on your god. Perhaps your ^bgod will be concerned about us so that we will not perish."

7 And each man said to his mate, "Come, let us cast lots so we may ¹learn on whose account this calamity has struck us." So they cast lots and the ¹lot fell on Jonah.

8 Then they said to him, "'Tell us, now! On whose account has this calamity struck us? What is your ^boccupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?'"

9 And he said to them, "I am a ^aHebrew, and I ^bfear the LORD ^cGod of heaven who ^dmade the sea and the dry land."

10 Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "'How could you do this?'" For the men knew that he was ^afleeing from the presence of the LORD; because he had told them.

11 So they said to him, "What should we do to you that

1 ^a2 Kin. 14:25; Matt. 12:39-41; 16:4; Luke 11:29, 30, 32

2 ^aGen. 10:11; 2 Kin. 19:36; Is. 37:37; Nah. 1:1; Zeph. 2:13 ^bIs. 58:1 ^cGen. 18:20; Hos. 7:2

3 ^aPs. 139:7, 9, 10

4 ¹Lit., be broken

5 ¹Lit., vessels ²Lit., from upon them
^a1 Kin. 18:26 ^bActs 27:18, 19, 38

6 ^aPs. 107:28
^bJon. 3:9; 2 Sam. 12:22;
 Amos 5:15

7 ¹Lit., know
^aNum. 32:23; Prov. 16:33

8 ^aJosh. 7:19; 1 Sam. 14:43
^bGen. 47:3; 1 Sam. 30:13

9 ^aGen. 14:13; Ex. 1:15;
 2:13 ^b2 Kin. 17:25, 28, 32, 33
^cEzra 1:2; Neh. 1:4; Ps.
 136:26; Dan. 2:18 ^dNeh. 9:6;
 Ps. 95:5; 146:6

10 ¹Lit., What is this you have done
^aJon. 1:3; Job 27:22

the sea may become calm ¹for us?"—for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.

12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm ¹for you, for I know that ^bon account of me this great storm *has come* upon you."

13 However, the men ¹rowed *desperately* to return to land but they ^acould not, for the sea was becoming *even* stormier against them.

14 Then they called on the ^aLORD and said, "We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us; for Thou, O LORD, hast done as Thou hast pleased."

15 So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea ^astopped its raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered ^asacrifice to the LORD and made ^avows.

17 ¹And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER 2

¹ THEN Jonah prayed to the LORD his God ^afrom the stomach of the fish,

2 and he said,

"I ^acalled out of my distress to the LORD,
And He answered me.

I cried for help from the ¹depth of Sheol;
Thou didst hear my voice.

3 "For Thou hadst ^acast me into the deep,
Into the heart of the seas,
And the current ¹engulfed me.

All Thy ^bbreakers and billows passed over me.

4 "So I said, 'I have been ^aexpelled from ¹Thy sight.'
Nevertheless I will look again ^btoward Thy holy temple.

5 "^aWater encompassed me to the *very* soul,
The great ^bdeep ¹engulfed me,
Weeds were wrapped around my head.

6 "I ^adescended to the roots of the mountains.
The earth with its ^bbars was around me forever,
But Thou hast ^bbrought up my life from ¹the pit, O LORD my God.

7 "While ¹I was ^afainting away,
I ^bremembered the LORD;
And my ^cprayer came to Thee,
Into Thy holy temple.

8 "Those who regard ¹vain idols
Forsake their faithfulness,

9 But I will ^asacrifice to Thee
With the voice of thanksgiving.
That which I have ^cowed I will ^bpay.
^cSalvation is from the LORD."

10 Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.

11 ¹Lit., *from upon us*

12 ¹Lit., *from upon you*
^a2 Sam. 24:17 ^b1 Chr. 21:17

13 ¹Lit., *dug their oars into the water*
^aProv. 21:30

14 ^aJon. 1:16; Ps. 107:28

15 ^aPs. 65:7; 93:3, 4; 107:29

16 ^aPs. 50:14; 66:13, 14

17 ¹Chap. 2:1 in Heb.

¹ Chap. 2:2 in Heb.
^aJob 13:15; Ps. 130:1, 2; Lam. 3:53-56

² Lit., *belly*
^a1 Sam. 30:6; Ps. 18:4-6; 22:24; 120:1

³ Lit., *surrounded*
^aPs. 69:1, 2, 14, 15; Lam. 3:54
^bPs. 42:7

⁴ Lit., *before Thine eyes*
^aPs. 31:22; Jer. 7:15 ^b1 Kin. 8:38; 2 Chr. 6:38; Ps. 5:7

⁵ Lit., *surrounded*
^aLam. 3:54 ^bPs. 69:1, 2

⁶ Or, *corruption*
^aPs. 18:5; 116:3 ^bIs. 38:10; Matt. 16:18 ^cJob 33:28; Ps. 16:10; 30:3; Is. 38:17

⁷ Lit., *mysoul . . . within me*
^aPs. 142:3 ^bPs. 77:10, 11; 143:5 ^c2 Chr. 30:27; Ps. 18:6

⁸ Lit., *empty vanities*

⁹ ^aPs. 50:14, 23; Jer. 33:11; Hos. 14:2 ^bJob 22:27; Eccles. 5:5 ^cPs. 3:8; Is. 45:17

2 *Jer. 1:17; Ezek. 2:7

3 ¹Lit., a great city to God
*Jon. 1:2; 4:11

4 *Matt. 12:41; Luke 11:32

5 *Dan. 9:3; Joel 1:14

6 ¹Or, dust7 *Jon. 3:5; 2 Chr. 20:3;
Ezra 8:218 ¹Lit., them ²Lit., their
*Jon. 1:6, 14; Ps. 130:1 *Is.
1:16-19; 55:6, 7; Jer. 18:11

9 *2 Sam. 12:22; Joel 2:14

10 ¹Lit., do
*1 Kin. 21:27-29; Jer. 31:18
*Ex. 32:14; Jer. 18:8; Amos
7:3, 62 ¹Lit., my word ²Lit., I
was beforehand in fleeing
*Jer. 20:7 *Ex. 34:6; Num.
14:18; Ps. 86:5, 15; Joel 2:13;
Mic. 7:83 ¹Lit., soul
*Jon. 3:8; 1 Kin. 19:4; Job
6:8, 9 *Job 7:15, 16; Eccles.
7:15 Lit., the city
*1 Kin. 19:9, 136 ¹Probably a castor oil
plant, and so in v. 7, 9 and 10
²Lit., greatly
*Amos 6:13

7 *Joel 1:12

CHAPTER 3

NOW the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was ¹an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk.

4 Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he ²cried out and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

5 Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a ³fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them.

6 When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat on the ashes.

7 And he issued a proclamation and it said, "In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water.

8 "But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let ¹men call on God earnestly that each may ²turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in ³his hands.

9 "Who knows, God may turn and relent, and withdraw His burning anger so that we shall not perish?"

10 When God saw their deeds, that they ³turned from their wicked way, then ²God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would ¹bring upon them. And He did not do it.

CHAPTER 4

BUT it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became angry.

2 And he ²prayed to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, was not this ¹what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore, ²in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that Thou art a ³gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and One who relents concerning calamity.

3 "Therefore now, O LORD, please ²take my ¹life from me, for death is ³better to me than life."

4 And the LORD said, "Do you have good reason to be angry?"

5 Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of ¹it. There he made a shelter for himself and ²sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.

6 So the LORD God appointed a ¹plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was ²extremely happy about the ¹plant.

7 But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day, and it attacked the plant and it ²withered.

8 And it came about when the sun came up that God

appointed a scorching ^aeast wind, and the ^bsun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with *all* his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life."

9 Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."

10 Then the LORD said, "You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work, and *which* you did not cause to grow, which *came up* ¹overnight and perished ¹overnight.

11 "And ~~should I not~~ ^ahave compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not ^bknow *the difference* between their right and left hand, as well as many ^canimals?"

8 ^aEzek. 19:12; Hos. 13:15
^bPs. 121:6; Is. 49:10

10 ¹Lit., *a son of a night*

11 ^aJon. 3:10 ^bDeut. 1:39;
Is. 7:16 ^cPs. 36:6

THE BOOK OF MICAH

Destruction in Israel and Judah.

THE word of the LORD which came to ^aMicah ¹the Morashite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

- 2 Hear, O peoples, all of ¹you;
^aListen, O earth and ²all it contains,
And let the Lord ³God be a ^bwitness against you,
The Lord from His holy temple.
- 3 For behold, the LORD is ^acoming forth from His place.
He will come down and ^btread on the high places of the
¹earth.
- 4 ^aThe mountains will melt under Him,
And the valleys will be split,
Like wax before the fire,
Like water poured down a steep place.
- 5 All this is for the rebellion of Jacob
And for the sins of the house of Israel.
What is the rebellion of Jacob?
Is it not ^aSamaria?
What is the ^bhigh ¹place of Judah?
Is it not Jerusalem?
- 6 For I will make Samaria a heap of ruins ¹in the open
country,
^aPlanting places for a vineyard.
I will ^bpour her stones down into the valley,
And will ^clay bare her foundations.
- 7 All of her ^aidols will be smashed,
All of her ^bearnings will be burned with fire,
And all of her images I will make desolate.
For she collected *them* from a harlot's earnings,
And to the earnings of a harlot they will return.
- 8 Because of this I must lament and wail,
I must go ^abarefoot and naked;
I must make a lament like the ^bjackals
And a mourning like the ostriches.

¹ ¹Lit., of Moresheth
^aJer. 26:18

² ¹Lit., *them* ²Lit., *its
fulness* ³YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^aJer. 6:19; 22:29 ^bIs. 50:7

³ ¹Or, *land*
^aIs. 26:21 ^bAmos 4:13

⁴ ^aPs. 97:5; Is. 64:1, 2;
Nah. 1:5

⁵ ¹Lit., *places*
^aIs. 7:9; 28:1; Amos 8:14
^b2 Chr. 34:3, 4

⁶ ¹Lit., *of the field*
^aJer. 31:5; Amos 5:11 ^bLam.
4:1 ^cEzek. 13:14

⁷ ^aDeut. 9:21; 2 Chr. 34:7
^bDeut. 23:18; Is. 23:17

8 ^aIs. 32:11 ^bIs. 13:21, 22

⁹ ¹Lit., wounds
^aJer. 30:12, 15 ^bMic. 1:12; Is. 3:26

¹⁰ ¹I.e., house of dust
^a2 Sam. 1:20

¹¹ ¹I.e., Go into captivity
²I.e., Pleasantness ³I.e.,
 Going Out ⁴Lit., go out ⁵I.e.,
 House of Removal ⁶Lit.,
 standing place
^aEzek. 23:29 ^bJosh. 15:37

¹² ¹I.e., Bitterness
^aIs. 59:9-11; Jer. 14:19

¹³ ^aAmos 2:14 ^bJosh. 10:3;
 2 Kin. 14:19; Is. 36:2

¹⁴ ^a2 Kin. 16:8 ^bJosh. 15:44
^cJer. 15:18

¹⁵ ¹I.e., Possession
^aJosh. 15:44 ^bJosh. 12:14;
 15:35; 2 Sam. 23:13

¹⁶ ^aIs. 22:12 ^bAmos 7:11, 17

¹ ¹Lit., In the light of the
 morning
^aPs. 36:4; Is. 32:7; Nah. 1:11
^bHos. 7:6, 7 ^cGen. 31:29;
 Deut. 28:32; Prov. 3:27

² ¹Lit., oppress
^aJer. 22:17; Amos 8:4 ^bIs. 5:8
^c1 Kin. 21:1-15

³ ^aDeut. 28:48; Jer. 18:11
^bJer. 8:3; Amos 3:1, 2 ^cLam.
 1:14; 5:5 ^dIs. 2:11, 12 ^eAmos
 5:13

⁴ ¹Or, proverb ²Lit.,
 lament
^aHab. 2:6 ^bMic. 1:8; Jer. 9:10,
 17-21 ^cIs. 6:11; 24:3; Jer. 4:13
^dJer. 6:12; 8:10

- 9 For her ^{1a}wound is incurable,
 For it has come to Judah;
 It has reached the ^bgate of my people,
 Even to Jerusalem.
- 10 ^aTell it not in Gath,
 Weep not at all.
 At ¹Beth-le-aphrah roll yourself in the dust.
- 11 ¹Go on your way, inhabitant of ²Shaphir, in ^ashameful
 nakedness.
 The inhabitant of ^{3b}Zaanan does not ⁴escape.
 The lamentation of ⁵Beth-ezel: "He will take from you
 its ⁶support."
- 12 For the inhabitant of ¹Maroth
 Becomes weak ^awaiting for good,
 Because a calamity has come down from the LORD
 To the gate of Jerusalem.
- 13 ^aHarness the chariot to the team of horses,
 O inhabitant of ^bLachish—
 She was the beginning of sin
 To the daughter of Zion—
 Because in you were found
 The rebellious acts of Israel.
- 14 Therefore, you will give parting ^agifts
 On behalf of Moresheth-gath;
 The houses of ^bAchzib will become a ^cdeception
 To the kings of Israel.
- 15 Moreover, I will bring on you
 The one who takes possession,
 O inhabitant of ^{1a}Mareshah.
 The glory of Israel will enter ^bAdullam.
- 16 Make yourself ^abald and cut off your hair,
 Because of the children of your delight;
 Extend your baldness like the eagle,
 For they will ^bgo from you into exile.

CHAPTER 2

- WOE to those who ^ascheme iniquity,
 Who work out evil on their beds!
^{1b}When morning comes, they do it,
 For it is in the ^cpower of their hands.
- 2 They ^acovet fields and then ^bseize them,
 And houses, and take them away.
 They ^{1c}rob a man and his house,
 A man and his inheritance.
- 3 Therefore, thus says the LORD:
 Behold, I am ^aplanning against this ^bfamily a calamity
 From which you ^ccannot remove your necks;
 And you will not walk ^dhaughtily,
 For it will be an ^eevil time.
- 4 On that day they will ^atake up against you a ¹taunt
 And ^{2b}utter a bitter lamentation and say,
 "We are completely ^cdestroyed!
 He exchanges the portion of my people;
 How He removes it from me!
 To the apostate He ^dapportions our fields."

**Oppressor's Greed.
The Remnant. Rulers Denounced.**

Micah 2, 3

- 5 Therefore, you will have no one ^{1a}stretching a measuring line
For you by lot in the assembly of the LORD.
- 6 “Do not ^{1a}speak out,” so they ¹speak out.
But if ²they do ^bnot ¹speak out concerning these things,
Reproaches will not be turned back.
- 7 Is it being said, O house of Jacob:
“Is the Spirit of the LORD ^aimpatient?
Are these His doings?”
Do not My words ^bdo good
To the one ^cwalking uprightly?
- 8 ¹Recently My people have arisen as an ^aenemy—
You ^bstrip the ²robe off a fellow-Israelite,
From ^cunsuspecting passers-by,
From those returned from war.
- 9 The women of My people you ^aevict,
Each *one* from her pleasant house.
From her children you take My ^bsplendor forever.
- 10 Arise and go,
For this is no place ^aof rest
Because of the ^buncleanness that brings on destruction,
A painful destruction.
- 11 If a man walking after wind and falsehood
Had told lies *and said*,
“I will ¹speak out to you concerning wine and liquor,”
He would be ²spokesman to ^athis people.
- 12 I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob,
I will surely gather the ^aremnant of Israel.
I will put them together like sheep in the fold;
Like a flock in the midst of its pasture
They will be noisy with men.
- 13 The breaker goes up before them;
They break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it.
So their king goes on before them,
And the LORD at their head.

CHAPTER 3

AND I said,

- “^aHear now, heads of Jacob
And rulers of the house of Israel.
Is it not for you to ^bknow justice?
2 “You who hate good and love evil,
Who ^atear off their skin from them
And their flesh from their bones,
3 “And who ^aeat the flesh of my people,
^bStrip off their skin from them,
Break their bones,
And ^cchop *them* up as for the pot
And as meat in a kettle.”
4 Then they will cry out to the LORD,
But He will not answer them.
Instead, He will ^ahide His face from them at that time,
Because they have ^bpracticed evil deeds.

⁵ ¹Lit., *casting*
^aNum. 34:13, 16-29; Josh. 18:4, 10

⁶ ¹Lit., *drip* ²i.e., God's prophets
^aIs. 30:10; Amos 2:12; 7:16
^bMic. 3:6; Is. 29:10

⁷ ¹Is. 50:2; 59:1 ^bPs. 119:65, 68, 116; Jer. 15:16
^cPs. 15:2; 84:11

⁸ ¹Lit., *And yesterday*
²Or, *ornaments*
^aJer. 12:8 ^bMic. 3:2, 3; 7:2, 3
^cPs. 120:6, 7

⁹ ^aJer. 10:20 ^bEzek. 39:21; Hab. 2:14

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 12:9 ^bPs. 106:38

¹¹ ¹Lit., *drip* ²Lit., *one who drips*
^aIs. 30:10, 11

¹² ^aMic. 5:7, 8; 7:18

¹ ^aMic. 3:9; Is. 1:10 ^bPs. 82:1-5; Jer. 5:5

² ^aMic. 2:8; 7:2, 3; Ps. 53:4; Ezek. 22:27

³ ^aPs. 14:4; 27:2; Zeph. 3:3
^bEzek. 34:2, 3 ^cEzek. 11:3, 6, 7

⁴ ^aDeut. 31:17; Is. 59:2
^bMic. 7:13; Is. 3:11

5 ^aIs. 3:12; 9:15, 16; Jer. 14:14, 15 ^bIs. 56:9-11 ^cJer. 6:14

6 ^aIs. 8:20-22; 29:10-12 ^bIs. 59:10

7 ¹Lit., *mustache*
^aZech. 13:4 ^bIs. 44:25; 47:12.
14 ^cMic. 3:4; 1 Sam. 28:6

8 ^aIs. 61:1, 2; Jer. 1:18 ^bIs. 58:1

9 ^aPs. 58:1, 2; Is. 1:23

10 ^aJer. 22:13, 17; Hab. 2:12

11 ^aMic. 7:3; Is. 1:23 ^bJer. 6:13 ^cIs. 48:2

12 ¹Lit., *house*
^aJer. 26:18 ^bJer. 9:11

¹ Lit., on
^aDan. 2:28; 10:14; Hos. 3:5
^bMic. 3:12; Ezek. 43:12;
Zech. 8:3 ^cPs. 22:27; 86:9;
Jer. 3:17

2 ^aZech. 2:11; 14:16 ^bIs. 2:3; Jer. 31:6 ^cPs. 25:8, 9, 12;
Is. 54:13 ^dIs. 42:1-4; Zech. 14:8, 9

3 ¹Lit., *at a distance*
^aIs. 2:4; 11:3-5

- 5 Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets
Who ^alead my people astray;
When they have *something* to ^bbite with their teeth,
They ^dcry, "Peace,"
But against him who puts nothing in their mouths,
They declare holy war.
- 6 Therefore *it will be* ^anight for you—without vision,
And darkness for you—without divination.
The ^bsun will go down on the prophets,
And the day will become dark over them.
- 7 The seers will be ^aashamed
And the ^bdiviners will be embarrassed.
Indeed, they will all cover *their* ¹mouths
Because there is ^cno answer from God.
- 8 On the other hand ^aI am filled with power—
With the Spirit of the LORD—
And with justice and courage
To make ^bknown to Jacob his rebellious act,
Even to Israel his sin.
- 9 Now hear this, heads of the house of Jacob
And rulers of the house of Israel,
Who ^aabhor justice
And twist everything that is straight,
- 10 Who ^abuild Zion with bloodshed
And Jerusalem with violent injustice.
- 11 Her leaders pronounce ^ajudgment for a bribe,
Her ^bpriests instruct for a price,
And her prophets divine for money.
Yet they lean on the LORD saying,
"Is not the LORD in our midst?
Calamity will not come upon us."
- 12 Therefore, on account of you,
^aZion will be plowed as a field,
^bJerusalem will become a heap of ruins,
And the mountain of the ¹temple *will become* high
places of a forest.

CHAPTER 4

- AND it will come about in the ^alast days
That the ^bmountain of the house of the LORD
Will be established ^aas the chief of the mountains.
It will be raised above the hills,
And the ^cpeoples will stream to it.
- 2 And ^amany nations will come and say,
"Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD
And to the house of the God of Jacob,
That ^cHe may teach us about His ways
And that we may walk in His paths."
For ^dfrom Zion will go forth the law,
Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 3 And He will ^ajudge between many peoples
And render decisions for mighty, ¹distant nations.
Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares

<p>And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they ²train for war.</p> <p>4 And each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With ^ano one to make <i>them</i> afraid, For the ^bmouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.</p> <p>5 Though all the peoples walk Each in the ^aname of his god, As for us, we will walk In the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.</p> <p>6 "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will assemble the ^alame, And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted.</p> <p>7 "I will make the lame a ^aremnant, And the outcasts a strong nation, And the ^bLORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on and forever.</p> <p>8 "And as for you, ^{1a}tower of the flock, ²Hill of the daughter of Zion, To you it will come— Even the ^bformer dominion will come, The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.</p> <p>9 "Now, why do you ^acry out loudly? Is there no king among you, Or has your ^bcounsellor perished, That agony has gripped you like a woman in child- birth?</p> <p>10 "Writhe and labor to give birth, Daughter of Zion, Like a woman in childbirth, For now you will ^ago out of the city, Dwell in the field, And go to Babylon. ^bThere you will be rescued; ^cThere the LORD will redeem you From the hand of your enemies.</p> <p>11 "And now ^amany nations have been assembled against you Who say, 'Let her be polluted, And let our eyes ¹gloat over Zion.'</p> <p>12 "But they do not ^aknow the thoughts of the LORD, And they do not understand His purpose; For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor.</p> <p>13 "Arise and ^athresh, daughter of Zion, For your horn I will make iron And your hoofs I will make bronze, That you may ^bpulverize many peoples, That you may ^cdevote to the LORD their unjust gain And their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.</p>	<p>3 ²Lit., <i>learn</i></p> <p>4 ^aLev. 26:6; Jer. 30:10 bIs. 1:20; 40:5</p> <p>5 ² Kin. 17:29</p> <p>6 ^aZeph. 3:19</p> <p>7 ^aMic. 5:7, 8; 7:18 bIs. 24:23</p> <p>8 ¹Heb., <i>Migdal-eder</i> ²Heb., <i>Ophel of</i> ^aPs. 48:3, 12; 61:3 bIs. 1:26; Zech. 9:10</p> <p>9 ^aJer. 8:19 bIs. 3:1-3; 28:29</p> <p>10 ^a2 Kin. 20:18; Hos. 2:14 ^bMic. 7:8-12; Is. 43:14; 45:13 ^cIs. 48:20; 52:9-12</p> <p>11 ¹Lit., <i>look on</i> ^aIs. 5:25-30; 17:12-14</p> <p>12 ^aPs. 147:19, 20</p> <p>13 ^aIs. 41:15 bJer. 51:20-23 ^cIs. 60:9</p>
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CHAPTER 5

¹ ¹Chap. 4:14 in Heb.

² Lit., *He has*

³ Jer. 5:7 ^{b1} Kin. 22:24; Job 16:10; Lam. 3:30

² ¹Chap. 5:1 in Heb. ² Or,

His appearances are from long ago, from days of old
^a Matt. 2:6 ^{b1s.} 11:1; Luke 2:4
^c Jer. 30:21; Zech. 9:9 ^d Ps. 102:25; Prov. 8:22, 23

³ ^a Mic. 4:10; 7:13; Hos. 11:8 ^b Mic. 5:7, 8; Is. 10:20-22

⁴ ¹ Or, *live in safety* ² Lit.,

now

^a Mic. 7:14; Is. 40:11; 49:9;
 Ezek. 34:13-15, 23, 24 ^{b1s.}
 45:22; 52:10

⁵ ¹ Or, *palaces*
^a Is. 8:7, 8; 10:24-27

⁶ ^a Nah. 2:11-13; Zeph. 2:13 ^b Gen. 10:8-11 ^{c1s.} 14:25;
 37:36, 37

⁷ ^a Mic. 5:3; 2:12; 4:7; 7:18
^b Deut. 32:2; Ps. 110:3; Hos. 14:5 ^c Ps. 72:6; Is. 44:3

⁸ ^a Gen. 49:9; Num. 24:9
^b Mic. 4:13; Ps. 44:5; Is. 41:15,
 16; Zech. 10:5
^c Hos. 5:14 ^d Ps. 50:22

¹¹ ^{a1s.} 1:7; 6:11 ^{b1s.} 2:12-17;
 Hos. 10:14; Amos 5:9

“¹ **N**OW ^amuster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops;
² They have laid siege against us;
 With a rod they will ^bsmite the judge of Israel on the
 cheek.

2 “¹ But as for ^ayou, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
 From ^byou One will go forth for Me to be ^cruler in
 Israel.

² His goings forth are ^dfrom long ago,
 From the days of eternity.”

3 Therefore, He will ^agive them *up* until the time
 When she who is in labor has borne a child.
 Then the ^bremainder of His brethren
 Will return to the sons of Israel.

4 And He will arise and ^ashepherd *His flock*
 In the strength of the LORD,
 In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.
 And they will ¹remain,

Because ²at that time He will be great
 To the ^bbends of the earth.

5 And this One will be *our* peace.

When the ^aAssyrian invades our land,
 When he tramples on our ¹citadels,
 Then we will raise against him
 Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.

6 And they will ^ashepherd the land of Assyria with the
 sword,

The land of ^bNimrod at its entrances;
 And He will ^cdeliver *us* from the Assyrian
 When he attacks our land
 And when he tramples our territory.

7 Then the ^aremnant of Jacob
 Will be among many peoples
 Like ^bdew from the LORD,
 Like ^cshowers on vegetation
 Which do not wait for man
 Or delay for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob
 Will be among the nations,
 Among many peoples
^aLike a lion among the beasts of the forest,
 Like a young lion among flocks of sheep,
 Which, if he passes through,
^bTramples down and ^ctears,
 And there is ^dnone to rescue.

9 Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries,
 And all your enemies will be cut off.

10 “And it will be in that day,” declares the LORD,
 “That I will cut off your horses from among you
 And destroy your chariots.

11 “I will also cut off the ^acities of your land
 And tear down all your ^bfortifications.

- 12 "I will cut off ^asorceries from your hand,
And you will have fortune tellers no more.
- 13 "^aI will cut off your carved images
And your sacred pillars from among you,
So that you will no longer bow down
To the work of your hands.
- 14 "I will root out your ^{1a}Asherim from among you
And destroy your cities.
- 15 "And I will ^aexecute vengeance in anger and wrath
On the nations which have not obeyed."

12 ^aDeut. 18:10-12; Is. 2:6;
8:19

13 ^aIs. 2:18; 17:8; Ezek. 6:9

14 ¹I.e., wooden symbols of
the goddess Asherah
^aEx. 34:13; Is. 17:8; 27:9

15 ^aIs. 1:24; 65:12

CHAPTER 6

HEAR now what the LORD is saying:

- "Arise, plead your case ¹before the mountains,
And let the hills hear your voice.
- 2 "Listen, you mountains, to the indictment of the LORD,
And you enduring ^afoundations of the earth,
Because the ^bLORD has a case against His people;
Even with Israel He will dispute.
- 3 "^aMy people, ^bwhat have I done to you,
And ^chow have I wearied you? Answer Me.
- 4 "Indeed, I ^abrought you up from the land of Egypt
And ^bransomed you from the house of slavery,
And I sent before you ^cMoses, Aaron, and ^dMiriam.
- 5 "My people, remember now
What ^aBalak king of Moab counselled
And what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
And from Shittim to Gilgal,
In order ¹that you might know the ^bbrighteous acts of
the LORD."
- 6 ^aWith what shall I come to the LORD
And bow myself before the God on high?
Shall I come to Him with ^bburnt offerings,
With yearling calves?
- 7 Does the LORD take delight in ^athousands of rams,
In ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I present my ^bfirst-born for my rebellious acts,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
- 8 He has ^atold you, O man, what is good;
And ^bwhat does the LORD require of you
But to ^cdo justice, to ^dlove ¹kindness,
And to walk ^{2c}humbly with your God?
- 9 The voice of the LORD will call to the city—
And it is sound wisdom to fear Thy name:
"Hear, O ^atribe. Who has appointed ¹its time?"
- 10 "Is there yet a man in the wicked house,
Along with treasures of ^awickedness,
And a ^{1b}short measure that is cursed?
- 11 "Can I justify wicked ^ascales
And a bag of deceptive weights?
- 12 "For the rich men of *the* ¹city are full of violence,
Her residents speak lies,
And their ^atongue is deceitful in their mouth.

1 ¹Lit., with

2 ²Sam. 22:16; Ps. 104:5
^bIs. 1:18; Hos. 4:1; 12:2

3 ^aPs. 50:7 ^bJer. 2:5 ^cIs.
43:22, 23

4 ^aEx. 20:2 ^bDeut. 7:8 ^cPs.
77:20 ^dEx. 15:20

5 ¹Lit., to know
^aNum. 22:5, 6 ^b1 Sam. 12:7;
Is. 1:27

6 ^aPs. 40:6-8 ^bPs. 51:16, 17

7 ^aIs. 40:16 ^bLev. 18:21;
20:1-5; Jer. 7:31

8 ¹Or, loyalty ²Or,
circumspectly
^aDeut. 30:15 ^bDeut. 10:12
^cIs. 56:1; Jer. 22:3 ^dHos. 6:6
^eIs. 57:15; 66:2

9 ¹Lit., it
^aJob 5:6-8, 17; Is. 11:4

10 ¹Lit., shrunken ephah
^aJer. 5:26, 27; Amos 3:10
^bEzek. 45:9, 10; Amos 8:5

11 ^aLev. 19:36; Hos. 12:7

12 ¹Lit., her
^aIs. 3:8

13 ^aIs. 1:7; 6:11

14 ¹Or possibly, *garbage or excreta*
^aIs. 9:20 ^bIs. 30:6

15 ^aDeut. 28:38-40; Jer. 12:13 ^bAmos 5:11; Zeph. 1:13

16 ¹Lit., *her*
^a1 Kin. 16:25, 26 ^b1 Kin. 16:29-33 ^cJer. 7:24 ^dMic. 6:13; Jer. 18:16 ^eJer. 19:8; 25:9, 18; 29:18 ^fPs. 44:13; Jer. 51:51; Hos. 12:14

1 ¹Lit., *my soul*
^aIs. 24:13 ^bIs. 28:4; Hos. 9:10

2 ¹Or, *loyal*
^aIs. 57:1 ^bMic. 3:10; Is. 59:7
^cJer. 5:26; Hos. 5:1

3 ^aProv. 4:16, 17 ^bMic. 3:11; Amos 5:12

4 ^aEzek. 2:6; 28:24 ^bNah. 1:10 ^cIs. 10:3; Hos. 9:7 ^dIs. 22:5

5 ¹Lit., *openings of your mouth*
^aJer. 9:4

6 ^aMatt. 10:36

7 ^aHab. 2:1 ^bPs. 130:5; Is. 25:9 ^cPs. 43

8 ^aAmos 9:11 ^bIs. 9:2

- 13 "So also I will make *you* sick, striking you down,
^aDesolating *you* because of your sins.
- 14 "You will eat, but you will ^anot be satisfied,
And your ¹vileness will be in your midst.
You will *try* to remove for *safekeeping*,
But you will ^bnot preserve *anything*,
And what you do preserve I will give to the sword.
- 15 "You will sow but you will ^anot reap.
You will tread the olive but will not anoint yourself
with oil;
And the grapes, but you will ^bnot drink wine.
- 16 "The statutes of ^aOmri
And all the works of the house of ^bAhab are observed;
And in their devices you ^cwalk.
Therefore, I will give you up for ^ddestruction
And ¹your inhabitants for ^ederision,
And you will bear the ^freproach of My people."

CHAPTER 7

- WOE is me! For I am
Like the fruit pickers and the ^agrape gatherers.
There is not a cluster of grapes to eat,
Or a ^bfirst-ripe fig *which* ¹I crave.
- 2 The ¹godly person has ^aperished from the land,
And there is no upright *person* among men.
All of them lie in wait for ^bbloodshed;
Each of them hunts the other with a ^cnet.
- 3 Concerning evil, both hands do it ^awell.
The prince asks, also the judge, for a ^bbribe,
And a great man speaks the desire of his soul;
So they weave it together.
- 4 The best of them is like a ^abriar,
The most upright like a ^bthorn hedge.
The day when you post a watchman,
Your ^cpunishment will come.
Then their ^dconfusion will occur.
- 5 Do not ^atrust in a neighbor;
Do not have confidence in a friend.
From her who lies in your bosom
Guard ¹your lips.
- 6 For son treats father contemptuously,
Daughter rises up against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
^aA man's enemies are the men of his own household.
- 7 But as for me, I will ^awatch expectantly for the LORD;
I will ^bwait for the God of my salvation.
My ^cGod will hear me.
- 8 Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy.
Though I fall I will ^arise;
Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a ^blight for me.
- 9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD
Because I have sinned against Him,

**God the Source of Light and Salvation.
God's Mercy Will Be Renewed.**

Micah 7

- Until He ^apleads my case and executes justice for me.
He will bring me out to the ^bblight,
And I will see His ¹righteousness.
- 10 Then my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her who ^asaid to me,
"Where is the LORD your God?"
My eyes will look on her;
¹At that time she will ²be ^btrampled down,
Like mire of the streets.
- 11 *It will be* a day for ^abuilding your walls.
On that day will your ^bboundary be extended.
- 12 *It will be* a day when ¹they will ^acome to you
From Assyria and the cities of Egypt,
From Egypt even to ²the Euphrates,
Even from sea to sea and mountain to mountain.
- 13 And the earth will become ^adesolate because of her
inhabitants,
On account of the ^bfruit of their deeds.
- 14 Shepherd Thy people with Thy ^ascepter,
The flock of Thy ¹possession
Which dwells by itself in the woodland,
In the midst of a ^bfruitful field.
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead
^bAs in the days of old.
- 15 "As in the days when you came out from the land of
Egypt,
I will show ¹you miracles."
16 Nations will see and be ashamed
Of all their might.
They will ^aput *their* hand on *their* mouth,
Their ears will be deaf.
- 17 They will ^alick the dust like a serpent,
Like reptiles of the earth.
They will come trembling out of their ¹fortresses;
To the LORD our God they will come in ^bdread,
And they will be afraid before Thee.
- 18 Who is a God like Thee, who ^apardons iniquity
And passes over the rebellious act of the ^bremnant of
His ¹possession?
He does not ^cretain His anger forever,
Because He ^ddelights in ²unchanging love.
- 19 He will again have compassion on us;
^aHe will tread our iniquities underfoot.
Yes, Thou wilt ^bcast all their ¹sins
Into the depths of the sea.
- 20 Thou wilt give ¹truth to Jacob
And ²unchanging love to Abraham,
Which Thou didst ^bswear to our forefathers
From the days of old.

⁹ ¹c., right dealing
^aJer. 50:34 ^bPs. 37:6; Is. 42:7;
16 ^cIs. 46:13; 56:1

¹⁰ ¹Lit., Now ²Lit., become
a trampled place
^aJoel 2:17 ^bIs. 51:23; Zech.
10:5

¹¹ ^aIs. 54:11; Amos 9:11
^bZeph. 2:2

¹² ¹Lit., he ²Lit., the River
^aIs. 19:23-25; 60:4, 9

¹³ ^aMic. 6:13; Jer. 25:11
^bMic. 3:4; Is. 3:10, 11

¹⁴ ¹Or, inheritance ²Or,
Carmel
^aLev. 27:32; Ps. 23:4 ^bAmos
9:11

¹⁵ ¹Lit., him
^aEx. 3:20; 34:10; Ps. 78:12

¹⁶ ^aMic. 3:7

¹⁷ ¹Lit., fastnesses
^aPs. 72:9; Is. 49:23 ^bIs. 25:3;
59:19

¹⁸ ¹Or, inheritance ²Or,
lovingkindness
^aEx. 34:7, 9; Is. 43:25 ^bMic.
2:12; 4:7; 5:7, 8 ^cPs. 103:8, 9,
13 ^dJer. 32:41

¹⁹ ¹Several ancient versions
read, our
^aJer. 50:20 ^bIs. 38:17; 43:25;
Jer. 31:34

²⁰ ¹Or, faithfulness ²Or,
lovingkindness
^aGen. 24:27; 32:10 ^bDeut.
7:8, 12

THE BOOK OF NAHUM

God Is Awesome.

¹ Or, *burden*
^aIs. 13:1; 19:1; Jer. 23:33, 34;
Hab. 1:1; Zech. 9:1; Mal. 1:1

² Lit., *a possessor of wrath*
^aDeut. 32:35, 41 ^bPs. 94:1

³ ^aEx. 34:6, 7 ^bIs. 29:6;
Amos 1:1 ^cPs. 104:3; Is. 19:1

⁴ ^aPs. 106:9; Is. 50:2 ^bIs.
33:9

⁵ ^aEx. 19:18 ^bMic. 1:4 ^cIs.
24:1, 20 ^dPs. 98:7

⁶ ^aJer. 10:10 ^bIs. 13:13 ^cIs.
66:15 ^d1 Kin. 19:11

⁷ ^aPs. 25:8; 37:39, 40

⁸ I.e., Nineveh's
^aIs. 28:2; 18 ^bIs. 13:9, 10

⁹ ^aNah. 1:11 ^bIs. 28:22

¹⁰ ^aMic. 7:4 ^bIs. 56:12 ^cIs.
5:24; 10:17

¹¹ Or, *worthless*; Heb.,
Belial
^aNah. 1:9; Is. 10:7-11 ^bEzek.
11:2

¹² ^aIs. 10:16-19, 33, 34

¹³ ^aIs. 9:4; 10:27; Jer. 2:20

¹⁴ I.e., the king of
Nineveh ²Lit., *No more of
your name will be sown*

THE ^{1a}oracle of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

- 2** A jealous and avenging God is the LORD;
The LORD is ^aavenging and ¹wrathful.
The LORD takes ^bvengeance on His adversaries,
And He reserves wrath for His enemies.
- 3** The LORD is ^aslow to anger and great in power,
And the LORD will by no means leave *the guilty*
unpunished.
In ^bwhirlwind and storm is His way,
And ^cclouds are the dust beneath His feet.
- 4** He ^arebukes the sea and makes it dry;
He dries up all the rivers.
^bBashan and Carmel wither;
The blossoms of Lebanon wither.
- 5** Mountains ^aquake because of Him,
And the hills ^bdissolve;
Indeed the earth is ^cupheaved by His presence,
The ^dworld and all the inhabitants in it.
- 6** Who can stand before His ^aindignation?
Who can endure the ^bburning of His anger?
His ^cwrath is poured out like fire,
And the ^drocks are broken up by Him.
- 7** The LORD is ^agood,
A stronghold in the day of trouble,
And He knows those who take refuge in Him.
- 8** But with an ^aoverflowing flood
He will make a complete end of ¹its site,
And will pursue His enemies into ^bdarkness.
- 9** Whatever you ^adevise against the LORD,
He will make a ^bcomplete end of it.
Distress will not rise up twice.
- 10** Like tangled ^athorns,
And like those who are ^bdrunken with their drink,
They are ^cconsumed
As stubble completely withered.
- 11** From you has gone forth
One who ^aplotted evil against the LORD,
A ¹wicked ^bcounselor.
- 12** Thus says the LORD,
“Though they are at full *strength* and likewise many,
Even so, they will be ^acut off and pass away.
Though I have afflicted you,
I will afflict you no longer.
- 13** “So now, I will ^abreak his yoke bar from upon you,
And I will tear off your shackles.”
- 14** The LORD has issued a command concerning ¹you:
“²Your name will no longer be perpetuated.

I will cut off ^aidol and ³image
From the house of your gods.
I will prepare your ^bgrave,
For you are contemptible.”

¹⁴ ³Lit., *cast metal image*
^aIs. 46:1, 2; Mic. 5:13, 14
^bEzek. 32:22, 23

- 15 ¹Behold, ^aon the mountains the feet of him who brings
good news,
Who announces peace!
^bCelebrate your feasts, O Judah;
Pay your vows.
For never again will the ²wicked one ^cpass through you;
He is ^dcut off completely.

¹⁵ ¹Chap. 2:1 in Heb. ²Or,
worthless one; Heb., *Belial*
^aIs. 40:9; 52:7; Rom. 10:15
^bLev. 23:2, 4 ^cIs. 52:1; Joel
3:17 ^dIs. 29:7, 8

CHAPTER 2

- ¹THE one who ^ascatters has come up against ²you.
Man the fortress, watch the road;
³Strengthen your back, ⁴summon all *your* strength.
2 For the LORD will restore the ^asplendor of Jacob
^bLike the splendor of Israel,
Even though devastators have ^cdevastated them
And ^ddestroyed their vine branches.

¹ ¹Chap. 2:2 in Heb. ²Lit.,
your face ³Lit., *Make strong*
your loins ⁴Lit., *strengthen*
power greatly
^aJer. 51:20-23

- 3 The shields of ¹his mighty men are *colored red*,
The warriors are dressed in scarlet,
The ^achariots are *enveloped* in ²flashing steel
³When he is prepared to *march*,
And the cypress *spears* are brandished.
4 The ^achariots race madly in the streets,
They rush wildly in the ¹squares,
Their appearance is like torches,
They ^bdash to and fro like lightning flashes.
5 He remembers his nobles;
They stumble in their march,
They hurry to her wall,
And the ¹mantelet is set up.
6 The gates of the rivers are opened,
And the palace is dissolved.
7 And it is fixed:
She is stripped, she is carried away,
And her handmaids are moaning like the sound of
doves,
Beating on their ¹breasts.

² ^aIs. 60:15 ^bEzek. 37:21-
23 ^cJer. 48:11 ^dPs. 80:12, 13

³ ¹i.e., those attacking
Nineveh ²Lit., *fire of steel*
³Lit., *On the day of his*
preparation

⁴ ¹Lit., *broad places*
^aNah. 3:2, 3; Is. 66:15; Ezek.
26:10 ^bJer. 4:13

⁵ ¹Lit., *covering used in a*
siege

⁷ ¹Lit., *hearts*

- 8 Though Nineveh *was* like a pool of water throughout
her days,
Now they are fleeing;
“Stop, stop,”
But ^ano one turns back.
9 Plunder the silver!
Plunder the gold!
For there is no limit to the treasure—
Wealth from every kind of desirable object.
10 She is ^aemptied! Yes, she is desolate and waste!
^bHearts are melting and knees knocking!

⁸ ^aJer. 46:5; 47:3

¹⁰ ^aNah. 2:2; Is. 24:1; 34:10-
15 ^bPs. 22:14; Is. 13:7, 8;
Ezek. 21:7

10 ¹Lit., *all the loins*
^cJoel 2:6

12 ¹Lit., *strangled*

13 ^aNah. 3:5; Jer. 21:13;
 Ezek. 5:8 ^bJosh. 11:6, 9; Ps.
 46:9

1 ^aEzek. 24:6, 9

2 ¹Lit., *skipping*
^aNah. 2:3, 4; Job 39:22-25;
 Jer. 47:3

3 ¹Lit., *there is no end to*
²Lit., *their*
^aHab. 3:11 ^bIs. 34:3; 66:16
^cIs. 37:36; Ezek. 39:4

5 ¹Lit., *uncover your*
^aNah. 2:13; Jer. 50:31; Ezek.
 26:3 ^bJer. 13:26 ^cEzek. 16:37

6 ¹Lit., *detestable things*
^aJob 9:31 ^bJob 30:8; Mal. 2:9
^cIs. 14:16; Jer. 51:37

7 ¹Lit., *flee*
^aIs. 51:19; Jer. 15:5

8 ¹i.e., the city of Amon;
 Tuebes ²i.e., the Nile
^aJer. 46:25; Ezek. 30:14-16
^bIs. 19:6-8

9 ¹Lit., *your*
^aIs. 20:5

10 ^aIs. 19:4; 20:4 ^bHos. 1:16

- Also anguish is in ¹the whole body,
 And all their ^cfaces are grown pale!
- 11 Where is the den of the lions
 And the feeding place of the young lions,
 Where the lion, lioness, and lion's cub prowled,
 With nothing to disturb *them*?
- 12 The lion tore enough for his cubs,
¹Killed *enough* for his lionesses,
 And filled his lairs with prey
 And his dens with torn flesh.
- 13 "Behold, ^aI am against you," declares the LORD of hosts.
 "I will ^bburn up her chariots in smoke, a sword will devour your
 young lions, I will cut off your prey from the land, and no
 longer will the voice of your messengers be heard."

CHAPTER 3

- ^aWOE to the bloody city, completely full of lies *and* pillage;
Her prey never departs.
- 2 The ^anoise of the whip,
 The noise of the rattling of the wheel,
 Galloping horses,
 And ¹bounding chariots!
- 3 Horsemen charging,
 Swords flashing, spears ^agleaming,
^bMany slain, a mass of corpses,
 And ¹countless dead bodies—
 They stumble over ²the dead bodies!
- 4 *All* because of the many harlotries of the harlot,
 The charming one, the mistress of sorceries,
 Who sells nations by her harlotries
 And families by her sorceries.
- 5 "Behold, ^aI am against you," declares the LORD of hosts;
 "And I will ¹lift up your skirts over your face,
 And ^cshow to the nations your nakedness
 And to the kingdoms your disgrace.
- 6 "I will ^athrow ¹filth on you
 And ^bmake you vile,
 And set you up as a ^cspectacle.
- 7 "And it will come about that all who see you
 Will ¹shrink from you and say,
 'Nineveh is devastated!
^aWho will grieve for her?
 Where will I seek comforters for you?'"
- 8 Are you better than ^{1a}No-amon,
 Which was situated by the ^bwaters of the Nile,
 With water surrounding her,
 Whose rampart was ²the sea,
 Whose wall *consisted* of ²the sea?
- 9 ^aEthiopia was *her* might,
 And Egypt too, without limits.
 Put and Lubim were among ¹her helpers.
- 10 Yet she ^abecame an exile,
 She went into captivity;
 Also her ^bsmall children were dashed to pieces

- At the head of every street;
 They cast lots for her honorable men,
 And all her great men were bound with fetters.
- 11 You too will become ^adrunk,
 You will be hidden.
 You too will search for a refuge from the enemy.
- 12 All your fortifications are fig trees with ^{1a}ripe fruit—
 When shaken, they fall into the eater's mouth.
- 13 Behold, your people are ^awomen in your midst!
 The gates of your land are ^bopened wide to your
 enemies;
 Fire consumes your gate bars.
- 14 ^aDraw for yourself water for the siege!
^bStrengthen your fortifications!
 Go into the clay and tread the mortar!
 Take hold of the brick mold!
- 15 There ^afire will consume you,
 The sword will cut you down;
 It will consume you as the locust *does*.
- M**ultiply yourself like the creeping locust,
 Multiply yourself like the swarming locust.
- 16 You have increased your traders more than the stars of
 heaven—
 The creeping locust ¹strips and flies away.
- 17 Your ¹guardsmen are like the swarming locust.
 Your marshals are like hordes of grasshoppers
 Settling in the stone walls on a cold day.
 The sun rises and they flee,
 And the place where they are is not known.
- 18 Your shepherds are ^asleeping, O king of Assyria;
 Your nobles are lying down.
 Your people are ^bscattered on the mountains,
 And there is no one to regather *them*.
- 19 There is no ^arelief for your breakdown,
 Your ^bwound is incurable.
 All who hear ¹about you
 Will ^cclap *their* hands over you,
 For on whom has not your evil passed continually?

10 ^cJoel 3:3; Obad. 11

11 ^aIs. 49:26; Jer. 25:27

12 ¹Lit., *first fruits*
^aIs. 28:4; Hab. 1:10

13 ^aIs. 19:16; Jer. 51:30
^bNah. 2:6; Is. 45:1, 2

14 ^{a2} Chr. 32:3, 4, 11 ^bNah. 2:1

15 ^aNah. 3:13; 2:13; Is. 66:15, 16

16 ¹I.e., *strips vegetation*;
 or, *molts*

17 ¹Or, *officials*

18 ^aPs. 76:5, 6; Is. 56:10; Jer. 51:57 ^{b1} Kin. 22:17; Is. 13:14

19 ¹Lit., *your report*
^aJer. 46:11; Mic. 1:9 ^bJer. 30:12 ^cJob 27:23; Lam. 2:15

THE BOOK OF HABAkkUK

Chaldeans Raised Up to Punish Judah.

¹ Or, *burden*
^aIs. 13:1; Nah. 1:1

² Ps. 13:1, 2; 22:1, 2 ^bJer. 14:9

³ Jer. 20:8 ^bJer. 15:10

⁴ Or, *ineffective*; lit., *numbed* ²Lit., *never goes forth*
^aPs. 119:126; Is. 59:12-14 ^bPs. 22:12; Is. 1:21-23 ^cIs. 5:20; Ezek. 9:9

⁵ Lit., *it*
^aIs. 29:9 ^bIs. 29:14; Ezek. 12:22-28

⁶ Lit., *bitter* ²Lit., *the breadth of* ³Lit., *take possession of*
^a2 Kin. 24:2; Jer. 4:11-13 ^bJer. 8:10

⁷ Lit., *eminence* ²Lit., *proceeds from*
^aIs. 18:2, 7 ^bJer. 39:5-9

⁸ Or, *more eager to attack* ²Or, *steeds paw the ground*
^aEzek. 17:3; Hos. 8:1

⁹ Or, *The eagerness of their faces*
^a2 Kin. 12:17; Dan. 11:17

¹⁰ ^a2 Chr. 36:6, 10; Is. 37:13 ^bIs. 10:9; 14:16 ^cJer. 32:24; Ezek. 26:8

¹¹ ^aJer. 2:3 ^bHab. 1:16; Dan. 4:30

¹² ^aIs. 10:5, 6; Mal. 3:5 ^bDeut. 32:4

¹³ Lit., *look at*
^aPs. 11:4-6; 34:16 ^bJer. 12:1, 2

THE ^{1a}oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

2 ^aHow long, O LORD, will I call for help,
 And Thou wilt not hear?
 I cry out to Thee, "Violence!"
 Yet Thou dost ^bnot save.

3 Why dost Thou make me see iniquity,
 And cause *me* to look on wickedness?
 Yes, ^adestruction and violence are before me;
^bStrife exists and contention arises.

4 Therefore, the ^alaw is ¹ignored
 And justice ²is never upheld.
 For the wicked ^bsurround the righteous;
 Therefore, justice comes out ^cperverted.

5 "Look among the nations! Observe!
 Be astonished! ^aWonder!
 Because I am doing ^bsomething in your days—
 You would not believe if ¹you were told.

6 "For behold, I am ^araising up the Chaldeans,
 That ¹fierce and impetuous people
 Who march ²throughout the earth
 To ³seize dwelling places which are not theirs.

7 "They are dreaded and ^afeared.
 Their ^bjustice and ¹authority ²originate with them-
 selves.

8 "Their horses are swifter than leopards
 And ¹keener than wolves in the evening.
 Their ²horsemen come galloping,
 Their horsemen come from afar;
 They fly like an ^aeagle swooping *down* to devour.

9 "All of them come for violence.
¹Their ^ahorde of faces *moves forward*.
 They collect captives like sand.

10 "They ^amock at kings,
 And rulers are a laughing matter to them.
 They ^blaugh at every fortress,
 And ^cheap up rubble to capture it.

11 "Then they will sweep through *like* the wind and pass
 on.
 But they will be held ^aguilty,
 They whose ^bstrength is their god."

12 Art Thou not from everlasting,
 O LORD, my God, my Holy One?
 We will not die.
 Thou, O LORD, hast ^aappointed them to judge;
 And Thou, O ^bRock, has established them to correct.

13 *Thine* eyes are too ^apure to ¹approve evil,
 And Thou canst not look on wickedness *with favor*.
 Why dost Thou ^blook with favor

- On those who deal ^ctreacherously?
Why art Thou ^dsilent when the wicked swallowed up
Those more righteous than they?
14 Why hast Thou made men like the fish of the sea,
Like creeping things without a ruler over them?
15 *The Chaldeans* ^abring all of them up with a hook,
^bDrag them away with their net,
And gather them together in their fishing net.
Therefore, they rejoice and are glad.
16 Therefore, they offer a sacrifice to their net.
And ¹burn incense to their fishing net;
Because through ^athese things their ²catch is ³large,
And their food is ⁴plentiful.
17 Will they therefore empty their ^anet
And continually ^bslay nations without sparing?

13 ^cIs. 24:16 ^dPs. 50:21

15 ^aJer. 16:16; Amos 4:2
^bPs. 10:9

16 ¹Or, *sacrifice* ²Lit.,
portion ³Lit., *fat or plentiful*
⁴Lit., *the fat portion*
^aJer. 44:17

17 ^aIs. 19:8 ^bIs. 14:5, 6

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- I WILL ^astand on my guard post
And station myself on the rampart;
And I will ^bkeep watch to see ^cwhat He will speak to
me,
And how I may reply ¹when I am reproved.
2 Then the LORD answered me and said,
“^aRecord the vision
And inscribe *it* on tablets,
That ¹the one who ²reads it may run.
3 “For the vision is yet for the ^aappointed time;
It ¹hastens toward the goal, and it will not ²fail.
Though it carries, ^bwait for it;
For it will certainly come, it will not delay.
4 “Behold, as for the ^aproud one,
His soul is not right within him;
But the ^brighteous will live by his ¹faith.
5 “Furthermore, wine betrays the haughty man,
So that he does not ^astay at home.
He ^benlarges his appetite like Sheol,
And he is like death, never satisfied.
He also gathers to himself all nations
And collects to himself all peoples.
6 “Will not all of these ^atake up a taunt-song against him,
Even mockery *and* insinuations against him,
And say, ^bWoe to him who increases what is not his—
For how long—
And makes himself ¹rich with loans?
7 “Will not ¹your creditors ^arise up suddenly,
And those who ²collect from you awaken?
Indeed, you will become plunder for them.
8 “Because you have ^alooted many nations,
All the remainder of the peoples will loot you—
Because of human bloodshed and violence done to the
land,
To the town and all its inhabitants.

¹ Lit., *upon my reproof*
^aIs. 21:8 ^bPs. 5:3 ^cPs. 85:8

² Or, *one may read it
fluently* ²Or, *is to proclaim it*
^aDeut. 27:8; Rev. 1:19

³ Lit., *pants* ²Or, *lie*
^aDan. 8:17, 19 ^bPs. 27:14

⁴ Or, *faithfulness*
^aPs. 49:18; Ps. 13:11 ^bRom.
1:17; Gal. 3:11

5 ^a2 Kin. 14:10 ^bIs. 5:11-15

⁶ Lit., *heavy*
^aIs. 14:4-10; Jer. 50:13 ^bHab.
2:12; Job 20:15-29

⁷ Lit., *those who bite you*
²Lit., *violently shake you*
^aProv. 29:1

⁸ ^aIs. 33:1; Jer. 27:7; Zech.
2:8

9 ^aJer. 22:13; Ezek. 22:27
^bIs. 47:7; Jer. 49:16

10 ^aHab. 2:16; 2 Kin. 9:26;
Nah. 1:14

11 ¹Lit., *wood*
^aJosh. 24:27; Luke 19:40

12 ¹Or, *injustice*
^aMic. 3:10; Nah. 3:1

13 ^aIs. 50:11; 55:2; Jer. 51:58

14 ^aPs. 22:27; Is. 11:9; Zech.
14:8, 9

15 ¹Lit., *his neighbor*

16 ¹Lit., *show yourself
uncircumcised*; or, *stagger*,
so DSS and ancient versions
^aJer. 25:15, 27 ^bNah. 3:6

17 ¹Lit., *cover* ²Lit., *which
terrified them*
^aJoel 3:19; Zech. 11:1 ^bHab.
2:8; Ps. 55:23 ^cHab. 2:8; Jer.
51:35

18 ¹Lit., *cast metal image*
^aIs. 42:17; 44:9; Jer. 2:27, 28
^bJer. 10:8, 14; Zech. 10:2 ^cPs.
115:4, 8

19 ^a1 Kin. 18:26-29 ^bJer.
10:9, 14 ^cPs. 135:17

20 ¹Lit., *Hush before Him,
all the earth*
^aZeph. 1:7; Zech. 2:13

¹ I.e., a highly emotional
poetic form

² ¹Or, *Thy report* ²Or, *I
stand in awe of Thy work, O
LORD; In the midst of the
years report it*, ³Or,
compassion
^aJob 42:5, 6 ^bPs. 119:120; Jer.
10:7 ^cPs. 71:20; 85:6 ^dHab.
1:5; Ps. 44:1-8 ^eNum. 14:19;
2 Sam. 24:15-17; Is. 54:8

- 9 "Woe to him who gets ^aevil gain for his house
To ^bput his nest on high
To be delivered from the hand of calamity!
- 10 "You have devised a ^ashameful thing for your house
By cutting off many peoples;
So you are sinning against yourself.
- 11 "Surely the ^astone will cry out from the wall,
And the rafter will answer it from the ¹framework.
- 12 "Woe to him who ^abuilds a city with bloodshed
And founds a town with ¹violence!
- 13 "Is it not indeed from the LORD of hosts
That peoples ^atoil for fire,
And nations grow weary for nothing?
- 14 "For the earth will be ^afilled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.
- 15 "Woe to you who make ¹your neighbors drink,
Who mix in your venom even to make *them* drunk
So as to look on their nakedness!
- 16 "You will be filled with disgrace rather than honor.
Now you yourself drink and ¹expose your own nakedness.
The ^acup in the LORD's right hand will come around to
you,
And ^bbitter disgrace *will come* upon your glory.
- 17 "For the ^aviolence done to Lebanon will ¹overwhelm
you,
And the devastation of its beasts ²by which you terrified
them,
^bBecause of human bloodshed and ^cviolence *done* to
the land,
To the town and all its inhabitants.
- 18 "What ^aprofit is the idol when its maker has carved it,
Or an ¹image, a ^bteacher of falsehood?
For its maker ^ctrusts in his own handiwork
When he fashions speechless idols.
- 19 "Woe to him who says to a *piece of wood*, "Awake!"
To a dumb stone, "Arise!"
And that is your teacher?
Behold, it is overlaid with ^bgold and silver,
And there is ^cno breath at all inside it.
- 20 "But the LORD is in His holy temple.
¹Let all the earth ^abe silent before Him."

CHAPTER 3

A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet, according to
¹Shigionoth.

- 2 LORD, I have ^aheard ¹the report about Thee ²and I
^bfear.
O LORD, ^crevive ^dThy work in the midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember ^emercy.

- 3 God comes from Teman,
And the Holy One from Mount Paran. [Selah.]
His ^asplendor covers the heavens,
And the ^bearth is full of His praise.
- 4 His ^aradiance is like the sunlight;
He has rays *flashing* from His hand,
And there is the hiding of His ^bpower.
- 5 Before Him goes ^apestilence,
And ^bplague comes ¹after Him.
- 6 He stood and surveyed the earth;
He looked and ^astartled the nations.
Yes, the perpetual mountains were shattered,
The ancient hills ¹collapsed.
His ways are everlasting.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan under ^adistress,
The tent curtains of the land of Midian were trem-
bling.
- 8 Did the LORD rage against the ^aivers,
Or *was* Thy anger against the rivers,
Or *was* Thy wrath against the ^bsea,
That Thou didst ^aride on Thy horses,
On Thy ^dchariots of salvation?
- 9 Thy ^abow was made bare,
The rods of ^bchastisement were sworn. [Selah.]
Thou didst ^ccleave the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw Thee *and* quaked;
The downpour of waters swept by.
The deep ^auttered forth its voice,
It lifted high its hands.
- 11 ^aSun *and* moon stood in their places;
They went away at the ^blight of Thine arrows,
At the radiance of Thy gleaming spear.
- 12 In indignation Thou didst ^amarch through the earth;
In anger Thou didst ^btrample the nations.
- 13 Thou didst go forth for the ^asalvation of Thy people,
For the salvation of Thine ^banointed.
Thou didst strike the ^chead of the house of the evil
To lay him open from ^dthigh to neck. [Selah.]
- 14 Thou didst pierce with his ^aown ¹spears
The head of his ²throngs.
They ^bstormed in to scatter ³us;
Their exultation *was* like those
Who ^cdevour the oppressed in secret.
- 15 Thou didst tread on the sea with Thy horses,
On the ^asurge of many waters.
- 16 I heard and my ¹inward parts ^atrembled;
At the sound my lips quivered.
Decay enters my ^bbones,
And in my place I tremble.
Because I must ^cwait quietly for the day of distress,
²For the people to ^darise *who* will invade us.
- 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,
And there be no ¹fruit on the vines,
Though the yield of the ^aolive should fail,
- 3 ^aPs. 113:4; 148:13 ^bPs. 48:10
- 4 ^aPs. 18:12 ^bJob 26:14
- 5 ¹Lit., *at His feet*
^aEx. 12:29, 30; Num. 16:46-49 ^bNum. 11:1-3; Ps. 18:12, 13
- 6 ¹Lit., *bowed or sank down*
^aJob 21:18; Ps. 35:5
- 7 ^aEx. 15:14-16
- 8 ^aEx. 7:19, 20; Josh. 3:16; Is. 50:2 ^bEx. 14:16, 21; Ps. 114:3, 5 ^cDeut. 33:26; Ps. 18:10 ^dPs. 68:17
- 9 ¹Lit., *word*
^aHab. 3:11; Ps. 7:12, 13
^bGen. 26:3; Deut. 7:8 ^cPs. 78:16; 105:41
- 10 ^aPs. 93:3; 98:7, 8
- 11 ^aJosh 10:12-14; Ps. 18:9, 11 ^bPs. 18:14
- 12 ¹Or, *thresh*
^aPs. 68:7 ^bIs. 41:15; Jer. 51:33; Mic. 4:13
- 13 ¹Lit., *foundation*
^aEx. 15:2; Ps. 68:19, 20 ^bPs. 20:6; 28:8 ^cPs. 68:21; 110:6 ^dEzek. 13:14
- 14 ¹Lit., *shafts* ²Or, *warriors or, villagers* ³Lit., *me*
^aJudg. 7:22 ^bDan. 11:40; Zech. 9:14 ^cPs. 10:8; 64:2-5
- 15 ^aEx. 15:8
- 16 ¹Lit., *belly* ²Or, *To come upon the people who will*
^aHab. 3:2; Dan. 10:8 ^bJob 30:17, 30; Jer. 23:9 ^cLuke 21:19 ^dJer. 5:15
- 17 ¹Lit., *produce*
^aMic. 6:15

17 ^bJoc 1:18 ^cJer. 5:17

18 ^aEx. 15:1, 2; Is. 61:10;
Rom. 5:2, 3; Phil. 4:4 ^bPs.
46:1-5 ^cPs. 25:5; 27:1; Is. 12:2

19 ¹YHWH, usually
rendered LORD
^aPs. 18:32, 33; Is. 45:24

2 ¹Lit., *ground*
^aJer. 7:20; Ezek. 33:27, 28

3 ¹Or, *stumbling blocks*
²Lit., *ground*
^aIs. 6:11, 12 ^bJer. 4:25; 9:10
^cEzek. 7:19; 14:3, 4, 8

4 ^aJer. 6:12; Ezek. 6:14
^bMic. 5:13

5 ¹Or, *their king*; M.T.,
Malcam, probably a variant
spelling of Milcom
²Kin. 23:12; Jer. 19:13 ^bJer.
5:2, 7; 7:9, 10

6 ^aIs. 1:4 ^bIs. 9:13

7 ¹Lit., *Hush* ²YHWH,
usually rendered LORD
^aHab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13 ^bIs.
34:6; Jer. 46:10 ^c1 Sam. 16:5;
Is. 13:3

8 ^aIs. 24:21; Hab. 1:10 ^bIs.
2:6

9 ¹Or, *Lord*
^aJer. 5:27; Amos 3:10

And the fields produce no food,
Though the ^bflock should be cut off from the fold,
And there be ^cno cattle in the stalls,

- 18 Yct I will ^aexult in the LORD,
I will ^brejoice in the ^cGod of my salvation.
19 The Lord ¹God is my ^astrength,
And He has made my feet like hinds' *feet*,
And makes me walk on my high places.

For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

Day of Wrath upon Judah.

THE word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, son of Godaliah, son of Amariah, son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah:

- 2 "I will completely ^aremove all *things*
From the face of the ¹earth," declares the LORD.
3 "I will remove ^aman and beast;
I will remove the ^bbirds of the sky
And the fish of the sea,
And the ¹ruins along with the wicked;
And I will cut off man from the face of the ²earth,"
declares the LORD.
4 "So I will ^astretch out My hand against Judah
And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
And I will ^bcut off the remnant of Baal from this place,
And the names of the idolatrous priests along with the
priests.
5 And those who bow down on the housetops to the
^ahost of heaven,
And those who bow down *and* ^bswear to the LORD and
yet swear by ¹Milcom,
6 And those who have ^aturned back from following the
LORD,
And those who have ^bnot sought the LORD or inquired
of Him."
7 ^{1a}Be silent before the Lord ²God!
For the day of the LORD is near,
For the LORD has prepared a ^bsacrifice,
He has ^cconsecrated His guests.
8 "Then it will come about on the day of the LORD's
sacrifice,
That I will ^apunish the princes, the king's sons,
And all who clothe themselves with ^bforeign garments.
9 "And I will punish on that day all who leap on the
temple threshold,
Who fill the house of their ¹lord with ^aviolence and
deceit.

- 10 "And on that day," declares the LORD,
 "There will be the sound of a cry from the ^aFish Gate,
 A wail from the ^{1b}Second Quarter,
 And a loud crash from the ^chills.
- 11 "Wail, O inhabitants of the ¹Mortar,
 For all the ²people of Canaan will be silenced;
 All who weigh out ^asilver will be cut off.
- 12 "And it will come about at that time
 That I will ^asearch Jerusalem with lamps,
 And I will punish the men
 Who are ^{1b}stagnant in spirit,
 Who say in their hearts,
 'The LORD will ^cnot do good or evil!'
- 13 "Moreover, their wealth will become ^aplunder,
 And their houses desolate;
 Yes, ^bthey will build houses but not inhabit *them*,
 And plant vineyards but not drink their wine."
- 14 Near is the ^agreat ^bday of the LORD,
 Near and coming very quickly;
 Listen, the day of the LORD!
¹In it the warrior ^ccries out bitterly.
- 15 A day of wrath is that day,
 A day of ^atrouble and distress,
 A day of destruction and desolation,
 A day of ^bdarkness and gloom,
 A day of clouds and thick darkness,
- 16 A day of ^atrumpet and battle cry,
 Against the ^bfortified cities
 And the high corner towers.
- 17 And I will bring ^adistress on men,
 So that they will walk ^blike the blind,
 Because they have sinned against the LORD;
 And their ^bblood will be poured out like dust,
 And their ^dflesh like dung.
- 18 Neither their silver nor their gold
 Will be able to deliver them
 On the day of the LORD's wrath;
 And all the earth will be devoured
 In the fire of His jealousy,
 For He will ^amake a complete end,
 Indeed a terrifying one,
 Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

CHAPTER 2

GATHER yourselves together, yes, ^agather,
 O nation ^bwithout ¹shame,

- 2 Before the decree ¹takes effect—
 The day passes ^alike the chaff—
 Before the ^bburning anger of the LORD comes upon
 you,
 Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you.
- 3 ^aSeek the LORD,
 All you ^bhumble of the ¹earth
 Who have carried out His ²ordinances;

10 ¹I.e., a district of
 Jerusalem ²Or, merchant
^a2 Chr. 33:14 ^b2Chr. 34:22
^c2 Sam. 5:7; Ezek. 6:13

11 ¹I.e., a district of
 Jerusalem ²Or, merchant
 people will
^aJob 27:16, 17; Hos. 9:6

12 ¹Lit., thickening on
 their lees
^aJer. 16:16, 17; Ezek. 9:4-11;
 Amos 9:1-3 ^bJer. 48:11; Amos
 6:1 ^cEzek. 8:12; 9:9

13 ^aJer. 15:13; 17:3 ^bAmos
 5:11; Mic. 6:15

14 ¹Lit., There
^aJer. 30:7; Joel 2:11; Mal. 4:5
^bZeph. 1:7; Ezek. 7:7, 12;
 30:3; Joel 1:5; 3:14 ^cEzek.
 7:16-18

15 ^aIs. 22:5 ^bJoel 2:2, 31;
 Amos 5:18-20

16 ^aJer. 4:19 ^bIs. 2:12-15

17 ^aJer. 10:18 ^bDeut. 28:29
^cEzek. 24:7, 8 ^dJer. 8:2; 9:22

18 ^aEzek. 7:5-7

1 ¹Or, longing
^a2 Chr. 20:4; Joel 1:14 ^bJer.
 3:3; 6:15

2 ¹Lit., is born
^aIs. 17:13; Hos. 13:3 ^bLam.
 4:11; Nah. 1:6

3 ¹Or, land ²Or, justice
^aPs. 105:4; Amos 5:6 ^bPs.
 22:26; Is. 11:4

3 ^cAmos 5:14, 15 ^dPs. 57:1;
Is. 26:20

4 ^aAmos 1:7, 8; Zech. 9:5-7

5 ¹i.e., a segment of the
Philistines with roots in
Crete
^aAmos 3:1 ^bIs. 14:29, 30

6 ¹Or, meadows; or, wells
^aIs. 7:25

7 ^aIs. 11:14; Jer. 32:44 ^bIs.
32:14 ^cEx. 4:31; Ps. 80:14
^dZeph. 3:20; Ps. 126:4

8 ¹Lit., reproach ²Lit.,
reproached ³Lit., made
themselves great
^aEzek. 25:8 ^bEzek. 25:3
^cAmos 1:13

9 ^aIs. 11:14

10 ¹Lit., reproached ²Lit.,
made themselves great
^aIs. 16:6

11 ¹Lit., make lean
^aJoel 2:11 ^bIs. 24:15 ^cZeph.
3:9; Ps. 72:8-11

12 ^aIs. 20:4, 5; Ezek. 30:4-9

13 ^aNah. 3:7

14 ¹Or, All kinds of beasts
in crowds; lit., Every kind of
beast of a nation ²Or, owl;
or, jackdaw ³Lit., her
capitals ^aLit., A voice
^aIs. 14:23; 34:11-15

15 ^aIs. 22:2 ^bIs. 32:9, 11;
47:8

^cSeek righteousness, seek humility.
Perhaps you will be ^dhidden
In the day of the LORD's anger.

- 4 For ^aGaza will be abandoned,
And Ashkelon a desolation;
^aAshdod will be driven out at noon,
And ^aEkron will be uprooted.
- 5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast,
The nation of the ¹Cherethites!
The word of the LORD is ^aagainst you,
O Canaan, land of the Philistines;
And I will ^bdestroy you,
So that there will be no inhabitant.
- 6 So the seacoast will be ^apastures,
With ¹caves for shepherds and folds for flocks.
- 7 And the coast will be
For the ^aremnant of the house of Judah,
They will ^bpasture on it.
In the houses of Ashkelon they will lie down at evening;
For the LORD their God will ^ccare for them
And ^drestore their fortune.
- 8 "I have heard the ¹taunting of Moab
And the ^brevilings of the sons of Ammon,
With which they have ²taunted My people
And ³become arrogant against their territory.
- 9 "Therefore, as I live," declares the LORD of hosts,
The God of Israel,
"Surely Moab will be like Sodom,
And the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah—
A place possessed by nettles and salt pits,
And a perpetual desolation.
The remnant of My people will ^aplunder them,
And the remainder of My nation will inherit them."
- 10 This they will have in return for their ^apride, because
they have ¹taunted and ²become arrogant against the people
of the LORD of hosts.
- 11 The LORD will be ^aterrifying to them, for He will
¹starve all the gods of the earth; and all the ^bcoastlands of the
nations will ^cbow down to Him, every one from his own place.
- 12 "You also, O ^aEthiopians, will be slain by My sword."
- 13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north
And destroy Assyria,
And He will make ^aNineveh a desolation,
Parched like the wilderness.
- 14 And flocks will lie down in her midst,
¹All beasts which range in herds;
Both the ²pelican and the hedgehog
Will lodge in ³the tops of her pillars;
⁴Birds will sing in the window,
Desolation will be on the threshold;
For He has laid bare the cedar work.
- 15 This is the ^aexultant city
Which ^bdwells securely,
Who says in her heart,

“I am, and there is no one besides me.”
 How she has become a ^ddesolation,
 A resting place for beasts!
 Every one who passes by her will hiss
 And wave his hand *in contempt*.

CHAPTER 3

WOE to her who is ^arebellious and ^bdefiled,
 The ^ctyrannical city!
 2 She ^aheeded no voice;
 She ^baccepted no instruction.
 She did not ^ctrust in the LORD;
 She did not ^ddraw near to her God.
 3 Her ^aprinces within her are roaring lions,
 Her judges are ^bwolves at evening;
 They leave nothing for the morning.
 4 Her prophets are ^areckless, treacherous men;
 Her ^bpriests have profaned the sanctuary.
 They have done violence to the law.
 5 The LORD is ^arighteous within her;
 He will do no ^binjustice.
 Every morning He brings His justice to light;
 He does not fail.
 But the unjust knows no shame.
 6 “I have cut off nations;
 Their corner towers are in ruins.
 I have made their streets ^adesolate,
 With no one passing by;
 Their ^bcities are laid waste,
 Without a man, without an inhabitant.
 7 “I said, ‘Surely you will revere Me,
 Accept instruction.’
 So her dwelling will ^anot be cut off
According to all that I have appointed concerning her.
 But they were eager to ^bcorrupt all their deeds.

8 “Therefore, ^await for Me,” declares the LORD,
 “For the day when I rise up to the prey.
 Indeed, My decision is to ^bgather nations,
 To assemble kingdoms,
 To pour out on them My indignation,
 All My burning anger;
 For all the earth will be devoured
 By the fire of My zeal.
 9 “For then I will ¹give to the peoples ^apurified lips,
 That all of them may ^bcall on the name of the LORD,
 To serve Him ²shoulder to shoulder.
 10 “From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
 My ¹worshippers, ²My dispersed ones,
 Will ^abring My offerings.
 11 “In that day you will ^afeel no shame
 Because of all your deeds
 By which you have rebelled against Me;
 For then I will remove from your midst
 Your ^bproud, exulting ones,

15 ^cIs. 47:8; Ezek. 28:2, 9
^dIs. 32:14 ^cJer. 18:16; 19:8

1 ^aJer. 5:23 ^bEzek. 23:30
^cJer. 6:6

2 ^aJer. 7:23-28 ^bJer. 2:30;
 5:3 ^cPs. 78:22; Jer. 13:25 ^dPs.
 73:28

3 ^aEzek. 22:27 ^bJer. 5:6;
 Hab. 1:8

4 ^aJudg. 9:4 ^bEzek. 22:26;
 Mal. 2:7, 8

5 ^aDeut. 32:4 ^bPs. 92:15
^cJob 7:18

6 ^aJer. 9:12 ^bIs. 6:11

7 ^aJer. 7:7 ^bHos. 9:9

8 ^aPs. 27:14; Is. 30:18;
 Hab. 2:3 ^bEzek. 38:14-23;
 Joel 3:2

9 ¹Lit., *change* ²Lit., *with
 one shoulder*
^aIs. 19:18; 57:19 ^bZeph. 2:11;
 Ps. 22:27; 86:9; Hab. 2:14

10 ¹Or, *suppliants* ²Lit., *the
 daughter of My dispersed
 ones*
^aIs. 60:6, 7

11 ^aIs. 45:17; 54:4; Joel 2:26,
 27 ^bIs. 2:12; 5:15

11 ^aIs. 11:9; 56:7; Ezek. 20:40

12 ^aIs. 14:30, 32; Zech. 13:8, 9 ^bIs. 50:10; Nah. 1:7

13 ^aZeph. 2:7; Is. 10:20-22; Mic. 4:7 ^bZeph. 3:5; Ps. 119:3; Jer. 31:33 ^cZech. 8:3, 16

15 ^aZeph. 3:5; Ezek. 37:26-28 ^bIs. 54:14

16 ^aIs. 35:3, 4

17 ¹Lit., *A warrior who saves* ²Or, with some ancient versions, *renew you in* ^aIs. 63:1 ^bIs. 62:5

18 ¹Lit., *were* ²Lit., *her* ^aPs. 42:2-4; Ezek. 9:4, 6

19 ^aIs. 60:14; Zech. 8:23 ^bEzek. 16:27, 57 ^cIs. 60:18; 62:7

20 ^aEzek. 37:12, 21 ^bDeut. 26:18, 19; Is. 56:5; 66:22 ^cZeph. 2:7; Jer. 29:14; Joel 3:1

And you will never again be haughty
On My ^choly mountain.

12 "But I will leave among you
A ^ahumble and lowly people,
And they will ^btake refuge in the name of the LORD.

13 "The ^aremnant of Israel will ^bdo no wrong
And ^ctell no lies,
Nor will a deceitful tongue
Be found in their mouths;
For they shall feed and lie down
With no one to make them tremble."

14 Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion!
Shout *in triumph*, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all *your* heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

15 The LORD has taken away *His* judgments against you,
He has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is ^ain your midst;
You will ^bfear disaster no more.

16 In that day it will be said to Jerusalem:
"^aDo not be afraid, O Zion;
Do not let your hands fall limp.

17 "The LORD your God is in your midst,
A ^{1a}victorious warrior.
He will ^bexult over you with joy,
He will ^{2b}be quiet in His love,
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

18 "I will gather those who ^agrieve about the appointed
feasts—
They ^{1c}came from you, O Zion;
The reproach of exile is a burden on ²them.

19 "Behold, I am going to deal at that time
With all your ^aoppressors,
I will save the lame
And gather the outcast,
And I will turn their ^bshame into ^cpraise and renown
In all the earth.

20 "At that time I will ^abring you in,
Even at the time when I gather you together;
Indeed, I will give you ^brenown and praise
Among all the peoples of the earth,
When I ^crestore your fortunes before your eyes,"
Says the LORD.

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

Haggai Begins Temple Building.

IN the second year of Darius the King, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet ^aHaggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ^bgovernor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD of ¹hosts, “This people says, “The time has not come, *even* the time for the house of the LORD to be rebuilt.””

3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet saying,

4 “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house ^alies desolate?”

5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, “¹Consider your ways!

6 “You have ^asown much, but ¹harvest little; you eat, but *there is not enough* to be satisfied; you drink, but *there is not enough* ²to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm *enough*; and he who earns, earns wages to *put* into a purse with holes.”

7 Thus says the LORD of hosts, “¹Consider your ways!

8 “Go up to the ¹mountains, bring wood and rebuild the ²temple, that I may be ^apleased with it and be glorified,” says the LORD.

9 “You look for much, but behold, *it comes* to little; when you bring *it* home, I ^ablow it *away*. Why?” declares the LORD of hosts, “Because of My house which *lies desolate*, while each of you runs to his own house.

10 “Therefore, because of you the ^asky has withheld ¹its dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

11 “And I called for a ^adrought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on what the ground produces, on ^bmen, on cattle, and on all the labor of ¹your hands.”

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, ^aobeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people ^{1b}showed reverence for the LORD.

13 Then Haggai, the ^amessenger of the LORD, spoke ^{1b}by the commission of the LORD to the people saying, “^bI am with you,” declares the LORD.”

14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit of ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ^agovernor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the ^bremnant of the people; and they came and ^cworked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king.

¹ ^aHag. 1:3, 12, 13; 2:1, 10, 20; Ezra 5:1; 6:14 ^{b1} Kin. 10:15; Ezra 5:3

² ¹Lit., *hosts, saying*

⁴ ^aHag. 1:9; Jer. 33:10, 12

⁵ ¹Lit., *set your heart on*

⁶ ¹Lit., *bring in* ²Lit., *not becoming drunk*
^aHag. 1:9, 10; 2:16, 17; Deut. 28:38-40; Hos. 8:7

⁷ ¹Lit., *set your heart on*

⁸ ¹Lit., *mountain* ²Lit., *house*
^aPs. 132:13, 14

⁹ ^aIs. 40:7

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *from dew*
^aDeut. 28:23-24; 1 Kin. 17:1; Joel 1:18-20

¹¹ ¹Lit., *the palms*
^aJer. 14:2-6; Mal. 3:9, 11
^bDeut. 28:22

¹² ¹Lit., *feared before*
^aIs. 1:19; 1 Thess. 2:13
^bDeut. 31:12, 13; Ps. 112:1; Is. 50:10

¹³ ¹Or, *the message*
¹Is. 44:26; Ezek. 3:17; Mal. 2:7; 3:1 ^bPs. 46:11; Is. 41:10; 43:2

¹⁴ ^aHag. 1:1; 2:2, 21 ^bHag. 1:12 ^cEzra 5:2; Neh. 4:6

1 ^aHag. 1:12 ^aHag. 1:1 ^bHag. 1:123 ¹Lit., *hous*; ²Lit., *is in your eyes* ³Lit., *like it*
^aEzra 3:124 ¹Lit., *be strong*
^aDeut. 31:23; 1 Chr. 22:13;
28:20; Zech. 8:9; Eph. 6:10
^{b2} Sam. 5:10; Acts 7:95 ¹Lit., *word* ²Lit., *cut with* ³Or, *while . . . was standing*
^aEx. 19:4-6; 33:12-14; 34:8-10
^bNeh. 9:20; Is. 63:11, 14 ^cIs. 41:10, 13; Zech. 8:136 ¹Lit., *it is a little*
^aHeb. 12:26 ^bIs. 10:25; 29:177 ¹Or, *the Desire of all nations will come*
^aDan. 2:44; Joel 3:9, 16 ^bIs. 60:4-9 ^c1 Kin. 8:11; Is. 60:78 ^a1 Chr. 29:14, 16; Is. 60:179 ^aZech. 2:5 ^bIs. 9:6, 7; 66:1211 ¹Lit., *law*
^aDeut. 17:8-11; Mal. 2:712 ¹Lit., *wing* ²Lit., *his wing*
^aEx. 29:37; Lev. 6:27, 29; 7:6; Ezek. 44:19; Matt. 23:1913 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aLev. 22:4; Num. 19:2214 ^aProv. 15:8; Is. 1:11-1515 ¹Lit., *set your heart* ²Or, *backward*
^aEzra 3:10; 4:2416 ¹Lit., *since they were*
²Or, *troughs full*17 ¹Heb. *obscure*; perhaps, *but what did we have in common?*
^aDeut. 28:22; 1 Kin. 8:37; Amos 4:918 ¹Lit., *set your heart* ²Or, *backward*
^aHag. 2:15; Deut. 32:29
^bEzra 5:1, 2; Zech. 8:9, 12

ON the twenty-first of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came by ^aHaggai the prophet saying,

2 "Speak now to ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ^agovernor of Judah, and to ^aJoshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the brementant of the people saying,

3 "Who is ^aleft among you who saw this ¹temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not ²seem to you like nothing ³in comparison?

4 "But now ¹take courage, Zerubbabel," declares the LORD, "take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage," declares the LORD, "and work; for ^bI am with you," says the LORD of hosts.

5 "As for the ¹promise which I ²made you when you came out of Egypt, ³My ^bSpirit is abiding in your midst; ^cdo not fear!"

6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, ^aOnce more ¹in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

7 "And I will shake ^aall the nations; and ¹they will come with the ^bwealth of all nations; and I will ^cfill this house with glory," says the LORD of hosts.

8 "The ^asilver is Mine, and the gold is Mine," declares the LORD of hosts.

9 "The latter ^aglory of this house will be greater than the former," says the LORD of hosts, "and in this place I shall give ^bpeace," declares the LORD of hosts."

10 On the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Haggai the prophet saying,

11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, ^aAsk now the priests for a ¹ruling:

12 "If a man carries ^aholy meat in the ¹fold of his garment, and touches bread with ²this fold, or cooked food, wine, oil, or any *other* food, will it become holy?" And the priests answered and said, "No."

13 Then Haggai said, ^a"If one who is unclean from a ¹corpse touches any of these, will *the latter* become unclean?" And the priests answered and said, "It will become unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered and said, ^a"So is this people, and so is this nation before Me," declares the LORD, "and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

15 "But now, do ¹consider from this day ²onward: before one ^astone was placed on another in the temple of the LORD,

16 ¹from that time *when* one came to a *grain* heap of twenty *measures*, there would be only ten; and *when* one came to the wine vat to draw fifty ²measures, there would be *only* twenty.

17 "I smote you *and* every work of your hands with ^ablast-ing wind, mildew, and hail; yet you did not ¹come *back* to me," declares the LORD.

18 "Do ¹consider from this day ²onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month; from the day when the temple of the LORD was ^bfounded, ¹consider:

19 'Is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree, it has not borne fruit. Yet from this day on I will ^a'bless you.'

20 Then the word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month saying,

21 "Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah saying, 'I am going to shake the heavens and the earth.

22 'And I will overthrow the ^athrones of kingdoms and destroy the ^bpower of the kingdoms of the ¹nations; and I will overthrow the ^cchariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, ^devery one by the sword of another.'

23 'On that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, my servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a ^{1a}signet ring, for ^bI have chosen you,' " declares the LORD of hosts.

19 ^aPs. 128:1-6; Jer. 31:12, 14; Mal. 3:10

22 ¹Or, *Gentiles*
^aEzek. 26:16; Zeph. 3:8
^bMic. 7:16 ^cPs. 46:9; Ezek. 39:20; Mic. 5:10 ^dJudg. 7:22; 2 Chr. 20:23

23 ¹Or, *seal*
^aSong of Sol. 8:6; Jer. 22:24
^bIs. 42:1; 43:10

THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

The Vision of Horses.

IN the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo saying,

2 "The LORD was very ^aangry with your fathers.

3 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "^aReturn to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

4 "Do not be ^alike your fathers, to whom the ^bformer prophets proclaimed, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "^cReturn now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.'" But they did not ^dlisten or give heed to Me," declares the LORD.

5 "Your fathers, where are they? And the ^aprophets, do they live forever?

6 "But did not My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, ^aovertake your fathers? Then they repented and said, "^bAs the LORD of hosts purposed to do to us in accordance with our ways and our deeds, so He has dealt with us.'" "

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, as follows—

8 I saw at night, and behold, a man was riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the ^amyrtle trees which were in the ravine, with red, sorrel, and white horses behind him.

9 Then I said, "My ^alord, what are these?" And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "I will show you what these are."

10 And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are those whom the LORD has sent to ^{1a}patrol the earth."

2 ^aZech. 1:15; 2 Chr. 36:16; Jer. 44:6

3 ^aIs. 31:6; Mal. 3:7

4 ^aPs. 78:8; 106:6, 7
^{b2} Chr. 24:19; 36:15 ^cIs. 1:16-19; Jer. 4:1; Ezek. 33:11 ^dJer. 6:17; 11:7, 8

5 ^aJohn 8:52

6 ^aJer. 12:16, 17; 44:28, 29; Amos 9:10 ^bLam. 2:17

8 ^aZech. 1:10, 11; Neh. 8:15; Is. 41:19; 55:13

9 ^aZech. 1:19; 4:4, 5, 13; 6:4

10 ¹Lit., *walk about through*
^aZech. 1:11; 4:10; 6:5-8; Job 1:7

11 ¹Lit., *walked about through* ²Lit., *sitting*
^aZech. 1:15; Is. 14:7

12 ^aPs. 74:10; Jer. 12:4; Hab. 1:2 ^bPs. 102:13; Jer. 30:18 ^cPs. 102:10; Jer. 15:17 ^dJer. 25:11; 29:10; Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5

13 ¹Lit., *good*
^aIs. 40:1, 2; 57:18

14 ^aZech. 1:17; Is. 40:2, 6

15 ¹Lit., *helped for evil*
^aPs. 123:4; Jer. 48:11 ^bAmos 1:11

16 ^aZech. 2:10, 11; Is. 54:8-10 ^bZech. 4:9; Ezra 6:14, 15 ^cZech. 2:2, 4; Jer. 31:39

17 ^aIs. 44:26; 61:4 ^bIs. 51:3

18 ¹Ch. 2:1 in Heb.

19 ^a1 Kin. 22:11; Ps. 75:4, 5; Amos 6:13

20 ^aIs. 44:12; 54:16

21 ^aZech. 1:17 ^bPs. 73:10

¹Ch. 2:5 in Heb.
^aZech. 1:16; Jer. 31:39; Ezek. 40:3; 47:3

2 ^aJer. 31:39; Ezek. 40:3; Rev. 21:15-17

4 ¹Lit., *like unvalled villages; or, like open country*
^aJer. 1:6; Dan. 1:4; 1 Tim. 4:12 ^bEzek. 38:11 ^cIs. 49:20; Jer. 30:19; 33:22

5 ¹Lit., *to her*
^aIs. 4:5; 26:1; 60:18 ^bZech. 2:10, 11; Hag. 2:9

6 ¹Lit., *Ho! ho!*
^aJer. 3:18 ^bJer. 31:10; Ezek. 11:16

7 ^aIs. 48:20; Jer. 51:6

8 ¹Or, *the glory*
^aIs. 60:7-9

11 So they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have ¹patrolled the earth, and behold, ²all the earth is ¹peaceful and quiet."

12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, ^ahow long wilt Thou ^bhave no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which Thou hast been ^cindignant these ^dseventy years?"

13 And the LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with ¹gracious words, ^acomforting words.

14 So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, ^a"Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion."

15 "But I am very angry with the nations who are ^aat ease; for while I was only a little angry, they ^{1b}furthered the disaster."

16 "Therefore, thus says the LORD, "I will ^areturn to Jerusalem with compassion; My ^bhouse will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and a measuring ^cline will be stretched over Jerusalem."

17 "Again, proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "My ^acities will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again ^bcomfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem."'"

18 ¹Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, *there were* four horns.

19 So I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these?" And he answered me, "These are the ^ahorns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

20 Then the LORD showed me four ^acraftsmen.

21 And I said, "What are these coming to do?" And he said, "These are the ^ahorns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifts up his head; but these *craftsmen* have come to terrify them, to ^bthrow down the horns of the nations who have lifted up *their* horns against the land of Judah in order to scatter it."

CHAPTER 2

¹THEN I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, *there was* a man with a ^ameasuring line in his hand.

2 So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To ^ameasure Jerusalem, to see how wide it is and how long it is."

3 And behold, the angel who was speaking with me was going out, and another angel was coming out to meet him,

4 and said to him, "Run, speak to that ^ayoung man, saying, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited ^{1b}without walls, because of the ^cmultitude of men and cattle within it."

5 'For I,' declares the LORD, 'will be a ^awall of fire ¹around her, and I will be the ^bglory in her midst.'"

6 "Ho there! ^aFlee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have ^bdispersed you as the four winds of the heavens," declares the LORD.

7 "Ho, Zion! ^aEscape, you who are living with the daughter of Babylon."

8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After ^{1a}glory He has

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sent Me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the ^{2b}apple of His eye.

9 "For behold, I will ^awave My hand over them, so that they will be ^bplunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

10 "Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," declares the LORD.

11 "And ^amany nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

12 "And the LORD will ^{1a}possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again ^bchoose Jerusalem.

13 "Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is ^baroused from His holy habitation."

CHAPTER 3

THEN he showed me ^aJoshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and ^{1b}Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has ^achosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with ^afilthy garments and standing before the angel.

4 And he spoke and said to those who were standing before him saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have ^btaken your iniquity away from you and ¹will ^cclothe you with festal robes.

5 Then I said, "Let them put a clean ^aturban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by.

6 And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will ^awalk in My ways, and if you will perform My service, then you will also ^bgovern My house and also have charge of My ^ccourts, and I will grant you ¹free access among these who are standing here.

8 "Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a ^asymbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My Servant the ^{1b}Branch.

9 "For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 'In that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'every one of you will invite his neighbor to *sit* under *his* ^avine and under *his* fig tree.'

CHAPTER 4

THEN the angel who was speaking with me returned, and ^aroused me as a man who is awakened from his sleep.

2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I

⁸ ²Lit., *pupil*
^aDeut. 32:10; Ps. 19:8

⁹ ^aIs. 19:16 ^bIs. 14:2

¹⁰ ^aZech. 9:9; Is. 65:18, 19

¹¹ ^aMic. 4:2

¹² ¹Or, *inherit*
^aDeut. 32:9; Ps. 33:12; Jer. 10:16 ^bZech. 1:17; 2 Chr. 6:6; Ps. 132:13, 14

¹³ ¹Lit., *Hush*
^aHab. 2:20; Zeph. 1:7 ^bPs. 78:65; Is. 51:9

¹ ¹Or, the *Adversary* or, *Accuser*
^aZech. 6:11; Ezra 5:2; Hag. 1:1 ^b1 Chr. 21:1; Job 1:6; Ps. 109:6

² ^aZech. 2:12

³ ^aEzra 9:15; Is. 4:4; 64:6

⁴ ¹Lit., *to clothe*
^aIs. 43:25; Ezek. 36:25
^bZech. 3:9; Mic. 7:18, 19 ^cIs. 52:1; 61:10

⁵ ^aJob 29:14; Is. 3:23

⁷ ¹Lit., *goings*
^a1 Kin. 3:14 ^bDeut. 17:9, 12
^cIs. 62:9

⁸ ¹Lit., *Sprout*
^aIs. 8:18; 20:3; Ezek. 12:11
^bZech. 6:12; Is. 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 33:15

¹⁰ ^a1 Kin. 4:25; Is. 36:16; Mic. 4:4

¹¹ ^a1 Kin. 19:5-7; Jer. 31:26

² ^aZech. 5:2; Jer. 1:13

²Ex. 25:31, 37; Jer. 52:19
^cRev. 4:5

³Zech. 4:11; Rev. 11:4

⁶Lit., *said to me, saying*
^aHag. 2:4, 5 ^bIs. 11:2-4; 30:1;
 Hos. 1:7 ^cChr. 32:7, 8; Eph.
 6:17

⁷Ezra 3:10, 11; Ps. 84:11

⁹Lit., you (plural)
^aEzra 3:8-10; 5:16; Hag. 2:18
^bZech. 6:12, 13; Ezra 6:14, 15

¹⁰Or, *But they will
 rejoice when they
 see . . . Zerubbabel. These
 seven are the eyes of the
 LORD* ^{Lit., plummet stone}
^aNeh. 4:2-4; Amos 7:2, 5;
 Hag. 2:3 ^bZech. 3:9; Rev. 8:2
^cAmos 7:7, 8

¹²Or, *clusters*

¹⁴Lit., *sons of fresh oil*
^aEx. 29:7; 40:15; 1 Sam. 16:1,
 12, 13; Is. 61:1-3; Dan. 9:24-
 26 ^bZech. 3:1-7 ^cMic. 4:13

¹Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 2:9

²A cubit equals 18 in.

³Or, *earth* ^{Lit., it}
^aIs. 24:6; 43:28; Jer. 26:6 ^bEx.
 20:15; Lev. 19:11; Mal. 3:8, 9

⁴Mal. 3:5 ^bHos. 4:2, 3
^cJer. 2:26 ^dLev. 14:34-35; Job
 18:15

⁶Lit., a bushel measure
<sup>Lit., eye; some ancient
 versions read, iniquity</sup> <sup>Or,
 earth</sup>
^aLev. 19:36; Amos 8:5

see, and behold, a ^blampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its ^cseven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;

³ also ^atwo olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."

⁴ Then I answered and said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?"

⁵ So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

⁶ Then he answered and ¹said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to ^aZerubbabel saying, ^b'Not by might nor by power, but by My ^cSpirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

⁷ 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with ^ashouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' "

⁸ Also the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁹ "The hands of Zerubbabel have ^alaid the foundation of this house, and his hands will ^bfinish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to ¹you.

¹⁰ "For who has despised the day of ^asmall things? ¹But these ^bseven will be glad when they see the ²plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—*these are the eyes of the LORD* which range to and fro throughout the earth."

¹¹ Then I answered and said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?"

¹² And I answered the second time and said to him, "What are the two olive ¹branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?"

¹³ So he answered me saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

¹⁴ Then he said, "These are the two ¹anointed ones, who are ^bstanding by the ^cLord of the whole earth."

CHAPTER 5

THEN I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, *there was a flying scroll.*

² And he said to me, "What do you see?" And I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty ¹cubits and its width ten cubits."

³ Then he said to me, "This is the ^acurse that is going forth over the face of the whole ¹land; surely everyone who ^bsteals will be purged away according to ²the writing on one side, and everyone who swears will be purged away according to ²the writing on the other side.

⁴ "I will ^amake it go forth," declares the LORD of hosts. "and it will ^benter the house of the ^cthief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name; and it will spend the night within that house and ^dconsume it with its timber and stones."

⁵ Then the angel who was speaking with me went out, and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes, and see what this is, going forth."

⁶ And I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the ¹ephah going forth." Again he said, "This is their ²appearance in all the ³land

7 (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah."

8 Then he said, "This is ^aWickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its ¹opening.

9 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a ^astork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

10 And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?"

11 Then he said to me, "To build a ¹temple for her in the land of ^aShinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

CHAPTER 6

NOW I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, ^afour chariots were coming forth from between the two mountains; and the mountains were bronze mountains.

2 With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses,

3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong dappled horses.

4 Then I spoke and said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?"

5 And the angel answered and said to me, "These are the ^afour spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth,

6 with one of which the black horses are going forth to the ^anorth country; and the white ones go forth after them, while the dappled ones go forth to the ^bsouth country.

7 "When the strong ones went out, they ¹were eager to go to ²patrol the earth." And he said, "Go, ²patrol the earth." So they ³patrolled the earth.

8 Then he cried out to me and spoke to me saying, "See, those who are going to the land of the north have ^{1a}appeased My wrath in the land of the north."

9 The word of the LORD also came to me saying,

10 "Take *an offering* from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon.

11 "And take silver and gold, make an *ornate* ^acrown, and set it on the head of ^bJoshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

12 "Then say to him, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is ^{1a}Branch, for He will ^{2b}branch out from where He is; and He will ^cbuild the temple of the LORD.

13 "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will ^abear the honor and sit and ^brule on His throne. Thus, He will be a ^cpriest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two ¹offices."

14 "Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem, Tobijah, ¹Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

8 ¹Lit., *mouth*
^aHos. 12:7; Amos 8:5; Mic. 6:11

9 ^aLev. 11:13, 19; Ps. 104:17; Jer. 8:7

11 ¹Lit., *house*
^aGen. 10:10; 11:2; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Dan. 1:2

1 ^aZech. 6:5; 1:18; Dan. 7:3; 8:22

5 ^aJer. 49:36; Ezek. 37:9; Dan. 7:2; 11:4; Matt. 24:31; Rev. 7:1

6 ^aJer. 1:14, 15; 4:6; 6:1; 25:9; 46:10; Ezek. 1:4 ^bIs. 43:6; Dan. 11:5

7 ¹Lit., *sought to go* ²Lit., *walked about through* ³Lit., *walked about through*

8 ¹Lit., *caused My spirit to rest in*
^aZech. 1:15; Ezek. 5:13; 24:13

10 ^aEzra 7:14-16; 8:26-30; Jer. 28:6

11 ^a2 Sam. 12:30; Ps. 21:3; Song of Sol. 3:11 ^bZech. 3:1; Ezra 3:2; Hag. 1:1

12 ¹Lit., *Sprout* ²Lit., *sprout up*
^aZech. 3:8; Is. 4:2; 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15 ^bIs. 53:2 ^cZech. 4:6-9; Ezra 3:8, 10; Amos 9:11

13 ¹Lit., *of them*
^aIs. 9:6; 11:10; 22:24; 49:5, 6 ^bIs. 9:7 ^cPs. 110:1, 4

14 ¹i.e., Josiah

15 ¹Lit., *build in*
^aIs. 56:6-8; 60:10 ^bZech. 3:7;
 Is. 58:10-14; Jer. 7:23

2 ¹Lit., *his* ²Lit., *soften the face of*
^aZech. 8:21; 1 Kin. 13:6; Jer. 26:19

3 ¹Lit., *abstaining, or, dedicating myself*
^aEzra 3:10-12

5 ¹Lit., *and these*
^aZech. 1:12 ^bIs. 1:11, 12; 58:5

6 ¹Lit., *is it not you who eat and you who drink*

7 ¹Or, *at ease* ²i.e., South country ³Heb., *Shephelah*
^aZech. 1:4; Is. 1:16-20; Jer. 7:5, 23 ^bJer. 22:21 ^cJer. 13:19; 32:44

9 ^aZech. 8:16; Ezek. 18:8; 45:9 ^b2 Sam. 9:7; Job 6:14; Mic. 6:8

10 ¹Or, *fatherless* ²Or, *resident alien*
^aEx. 22:22; Ps. 72:4; Jer. 7:6 ^bZech. 8:17; Ps. 21:11; Mic. 2:1

11 ¹Lit., *gave* ²Lit., *made heavy*
^aJer. 5:3; 8:5; 11:10 ^bJer. 7:26; 17:23 ^cPs. 58:4; Jer. 5:21

12 ¹Lit., *corundum* ²Lit., *from hearing*
^a2 Chr. 36:13; Ezek. 2:4; 3:7-9 ^bJer. 17:1; Ezek. 3:9 ^cNeh. 9:30 ^d2 Chr. 36:16; Dan. 9:11, 12

13 ^aJer. 11:10, 14; 14:12
^bProv. 1:24-28; Is. 1:15

14 ¹Lit., *stormed them away upon all* ²Lit., *from passing and from returning*
^aDeut. 4:27; 28:64 ^bJer. 23:19 ^cJer. 44:6 ^dIs. 60:15 ^eJer. 12:10

15 "And ^athose who are far off will come and ¹build the temple of the LORD." Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place, if you completely ^bobey the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 7

THEN it came about in the fourth year of King Darius, that the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *which is* Chislev.

2 Now *the town* of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melch and ¹their men to ^{2a}seek the favor of the LORD,

3 speaking to the ^apriests who belong to the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets saying, "Shall I weep in the fifth month ¹and abstain, as I have done these many years?"

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me saying,

5 "Say to all the people of the land and to the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months ¹these ^aseventy years, was it actually for ^bMe that you fasted?

6 'And when you eat and drink, ¹do you not eat for yourselves and do you not drink for yourselves?

7 'Are not *these* the words which the LORD ^aproclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and ^{1b}prosperous with its cities around it, and the ^{2c}Negev and the ³foothills were inhabited?'"

8 Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah saying,

9 "Thus has the LORD of hosts said, ^a"Dispense true justice, and practice ^bkindness and compassion each to his brother;

10 and do not ^aoppress the widow or the ¹orphan, the ²stranger or the poor; and do ^bnot devise evil in your hearts against one another.'

11 "But they ^arefused to pay attention, and ^{1b}turned a stubborn shoulder and ^{2c}stopped their ears from hearing.

12 "And they made their ^ahearts like ^{1b}flint ²so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the ^cformer prophets; therefore great ^dwrath came from the LORD of hosts.

13 "And it came about that just as ^aHe called and they would not listen, so ^bthey called and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts;

14 "but I ^{1a}scattered them with a ^bstorm wind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land is ^cdesolated behind them, ²so that ^dno one went back and forth, for they ^emade the pleasant land desolate."

CHAPTER 8

THEN the word of the LORD of hosts came saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.'

3 "Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts *will be called* the Holy Mountain.'

**The Coming Peace and Prosperity of Zion.
Other Nations Will Seek God.**

Zechariah 8

4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because of age.

5 "And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets."

6 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "If it is too difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be too difficult in My sight?" declares the LORD of hosts.

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west;

8 and I will bring them back, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be My people and I will be their God in truth and righteousness."

9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Let your hands be strong, you who are listening in these days to these words from the mouth of the prophets, those who spoke in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, to the end that the temple might be built.

10 "For before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for animal; and for him who went out or came in there was no peace because of his enemies, and I set all men one against another.

11 "But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days," declares the LORD of hosts.

12 "For there will be peace for the seed: the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce, and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

13 "And it will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong."

14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, "Just as I purposed to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath," says the LORD of hosts, "and I have not relented,

15 so I have again purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear!

16 "These are the things which you should do: Speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.

17 "Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate," declares the LORD."

18 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me saying,

19 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "The fast of the fourth, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth months will become joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah; so love truth and peace."

20 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities;

21 and the inhabitants of one will go to another saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will also go."

22 "So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek

⁴ Or, squares ² Lit., the multitude of days
¹ Is. 65:20

⁵ Or, squares
¹ Jer. 30:19, 20; 31:12, 13

⁶ Or, wonderful
² Ps. 118:23; 126:1-3
³ Jer. 32:17, 27

⁷ Lit., rising ² Lit., setting sun
² Ps. 107:3; Is. 11:11; 27:12, 13; 43:5

⁸ Or, faithfulness
² Zech. 10:10; Zeph. 3:20
³ Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 37:25
⁴ Zech. 2:11; Ezek. 11:20; 36:28

⁹ ¹ Chr. 22:13; Is. 35:4;
² Hag. 2:4
³ Ezra 5:1; 6:14

¹⁰ Or, safety ² Lit., the adversary
² Hag. 2:15-19
³ Chr. 15:5
⁴ Is. 19:2; Amos 3:6; 9:4

¹¹ Lit., be to the
² Ps. 103:9; Is. 12:1; Hag. 2:19

¹² Gen. 27:28; Deut. 33:13, 28; Hos. 13:3
³ Is. 61:7; Obad. 17

¹³ Jer. 29:18; Dan. 9:11
² Zech. 14:11; Ps. 72:17; Is. 19:24, 25; Ezek. 34:26

¹⁴ Jer. 31:28
³ Jer. 4:28; Ezek. 24:14

¹⁵ Jer. 29:11; Mic. 7:18-20

¹⁶ I. e., law courts
² Zech. 8:3; Ps. 15:2; Prov. 12:17-19

¹⁷ Lit., false oath
² Zech. 7:10; Prov. 3:29; Jer. 4:14
³ Zech. 5:4; Mal. 3:5
⁴ Prov. 6:16-19; Hab. 1:13

¹⁹ Or, goodly
² Kin. 25:3, 4; Jer. 39:2
³ Zech. 7:5; 2 Kin. 25:25
⁴ Jer. 52:4
⁵ Ps. 30:11; Is. 12:1
⁶ Zech. 8:16; Luke 1:74, 75

²⁰ Zech. 2:11; 14:16; Ps. 117:1; Jer. 16:19; Mic. 4:2, 3

²¹ Or, Let me go too

²² Is. 2:2, 3; 25:7; 49:6, 22; 60:3-12

23 ¹Lit., *grasp, and they will grasp ²Or, *corner of the garment*
¹Is. 45:14, 24; 60:14*

1 ¹Or, *oracle*
¹Is. 17:1

2 ¹Or, *because* ²I.e., they think they are (cf. Ezek. 28:2)
¹Jer. 49:23 ²Ezek. 28:3-5, 12
³Ezek. 28:21

3 ¹Josh. 19:29; 2 Sam. 24:7
²Job 27:16; Ezek. 27:33; 28:4.
⁵1 Kin. 10:21, 27

4 ¹Ezek. 26:3-5 ²Ezek. 28:18

6 ¹Lit., *bastard will*

7 ¹Or, *chief*

8 ¹Or, *as a guard, so that none will go back and forth*
¹Is. 52:1; Joel 3:1 ²Is. 54:14; 60:18

9 ¹Or, *vindicated and victorious* ²Lit., *son of a female donkey*
²Zech. 2:10; Zeph. 3:14, 15
³Ps. 110:1; Is. 9:6, 7; Jer. 23:5, 6; Matt. 21:5; John 12:15
⁴Zeph. 3:5 ⁵Is. 43:3, 11 ⁶Is. 57:15 ⁷Judg. 10:4; Is. 30:6

10 ¹I.e., the Euphrates
¹Is. 57:19; Mic. 4:2-4 ²Ps. 72:8; Is. 60:12

11 ¹Lit., *cistern in which there is no water*
²Ex. 24:8; Heb. 10:2 ³Is. 24:22; 51:14

12 ¹Or, *Stronghold* ²Lit., *of the hope*
¹Jer. 16:19; Joel 3:16 ²Is. 61:7

the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD.'

23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'In those days ten men from the nations of every language will ¹grasp the ²garment of a Jew saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'"

CHAPTER 9

THE ¹burden of the word of the LORD is against the land of Hadrach, with ²Damascus as its resting place (for the eyes of men, especially of all the tribes of Israel, are toward the LORD),

2 And ³Hamath also, which borders on it;

⁴Tyre and ⁵Sidon, ¹though they are ²very ³wise.

3 For Tyre built herself a ⁴fortress

And ⁵piled up silver like dust,

And ⁶gold like the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will ⁷dispossess her

And cast her wealth into the sea;

And she will be ⁸consumed with fire.

5 Ashkelon will see it and be afraid.

Gaza too will writhe in great pain;

Also Ekron, for her expectation has been confounded.

Moreover, the king will perish from Gaza,

And Ashkelon will not be inhabited.

6 And a ¹mongrel race will dwell in Ashdod,

And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will remove their blood from their mouth,

And their detestable things from between their teeth.

Then they also will be a remnant for our God,

And be like a ¹clan in Judah,

And Ekron like a Jebusite.

8 But I will camp around My house ¹because of an army,

Because of ²him who passes by and returns;

And ³no oppressor will pass over them any more.

For now I have seen with My eyes.

9 ¹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your ²king is coming to you;

He is ³just and ⁴endowed with salvation,

⁵Humble, and mounted on a donkey,

Even on a ⁶colt, the ⁷foal of a donkey.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,

And the horse from Jerusalem;

And the bow of war will be cut off.

And He will speak ⁸peace to the nations;

And His ⁹dominion will be from sea to sea,

And from ¹the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the ¹blood of My covenant with you,

I have set your ²prisoners free from the ³waterless pit.

12 Return to the ⁴stronghold, O prisoners ⁵who have the hope;

This very day I am declaring that I will restore ⁶double to you.

**God Will Defend the People.
He Will Bless Judah and Israel.**

Zechariah 9, 10

- 13 For I will ^abend Judah ¹as My bow,
I will fill the bow with Ephraim.
And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons,
O ^bGreece;
And I will make you like a warrior's sword.
- 14 Then the LORD will appear ^aover them,
And His ^barrow will go forth like lightning;
And the Lord ¹God will blow the ^ctrumpet,
And will march in the ^dstorm winds of the south.
- 15 The LORD of hosts will defend them.
And they will devour, and ^atrample on the sling stones;
And they will drink, *and* be ^bboisterous as with wine;
And they will be filled like a *sacrificial* basin,
Drenched like the ^ccorners of the altar.
- 16 And the LORD their God will ^asave them in that day
As the flock of His people;
For *they are as* the stones of a ^bcrown,
¹Sparkling in His land.
- 17 "For what ^{1a}comeliness and ^bbeauty *will be* ²theirs!
Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine
the virgins.

¹³ ¹Lit., for Me
^aJer. 51:20 ^bJoel 3:6

¹⁴ ¹YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aZech. 2:5; Is. 31:5 ^bPs. 18:14; Hab. 3:11 ^cIs. 27:13 ^dIs. 21:1; 66:15

¹⁵ ^aJob 41:28 ^bPs. 78:65
^cEx. 27:2

¹⁶ ¹Or, Displayed over
^aJer. 31:10, 11 ^bIs. 62:3

¹⁷ ¹Lit., goodness ²Lit., his
^aJer. 31:12, 14 ^bPs. 27:4; Is. 33:17

CHAPTER 10

- “**ASK** ^arain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain—
The LORD who ^bmakes the ¹storm clouds;
And He will give them ^cshowers of rain, vegetation in
the field to *each* man.
- 2 “For the ^ateraphim speak ¹iniquity,
And the ^bdiviners see ²lying visions,
And tell ^cfalse dreams;
They comfort in vain.
Therefore *the people* ³wander like ^dsheep,
They are afflicted, because there is no shepherd.
- 3 “My ^aanger is kindled against the shepherds,
And I will punish the ¹male goats;
For the LORD of hosts has ^bvisited His flock, the house
of Judah,
And will make them like His majestic horse in battle.
- 4 “From ¹them will come the cornerstone,
From ¹them the tent peg,
From ¹them the bow of ^abattle,
From ¹them every ²ruler, *all* of them together.
- 5 “And they will be as mighty men,
^aTreading down *the enemy* in the mire of the streets in
battle;
And they will fight, for the LORD *will be* with them;
And the ^briders on horses will be put to shame.
- 6 “And I shall strengthen the house of Judah,
And I shall save the house of Joseph,
And I shall ¹bring them back,
Because I have had ^acompassion on them;
And they will be as though I had ^bnot rejected them,
For I am the LORD their God, and I will answer them.
- 7 “And Ephraim will be like a mighty man,
And their heart will be glad as if *from* wine;

¹ ¹Or, thunderbolts
^aJoel 2:23 ^bJer. 10:13 ^cIs. 30:23

² ¹Or, futility ²Lit., lie
³Lit., journey
^aEzek. 21:21; Hos. 3:4 ^bJer. 27:9 ^cJer. 23:32 ^dEzek. 34:5, 8

³ ¹i.e., leaders
^aJer. 25:34-36 ^bEzek. 34:12

⁴ ¹Lit., him ²Or, oppressor
^aZech. 9:10; Jer. 51:20

⁵ ^a2 Sam. 22:43 ^bAmos 2:15; Hag. 2:22

⁶ ¹Or, make them dwell
^aZech. 1:16; Is. 54:8 ^bIs. 54:4

7 ¹Or, *Let their heart rejoice*
^aIs. 54:13; Ezek. 37:25

8 ¹Lit., *were numerous*
^aIs. 5:26; 7:18, 19 ^bJer. 33:22
^cJer. 30:20; Ezek. 36:11

9 ¹Lit., *sow* ^a1 Kin. 8:47,
48; Ezek. 6:9

10 ¹Lit., *And*
^aIs. 11:11 ^bJer. 50:19 ^cIs.
49:19, 20

11 ^aIs. 51:9, 10 ^bIs. 19:5-7
^cZeph. 2:13 ^dEzek. 30:13

12 ^aMic. 4:5

1 ^aJer. 22:6, 7 ^bEzek. 31:3

2 ¹Or, *juniper* ²Another
reading is: *forest of the*
vintage

3 ¹Or, *the jungle*
^aJer. 25:34-36 ^bJer. 2:15;
50:44

5 ¹Lit., *are not held guilty*
^aJer. 50:7 ^bHos. 12:8; 1 Tim.
6:9
^cEzek. 34:2, 3

6 ¹Lit., *find* ²Lit., *hand*
^aJer. 13:14 ^bZech. 14:13; Is.
9:19-21; Mic. 7:2-6 ^cPs. 50:22;
Mic. 5:8

7 ¹Another reading is: *for*
the sheep dealers ²Or,
Pleasantness ³Or, *Cords*
^aJer. 39:10; Zeph. 3:12
^bEzek. 37:16 ^cZech. 11:10,
Ps. 27:4, 90:17 ^dZech. 11:14;
Ps. 133:1; Ezek. 37:16-23

8 ¹Or, *detested*
^aHos. 5:7

9 ¹Or, *will die* ²Or, *will be*
annihilated ³Or,
those . . . will eat
^aJer. 15:2

10 ¹Or, *Pleasantness* ²Or,
annual
^aPs. 89:39; Jer. 14:21

- Indeed, their ^achildren will see *it* and be glad,
¹Their heart will rejoice in the LORD.
- 8 "I will ^awhistle for them to gather them together,
For I have redeemed them;
And they will be as ^bnumerous as they ^{1c}were before.
- 9 "When I ¹scatter them among the peoples,
They will ^aremember Me in far countries,
And they with their children will live and come back.
- 10 "I will ^abring them back from the land of Egypt,
And gather them from Assyria;
And I will bring them into the land of ^bGilead and
Lebanon,
¹Until ^cno room can be found for them.
- 11 "And He will pass through the ^asea of distress,
And strike the waves in the sea,
So that all the depths of the ^bNile will dry up;
And the pride of ^cAssyria will be brought down,
And the scepter of ^dEgypt will depart.
- 12 "And I shall strengthen them in the LORD,
And in His name ^athey will walk," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 11

- OPEN your doors, O Lebanon,
That a fire may feed on your ^bcedars.
- 2 Wail, O ^{1c}cypress, for the cedar has fallen,
Because the glorious *trees* have been destroyed;
Wail, O oaks of Bashan,
For the ²impenetrable forest has come down.
- 3 There is a sound of the shepherds' ^awail,
For their glory is ruined;
There is a ^bsound of the young lions' roar,
For the ¹pride of the Jordan is ruined.
- 4 Thus says the LORD my God: "Pasture the flock
doomed to slaughter.
- 5 "Those who buy them slay them and ¹go ^aunpunished,
and *each* of those who sell them says, 'Blessed be the LORD, for
^bI have become rich!' And their ^cown shepherds have no pity
on them.
- 6 "For I shall ^ano longer have pity on the inhabitants of
the land," declares the LORD; "but behold, I shall ^bcause the
men to ¹fall into one another's ²power and into the ²power of
his king; and they will strike the land, and I shall ^cnot deliver
them from their ²power."
- 7 So I pastured the flock *doomed to slaughter*, ¹hence
the ^aafflicted of the flock. And I took for myself two ^bstaffs:
the one I called ^{2c}Favor, and the other I called ^{3d}Union; so I
pastured the flock.
- 8 Then I annihilated the three shepherds in ^aone month,
for my soul was impatient with them, and their soul also ¹was
weary of me.
- 9 Then I said, "I will not pasture you. What is to ^adie,
¹let it die, and what is to be annihilated, ²let it be annihilated;
and ³let those who are left eat one another's flesh."
- 10 And I took my staff ¹Favor and cut it in pieces, to
^{2a}break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples.

**Thirty Shekels Wages.
The Might of Judah.**

11 So it was ¹broken on that day; and ²thus the ³afflicted of the flock who were watching me realized that it was the word of the LORD.

12 And I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give *me* my ^awages; but if not, ¹never mind!" So they weighed out ^bthirty *shekels* of silver as my wages.

13 Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the ^apotter, *that* magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty *shekels* of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut my second staff, ¹Union, in pieces, to ^abreak the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said to me, "Take again for yourself the equipment of a ^{1a}foolish shepherd.

16 "For behold, I am going to raise up a shepherd in the land who will not ^acare for the perishing, seek the scattered, heal the broken, or sustain ²the one standing, but will ^bdevour the flesh of the fat *sheep* and tear off their hoofs.

17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd
Who leaves the flock!
A sword will be on his arm
And on his right eye!
His arm will be totally withered,
And his right eye will be ¹blind."

CHAPTER 12

THE ¹burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. *Thus* declares the LORD who ^astretches out the heavens, ^bblays the foundation of the earth, and ^cforms the spirit of man within him:

2 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a ^acup ¹that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

3 "And it will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy ^astone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be ^bseverely ¹injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

4 "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment, and his rider with madness. But I will ¹watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 "Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, ^{1a}A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God."

6 "In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a ^afirepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.

7 "The LORD also will ^asave the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of ^bDavid and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.

8 "In that day the LORD will ^adefend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who ^{1b}is feeble among them in that day

Zechariah 11, 12

11 ¹Or, *annulled* ²Another reading is: *the sheep dealers who*
^aZeph. 3:12

12 ¹Lit., *cease*
^{a1} Kin. 3:5 ^bCen. 37:28; Ex. 21:32; Matt. 26:15; 27:9, 10

13 ^aMatt. 27:3-10; Acts 1:18, 19

14 ¹Or, *cords*
^aZech. 11:6; Is. 9:21

15 ¹Or, *useless*
^aZech. 11:17; Is. 6:10-12

16 ^aJer. 23:2 ^bEzek. 34:2-6

17 ¹Lit., *completely dimmed*
^aZech. 11:15, 10:2; Jer. 23:1

1 ¹Or, *oracle*
^aIs. 42:5; 44:24; Jer. 51:15
^bJob 26:7; Ps. 102:25, 26;
Heb. 1:10-12 ^cIs. 57:16; Heb. 12:9 Ps. 139, 135-17

2 ¹Lit., *of reeling*
^aPs. 75:8; Is. 51:22, 23

3 ¹Lit., *scratched*
^aDan. 2:34, 35, 44, 45 ^bMatt. 21:44

4 ¹Lit., *open My eyes*

5 ¹Lit., *My strength is*

6 ^aZech. 11:1; Is. 10:17, 18; Obad. 18

7 ^aJer. 30:18 ^bAmos 9:11

8 ¹Or, *stumbles*
^aZech. 9:14, 15; Joel 3:16
^bLev. 26:8; Josh. 23:10; Mic. 7:8

8 cPs. 8:5; 82:6 dEx. 14:19;
33:2

9 ¹Lit., seek to

10 ¹Or, a spirit
^aIs. 44:3; Ezek. 39:29; Joel
2:28, 29 ^bJohn 19:37; Rev.
1:7 ^cJer. 6:26; Amos 8:10

11 ¹I.e., broad valley ²Heb.,
Megiddon
^aMatt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7

1 ^aJer. 2:13; 17:13 ^bPs.
51:2, 7; Is. 1:16-18; John 1:29
^cNum. 19:17; Is. 4:4; Ezek.
36:25

2 ^aEx. 23:13; Hos. 2:17
^bJer. 23:14, 15 ^c1 Kin. 22:22;
Ezek. 36:25, 29

3 ^aJer. 23:34 ^bDeut. 18:20;
Ezek. 14:9 ^cJer. 23:25 ^dDeut.
13:6-11; Matt. 10:37

4 ^aJer. 6:15; 8:9; Mic. 3:7
^b2 Kin. 1:8; Is. 20:2; Matt.
3:4

5 ¹Lit., caused another to
buy me
^aAmos 7:14

6 ¹Lit., hands ²Lit., those
who love me

7 ¹Or, upon
^aIs. 40:11; Ezek. 34:23, 24;
37:24; Mic. 5:2, 4 ^bPs. 2:2;
Jer. 23:5, 6 ^cIs. 53:4, 5, 10;
Matt. 26:31; Mark 14:27 ^dIs.
1:25

8 ^aIs. 6:13; Ezek. 5:2-4, 12

9 ^aIs. 48:10; Mal. 3:3

will be like David, and the house of David will be like ^cGod, like the ^dangel of the LORD before them.

9 "And it will come about in that day that I will ¹set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 "And I will ^apour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem ¹the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have ^bpierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one ^cmourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.

11 "In that day there will be great ^amourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the ¹plain of ²Megiddo.

12 "And the land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

CHAPTER 13

"IN that day a ^afountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for ^bsin and for ^cimpurity.

2 "And it will come about in that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I will ^acut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the ^bprophets and the ^cunclean spirit from the land.

3 "And it will come about that if anyone still ^aprophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, 'You shall ^bnot live, for you have spoken ^cfalsely in the name of the LORD'; and his ^dfather and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies.

4 "Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ^aashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a ^bhairy robe in order to deceive;

5 but he will say, 'I am ^anot a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man ¹sold me as a slave in my youth.'

6 "And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your ¹arms?' Then he will say, '*Those*, with which I was wounded in the house of ²my friends.'

7 "Awake, O sword, against My ^aShepherd,
And against the man, My ^bAssociate,"
Declares the LORD of hosts.

"Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered;
And I will ^dturn My hand ¹against the little ones.

8 "And it will come about in all the land,"
Declares the LORD,

"That ^atwo parts in it will be cut off and perish;
But the third will be left in it.

9 "And I will bring the third part through the ^afire,
Refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.

They will ^bcall on My name,
 And I will ^canswer them;
 I will say, 'They are ^d'My people,'
 And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "

CHAPTER 14

BEHOLD, a ^aday is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.

2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the ^ahouses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as ¹when He fights on a day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will ^astand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be ^bsplit in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

5 And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the ^aearthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, O My God, will come, *and* all the holy ones with ¹Him!

6 And it will come about in that day that there will be ^ano light; the ¹luminaries will dwindle.

7 For it will be ^aa unique day which is ^bknown to the LORD, neither day nor night; but it will come about that at ^cevening time there will be light.

8 And it will come about in that day that ^aliving waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

9 And the LORD will be ^aking over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only* ^bone, and His name *the only* one.

10 All the land will be changed into a plain from ^aGeba to ^bRimmon south of Jerusalem; but ¹Jerusalem will ^crise and ^dremain on its site from ^eBenjamin's gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the ^fCorner Gate, and from the ^gTower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.

11 And ¹people will live in it, and there will be ^ano more curse, for Jerusalem will ^bdwell in security.

12 "Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will ^arot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

13 And it will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will ¹fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will ²be lifted against the hand of another.

14 And Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the ^awealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance.

⁹ ^bZech. 12:10; Ps. 34:15-17; 50:15 ^cZech. 10:6; Is. 58:9; 65:24; Jer. 29:11-13 ^dHos. 2:23

¹ ¹Is. 13:6, 9; Joel 2:1; Mal. 4:1

² ¹Is. 13:16

³ ¹Lit., *His day of fighting*

⁴ ^aEzek. 11:23 ^bZech. 14:8; 4:7; Is. 64:1, 2; Ezek. 47:1-10; Mic. 1:3, 4; Hab. 3:6

⁵ ¹So the versions; Heb., *Thee* ²Is. 29:6; Amos 1:1

⁶ ¹Lit., *glorious ones will congeal* ²Is. 13:10; Jer. 4:23; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; Acts 2:16, 19

⁷ ^aJer. 30:7; Amos 8:9 ^bIs. 45:21; Acts 15:18 ^cIs. 58:10; Rev. 22:5

⁸ ^aEzek. 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; Rev. 22:1, 2

⁹ ^aZech. 14:16, 17; 9:9; Is. 2:2-4; 45:23 ^bDeut. 6:4; Is. 45:21-24

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *it* ²1 Kin. 15:22 ^bJosh. 15:32; Judg. 20:45, 47 ^cIs. 2:2; Amos 9:11 ^dZech. 12:6; Jer. 30:18 ^eJer. 37:13; 38:7 ^f2 Kin. 14:13 ^gJer. 31:8

¹¹ ¹Lit., *they* ²Zech. 8:13; Rev. 22:3 ^bJer. 23:5, 6; Ezek. 34:25-28

¹² ^aLev. 26:16; Deut. 28:21, 22

¹³ ¹Lit., *be among* ²Lit., *rise up against*

¹⁴ ^aZech. 14:1; Is. 23:18

16 ¹Is. 60:6-9; 66:18-21, 23
^bLev. 23:34-44

17 ²Jer. 14:3-6; Amos 4:7

19 ¹Lit., *sin*

20 ²Ex. 28:36-38 ^bEzek.
46:20

21 ¹Or, *merchant*
^aNeh. 8:10; Rom. 14:6, 7;
¹Cor. 10:31

15 So also like this plague, will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey, and all the cattle that will be in those camps.

16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will ^ago up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the ^bFeast of Booths.

17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be ^ano rain on them.

18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

19 This will be the ¹punishment of Egypt, and the ¹punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

20 In that day there will be *inscribed* on the bells of the horses, "^aHOLY TO THE LORD." And the ^bcooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the bowls before the altar.

21 And every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be ^aholy to the LORD of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a ¹Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

God's Love for Jacob.

1 ¹Lit., *burden* ²Or, *My messenger*
^aIs. 13:1; Nah. 1:1; Hab. 1:1;
Zech. 9:1

2 ^aRom. 9:13 ^bJer. 49:16-18; Ezek. 35:8, 15

4 ¹Or, *rebuild the ruins*
²Lit., *border of wickedness*
³Or, *whom the LORD has cursed*
^aJer. 5:17 ^bIs. 9:9, 10 ^cAmos 3:15; 5:11; 6:11

5 ¹Or, *will be great* ²Or, *territory*
^aPs. 35:27; Mic. 5:4

6 ¹Lit., *fear*
^aEx. 20:12; Prov. 30:11, 17
^bMal. 2:10; Deut. 1:31; Is. 1:2; Jer. 3:4 ^cMal. 2:1-9;
Zeph. 3:4

7 ¹Lit., *bread*
^aLev. 21:6, 8

THE ¹oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel through ²Malachi.

2 "I have ^aloved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How hast Thou loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I ^bhave loved Jacob;

3 but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation, and *appointed* his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

4 Though Edom says, "We have been ^abeaten down, but we will ^breturn and build up the ruins"; thus says the LORD of hosts, "They may ^cbuild, but I will tear down; and *men* will call them the ²wicked territory, and the people ³toward whom the LORD is indignant forever."

5 And your eyes will see this and you will say, "The LORD ¹be magnified beyond the ²border of Israel!"

6 "A son ^ahonors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a ^bfather, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My ¹respect? says the LORD of hosts to you, O ^cpriests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Thy name?'

7 "You are presenting defiled ¹food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled Thee?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.'

8 "But when you present the ^ablind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? ¹Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

9 "But now ¹will you not ^aentreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? ²With such an offering on your part, will He ^breceive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

10 "Oh that there were one among you who would ^ashut the ¹gates, that you might not uselessly kindle *fire on My altar!* I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "nor will I ^baccept an offering from ²you.

11 "For from the ^arising of the sun, even to its setting, My name *will be great among the nations, and in every place* ^bincense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering *that is pure; for My name will be* ^cgreat among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "But you are profaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.'

13 "You also say, '¹My, how ^atiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the LORD of hosts, "and you bring what was taken by ^brobbery, and *what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering!* Should I receive that from your hand?" says the LORD.

14 "But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock, and vows it, but sacrifices a ^ablemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great ^bKing," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is ^cfeared among the ²nations."

CHAPTER 2

"^aAND now, this commandment is for you, O priests.

2 "If you do ^anot listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the LORD of hosts, "then I will send the ^bcurse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them *already*, because you are not taking *it* to heart.

3 "Behold, I am going to ^arebuke your ¹offspring, and I will ^bspread ²refuse on your faces, the ²refuse of your ^cfeasts; and you will be taken away ³with it.

4 "Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, ¹that My ^acovenant may ²continue with Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

5 "My covenant with him was *one of life and* ^apeace, and I gave them to him *as an object of* ¹reverence; so he ²revered Me, and stood in awe of My name.

6 "^{1a}True instruction was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked ^bwith Me in peace and uprightness, and he ^cturned many back from iniquity.

7 "For the lips of a priest should preserve ^aknowledge, and ¹men should ^bseek ²instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

8 "But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to ^astumble ¹by the instruction; you have ²corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

⁸ ¹Lit., *Offer, please*
^aDeut. 15:21

⁹ ¹Lit., *entreat please*
²Lit., *This has been from your hand*
^aJer. 27:18; Joel 2:12-14
^bAmos 5:22

¹⁰ ¹Or, *doors* ²Lit., *your hand*
^aIs. 1:13 ^bJer. 14:10, 12; Hos. 5:6

¹¹ ^aIs. 45:6 ^bIs. 60:6 ^cIs. 12:4, 5; 54:5; Jer. 10:6, 7

¹³ ¹Lit., *Behold it is weariness*
^aIs. 43:22 ^bLev. 6:4; Is. 61:8

¹⁴ ¹Or, *reversed* ²Or, *Gentiles*
^aLev. 22:18-20; Acts 5:1-4
^bZech. 14:9 ^cZeph. 2:11

² ^aLev. 26:14, 15; Deut. 28:15 ^bDeut. 28:16-20

³ ¹Lit., *seed* ²Or, *vomit*
¹Lit., *to*
^aLev. 26:16; Deut. 28:38
^bNah. 3:6 ^cEx. 29:14

⁴ ¹Or, *to be My covenant with* ²Lit., *be*
^aNum. 3:45; 18:21

⁵ ¹Or, *fear* ²Or, *feared*
^aNum. 25:12 ^bNum. 25:7, 8, 13

⁶ ¹Or, *Law of truth*
^aPs. 119:142, 151, 160 ^bDeut. 33:8, 9; Ps. 37:37 ^cJer. 23:22

⁷ ¹Lit., *they* ²Or, *law*
^aLev. 10:11; Neh. 8:7 ^bNum. 27:21; Deut. 17:8-11

⁸ ¹Or, *in the law* ²Or, *violated*
^aJer. 18:15 ^bEzek. 44:10

9 ¹Lit., *to* ²Or, *law*
²Deut. 1:17; Mic. 3:11

10 ¹Is. 63:16; 64:8; Jer 31:9
²Jer. 9:4; 5 ³Ex. 19:4-6; 24:3,
 7, 8

11 ¹Or, *in that he has loved*
and married
²Jer. 3:7-9 ³Ezra 9:1, 2

12 ¹Or, *grain offering*
²Ezek. 24:21; Hos. 9:12

13 ¹Lit., *second* ²Or, *grain*
offering
³Jer. 11:14; 14:12

14 ⁴Mal. 3:5; Jer. 9:2

15 ¹Or, *Did He not make*
one, although He had the
remnant ²Or, *Why one? He*
sought a godly offspring
³Lit., *seed*
⁴Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4, 5
⁵Ruth 4:12; 1 Sam. 2:20 ⁶Ex.
 20:14; Lev. 20:10

16 ¹Lit., *He hates* ²Lit.,
sending away ³Lit., *he*
covers ⁴Or, *violence*
⁵Deut. 24:1; Matt. 5:31; 19:6
⁶Ps. 73:6; Is. 59:6

17 ¹Is. 43:22, 24 ²Is. 5:20;
 Zeph. 1:12 ³Job 9:24 ⁴Is.
 5:19; Jer. 17:15

1 ¹Or, *angel* ²Or, *prepare*
³Or, *even*
⁴Matt. 11:10, 14; Mark 1:2;
 Luke 7:27 ⁵Is. 63:9

2 ¹Lit., *laundermen*
²Is. 33:14; Ezek. 22:14
³Zech. 13:9; Matt. 3:10-12;
 1 Cor. 3:13-15

3 ¹Or, *grain offerings*
²Is. 1:25; Dan 12:10 ³Ps. 4:5;
 51:19

4 ¹Or, *grain offering*
²Ps. 51:17-19 ³Chr. 7:1-3,
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5 ¹Deut. 18:10; Jer. 27:9,
 10 ²Ezek. 22:9-11 ³Jer. 5:2;
 7:9; Zech. 5:4 ⁴Lev. 19:13
⁵Ex. 22:22-24

9 "So I also have made you despised and abased ¹before all the people, just as you are not keeping My ways, but are showing ²partiality in the ³instruction.

10 "Do we not all have ⁴one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal ⁵treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the ⁶covenant of our fathers?

11 "Judah has dealt ⁷treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has ⁸profaned the sanctuary of the LORD ¹which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

12 "As for the man who does this, may the ²LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob *everyone* who awakes and answers, or who presents an ³offering to the LORD of hosts.

13 "And this is ⁴another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He ⁵no longer regards the ⁶offering or accepts *it with favor* from your hand.

14 "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt ⁷treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15 "But not one has ⁸done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And ⁹what did *that one do* while he was seeking a ¹⁰godly ¹¹offspring? Take heed then, to your spirit, and let no one deal ¹²treacherously against the wife of your youth.

16 "For ¹I hate ²divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and ³him who covers his garment with ⁴wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

17 You have ⁵wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, "How have we wearied *Him*?" In that you say, "⁶Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He ⁷delights in them," or, "Where is the God of ⁸justice?"

CHAPTER 3

“¹BEHOLD, I am going to send My ²messenger, and he will ³clear the way before Me. And ⁴the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; ⁵and ⁶the ⁷messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, he is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.

2 "But who can ⁸endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a ⁹refiner's fire and like ¹⁰fullers' soap.

3 "And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will ¹¹purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may ¹²present to the LORD ¹³offerings in righteousness.

4 "Then the ¹⁴offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be ¹⁵pleasing to the LORD, as in the ¹⁶days of old and as in former years.

5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the ¹⁷sorcerers and against the ¹⁸adulterers and against those who ¹⁹swear falsely, and against those who oppress the ²⁰wage earner in his wages, the ²¹widow and the

¹orphan, and those who turn aside the ²alien, and do not ³fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.

6 "For ¹I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, ²are not consumed.

7 "From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept *them*. ³Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'

8 "Will a man ¹rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In ²tithe and ²contributions.

9 "You are cursed with a curse, for you are ¹robbing Me, the whole nation of you!

10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be ¹food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not ²open for you the windows of heaven, and ³pour out for you a blessing until there is ²no more need.

11 "Then I will rebuke the ²devourer for you, so that it may not ¹destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes*," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "And ²all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a ¹delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

13 "Your words have been ¹arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against Thee?'

14 "You have said, 'It is ²vain to serve God; and what ³profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?'

15 "So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up, but they also test God and ²escape."

16 Then those who ¹feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD ²gave attention and heard *it*, and a ³book of remembrance was written before Him for those who ²fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

17 "And they will be ²Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the ³day that I ¹prepare My ²own possession, and I will ³spare them as a man ³spares his own son who serves him."

18 So you will again ²distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

CHAPTER 4

¹"FOR behold, the day is coming, ²burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be ³chaff; and the day that is coming will ⁴set them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."

2 "But for you who ¹fear My name the ²sun of righteousness will rise with ³healing in its wings; and you will go forth and ⁴skip about like calves from the stall.

3 "And you will ²tread down the wicked, for they shall be ³bashes under the soles of your feet on the day ¹which I am preparing," says the LORD of hosts.

⁵ ¹Or, fatherless ²Or, sojourner ³Or, revere ⁴Deut. 27:19

⁶ ¹Or, I am the Lord; I do not ²Or, have not come to an end

⁷ ²Zech. 1:3

⁸ ¹Or, defraud ²Or, heave offerings ³Neh. 13:11

⁹ ¹Or, defrauding

¹⁰ ¹Lit., prey ²Or, not room enough ³Ps. 78:23-29 ⁴Ezek. 34:26 ⁵Lev. 26:3-5

¹¹ ¹Lit., ruin ²Joel 1:4; 2:25

¹² ²Is. 61:9 ³Is. 62:4

¹³ ¹Lit., strong

¹⁴ ²Jer. 2:25; 18:12 ³Is. 58:3

¹⁵ ²Jer. 7:10

¹⁶ ¹Or, revered ²Or, revere ³Ps. 34:15; Jer. 31:18-20 ⁴Is. 4:3; Dan. 12:1

¹⁷ ¹Lit., make ²Or, special treasure ³Or, have (has) compassion on ⁴Is. 43:1 ⁵Is. 4:2 ⁶Ex. 19:5; Deut. 7:6; Is. 43:21; 1 Pet. 2:9 ⁷Neh. 13:22; Ps. 103:13; Is. 26:20

¹⁸ ²Gen. 18:25; Amos 5:15

¹ ¹In Heb. chap. 3, v. 19 ²Mal. 3:2, 3; Ps. 21:9; Nah. 1:5, 6 ³Is. 5:24; Obad. 18 ⁴Is. 9:18, 19

² ¹Or, revere ²2 Sam. 23:4; Is. 30:26; 60:1 ³Jer. 30:17; 33:6 ⁴Is. 35:6

³ ¹Or, when I act ²Job 40:12; Is. 26:6; Mic. 5:8 ³Ezek. 28:18

⁴ ¹In Heb., chap. 3, v. 22
^aDeut. 4:23; 8:11, 19

⁵ ^aMatt. 11:14; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17

⁶ ¹Or, *turn* ²Or, *ban the destruction*
^aLuke 1:17 ^bIs. 11:4; Rev. 19:15

4 “^{1a}Remember the law of Moses My servant, *even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.*

5 “Behold, I am going to send you ^aElijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

6 “And he will ^{1a}restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and ^bsmite the land with a ²curse.”

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THE book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, ^athe son of David, ^bthe son of Abraham.

2 To Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, ¹Judah and his brothers;

3 and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to ^aPerez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, ¹Ram;

4 and to Ram was born Amminadab; and to Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon;

5 and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;

6 and to Jesse was born David the king.

And to David ^awas born Solomon by her *who had been the wife of Uriah*;

7 and to Solomon ^awas born Rehoboam; and to Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah, ¹Asa;

8 and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat; and to Jehoshaphat, ¹Joram; and to Joram, Uzziah;

9 and to Uzziah was born ¹Jotham; and to Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;

10 and to Hezekiah was born Manasseh; and to Manasseh, ¹Amon; and to Amon, Josiah;

11 and to Josiah were born ¹Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the ^adeportation to Babylon.

12 And after the ^adeportation to Babylon, to Jeconiah was born ¹Shealtiel; and to Shealtiel, Zerubbabel;

13 and to Zerubbabel was born ¹Abiud; and to Abiud, Eliakim; and to Eliakim, Azor;

14 and to Azor was born Zadok; and to Zadok, Achim; and to Achim, Eliud;

15 and to Eliud was born Eleazar; and to Eleazar, Matthan; and to Matthan, Jacob;

16 and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, ^awho is called ¹Christ.

17 Therefore all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the ^adeportation to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the ^adeportation to Babylon to the time of ¹Christ fourteen generations.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His ^amother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was ^bfound to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired ¹to put her away secretly.

20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been ¹conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

¹ ²Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 89:3f.; 132:11; Is. 9:6f.; 11:1; Luke 1:32, 69; John 7:42; Acts 13:23; Rom. 1:3; Rev. 22:16; Matt. 9:27 ^bGen. 22:18; Gal. 3:16; Matt. 1:1-6; Luke 3:32-34

² ¹Cr., *Judas*. Names of Old Testament characters will be given in their Old Testament form throughout this version.

³ ¹Cr., *Aram*
^aMatt. 1:3-6; Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chr. 2:1-15

⁶ ²Sam. 11:27; 12:24

⁷ ¹Cr., *Asaph*
^a1 Chr. 3:10f.

⁸ ¹Cr., *Jehoram*

⁹ ¹Cr., *Jotham*

¹⁰ ¹Cr., *Amos*

¹¹ ¹Cr., *Jehoiachin*
^a2 Kin. 24:14f.; Jer. 27:20; Matt. 1:17

¹² ¹Cr., *Salathiel*
^a2 Kin. 24:14f.; Jer. 27:20; Matt. 1:17

¹³ ¹Cr., *Abihud*

¹⁶ ¹l.c., the Messiah
^aMatt. 27:17, 22; Luke 2:11; John 4:25

¹⁷ ¹l.c., the Messiah
^a2 Kin. 24:14f.; Jer. 27:20; Matt. 1:11, 12

¹⁸ ^aLuke 1:27; Matt. 12:46
^bLuke 1:35

¹⁹ ¹Or., *to divorce her*

²⁰ ¹Cr., *begotten*

21 ^aLuke 1:31; 2:21 ^bLuke 2:11; Acts 13:23; John 1:29

22 ¹Or, *has taken place*

23 ¹Or, *Emmanuel*
^aIs. 7:14

24 ¹Or, *took his wife to himself*

25 ¹Lit., *was not knowing her*
^aMatt. 1:21

¹ Pronounced may-ji, a caste of wise-men specializing in astrology, medicine and natural science
^aLuke 2:4-7 ^bLuke 1:5

² Jer. 23:5; 30:9; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 27:11; Luke 19:38; 23:38; John 1:49 ^bNum. 24:17; Rev. 22:16

4 ¹Lit., *the Messiah*

5 ¹Lit., *through*
^aJohn 7:42

6 ^aMic. 5:2 ^bJohn 21:16

7 ¹Lit., *the time of the appearing star*

11 ^aMatt. 1:18; 12:46

12 ^aMatt. 2:22; Acts 10:22; Heb. 8:5; 11:7; Matt. 2:13; 19; Luke 2:26

13 ^aMatt. 2:19; 2:12

21 "And she will bear a Son; and ^ayou shall call His name [Jesus] for it is He who ^bwill save His people from their sins."

22 Now all this ¹took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

23 "^aBEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME ¹IMMANUEL;" which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and ¹took *her* as his wife;

25 and ¹kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and ^ahe called His name Jesus.

CHAPTER 2

NOW after Jesus was ^aborn in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of ^bHerod the king, behold, ¹magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born ^aKing of the Jews? For we saw ^bHis star in the East, and have come to worship Him."

3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he *began* to inquire of them where ¹the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, "^aIn Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written ¹by the prophet,

6 "^aAND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH; ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER, WHO WILL ^bSHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them ¹the time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

9 And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the East, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.

10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly, with great joy.

11 And they came into the house and saw the Child with ^aMary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been ^awarned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their own country by another way.

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord ^aappeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

14 And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed for Egypt;

15 and was there until the death of Herod; that what was

spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "a**OUT OF EGYPT DID I CALL** b**MY SON.**"

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its environs, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi.

17 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

18 "a**A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,**
 WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING,
 RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN;
 AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED,
 BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord ^aappeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

20 "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

21 And he arose and took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there; and being ^awarned by God in a dream, he departed for the regions of Galilee,

23 and came and resided in a city called ^aNazareth; that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "bHe shall be called a ^cNazarene."

CHAPTER 3

NOW ^ain those days John the Baptist ¹came, ²preaching in the ^bwilderness of Judea, saying,

2 "a**Repent, for** b**the kingdom of** ¹heaven ²is at hand."

3 For this is the one referred to ¹by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

"a**THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,**
 b**MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,**
 MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT! "

4 Now John himself had ^{1a}a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist; and his food was ^blocusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea, and all ^athe district around the Jordan;

6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the ^aPharisees and ^bSadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You ^cbrood of vipers, who warned you to flee from ^dthe wrath to come?"

8 "Therefore bring forth fruit ^ain keeping with your repentance;

9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'aWe have Abraham for our father;' for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

10 "And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees;

15 ^aHos. 11:1 ^bEx. 4:22f.

18 ^aJer. 31:15

19 ^aMatt. 2:13; 2:12, 22

22 ^aMatt. 2:12

23 ^aLuke 1:26 ^bIs. 11:1
^cMark 1:24

¹ Or, arrived ² Or,
 proclaiming as a herald
^a Matt. 3:1-12; Mark 1:3-8;
 Luke 3:2-17; John 1:6-8, 19-
 28 ^b Judg. 1:16; Josh. 15:61

² Lit., of the heavens
¹ Lit., has come near
^a Matt. 4:17 ^b Dan. 2:44;
 Matt. 4:17; 6:10; 10:7; Mark
 1:15; Luke 10:9f.; 11:20;
 21:31; Matt. 4:23

³ Lit., through
^a Is. 40:3 ^b John 1:23

⁴ Lit., his garment
^a 2 Kin. 1:8; Zech. 13:4 ^b Lev.
 11:22

5 ^a Luke 3:3

7 ^a Matt. 23:13, 15; 16:1ff.
^b Matt. 22:23; 16:1ff. Acts
 4:1; 5:17; 23:6ff. ^c Matt.
 12:34; 23:33 ^d 1 Thess. 1:10

8 ^a Acts 26:20

9 ^a John 8:33, 39

10 *Matt. 7:19

11 ¹The Greek here can be translated in, with or by
²John 1:26 ³John 1:33

12 *Luke 3:17; Is. 30:24
¹Matt. 13:30 ²Mark 9:43, 48

13 *Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22; John 1:31-34 ¹Matt. 2:22

16 ¹Or, He
²John 1:32

17 ¹Lit., My son, the Beloved
²Matt. 12:18; 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; Is. 42:1

1 *Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13

2 ¹Lit., later, afterward
²Ex. 34:28; 1 Kin. 19:6

3 ¹Lit., loaves
²1 Thess. 3:5

4 *Deut. 8:3

5 *Matt. 27:53; Neh. 11:1; 18; Dan. 9:24

6 *Ps. 91:11-12

7 ¹Lit., again ²Or, put to the test
³Deut. 6:16

10 ¹Or, fulfill religious duty to Him
²Deut. 6:13

11 *Matt. 26:53; Luke 22:43

12 ¹Lit., been delivered up
²Matt. 14:3; Mark 1:14; Luke 3:20; John 3:24 ³Mark 1:14; Luke 4:14; John 1:43; 2:11

every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire.

11 "As for me, ^aI baptize you in water for repentance; but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not even fit to remove His sandals; ^bHe Himself will baptize you ¹with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 "And His ^awinnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean His threshing-floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with ^cunquenchable fire."

13 ^aThen Jesus ^{*}arrived ^bfrom Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.

14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he ^{*}permitted Him.

16 And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and ^{1a}he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him;

17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "^aThis is ¹My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

CHAPTER 4

^a THEN Jesus was ¹led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And after He had ^afasted forty days and forty nights, He ¹then became hungry.

3 And ^athe tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become ¹bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, ^aMAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."

5 Then the devil ^{*}took Him into ^athe holy city; and he stood Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and ^{*}said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written,

^aHE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU;

AND ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP,

LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE."

7 Jesus said to him, "¹On the other hand, it is written, ^aYOU SHALL NOT ²TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD."

8 Again, the devil ^{*}took Him to a very high mountain, and ^{*}showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;

9 and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus ^{*}said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, ^aYOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND ¹SERVE HIM ONLY."

11 Then the devil ^{*}left Him; and behold, ^aangels came and ^{began} to minister to Him.

12 Now when He heard that ^aJohn had ¹been taken into custody, ^bHe withdrew into Galilee;

13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and ^asettled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

14 *This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,*

15 ^a"THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,
¹BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE
OF THE ²GENTILES.

16 ^a"THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A
GREAT LIGHT,
AND TO THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND
SHADOW OF DEATH,
UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."

17 ^aFrom that time Jesus began to ¹preach and say, "^bRepent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

18 ^aAnd walking by ^bthe sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, ^cSimon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 And He ^asaid to them, "¹Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him.

21 And going on from there He saw two other brothers, ^{1a}James the son of Zebedee, and ²John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

22 And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

23 And Jesus was going about ^ain all Galilee, ^bteaching in their synagogues, and ^cproclaiming the ¹gospel of the kingdom, and ^dhealing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

24 And the news about Him went out ^ainto all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, taken with various diseases and pains, ^bdemoniacs, ^{1c}epileptics, ^dparalytics; and He healed them.

25 And great multitudes ^afollowed Him from Galilee and ^bDecapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* ^cbeyond the Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

^aAND when He saw the multitudes, He went up on ^bthe ¹mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 And ^aopening His mouth He *began* to teach them, saying,

3 ^a"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ^btheirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are ^athose who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are ^athe ¹gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are ^athose who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are ^athe pure in heart, for ^bthey shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for ^athey shall be called sons of God.

13 ^aMark 1:21; 2:1; Luke 4:23, 31; John 2:12; 4:46f.; Matt. 11:23

15 ¹Or, *toward the sea* ²Or, *nations* ^aIs. 9:1

16 ^aIs. 9:2

17 ¹Or, *proclaim* ^aMark 1:14, 15 ^bMatt. 3:2

18 ^aMatt. 4:18-22; *Mark* 1:16-20; Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42 ^bMatt. 15:29; Mark 7:31; John 6:1; Luke 5:1 ^cMatt. 10:2; 16:18; John 1:40, 42

19 ¹Lit., *come here after Me*

21 ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Cr., *Joannes*, Heb., *Johanán* ^aMatt. 10:2; 20:20

23 ¹Or, *good news* ^aMark 1:39; Luke 4:15, 44 ^bMatt. 9:35; 13:54; Mark 1:21, 6:2; Luke 4:15, 6:6; 13:10; John 6:59; 18:20; Mark 10:1 ^cMatt. 9:35; Mark 1:14; Matt. 24:14; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 16:16; Acts 20:25; 28:31; Matt. 3:2 ^dMatt. 8:16; 9:35; 14:14; 15:30; 19:2; 21:14; Mark 1:34; 3:10; Luke 4:40; 7:21; Acts 10:38

24 ¹Lit., *moon-smitten* ^aLuke 2:2; Acts 15:23; 18:18; 20:3; 21:3; Gal. 1:21; Mark 7:26 ^bMatt. 8:16, 28; 33; 9:32; 12:22; 15:22; Mark 1:32; 5:15, 16, 18; Luke 8:36; John 10:21 ^cMatt. 17:15 ^dMatt. 8:6, 9:2, 6; Mark 2:3, 4, 5, 9; Luke 5:24

25 ^aMark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17 ^bMark 5:20; 7:31 ^cMatt. 4:15

1 ¹Or, *hill* ^aMatt. 5:7; Luke 6:20-49 ^bMark 3:13; Luke 9:28; John 6:3, 15; Luke 6:17

2 ^aActs 8:35; 10:34; 18:14; Matt. 13:35

3 ^aMatt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23 ^bMatt. 5:10; 19:14; 25:34; Mark 10:14; Luke 6:20; 22:29f.

4 ^aIs. 61:2; John 16:20; Rev. 7:17

5 ¹Or, *humble, meek* ^aPs. 37:11

6 ^aIs. 55:1, 2; John 4:14; 6:48f.; 7:37

8 ^aPs. 24:4 ^bHeb. 12:14; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 22:4

9 ^aRom. 8:14; Matt. 5:45; Luke 6:35

10^a 1 Pet. 3:14 ^bMatt. 5:3; 19:14; 25:34; Mark 10:14; Luke 6:20; 22:29f.

11^a 1 Pet. 4:14

12^a 2 Chr. 36:16; Matt. 23:37; Acts 7:52; 1 Thess. 2:15; James 5:10; Heb. 11:33ff.

13^a Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34f.

14^a Or, *mountain*
^aJohn 8:12

15^a Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33

16^a 1 Pet. 2:12 ^bMatt. 9:8

18^a Lit., *one iota* or (yodh) or *one projection of a letter* (serif)
^aLuke 16:17; Matt. 24:35

19^a Lit., *the men* ²Lit., *does*

21^a Lit., *it was said to the ancients* ²Or, *guilty before*
^aMatt. 5:27, 33, 38, 43 ^bEx. 20:13; Deut. 5:17 ^cDeut. 16:18; 2 Chr. 19:5f.

22^a Some mss. insert here: *without cause* ²Or, *liable to*
^aAramaic for *empty-head* or, *good for nothing* ⁴Lit., *the Sanhedrin* ⁵Gr. *Gehenna*
^aDeut. 16:18; 2 Chr. 19:5f.
^bMatt. 10:17; 26:59; Mark 13:9; 14:55; 15:1; Luke 22:66; John 11:47; Acts 4:15; 5:21; 6:12; 22:30; 23:1; 24:20
^cMatt. 5:29f.; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43ff.; Luke 12:5; James 3:6

23^a Or, *gift*

24^a Or, *gift*

25^a Luke 12:58

26^a Lit., *quadrans* (equalling two leptas or mites), i.e., 1/64 of a denarius

27^a Matt. 5:21, 33, 38, 43
^bEx. 20:14; Deut. 5:18

10 "Blessed are those who have been ^apersecuted for the sake of righteousness, for ^btheirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when *men* ^arevile you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

12 "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for ^aso they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but ^aif the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is good for nothing any more, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 "You are ^athe light of the world. A city set on a ¹hill cannot be hidden.

15 "^aNor do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may ^asee your good works, and ^bglorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

18 "For truly I say to you, ^auntil heaven and earth pass away, not the ¹smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches ¹others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever ²keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 "^aYou have heard that ¹the ancients were told, ^bYou shall not commit murder; and ^cWhoever commits murder shall be ²liable to ³the court;

22 but I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother¹ shall be ²guilty before ⁴the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, ³'Raca,' shall be ²guilty before ⁴the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be ²guilty *enough* to go into the ⁵hell of fire.

23 "If therefore you are presenting your ¹offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your ¹offering there before the altar, and go your way, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your ¹offering.

25 "^aMake friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way; in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

26 "Truly I say to you, you shall not come out of there, until you have paid up the last ¹cent.

27 "^aYou have heard that it was said, ^bYOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY;

28 but I say to you, that every one who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 "And ^aif your right eye makes you ¹stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, ²than for your whole body to be thrown into ³hell.

30 "And ^aif your right hand makes you ¹stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, ²than for your whole body to go into ³hell.

31 "And it was said, ^a'WHOEVER ¹DIVORCES HIS WIFE, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DISMISSAL;'

32 ^aBut I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except for *the* cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 "Again, ^ayou have heard that ¹the ancients were told, ²'YOU SHALL NOT ³MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR ⁴VOWS TO THE LORD.'

34 "But I say to you, ^amake no oath at all; either by heaven, for it is ^bTHE THRONE OF GOD;

35 or by the earth, for it is the ^afootstool of His feet; or ¹by Jerusalem, for it is ^bTHE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.

36 "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no;' and anything beyond these is of ¹evil.

38 "^aYou have heard that it was said, ^b'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'

39 "But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but ^awhoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 "And if any one wants to sue you, and take your ¹shirt, let him have your ²coat also.

41 "And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 "^aGive to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

43 "^aYou have heard that it was said, ^b'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.'

44 "But I say to you, ^alove your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you;

45 in order that you may ¹be ^asons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

46 "For ^aif you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the ¹tax gatherers do the same?

47 "And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 "Therefore ^ayou are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

CHAPTER 6

¹'**B**EWARE of practicing your righteousness before men ^ato be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2 "When therefore you ¹give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in

29 ¹i.e., cause to sin ²Lit., not your whole body ³Gr., Gehenna ^aMatt. 18:9; Mark 9:47; Matt. 17:27 ^bMatt. 5:22

30 ¹i.e., cause to sin ²Lit., not your whole body ³Gr., Gehenna ^aMatt. 18:8; Mark 9:43; Matt. 17:27 ^bMatt. 5:22

31 ¹Lit., puts away ^aDeut. 24:1, 3

32 ^aMatt. 19:9; Mark 10:11f.; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:11f.

33 ¹Lit., it was said to the ancients ²you and you are singular here ³Or, break your vows ⁴Lit., your oaths ^aMatt. 5:21, 27, 38, 43; 23:16ff. ^bLev. 19:12; Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21

34 ^aJames 5:12 ^bMatt. 23:22; Is. 66:1

35 ¹Or, toward ^aIs. 66:1; Acts 7:49 ^bPs. 48:2

37 ¹Or, from the evil one ^aMatt. 6:13; 13:19, 38; John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 John 2:13f.; 3:12; 5:18f.

38 ^aMatt. 5:21, 27, 33, 43 ^bEx. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21

39 ^aMatt. 5:39-42; Luke 6:29, 30; 1 Cor. 6:7

40 ¹Tunic or garment worn next to the body ²Cloak or outer garment

42 ^aLuke 6:34f.

43 ^aMatt. 5:21, 27, 33, 38 ^bLev. 19:18

44 ^aLuke 6:27f.; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60

45 ¹Or, show yourselves to be ^aMatt. 5:9

46 ¹Publicans who collected Roman taxes on commission ^aLuke 6:32

48 ^aLev. 19:2

1 ^aMatt. 6:5, 16; 23:5

2 ¹Or, do an act of charity

2 ^aMatt. 6:5, 16; 23:5
^bMatt. 6:5, 16; Luke 6:24

4 ¹Or, *deeds of charity*
^aMatt. 6:6, 18

5 ¹Lit., *to be apparent to men*
^aMark 11:25; Luke 18:11, 13
^bMatt. 6:1, 16 ^cMatt. 6:2, 16; Luke 6:24

6 ^aIs. 26:20 ^bMatt. 6:4, 18

7 ¹Kin. 18:26f.

8 ^aMatt. 6:32

9 ¹Lit., *the heavens*
^aMatt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

10 ^aMatt. 3:2

11 ¹Or, *our bread for the coming day or, our needful bread*
^aProv. 30:8

12 ¹i.e., moral debts or sins

13 ¹Or, *the evil one* ²This clause omitted in the earliest manuscripts
^aMatt. 5:37

14 ^aMark 11:25f.; Matt. 18:35

16 ¹Lit., *render their faces unrecognizable* (sc., by neglect)
^aIs. 58:5 ^bMatt. 6:2

18 ^aMatt. 6:4, 6

20 ^aMatt. 19:21; Luke 12:33; 1 Tim. 6:19

21 ^aLuke 12:34

22 ¹Or, *healthy*
^aMatt. 6:22, 23; Luke 11:34, 35

23 ^aMatt. 20:15; Mark 7:22

24 ^aLuke 16:13

the streets, that they ^amay be honored by men. ^bTruly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

3 "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing;

4 that your ¹alms may be in secret; and ^ayour Father who sees in secret will repay you.

5 "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to ^astand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, ^{1b}in order to be seen by men. ^cTruly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

6 "But you, when you pray, ^aGO INTO YOUR INNER ROOM, AND WHEN YOU HAVE SHUT YOUR DOOR, pray to your Father who is in secret, and ^byour Father who sees in secret will repay you.

7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their ^amany words.

8 "Therefore do not be like them; for ^ayour Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.

9 "Pray, then, in this way:
'Our Father|who art in ¹heaven,|
Hallowed be Thy name.'

10 'Thy kingdom come.|
Thy will be done,|
On earth as it is in heaven|

11 'Give us this day|¹our daily bread.')

12 'And forgive us our ¹debts,| as we also have forgiven our debtors|

13 'And do not lead us|into temptation,| but deliver us from ^{1a}evil. ²[For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.]

14 "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 "But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

16 "And ^awhenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do; for they ¹neglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. ^bTruly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

17 "But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face;

18 so that you may not be seen fasting by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your ^aFather who sees in secret will repay you.

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves ^atreasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21 for ^awhere your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is ¹clear, your whole body will be full of light.

23 "But if ^ayour eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate

the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ^{1b}Mammon.

25 ^aFor this reason I say to you, ¹do not be ^banxious for your life, *as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on.* Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?

26 ^aLook at the birds of the ^{1a}air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

27 ^aAnd which of you by being ^aanxious can ^badd a *single* cubit to his ²life's span?

28 ^aAnd why are you ^aanxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

29 *yet* I say to you that even ^aSolomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

30 ^aBut if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *do so for you*, ^aO men of little faith?

31 ^aDo not be ^aanxious then, saying, ^a'What shall we eat?' or, ^a'What shall we drink?' or, ^a'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'

32 ^aFor all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for ^ayour heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 ^aBut ¹seek first ²His kingdom, and His righteousness; and ^aall these things shall be ³added to you.

34 ^aTherefore do not be ^aanxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will ¹care for itself. *Each* day has enough trouble of its own.

24 ¹Or, *riches*
^bLuke 16:9, 11, 13

25 ¹Or, *stop being anxious*
^aMatt. 6:25-33; Luke 12:22-31
^bMatt. 6:27, 28, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

26 ¹Lit., *heaven*
^aMatt. 10:29ff.

27 ¹I.e., approximately 18 inches
²Or, *height*
^aMatt. 6:25, 28, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7
^bPs. 39:5

28 ^aMatt. 6:25, 27, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

29 ^aKin. 10:4-7

30 ^aMatt. 8:26; 14:31; 16:8

31 ^aMatt. 6:25, 27, 28, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

32 ^aMatt. 6:8

33 ¹Or, *continually seek*
²Or, *the kingdom*
³Or, *provided*
^aMatt. 19:28; Mark 10:29f.; Luke 18:29f.; 1 Tim. 4:8

34 ¹Or., *will worry about itself*
^aMatt. 6:25, 27, 28, 31; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

CHAPTER 7

^a^{1a} **DO** not judge lest you be judged *yourselves*.

2 ^aFor in the way you judge, you will be judged; and ^{1a}by your standard of measure, it shall be measured to you.

3 ^aAnd why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

4 ^aOr how ¹can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?

5 ^aYou hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye; and then you will see clearly *enough* to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

6 ^aDo not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

7 ^a^{1a}Ask, and ^bit shall be given to you; ²seek, and you shall find; ³knock, and it shall be opened to you.

8 ^aFor every one who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

9 ^aOr what man is there among you, ¹when his son shall ask him for a loaf, ²will he give him a stone?

10 ^aOr ¹if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

11 ^aIf you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to

¹ Or, *do not pass judgments*
^aMatt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:37f., 41f.

² Lit., *by what measure you measure*
^aMark 4:24; Luke 6:38

⁴ Lit., *will*

⁷ Or, *Keep asking*
²Or, *keep seeking*
³Or, *keep knocking*
^aMatt. 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13
^bMatt. 18:19; 21:22; John 14:13; 15:7; 16:16; 23f.; James 1:5f.; 1 John 3:22; 5:14f.; Mark 11:24

⁹ Lit., *whom*
²Lit., *he will not give him a stone, will he?*

10 ¹ Lit., *also*

12 ¹Or, *you too do so*
^aLuke 6:31; ^bMatt. 22:40;
 Cal. 5:14; Rom. 13:8ff.

13 ^aLuke 13:24

15 ^aMatt. 24:11, 24; Mark
 13:22; Luke 6:26; Acts 13:6;
 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1; Rev.
 16:13; 19:20; 20:10 ^bEzek.
 22:27; Acts 20:29; John 10:12

16 ¹Or, *recognize* ²Lit.,
they do not gather
^aMatt. 7:20; 12:33; Luke
 6:44; James 3:12

19 ^aMatt. 3:10; Luke 13:7

20 ¹Or, *recognize*
^aMatt. 7:16; 12:33; Luke
 6:44; James 3:12

21 ^aLuke 6:46

22 ¹Or, *works of power*
^aMatt. 25:11f.; Luke 13:25ff.
^bMatt. 10:15

23 ^aMatt. 25:41; Luke
 13:27; Ps. 6:8

24 ¹Lit., *does* ²Lit., *will be*
compared to
^aMatt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-
 49; James 1:22-25

25 ¹Lit., *rivers*

26 ¹Lit., *do*

27 ¹Lit., *rivers*

28 ¹Lit., *And it came to*
pass
^aMatt. 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1
^bMatt. 13:54; 22:33; Mark
 1:22; 6:2; 11:18; Luke 4:32;
 John 7:46

2 ¹Or, *worshipped*
^aMatt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-44;
 Luke 5:12-14 ^bMatt. 9:18;
 15:25; 18:26; 20:20; John
 9:38; Acts 10:25

4 ^aMatt. 9:30; 12:16; 17:9;
 Mark 1:44; 3:12; 5:43; 7:36;
 8:30; 9:9; Luke 4:41; 8:56;
 9:21

your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

12 ^aTherefore whatever you want others to do for you, ¹do so for them; for ^bthis is the Law and the Prophets.

13 ^aEnter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.

14 ^aFor the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

15 ^aBeware of the ^afalse prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ^bravenous wolves.

16 ^aYou will ¹know them ^aby their fruits. ²Grapes are not gathered from thornbushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?

17 ^aEven so every good tree bears good fruit; but the rotten tree bears bad fruit.

18 ^aA good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree produce good fruit.

19 ^aEvery tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire.

20 ^aSo then, you will ¹know them ^aby their fruits.

21 ^aNot every one who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father, who is in heaven.

22 ^aMany will say to Me on ^bthat day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many ¹miracles?'

23 ^aAnd then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; ^aDEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

24 ^aTherefore ^aevery one who hears these words of Mine, and ¹acts upon them, ²may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock;

25 and the rain descended, and the ¹floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall; for it had been founded upon the rock.

26 ^aAnd every one who hears these words of Mine, and does not ¹act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.

27 ^aAnd the rain descended, and the ¹floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."

28 ^{1a}The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, ^bthe multitudes were amazed at His teaching;

29 for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

CHAPTER 8

AND when He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 And behold, a leper ^acame to Him, and ^bbowed down to Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

3 And stretching out His hand, He touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus ^asaid to him, ^a"See that you tell no one; but

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^bgo, ^cSHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST, and present the ¹offering that Moses prescribed, for a testimony to them.”

5 And ^awhen He had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, entreating Him,

6 and saying, “¹Sir, my ²servant is ³lying ^aparalyzed at home, ⁴suffering great pain.”

7 And He ^asaid to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 But the centurion answered and said, “¹Lord, I am not qualified for You to come under my roof, but ²just say the word, and my ³servant will be healed.

9 “¹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”

10 Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled, and said to those who were following, “¹Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith ¹with anyone in Israel.

11 “¹And I say to you, that many ^ashall come from east and west, and ¹recline *at table* with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven;

12 but ^athe sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into ^bthe outer darkness; in that place ^cthere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “¹Go your way; let it be done to you ^aas you have believed.” And the ¹servant was healed that very hour.

14 ^aAnd when Jesus had come to Peter’s ¹home, He saw his mother-in-law lying ²sick in bed with a fever.

15 And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and began to ¹wait on Him.

16 And when evening had come, they brought to Him many ^awho were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and ^bhealed all who were ill;

17 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, “^aHE HIMSELF **TOOK** OUR INFIRMITIES, AND **CARRIED** AWAY OUR DISEASES.”

18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, ^aHe gave orders to depart to the other side.

19 ^aAnd a certain scribe came and said to Him, “¹Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”

20 And Jesus ^asaid to him, “¹The foxes have holes, and the birds of the ¹air *have* ²nests; but ^athe Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

21 And another of the disciples said to Him, “¹Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.”

22 But Jesus ^asaid to him, “¹Follow Me; and allow the dead to bury their own dead.”

23 ^aAnd when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24 And behold, there arose ¹a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves; but He Himself was asleep.

25 And they came to *Him*, and awoke Him, saying, “¹Save us, Lord; we are perishing!”

26 And He ^asaid to them, “¹Why are you timid, ^ayou men

⁴ ¹Or, gift
^bMark 1:44; Luke 5:14; 17:14
^cLev. 13:49; 14:2ff.

⁵ ^aMatt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

⁶ ¹Or, Lord ²Lit., boy
³Lit., throwing ⁴Lit., fearfully tormented
^aMatt. 4:24

⁸ ¹Or, Sir ²Lit., say with a word ³Lit., boy

¹⁰ ¹Some manuscripts read, not even in Israel

¹¹ ¹Or, dine
^aLuke 13:29; Is. 49:12; 59:19; Mal. 1:11

¹² ^aMatt. 13:38 ^bMatt. 22:13; 25:30 ^cMatt. 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28

¹³ ¹Lit., boy
^aMatt. 9:29; 9:22

¹⁴ ¹Or, house ²Lit., thrown
^aMatt. 8:14-16; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41

¹⁵ ¹Or, serve

¹⁶ ^aMatt. 4:24 ^bMatt. 4:23; 8:33

¹⁷ ¹Or, [removed]
^aIs. 53:4
^bThe Septuagint reads, “He took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases.”

¹⁸ ^aMark 4:35; Luke 8:22

¹⁹ ^aMatt. 8:19-22; Luke 9:57-60

²⁰ ¹Or, sky ²Gr., roosting-places
^aOften; for example, Matt. 9:6; 12:8, 32, 40; 13:41; 16:13, 27f.; 17:9; 19:28; 26:64; Mark 8:38; Luke 12:8; 18:8; 21:36; John 1:51; 3:13f.; 6:27; 12:34; Acts 7:56; Dan. 7:13

²² ^aMatt. 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 9:59; John 1:43; 21:19

²³ ^aMatt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41; Luke 8:22-25

²⁴ ¹Lit., a shaking

²⁶ ^aMatt. 6:30; 14:31; 16:8

26 ¹Lit., *a great calm occurred*

28 ^aMatt. 8:28-34; ^bMark 5:1-17; ^cLuke 8:26-37 ^bMatt. 4:24

29 ¹i.e., the appointed time of judgment
^aJudg. 11:12; 2 Sam. 16:10; 19:22; 1 Kin. 17:18; 2 Kin. 3:13; 2 Chr. 35:21; ^bMark 1:24; 5:7; ^cLuke 4:34; 8:28; ^dJohn 2:4

33 ¹Lit., *and*
^aMatt. 4:24

1 ^aMatt. 4:13; ^bMark 5:21

2 ¹Lit., *thrown* ²Gr., *child*
¹Lit., *are being forgiven*
^aMatt. 9:2-8; ^bMark 2:3-12; ^cLuke 5:18-26 ^bMatt. 4:24; 9:6
^cMatt. 9:22; 14:27; ^dMark 6:50; 10:49; ^eJohn 16:33; ^fActs 23:11 ^dMark 2:5, 9; ^eLuke 5:20, 23; 7:48

3 ¹Lit., *within*

4 ^aMatt. 12:25; ^bLuke 6:8; 9:47

5 ¹Lit., *are being forgiven*
^aMark 2:5, 9; ^bLuke 5:20, 23; 7:48

6 ^aMatt. 8:20 ^bMatt. 4:24; 9:2

7 ¹Or., *departed*

8 ¹Lit., *were afraid*
^aMatt. 5:16; 15:31; ^bMark 2:12; ^cLuke 2:20; 5:25, 26; 7:16; 13:13; 17:15; 23:47; ^dJohn 15:8; ^eActs 4:21; 11:18; 21:20; 2 Cor. 9:13; ^fGal. 1:24

9 ¹Lit., *at the tax booth*
^aMatt. 9:9-17; ^bMark 2:14-22; ^cLuke 5:27-38 ^bMatt. 10:3; ^cMark 3:18; ^dLuke 6:15; ^eActs 1:13; ^fMark 2:14 ^cMatt. 8:22

10 ¹Publicans who collected Roman taxes for profit ²i.e., irreligious or non-practicing Jews ³Lit., *reclined with*

11 ^aMatt. 11:19; ^bMark 2:16; ^cLuke 5:30; 15:2

of little faith?" Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and ¹it became perfectly calm.

27 And the men marveled, saying, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

28 ^aAnd when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were ^bdemon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; *they were* so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road.

29 And behold, they cried out, saying, "^aWhat do we have to do with You, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before ¹the time?"

30 Now there was at a distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31 And the demons *began* to entreat Him, saying, "If You are *going* to cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

32 And He said to them, "Begone!" And they came out, and went into the swine, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And the herdsmen fled, and went away to the city, and reported everything, ¹including the *incident* of the demons.

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they entreated *Him* to depart from their region.

CHAPTER 9

AND getting into a boat, He crossed over, and came to ^aHis own city.

2 ^aAnd behold, they were bringing to Him a ^bparalytic, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "^cTake courage, *My* son, ^dyour sins ³are forgiven."

3 And behold, some of the scribes said ¹to themselves, "This *fellow* blasphemeth."

4 And Jesus ^aknowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"

5 "For which is easier, to say, '^aYour sins are ¹forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, and walk'?"

6 "But in order that you may know that ^athe Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—then He ^asaid to the ^bparalytic, "Rise, take up your bed, and go home."

7 And he rose, and ¹went to his home.

8 But when the multitudes saw *this*, they ¹were filled with awe, and ^aglorified God, who had given such authority to men.

9 ^aAnd as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called ^bMatthew, sitting ¹in the tax office; and He ^asaid to him, "^cFollow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

10 And it happened that as He was reclining *at table* in the house, behold many ¹tax-gatherers and ²sinners came and ³joined Jesus and His disciples *at the table*.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "^aWhy does your Teacher *eat* with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

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12 But when He heard this, He said, "*It is not* ^athose who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are ill.

13 "But go and learn ^awhat *this* means, ^bI DESIRE ¹COMPASSION, ²AND NOT SACRIFICE;" for ^cI did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

14 Then the disciples of John ^acame to Him, saying, "Why do we and ^athe Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

15 And Jesus said to them, "The ¹attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

16 "But no one puts a ¹patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the ²patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

17 "Nor do *men* put new wine into old ¹wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

18 ^aWhile He was saying these things to them, behold, there came ^{1a} ²synagogue official, and ^{3b}bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

19 And Jesus rose and *began* to follow him, and so *did* His disciples.

20 And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched ^athe fringe of His ¹cloak;

21 for she was saying ¹to herself, "If I only ^atouch His garment, I shall ²get well."

22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, ^atake courage; ^byour faith has ¹made you well." And ²at once the woman was ¹made well.

23 And when Jesus came into the ¹official's house, and saw ^athe flute-players, and the crowd in noisy disorder,

24 He *began* to say, "Depart; for the girl ^ais not dead, but is asleep." And they were laughing at Him.

25 But when the crowd had been put out, He entered and took her by the hand; and the girl ¹arose.

26 And ^athis news went out into all that land.

27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, and saying, "Have mercy on us, ^aSon of David!"

28 And after He had come into the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus ^asaid to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They ^asaid to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "Be it done to you ^aaccording to your faith."

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus ^asternly warned them, saying, "See *here*, let no one know *about this!*"

31 But they went out, and ^aspread the news about Him in all that land.

32 And as they were going out, behold, ^aa dumb man ^bdemon-possessed ¹was brought to Him.

33 And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man

12 ^aMark 2:17; Luke 5:31

13 ¹Or, *mercy* ²I.e., more than ^aMatt. 12:7 ^bHos. 6:6 ^cMark 2:17; Luke 5:32; 1 Tim. 1:15

14 ^aLuke 18:12

15 ¹Lit., *sons of the bridalchamber*

16 ¹Lit., *that which is put on* ²Lit., *that which fills up*

17 ¹I.e., skins used as bottles

18 ¹Or, *one* ²Lit., *ruler* ³Or, *worshiped* ^aMatt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56 ^bMatt. 8:2

20 ¹Or, *outer garment* ^aNum. 15:38; Deut. 22:12; Matt. 14:36; 23:5

21 ¹Lit., *in herself* ²Lit., *be saved* ^aMatt. 14:36; Mark 3:10; Luke 6:19

22 ¹Lit., *saved* ²Lit., *from that hour* ^aMatt. 9:2 ^bMark 5:34; 10:52; Luke 7:50; 8:48; 17:19; 18:42; Matt. 9:29; 15:28

23 ¹Lit., *ruler's* ^a2 Chr. 35:25; Jer. 9:17; 16:6; Ezek. 24:17

24 ^aJohn 11:13; Acts 20:10

25 ¹Or, *was raised up*

26 ^aMatt. 9:31; 4:24; 14:1; Mark 1:28, 45; Luke 4:14, 37; 5:15; 7:17

27 ^aMatt. 12:23; 15:22; 20:30, 31; 21:9, 15; 22:42; Mark 10:47, 48; 12:35; Luke 18:38, 39; 20:41f.; Matt. 1:1

29 ^aMatt 9:22; 8:13

30 ^aMatt. 8:4

31 ^aMatt. 9:26; 4:24; 14:1; Mark 1:28, 45; Luke 4:14, 37; 5:15; 7:17

32 ¹Lit., *they brought* ^aMatt. 12:22, 24 ^bMatt. 4:24

33 ¹Lit., *ever appeared*
¹Mark 2:12

34 ^aMatt. 12:24; Mark 3:22;
Luke 11:15; John 7:20f.

35 ^aMatt. 4:23 ^bMatt. 4:23;
Mark 1:14

36 ¹Or, *harassed* ²Lit.,
thrown down ³Lit., *not*
having
^aMatt. 14:14; 15:32; Mark
6:34; 8:2 ^bMark 6:34; Num.
27:17; Ezek. 34:5; Zech. 10:2

37 ^aLuke 10:2

38 ^aLuke 10:2

¹Mark 3:13-15; 6:7
¹Matt. 9:35; Luke 9:1

² ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Cr., *Joannes*
from Heb., *Johanan*
^aMatt. 10:24; Mark 3:16-19;
Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13
^bMark 4:18 ^cMatt. 4:18
¹Matt. 4:21

³ ¹i.e., son of Talmai
(Aram) ²Or, *Jacob*
14:5; 20:24ff. ^bJohn 11:16;
1:15; 20:24ff.; 21:2 ^cMatt 9:9
^dMark 15:40 ^eMark 3:18;
Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13

⁴ ¹Or, *the Zealot*
^aLuke 22:3; John 6:71; 13:2,
26; Matt. 26:14

⁵ ¹Or, *go off to*
^aMark 6:7; Luke 9:2 ^{b2} Kin.
17:24ff.; Luke 9:52; 10:33;
17:16; John 4:9, 39f.; 8:48;
Acts 8:25

⁶ ¹Or, *proceed*
^aMatt. 15:24

⁷ ¹Or, *proceed* ²Or,
proclaim ³Lit., *has come*
near
^aMatt. 3:2

⁹ ¹Lit., *into*
^aMatt. 10:9-15; Mark 6:8-11;
Luke 9:3-5; 10:4-12; Luke
22:35

¹⁰ ¹Or, *knapsack* or,
beggars' bag ²Or, *inner*
garments ³Lit., *nourishment*
^a1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Tim. 5:18

¹² ¹Or, *household*
^a1 Sam. 25:6; Ps. 122:7, 8

¹⁴ ^aActs 13:51

¹⁵ ^aMatt. 11:22, 24 ^bMatt.
11:24; 2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7
^cMatt. 31:22, 24; 12:36; Acts
17:31; 2 Pet. 2:9; 3:7; 1 John
4:17; Jude 6; Matt. 7:22;
1 Thess. 5:4; Heb. 10:25

¹⁶ ¹Or, *show yourselves to*
be
^aLuke 10:3 ^bGen. 3:1; Rom.
16:19; Matt. 24:45 ^cHos. 7:11

¹⁷ ¹Or, *Sanhedrims*, or
Councils
^aMatt. 5:22 ^bMatt. 23:34;
Mark 13:9; Acts 5:40; 22:19;
26:11; Luke 12:11

spoke; and the multitudes marveled, saying, "Nothing like this was ever seen in Israel."

34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

35 And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

36 And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

CHAPTER 10

AND having summoned His twelve disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-gatherer; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, "Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans;

6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

8 "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.

9 "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts;

10 or a bag for your journey, or even two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support.

11 "And into whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it; and abide there until you go away.

12 "And as you enter the house, give it your greeting.

13 "And if the house is worthy, let your greeting of peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your greeting of peace return to you.

14 "And whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 "Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be shrewd as serpents, and innocent as doves.

17 "But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the courts, and scourge you in their synagogues;

18 and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

19 ^aBut when they deliver you up, ^bdo not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak.

20 ^aFor it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21 ^aAnd brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and ^bCHILDREN WILL RISE UP AGAINST PARENTS, and ^ccause them to be put to death.

22 ^aAnd you will be hated by all on account of My name, but ^bit is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

23 ^aBut whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to ^bthe next; for truly I say to you, you shall not finish going through the cities of Israel, ^cuntil the Son of Man comes.

24 ^aA ^bdisciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

25 ^aIt is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher, and the slave as his master. ^bIf they have called the head of the house ^cBeelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

26 ^aTherefore do not fear them, ^bfor there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

27 ^aWhat I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in your ear, proclaim ^bupon the housetops.

28 ^aAnd do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in ^bhell.

29 ^aAre not two sparrows sold for a ^bcent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 ^aBut ^bthe very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 ^aTherefore do not fear; ^byou are of more value than many sparrows.

32 ^aEvery one therefore who shall confess ^bMe before men, I will also confess ^chim before My Father who is in heaven.

33 ^aBut ^bwhoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

34 ^aDo not think that I came to ^bbring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 ^aFor I came to ^bSET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

36 and ^aA MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

37 ^aHe who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 ^aAnd ^bhe who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 ^aHe who has found his ^blife shall lose it, and he who has lost his ^clife for My sake shall find it.

40 ^aHe who receives you receives Me, and ^bhe who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

19 ^aMatt. 10:19-22; *Mark* 13:11-13; *Luke* 21:12-17
^bMatt. 6:25

20 ^a*Luke* 12:12; *Acts* 4:8; 13:9; 2 *Cor.* 13:3

21 ^a*Or, put them to death*
^bMatt. 10:35, 36 ^c*Mic.* 7:6

22 ^aMatt. 24:9; *John* 15:18ff. ^bMatt. 24:13

23 ^a*Lit., the other*
^bMatt. 23:34 ^cMatt. 16:27f.

24 ^a*Or, pupil*
^b*Luke* 6:40; *John* 13:16; 15:20

25 ^a*Or, Beelzebub; others read Beelzebub*
^bMatt. 9:34 ^c2 *Kin.* 1:2; *Matt.* 12:24, 27; *Mark* 3:22; *Luke* 11:15, 18, 19

26 ^aMatt. 10:26-33; *Luke* 12:2-9 ^b*Mark* 4:22; *Luke* 8:17; 12:2

27 ^a*Luke* 12:3 ^bMatt. 24:17

28 ^a*Cr., Gehenna*
^b*Heb.* 10:31 ^cMatt. 5:22

29 ^a*Cr., assanion, the smallest copper coin*
^b*Luke* 12:6

30 ^a*Luke* 21:18; 1 *Sam.* 14:45; 2 *Sam.* 14:11; 1 *Kin.* 1:52; *Acts* 27:34

31 ^aMatt. 12:12

32 ^a*Cr., in Me* ^b*Cr., in him*
^c*Rev.* 3:5; *Luke* 12:8

33 ^a2 *Tim.* 2:12; *Mark* 8:38; *Luke* 9:26

34 ^a*Lit., cast*
^bMatt. 10:34, 35; *Luke* 12:51-53

35 ^aMatt. 10:21; *Mic.* 7:6

36 ^aMatt. 10:21 *Mic.* 7:6

37 ^a*Luke* 14:26

38 ^aMatt. 16:24; *Mark* 8:34; *Luke* 9:23; 14:27

39 ^a*Or, soul-life*
^bMatt. 16:25; *Mark* 8:35; *Luke* 9:24; 17:33; *John* 12:25

40 ^a*Luke* 10:16; *John* 13:20; *Matt.* 18:5; *Gal.* 4:14 ^b*Mark* 9:37; *Luke* 9:48; *John* 12:44

42 ¹Or, *humble folk*
^aMark 9:41; Matt. 25:40

¹Or, *commanding* ²Or, *proclaim*
^aMatt. 7:28 ^bMatt. 9:35

²Matt. 11:2-19; *Luke*
 7:18-35 ^bMatt. 14:3; Mark
 6:17; *Luke* 9:7f.

³John 6:14; 11:27; Heb.
 10:37; Matt. 11:10; Ps.
 118:26

⁵Or, *good news*
^aLs. 35:5f.; 61:1

⁶Lit., *whoever* ²Or,
taking offense at
^aMatt. 13:21, 57; 24:10;
 26:31; Mark 6:3; John 6:61;
 16:1; Matt. 5:29

⁷Matt. 3:1

⁸Or, *Well then*, ²Lit.,
houses

⁹Or, *Well then*,
^aMatt. 14:5; 21:26; *Luke*
 1:76; 20:6

¹⁰Lit., *has been written*
^aMark 1:2; Mal. 3:1

¹¹Lit., *Jess*

¹²Or, *is forcibly entered*
^aOr, *seize it for themselves*
^a*Luke* 16:16

¹³*Luke* 16:16

¹⁴Or, *is to come*
^aMal. 4:5; Matt. 17:10-13;
 Mark 9:11-13; *Luke* 1:17;
 John 1:21

¹⁵Matt. 13:9, 43; Mark
 4:9, 23; *Luke* 8:8; 14:35; Rev.
 13:9; 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13,
 22

¹⁷Lit., *beat the breast*

¹⁸Matt. 3:4 ^b*Luke* 1:15
^aJohn 7:20; 8:48f., 52; 10:20;
 Matt. 9:34

¹⁹Or, *wine-drinker*
^aMatt. 9:11; *Luke* 15:2

41 "He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 "And ^awhoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these ¹little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

CHAPTER 11

^aAND it came about that when Jesus had finished ¹giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there ^bto teach and ²preach in their cities.

²Now when ^bJohn in prison heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples,

³ and said to Him, "Are You ^athe Coming One, or shall we look for someone else?"

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John the things which you hear and see:

⁵ *the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED* to them.

⁶ "And blessed is he ¹who ^akeeps from ²stumbling over Me."

⁷ And as these were going away, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, "What did you go out into ^athe wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

⁸ "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in ¹kings' ²palaces.

⁹ "But why did you go out? To see ^aa prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.

¹⁰ "This is the one about whom it ¹was written,

^aBEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,
 WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU."

¹¹ "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is ¹least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

¹² "And ^afrom the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven ¹suffers violence, and violent men ²take it by force.

¹³ "For ^aall the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

¹⁴ "And if you care to accept *it*, he himself is ^aElijah, who ¹was to come.

¹⁵ "He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other children,

¹⁷ and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not ¹mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither ^aeating nor ^bdrinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!'

¹⁹ "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a ¹drunkard, ^aa friend of

Unrepenting Cities.

"Take My Yoke." Sabbath Questions.

²tax-gatherers and sinners!' ³Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

20 Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His ¹miracles were done, because they did not repent.

21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, ^bBethsaida! For if the ¹miracles had occurred in ^cTyre and ^cSidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in ^dsackcloth and ashes.

22 "Nevertheless I say to you, ^ait shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in ^bthe day of judgment, than for you.

23 "And you, ^aCapernaum, will not be EXALTED TO HEAVEN, will you? You shall ¹DESCEND TO ^cHADES; for if the ²miracles had occurred in ^dSodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

24 "Nevertheless I say to you that ^ait shall be more tolerable for the land of ^bSodom in ^bthe day of judgment, than for you."

25 ^aAt that ¹time Jesus ^banswered and said, "I ²praise Thee, O ^cFather, Lord of heaven and earth, that ^dThou didst hide these things from *the* wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes.

26 "Yes, ^aFather, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.

27 "^aAll things ¹have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one ²knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone ²know the Father, ^bexcept the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

28 "^aCome to Me, all who are ¹weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 "Take My yoke upon you, and ^alearn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and ^bYOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

30 "For My yoke is ¹easy, and My load is light."

CHAPTER 12

AT that ¹time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grain-fields, and His disciples became hungry and began to ^bpick the heads of *grain* and eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Behold, Your disciples do what ^ais not lawful to do on a Sabbath."

3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he became hungry, he and his companions;

4 how he entered the house of God, and ^athey ate the ¹consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?

5 "Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple ¹break the Sabbath, and are innocent?

6 "But I say to you, that something ^agreater than the temple is here.

7 "But if you had known what this ¹means, '^aI DESIRE ²COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

Matthew 11, 12

¹⁹ ²Or, *publicans* who collected Roman taxes for profit ³Lit., and

²⁰ ¹Or, *works of power*

²¹ ¹Or, *works of power*
⁴Matt. 11:21-23; Luke 10:13-15
⁵Mark 6:45; 8:22; Luke 9:10; John 1:44; 12:21
⁶Matt. 11:22; 15:21; Mark 3:8; 7:24, 31; Luke 6:17; Acts 12:10; Luke 4:26; Acts 27:3
⁴Rev. 11:3

²² ²Matt. 10:15; 11:24
¹Matt. 10:15

²³ ¹Some mss. read, *shall be brought down* ²Or, *works of power*
⁴Matt. 4:13
⁵Is. 14:13, 15; Ezek. 26:20; 31:14; 32:18, 24
⁶Matt. 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13f.
⁴Matt. 10:15

²⁴ ²Matt. 10:15; 11:22
¹Matt. 10:15

²⁵ ¹Or, *occasion* ²Or, *acknowledge to Thy praise*
⁴Matt. 11:25-27; Luke 10:21, 22
⁵Acts 3:12
⁶Luke 22:42; 23:34; John 11:41; 12:27, 28
⁴1 Cor. 1:26ff.

²⁶ ¹Luke 22:42; 23:34; John 11:41; 12:27, 28

²⁷ ¹Lit., *were given over*
²Or, *perfectly know(s)*
⁴Matt. 28:18; John 3:35; 13:3; 17:2
⁵John 7:29; 10:15; 17:25

²⁸ ¹Or, *who work to exhaustion*
⁴John 7:37; Jer. 31:25

²⁹ ⁴John 13:15; Eph. 4:20; Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 John 2:6
⁵Jer. 6:16

³⁰ ¹Or, *kindly, or, pleasantly*

¹ ¹Or, *occasion*
²Matt. 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5
³Deut. 23:25

² ²Matt. 12:10; Luke 13:14; 14:3; John 5:10; 7:23; 9:16

⁴ ¹Or, *showbread*; lit., *loaves of presentation*
⁴1 Sam. 21:6

⁵ ¹Or, *profane*

⁶ ²Matt. 12:41, 42

⁷ ¹Lit., *is* ²Or, *mercy*
⁴Hos. 6:6

8 *Matt. 8:20; 12:32, 40

9 *Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

10 *Matt. 12:2; Luke 13:14; 14:3; John 5:10; 7:23; 9:16

11 ¹Lit., of

12 ¹Lit., well
*Matt. 10:31

13 ¹Lit., healthy, well

14 *Matt. 26:4; Mark 14:1; Luke 22:2; John 7:30, 44; 8:59; 10:31, 39; 11:53

15 ¹Lit., knowing
*Matt. 4:23

16 ¹Lit., evident
*Matt. 8:4

18 ¹Lit., child ²Lit., chose
¹Or, took pleasure ¹Or, judgment ⁵Or, nations
²Is. 42:1 ^bMatt. 3:17; 17:5
^cLuke 4:18; John 3:34

19 ²Is. 42:2

20 ¹Or, puts forth ²Or, judgment
²Is. 42:3

21 ¹Or, nations
²Is. 42:4; Rom. 15:12

22 *Matt. 12:22, 24; Luke 11:14, 15; Matt. 9:32, 34
^bMatt. 4:24

23 *Matt. 9:27

24 ¹Or, Beelzebub; others read Beelzebub
*Matt. 9:34

25 ¹Lit., every
*Matt. 12:25-29; Mark 3:23-27; Luke 11:17-22 ^bMatt. 9:4

26 ¹Lit., was
*Matt. 4:10

27 ¹vs. 24
*Matt. 9:34 ^bActs 19:13

30 *Luke 11:23; Mark 9:40;
Luke 9:50

31 *Matt. 12:31, 32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10

8 "For ^athe Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

9 ^aAnd departing from there, He went into their synagogue.

10 And behold, *there* was a man with a withered hand. And they questioned Him, saying, "^aIs it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—in order that they might accuse Him.

11 And He said to them, "What man shall there be ¹among you, who shall have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it, and lift it out?"

12 "Of ^ahow much more value then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do ¹good on the Sabbath."

13 Then He ^asaid to the man, "Stretch out your hand!" And he stretched it out, and it was restored to ¹normal, like the other.

14 But the Pharisees went out, and ^acounseled together against Him, *as* to how they might destroy Him.

15 But Jesus, ¹aware of *this*, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and ^aHe healed them all,

16 and ^awarned them not to make Him ¹known;

17 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, might be fulfilled, saying,

18 ^a"BEHOLD, MY ¹SERVANT WHOM I ²HAVE CHOSEN;

^bMY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS ³WELL PLEASSED;

^cI WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM,

^aAND HE SHALL PROCLAIM ⁴JUSTICE TO THE ⁵GENTILES.

19 ^a"HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT;

NOR WILL ANY ONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS.

20 ^a"A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF,

AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT,

UNTIL HE ¹LEADS ²JUSTICE TO VICTORY.

21 ^aAND IN HIS NAME THE ¹GENTILES WILL HOPE."

22 ^aThen there was brought to Him a ^bdemon-possessed man *who* was blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw.

23 And all the multitudes were amazed, and *began* to say, "This *man* cannot be the ^aSon of David, can he?"

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This man casts out demons only ^aby ¹Beelzebub the ruler of the demons."

25 ^aAnd ^bknowing their thoughts He said to them, "¹Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and ¹any city or house divided against itself shall not stand.

26 "And if ^aSatan casts out ^aSatan, he ¹is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?"

27 "And if I ^aby ¹Beelzebub cast out demons, ^bby whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges.

28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house.

30 ^a"He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

31 ^a"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be

forgiven men; but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

32 "And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in ^athis age, or in the *age* to come.

33 "Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree rotten, and its fruit rotten; for ^athe tree is known by its fruit.

34 "aYou brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak ¹what is good? ^bFor the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

35 "The good man out of *his* good treasure brings forth ¹what is good; and the evil man out of *his* evil treasure brings forth ²what is evil.

36 "And I say to you, that every ¹careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in ^athe day of judgment.

37 "For ¹by your words you shall be justified, and ¹by your words you shall be condemned."

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, "Teacher, ^awe want to see a ¹sign from You."

39 But He answered and said to them, "aAn evil and adulterous generation craves for a ¹sign; and yet no ¹sign shall be given to it but the ¹sign of Jonah the prophet;

40 for just as ^aJONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA-MONSTER; so shall ^bthe Son of Man be ^cthree days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 "aThe men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment, and shall condemn it because ^bthey repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, ^csomething greater than Jonah is here.

42 "aThe Queen of the South shall rise up with this generation at the judgment and shall condemn it; because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, ^bsomething greater than Solomon is here.

43 "aNow when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

44 "Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came;' and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.

45 "Then it goes, and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and ^athe last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation."

46 "While He was still speaking to the multitudes, behold, His ^bmother and His ^cbrothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.

47 And someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You."

48 But He answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers!

32 ^aMark 10:30; Luke 16:8; 18:30; 20:34, 35; Eph. 1:21; 1 Tim. 6:17; 2 Tim. 4:10; Titus 2:12; Heb. 6:5; Matt. 13:22 and 13:39

33 ^aMatt. 7:16

34 ¹Lit., *good things*
^aMatt. 3:7; 23:33 ^bMatt. 12:34, 35; Luke 6:45; Matt. 15:18; Eph. 4:29; James 3:2; 12:1; 1 Sam. 24:13

35 ¹Lit., *good things* ²Lit., *evil things*

36 ¹Or, *useless*
^aMatt. 10:15

37 ¹Or, *in accordance with*

38 ¹Or, *attesting miracle*
^aMatt. 16:1; Mark 8:11, 12; Luke 11:16; John 2:18; 6:30; 1 Cor. 1:22

39 ¹Or, *attesting miracle*
^aMatt. 12:39-42; Luke 11:29; 32; Matt. 16:4

40 ^aJonah 1:17 ^bMatt. 8:20
^cMatt. 16:21

41 ^aJonah 1:2 ^bJonah 3:5
^cMatt. 12:6, 42

42 ¹ Kin. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:1
^bMatt. 12:6, 41

43 ^aMatt. 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26

45 ^a2 Pct. 2:20

46 ^aMatt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21 ^bMatt. 1:18; 2:11ff.; 13:55; Luke 1:43; 2:33f.; 48, 51; John 2:1, 5, 12; 19:25f.; Acts 1:14
^cMatt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 2:12; 7:3, 5, 10; Acts 1:14; 1 Cor. 9:5; Gal. 1:19

1 ^aMatt. 13:36; 9:28; Mark 3:19 ^bMatt. 13:1-15; Mark 4:1-12; Luke 8:4-10

2 ^aLuke 5:3

3 ^aMatt. 13:10ff.; Mark 4:2ff.

5 ¹Lit., *were not having*

7 ¹Lit., *upon*

8 ^aMatt. 13:23; Gen. 26:12

9 ^aMatt. 11:15

11 ^aMatt. 19:11; 20:23; John 6:65; 1 Cor. 2:10; Col. 1:27; 1 John 2:20, 27

12 ^aMatt. 25:29; Mark 4:25; Luke 8:18; 19:26

13 ^aJer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2; Is. 42:19, 20; Deut. 29:4

14 ¹Lit., *for them* ²Lit., *with a hearing* ³Lit., *and* ⁴Lit., *seeing you will see* ^aIs. 6:9; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10; John 12:40; Acts 28:26, 27; Rom. 10:16; 11:8

15 ^aIs. 6:10

16 ^aMatt. 13:16, 17; Luke 10:23, 24

17 ^aJohn 8:56; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 1:10-12

18 ^aMatt. 13:18-23; Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15

19 ^aMatt. 4:23 ^bMatt. 5:37

50 "For whoever shall do the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

CHAPTER 13

ON that day Jesus went out of ^athe house, and was sitting ^bby the sea.

2 And great multitudes gathered about Him, so that ^aHe got into a boat and sat down, and the whole multitude was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in ^aparables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;

4 and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them.

5 "And others fell upon the rocky places, where they ¹did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 "And others fell ¹among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.

8 "And others fell on the good soil, and ²yielded a crop, some a ^ahundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

9 "^aHe who has ears, let him hear."

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 And He answered and said to them, "^aTo you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

12 "^aFor whoever has, to him shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while ^aseeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 "And ¹in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

^{2a}YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, ³BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;

AND ⁴YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

15 ^aFOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES; LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND TURN AGAIN, AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM."

16 "^aBut blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

17 "For truly I say to you, that ^amany prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

18 "^aHear then the parable of the sower.

19 "When any one hears ^athe word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, ^bthe evil *one* comes and snatches away

what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

20 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he ¹falls away.

22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of ^athe world, and the ^bdeceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good ground, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some ^aa hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

24 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven ¹may be compared to ^aa man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 "But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed ¹tares also among the wheat, and went away.

26 "But when the ¹wheat sprang up and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.

27 "And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? ¹How then does it have tares?'

28 "And he said to them, 'An ¹enemy has done this!' And the slaves ²said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29 "But he ^{*}said, 'No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them.

30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares; and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but ^agather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

31 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like ^aa mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;

32 and this is smaller than all *other* seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that ^aTHE BIRDS OF THE ¹AIR come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."

33 He spoke another parable to them; "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in ^bthree ¹pecks of meal, until it was all leavened."

34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He was not talking to them ^awithout a parable,

35 so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

"^aI WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES;

I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."

36 Then He left the multitudes, and went into ^athe house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "b^bExplain to us the parable of the ¹tares of the field."

21 ¹Lit., *is caused to stumble*
^aMatt. 11:6

22 ¹Or, *age*
^aMark 4:19; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 1:20; 2:6, 8; 3:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 2:2; Matt. 12:32 and 13:39
^bMatt. 19:23; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17

23 ^aMatt 13:8

24 ¹Lit., *was compared to*
^aMatt. 13:31, 33, 45, 47; 18:23; 20:1; 22:2; 25:1; Mark 4:30; Luke 13:18, 20 ^bMark 4:26-29

25 ¹Or, *darnel*, a weed resembling wheat.

26 ¹Lit., *grass*

27 ¹Lit., *from where*

28 ¹Lit., *an enemy man*

30 ^aMatt. 3:12

31 ^aMatt. 13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18, 19; Matt. 13:24 ^bMatt. 17:20; Luke 17:6

32 ¹Or, *sky*
^aPs. 104:12; Ezek. 17:23; 31:6; Dan. 4:12

33 ¹Cr., *sata*
^aMatt. 13:33; Luke 13:21; Matt. 13:24 ^bGen. 18:6; Judg. 6:19; 1 Sam. 1:24

34 ^aMark 4:34; John 10:6; 16:25

35 ^aPs. 78:2

36 ¹Or, *darnel* cf. vs. 25
^aMatt. 13:1 ^bMatt. 15:15

37 *Matt. 8:20

38 *Matt. 8:12; *John 8:44;
Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:10
*Matt. 5:37

39 ¹Or, *consummation*
*Matt. 13:40, 49; 24:3; 28:20;
1 Cor. 10:11; Heb. 9:26;
Matt. 12:32 and 13:22

40 ¹Or, *consummation*
*Matt. 13:39, 49; 24:3; 28:20;
1 Cor. 10:11; Heb. 9:26;
Matt. 12:32 and 13:22

41 ¹Or, *everything that is
offensive*
*Matt. 8:20 *Matt. 24:31
*Zeph. 1:3

42 *Matt. 13:50 *Matt. 8:12

43 *Dan. 12:3 *Matt. 11:15

44 *Matt. 13:24 *Matt.
13:46

45 *Matt. 13:24

47 *Matt. 13:44

49 ¹Or, *consummation*
²Or, *separate*
*Matt. 13:39, 40

50 *Matt. 13:42 *Matt. 8:12

53 *Matt. 7:28

54 ¹Or, *His own part of the
country* ²Or, *was teaching*
³Or, *miracles*
*Matt. 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6
*Matt. 4:23 *Matt. 7:28

55 *Matt. 12:46

56 *Mark 6:3

57 ¹Lit., *were being made
to stumble* ²Or, *his own part
of the country*
*Matt. 11:6 *Mark 6:4; Luke
4:24; John 4:44

58 ¹Or, *works of power*

37 And He answered and said, "The one who sows the good seed is ^athe Son of Man,

38 and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are ^athe sons of the kingdom; and the tares are ^bthe sons of ^cthe evil one;

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is ^athe ¹end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

40 "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at ^athe ¹end of the age.

41 ^a"The Son of Man ^bwill send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all ^{1c}STUMBLING-BLOCKS, AND THOSE WHO COMMIT LAWLESSNESS,

42 and ^awill cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place ^bthere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 ^a"Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. ^bHe who has ears, let him hear.

44 ^a"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and ^bsells all that he has, and buys that field.

45 "Again, ^athe kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,

46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 "Again, ^athe kingdom of heaven is like a drag-net cast into the sea, and gathering *fish* of every kind;

48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw away.

49 "So it will be at ^athe ¹end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and ²take out the wicked from among the righteous,

50 and ^awill cast them into the furnace of fire; ^bthere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all these things?" They ^asaid to Him, "Yes."

52 And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

53 ^aAnd it came about that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.

54 ^aAnd coming to ¹His home town He ^{2b}began teaching them in their synagogue, so that ^cthey became astonished, and said, "Where *did* this man *get* this wisdom, and *these* ³miraculous powers?"

55 "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not ^aHis mother called Mary, and His ^abrothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?"

56 "And ^aHis sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man *get* all these things?"

57 And they ¹took ^aoffense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "^bA prophet is not without honor except in his ²home town, and in his *own* household."

58 And He did not do many ¹miracles there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

AT that ¹time ^bHerod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus,

2 and said to his servants, "aThis is John the Baptist; ¹he has risen from the dead; and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

3 For ^aHerod had seized John, and bound him, and put him ^bin prison on account of ^cHerodias, the wife of his brother Philip.

4 For John had been saying to him, "aIt is not lawful for you to have her."

5 And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because ¹they regarded him as ^aa prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday ¹came, the daughter of ^aHerodias danced ²before *them* and pleased ^bHerod.

7 Thereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.

8 And having been prompted by her mother, she ^{*}said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

9 And although he was grieved, the king commanded *it* to be given because of his oaths, and because of ¹his dinner-guests.

10 And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.

11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl; and she brought *it* to her mother.

12 And his disciples came and took away the body and buried ¹it; and they went and reported to Jesus.

13 ^aNow when Jesus heard *it*, He withdrew from there in a boat, to a lonely place by Himself; and when the multitudes heard *of this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14 And when He came out, He ^asaw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and ^bhealed their sick.

15 And when it was evening, the disciples came to Him, saying, "The place is desolate, and the time is already past; so send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy food for themselves."

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them *something* to eat!"

17 And they ^{*}said to Him, "We have here only ^afive loaves, and two fish."

18 And He said, "Bring them here to Me."

19 And ordering the multitudes to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He ^ablessed *the food*, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave* to the multitudes,

20 and they all ate, and were satisfied. And they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full ¹baskets.

21 And there were about five thousand men who ate, aside from women and children.

22 ^aAnd immediately ¹He ¹made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

23 And after He had sent the multitudes away, ^aHe went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

¹ Or, occasion
^aMatt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9
^bMatt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9, also Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3, 13-31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1

² Or, he, himself
^aMatt. 16:14; Mark 6:14; Luke 9:7

³ Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9; also Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3, 13-31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1
^bMatt. 4:12; 11:2; Matt. 14:6; Mark 6:17, 19, 22; Luke 3:19

⁴ Lev. 18:16; 20:21

⁵ Lit., they were holding
^aMatt. 11:9

⁶ Lit., occurred ²Lit., in the midst
^aMatt. 14:3; Mark 6:17, 19, 22; Luke 3:19
^bMatt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9; also Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3, 13-31; 23:7f. 11f. 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1

⁹ Lit., those who reclined at table with him

¹² Lit., him

¹³ Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-13; Matt. 15:32-38

¹⁴ Matt. 9:36; Matt. 4:23

¹⁷ Matt. 16:9

¹⁹ ^a Sam. 9:13; Matt. 15:36; 26:26; Mark 6:41; 8:7; 14:22; Luke 24:30; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6

²⁰ ¹ i.e., large-sized baskets
^aMatt. 16:9; Mark 6:43; 8:19; Luke 9:17; John 6:13

²² ¹ Lit., compelled
^aMatt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51; John 6:15-21

²³ Mark 6:46; Luke 6:12; 9:28; John 6:15
the presence of Jesus

24 ¹A stadion was about 600 feet ²Lit., *tormented*, *troubled*, *distressed*.

25 ¹L.e., 3-6 a.m.
²Mark 13:35; Matt. 24:43
They are not aware.

26 ¹Or, *troubled*
²Luke 24:37
They were troubled.

27 ¹Matt. 9:2 ²Matt. 17:7; 28:10; Mark 6:50; Luke 5:10; 12:32; John 6:20; Rev. 1:17; Matt. 28:5; Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10

31 ¹Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 16:8
They are not aware.

33 ¹Matt. 4:3
They are not aware, say

34 ¹Lit., *the land*
²Matt. 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56; John 6:24, 25 ³Mark 6:53; Luke 5:1

35 ¹Or, *knew*

36 ¹Matt. 9:20 ²Matt. 9:21; Mark 3:10; 6:56; 8:22; Luke 6:19

1 ¹Matt. 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23 ²Mark 3:22; 7:1; John 1:19; Acts 25:7

2 ¹Luke 11:38

3 ¹Or, *you also*

4 ¹Lit., *die the death*
²Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 ³Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9

5 ¹Or, *a gift, an offering*

6 ¹Many mss. omit, or his mother ²L.e., by supporting them with it ³Some mss. read, *law*

8 ¹Is. 29:13

9 ¹Is. 29:13 ²Col. 2:22

24 But the boat was already many ¹stadia away from the land, ²battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary!

25 And in ^athe ¹fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking upon the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were ¹frightened, saying, "It is ^aa ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "^aTake courage, ²it is I; ^bdo not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the waters"

29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and ¹took hold of him, and ²said to him, "'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'"

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind stopped.

33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly ^aGod's Son!"

34 ^aAnd when they had crossed over, they came to ¹land at ^bGennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place ¹recognized Him, they sent into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were ill;

36 and they *began* to entreat Him that they might just touch ^athe fringe of His cloak; and as many as ^btouched it were cured.

CHAPTER 15

^a THEN some Pharisees and scribes ^{*}came to Jesus ^bfrom Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they ^ado not wash their hands when they eat bread."

3 And He answered and said to them, "And why do ¹you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"

4 "For God said, '^aHONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, '^bHE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM ¹BE PUT TO DEATH.'

5 "But you say, 'Whoever shall say to *his* father or mother, "Anything of mine you might have been helped by has been ¹given to God,"

6 he is not to honor his father ¹or his mother².' And *thus* you invalidated the ³word of God for the sake of your tradition.

7 "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8 '^aTHIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

9 '^aBUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS THEIR ^bDOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.' "

10 And He called to Himself the multitude, and said to them, "Hear, and understand.

11 "Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."

12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?"

13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be rooted up.

14 "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

15 And Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain the parable to us."

16 And He said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

17 "Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated?"

18 "But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.

19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

20 "These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

21 "And Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region, and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."

23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came to Him and kept asking Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is shouting out after us."

24 But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." *[pupplies [kunanin]]*

27 But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their master's table."

28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; be it done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

29 And departing from there, Jesus went along by the sea of Galilee, and having gone up to the mountain, He was sitting there.

30 And great multitudes came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, dumb, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them,

31 so that the multitude marveled as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 And Jesus summoned to Himself His disciples, and said, "I feel compassion for the multitude, because they have remained with Me now for three days and have nothing to eat;

11 ^aActs 10:14, 15; Matt. 15:18; 1 Tim. 4:3

12 ¹Lit., *caused to stumble*

13 ^aIs. 60:21; 61:3; John 15:2; 1 Cor. 3:9

14 ¹Some mss. omit of the blind
^aMatt. 23:16, 24 ^bLuke 6:39

15 ^aMatt. 13:36

17 ¹Lit., *belly* ²Lit., *cast out into the latrine*

18 ^aMark 7:20; Matt. 12:34

19 ¹i.e., *sexual immorality*
^aGal. 5:19ff.

21 ^aMatt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30 ^bMatt. 11:21

22 ^aMatt. 9:27 ^bMatt. 4:24

24 ^aMatt. 10:6

25 ¹Or, *to worship*
^aMatt. 8:2

26 ¹Or, *proper*

27 ¹Lit., *for*

28 ¹Lit., *from that hour*
^aMatt. 9:22

29 ^aMatt. 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37 ^bMatt. 4:18

30 ^aMatt. 4:23

31 ¹Or, *healthy*
^aMatt. 9:8

32 ¹Lit., *are remaining*
^aMatt. 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10; Matt. 14:13-21 ^bMatt. 9:36

35 ¹Lit., *recline*

36 *Matt. 14:19

37 *Matt. 16:10; Mark 8:8,
20; Acts 9:25

39 *Mark 3:9 ^bMark 8:10

¹ ¹Or, *attesting miracle*
*Matt. 16:1-12; *Mark 8:11-21*
^bMatt. 16:6, 11, 12; Matt. 3:7
^cMatt. 12:38

² ¹The earliest mss. omit
verses 2 & 3
^aLuke 12:54f.

3 ¹Lit., *face*

⁴ ¹Or, *attesting miracle*
*Matt. 12:39

⁶ ¹Or, *yeast*
*Matt. 16:11; Mark 8:15;
Luke 12:1 ^bMatt. 16:1, 11,
12; 3:7

8 *Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31

9 *Matt. 14:17-21 ^bMatt.
14:20

10 *Matt. 15:34-38 ^bMatt.
15:37

11 ¹Or, *yeast*
*Matt. 16:6; Mark 8:15; Luke
12:1 ^bMatt. 16:6, 12; 3:7

12 *Matt. 16:6, 11; 3:7

13 *Matt. 16:13-16; *Mark*
8:27-29; *Luke 9:18-20* ^bMark
8:27 *Matt. 8:20; 16:27, 28

and I do not wish to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

33 And the disciples ^asaid to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in a desert place to satisfy such a great multitude?"

34 And Jesus ^asaid to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

35 And He directed the multitude to ¹sit down on the ground;

36 and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and ^agiving thanks, He broke *them* and started giving *them* to the disciples, and the disciples *in turn*, to the multitudes.

37 And they all ate, and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven ^afull baskets.

38 And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

39 And dismissing the multitudes, He got into ^athe boat, and came to the region of ^bMagadan.

CHAPTER 16

^a AND the ^bPharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Him ^casked Him to show them a ¹sign from heaven.

2 ¹But He answered and said to them, "^aWhen it is evening, you say, '*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.*'

3 "And in the morning, '*There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.*' Do you know how to discern the ¹appearance of the sky, but cannot *discern* the signs of the times?"

4 "^aAn evil and adulterous generation seeks after a ¹sign; and a ¹sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah." And He left them, and went away.

5 And the disciples came to the other side and had forgotten to take bread.

6 And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and ^abeware of the ¹heaven of the ^bPharisees and Sadducees."

7 And they began to discuss among themselves, saying, "*It is because we took no bread.*"

8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, "^aYou men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves because you have no bread?"

9 "Do you not yet understand or remember ^athe five loaves of the five thousand, and how many large ^bbaskets you took up?"

10 "Or ^athe seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many ^bbaskets you took up?"

11 "How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But ^abeware of the ¹heaven of the ^bPharisees and Sadducees."

12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the heaven of bread, but of the teaching of the ^aPharisees and Sadducees.

13 ^aNow when Jesus came into the district of ^bCaesarea Philippi, He *began* asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that ^cthe Son of Man is?"

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14 And they said, "Some say ^aJohn the Baptist; some, ^bElijah; and others, ²Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

15 He ^{*}said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art ^{1a}the Christ, ^bthe Son of ^cthe living God."

17 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, ^{1a}Simon Barjonas, because ^bflesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

18 "And I also say to you that you are ^{1a}Peter, and upon this ²rock I will build My church; and ³the gates of ^bHades shall not overpower it.

19 "I will give you ^athe keys of the kingdom of heaven; and ^bwhatever you shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

20 ^aThen He ^warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was ^{2b}the Christ.

21 ^aFrom that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and ^bsuffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "¹God forbid it, Lord! This shall never ²happen to You."

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, ^aSatan! You are a stumbling-block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on ¹God's interests, but man's."

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If any one wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and ^atake up his cross, and follow Me.

25 "For ^awhoever wishes to save his ¹life shall lose it; but whoever loses his ¹life for My sake shall find it.

26 "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his ¹soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his ¹soul?

27 "For the ^aSon of Man ^bis going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and ^cWILL THEN RECOMPENSE EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS ¹DEEDS.

28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the ^aSon of Man ^bcoming in His kingdom."

CHAPTER 17

AND six days later Jesus ^{*}took with him ^bPeter and ¹James and John his brother, and ^{*}brought them up to a high mountain by themselves.

2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 And Peter ^aanswered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, ^bI will make three ¹tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, ^aa voice out of the cloud,

¹⁴ ¹Gr. *Elias* ²Gr. *Jeremias*
^aMatt. 14:2 ^bMark 6:15;
Luke 9:8; Matt. 17:10; John
1:21

¹⁶ ¹I.e., the Messiah
^aMatt. 16:20; John 11:27;
Matt. 1:16 ^bMatt. 4:3 ^cPs.
42:2; Matt. 26:63; Acts 14:15;
Rom. 9:26; 2 Cor. 3:3; 6:16;
1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Tim. 3:15;
4:10; Heb. 3:12; 9:14; 10:31;
12:22; Rev. 7:2

¹⁷ ¹I.e., son of Jonas
^aJohn 1:42; 21:15-17 ¹ Cor.
15:50; Gal. 1:16; Eph. 6:12;
Heb. 2:14

¹⁸ ¹Gr. *Petros*, a stone
²Gr. *petra*, large rock, bed-
rock ¹I.e., the powers of
death
^aMatt. 4:18 ^bMatt. 11:23

¹⁹ ¹Is. 22:22; Rev. 1:18; 3:7
^bMatt. 18:18; John 20:23

²⁰ ¹Or, *strictly admonished*
²I.e., the Messiah
^aMark 8:30; Luke 9:21; Matt.
8:4 ^bMatt. 16:16; John 11:27;
Matt. 1:16

²¹ ^aMatt. 16:21-28; Mark
8:31-9:1; Luke 9:22-27
^bMatt. 17:9, 12, 22f.; 20:18f.;
27:63; Mark 9:12; 31; Luke
17:25; 18:32; 24:7; Matt.
12:40; John 2:19

²² ¹Lit. (God be) *merciful*
to You ²Lit., be

²³ ¹Lit. *the things of God*
^aMatt. 4:10

²⁴ ^aMatt. 10:38

²⁵ ¹Or, *soul-life*
^aMatt. 10:39

²⁶ ¹Or, *soul-life*

²⁷ ¹Lit., *doing*
^aMatt. 8:20 ^bMatt. 10:23;
24:3, 27, 37, 39; 26:64; Mark
8:38f.; 13:26; Luke 21:27;
Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:23;
1 Thess. 1:10; 4:16; 2 Thess.
1:7, 10; 2:1, 8; James 5:7f.;
2 Pet. 1:16; 3:4, 12; 1 John
2:28; Rev. 1:7; John 21:22
^cPs. 62:12; Prov. 24:12; Rom.
2:6; 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Eph.
6:8; Col. 3:25; Rev. 2:23;
20:12; 22:12; 1 Cor. 3:13

²⁸ ^aMatt. 8:20 ^bMatt.
10:23; 24:3, 27, 37, 39; 26:64;
Mark 8:38f.; 13:26; Luke
21:27; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor.
15:23; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:16;
2 Thess. 1:7, 10; 2:1, 8; James
5:7f.; 2 Pet. 1:16; 3:4, 12;
1 John 2:28; Rev. 1:7; John
21:22

¹ ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aMatt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8;
Luke 9:28-36 ^bMatt. 26:37;
Mark 5:37; Mark 13:3

⁴ ¹Or, *sacred tents*
^aActs 3:12 ^bMark 9:5; Luke
9:33

⁵ ² Pet. 1:17f.

5^bMatt. 3:17

7^aMatt. 14:27

9^aMatt. 17:9-13; Mark 9:9-13^bMatt. 8:4^cMatt. 17:12, 22; 8:20^dMatt. 16:21

10^aMatt. 11:14; 16:14

12¹Lit., in him (or: in his case)²Lit., by them^aMatt. 17:9, 22; 8:20

14^aMatt. 17:14-19; Mark 9:14-28; Matt. 17:14-18; Luke 9:37-42

15¹Or, Sir²Lit., moon-smitten^aMatt. 4:24

18¹Lit., from that hour

20^aMatt. 21:21f.; Mark 11:23f.; Luke 17:6^bMatt. 13:31; Luke 17:6^cMatt. 17:9; 1 Cor. 13:2^dMark 9:23; John 11:40

21¹Some late mss. add verse 21, "But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."^aMark 9:29

22¹Or, betrayed^aMatt. 17:22, 23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:44, 45

23^aMatt. 16:21; and 17:9

24¹Equivalent to two denarii or two days wages paid as a temple tax^aEx. 30:13; 38:26

25¹Or, anticipated what he was going to say,^aRom. 13:7^bMatt. 22:17, 19

26¹Or, free

27¹Lit., cause them to stumble^aMatt. 5:29, 30, 18:6, 8, 9; Mark 9:42, 43, 45, 47; Luke 17:2; John 6:61; 1 Cor. 8:13

saying, "bThis is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: hear Him!"

6 And when the disciples heard *this*, they fell on their faces and were much afraid.

7 And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus Himself alone.

9 aAnd as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "bTell the vision to no one until cthe Son of Man has drisen from the dead."

10 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that aElijah must come first?"

11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

12 but I say to you, that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did 1to him whatever they wished. So also athe Son of Man is going to suffer 2at their hands."

13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

14 aAnd when they came to the multitude, a man came up to Him, falling on his knees before Him, and saying,

15 "1Lord, have mercy on my son; for he is an 2aepileptic, and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire, and often into the water.

16 "And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him."

17 And Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me."

18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured 1at once.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 And He a said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, afif you have faith as ba mustard seed, you shall say to cthis mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and dnothing shall be impossible to you.

21 (1a See marginal note.)

22 aAnd while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be ddelivered into the hands of men;

23 and they will kill Him, and He will be raised again on the third day." And they were deeply grieved.

24 And when they had come to Capernaum, those who collected a the 1two-drachma tax came to Peter, and said, "Does your teacher not pay a the 1two-drachma tax?"

25 He a said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus 1spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect acustoms or bpoll-tax, from their sons or from strangers?"

26 And upon his saying, "From strangers," Jesus said to him, "Consequently the sons are 1exempt.

27 "But, lest we 1give them offense, go to the sea, and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and

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Stumbling-blocks. The Lost Sheep.**

Matthew 17, 18

when you open its mouth, you will find a ²stater; take that and give it to them for you and Me.”

CHAPTER 18

AT that ¹time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is ²greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 And He called a child to Himself and stood him in their midst,

3 and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you ¹are converted and ^abecome like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 “And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

6 but ^awhoever ^bcauses one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a ¹heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 “Woe to the world because of *its* stumbling-blocks! For ^ait is inevitable that stumbling-blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling-block comes!

8 “And ^aif your hand or your foot ^bcauses you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire.

9 “And ^aif your eye ^bcauses you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the ¹hell of fire.

10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that ^atheir angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven.

11 [^{1a}For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]

12 “What do you think? ^aIf any man ¹has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

13 “And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

14 “Thus it is not *the* will ¹of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

15 “And ^aif your brother sins¹, go and reprove him ^{2a}in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.]

16 “But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that ^aBY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY ¹FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.]

17 “And if he refuses to listen to them, ^atell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, ^blet him be to you as ^{1a} Gentile and ^{1a} ²tax-gatherer.

18 “Truly I say to you, ^awhatever you shall ¹bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you ²loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

19 “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth

²⁷Or, *shekel*, worth four drachmas

¹ Lit., *hour* ² Lit., *greater*
^a Matt. 18:1-5; Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48

³ Lit., *are turned*
^a Matt. 19:14; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

⁶ Lit., *millstone turned by a donkey*
^a Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2; 1 Cor. 8:12 ^b Matt. 17:27

⁷ ^a Luke 17:1; 1 Cor. 11:19; 1 Tim. 4:1

⁸ ^a Matt. 5:30; Mark 9:43; Matt. 17:27 ^b Matt. 17:27

⁹ Gr. *Gehenna of fire*
^a Matt. 5:29; Mark 9:47; Matt. 17:27 ^b Matt. 17:27 ^c Matt. 5:22

¹⁰ ^a Acts 12:15; Luke 1:19; Rev. 8:2; 2 Kin. 25:19; 1 Kin. 10:8

¹¹ Most ancient mss. omit this verse
^a Luke 19:10

¹² ¹ Or, *comes to have*
^a Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:4-7

¹⁴ Lit., *before*

¹⁵ Many mss. add here: *against you* ¹ Lit., *between you and him alone*
^a Luke 17:3; Gal. 6:1; 2 Thess. 3:15; James 5:19; Lev. 19:17

¹⁶ Lit., *word*
^a Deut. 19:15; John 8:17; 2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19; Heb. 10:28

¹⁷ Lit., *the* ² A publican who collected Roman taxes
^a 1 Cor. 6:1ff. ^b 2 Thess. 3:6, 14f.

¹⁸ ¹ Or, *forbid* ² Or, *permit*
^a Matt. 16:19; John 20:23

19 ¹Lit., from
^aMatt. 7:7

21 ^aMatt. 18:15 ^bLuke 17:4

22 ^aGen. 4:24

23 ^aMatt. 13:24 ^bMatt. 25:19

24 ¹About \$10,000,000 in silver content but worth much more in buying power

25 ¹Or, was unable to
^aLuke 7:42 ^bEx. 21:2; Lev. 25:39; 2 Kin. 4:1; Neh. 5:5

26 ^aMatt. 8:2

27 ¹Or, loan

28 ¹The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage

35 ¹Lit., your hearts
^aMatt. 6:14

1 ^aMatt. 7:28 ^bMatt. 19:1-9; ^cMark 10:1-12

2 ^aMatt. 4:23

3 ^aMatt. 5:31

4 ^aGen. 1:27; 5:2

5 ^aEph. 5:31; Gen. 2:24

about anything that they may ask, ^ait shall be done for them ¹by My Father who is in heaven.

20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, ^ahow often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to ^bseven times?"

22 Jesus ^asaid to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to ^aseventy times seven.

23 "For this reason ^a the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a certain king who wished to ^bsettle accounts with his slaves.

24 "And when he had begun to settle *them*, there was brought to him one who owed him ¹ten thousand talents.

25 "But since he ^{1a}did not have *the means* to repay, his lord commanded him ^bto be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 "The slave therefore falling down, ^aprostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.'

27 "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the ¹debt.

28 "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred ¹denarii; and he seized him and *began* to choke *him*, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'

29 "So his fellow-slave fell down and *began* to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.'

30 "He was unwilling however, but went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

31 "So when his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

32 "Then summoning him, his lord ^asaid to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me.

33 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow-slave, even as I had mercy on you?'

34 "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

35 "So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from ¹your heart."

for the sake of the Father

CHAPTER 19

AND it came about that when Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee, and ^bcame into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan;

2 and great multitudes followed Him, and ^aHe healed them there.

3 And *some* Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, "Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any cause at all?"

4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read, ^athat He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

5 and said, ^aFOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER

Divorce.

Children Blessed. The Peril of Riches.

Matthew 19

AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND ^bTHE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH?

6 "Consequently they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

7 They ^asaid to Him, "aWhy then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE AND DIVORCE HER"?

8 He ^asaid to them, "1Because of your hardness of heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

9 "And I say to you, ^awhoever divorces his wife, except for ¹immorality, and marries another ²commits adultery."³

10 The disciples ^asaid to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry."

11 But He said to them, "aNot all men *can* accept this statement, but ^bonly those to whom it has been given.

12 "For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are *also* eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept *this* let him accept it."

13 ^aThen *some* children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, "1aLet the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for ^bthe kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

15 And after laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

16 ^aAnd behold, one came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain ^beternal life?"

17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but ^aif you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

18 He ^asaid to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "aYOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS;

19 ^aHONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and ^bYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

20 The young man ^asaid to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"

21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be ¹complete, go and ^asell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you shall have ^btreasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property.

23 And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, ^ait is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

24 "And again I say to you, ^ait is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

25 And when the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

26 And looking upon *them* Jesus said to them, "aWith men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

5^b1 Cor. 6:16

7^aDeut. 24:1-4

8¹Or, with reference to

9¹¹i.e., sexual immorality
²Some early mss. read: *makes her commit adultery*
³Some early mss. add: *and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery*
^aMatt. 5:32

11^a1 Cor. 7:ff. 17^bMatt. 13:11

13^aMatt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

14¹Or, permit the children
^aMatt. 18:3; Mark 10:15;
Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20;
1 Pet. 2:2^bMatt. 5:3

16^aMatt. 19:16-29; Mark 10:17-30; Luke 18:18-30;
Luke 10:25-28^bMatt. 25:46

17^aLev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29;
Ezek. 20:21

18^aEx. 20:13-16; Deut. 5:17-20

19^aEx. 20:12; Deut. 5:16
^bLev. 19:18

21¹Or, perfect
^aLuke 12:33; Luke 16:9; Acts 2:45; 4:34f. ^bMatt 6:20

23^aMatt. 13:22; Mark 10:23f; Luke 18:24

24^aMark 10:25; Luke 18:25

26^aGen. 18:14; Job 42:2;
Jer. 32:17; Zech. 8:6; Mark 10:27; Luke 18:27; 1:37

28 ¹Lit., *the throne of His glory*
^aMatt. 25:31 ^bLuke 22:30;
 Rev. 3:21; 4:4; 11:16; 20:4

29 ¹Many mss. add here: *or wife* ²Many mss. read: *a hundredfold*
^aMark 10:29f.; Luke 18:29f.;
 Matt. 6:33

30 ^aMatt. 20:16; Mark
 10:31; Luke 13:30

¹Lit., *a man, a landowner* ²Lit., *into*
^aMatt. 13:24 ^bMatt. 21:28,
 33

2 ¹Cf. Matt. 18:28

3 ¹I. e., 9 a. m.

5 ¹I. e., Noon and 3 p. m.
²Lit., *similarly*

6 ¹I. e., 5 p. m.

8 ¹Or, *lord*
^aLev. 19:13 ^bLuke 8:3

9 ¹The denarius was worth
 18 cents in silver, equivalent
 to one day's wage

12 ^aJonah 4:8; Luke 12:55;
 James 1:11

13 ^aMatt. 22:12; 26:50

15 ¹Lit., *evil* ²Lit., *good*
^aMatt. 6:23; Mark 7:22;
 Deut. 15:9

16 ^aMatt. 19:30

17 ^aMatt. 20:17-19; Mark
 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-33

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"

28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when ^athe Son of Man will sit on ¹His glorious throne, ^byou also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 "And ^aeveryone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother¹ or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive ²many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

30 "But many *who are* first will be last; and *the* last, first.

CHAPTER 20

"FOR ^athe kingdom of heaven is like ¹a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers ²for his ^bvineyard.

2 "And when he had agreed with the laborers for a ¹denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 "And he went out about the ¹third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place;

4 and to those he said, 'You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' And so they went.

5 "Again he went out about the ¹sixth and the ninth hour, and did ²the same thing.

6 "And about the ¹eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing; and he ^asaid to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?'

7 "They ^asaid to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He ^asaid to them, 'You too go into the vineyard.'

8 "And when ^aevening had come, the ¹owner of the vineyard ^asaid to his ^bforeman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.'

9 "And when those *hired* about the eleventh hour came, each one received a ¹denarius.

10 "And when those *hired* first came, they thought that they would receive more; and they also received each one a denarius.

11 "And when they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,

12 saying, 'These last men have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the ^ascorching heat of the day.'

13 "But he answered and said to one of them, ^a'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?'

14 'Take what is yours and go your way, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.

15 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your ^aeye ¹envious because I am ²generous?'

16 "Thus ^athe last shall be first, and the first last."

17 ^aAnd as Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve *disciples* aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them,

18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of

**The Passion Foretold a Third Time.
Two Blind Men at Jericho.**

Matthew 20, 21

Man ^awill be ¹delivered up to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,

18 ¹Or, *betrayed*
^aMatt. 16:21

19 and ^awill deliver Him up to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on ^bthe third day He will be raised up."

19 ^aMatt. 27:2; Acts 2:23; 3:13; 4:27; 21:11 ^bMatt. 16:21

20 ^aThen the mother of ^bthe sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, ^cbowing down, and making a request of Him.

20 ^aMatt. 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45 ^bMatt. 4:21; 10:2 ^cMatt. 8:2

21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She ^asaid to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine ^amay sit, one on Your right and one on Your left."

21 ^aMatt. 19:28

22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able ^ato drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They ^asaid to Him, "We are able."

23 He ^asaid to them, "^aMy cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, ^bbut it is for those for whom it has been ^cprepared by My Father."

22 ^aMatt. 26:39, 42; Luke 22:42; John 18:11; Is. 51:17; 22; Jer. 49:12

24 And hearing *this*, the ten became indignant at the two brothers.

25 ^aBut Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their* great men exercise authority over them.

23 ^aActs 12:2; Rev. 1:9 ^bMatt. 13:11 ^cMatt. 25:34

26 "It is not so among you, ^abut whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,

25 ^aMatt. 20:25-28; Luke 22:25-27

27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;

28 just as ^athe Son of Man ^bdid not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His ¹life a ransom for many."

26 ^aMatt. 23:11; Mark 9:35; 10:43

29 ^aAnd as they were going out from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Lord, ^ahave mercy on us, ^bSon of David!"

28 ¹Or, *soul*
^aMatt. 8:20 ^bMatt. 26:28; John 13:13ff.; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:7; 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:5
Not in the LSA. 15:17

31 And the multitude sternly told them to be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, ^aSon of David!"

29 ^aMatt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43; Matt. 9:27-31

32 And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you wish Me to do for you?"

33 They ^asaid to Him, "Lord, we want our eyes to be opened."

34 And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they received their sight, and followed Him.

30 ^aMatt. 20:31 ^bMatt. 9:27

31 ^aMatt. 9:27

CHAPTER 21

^aAND when they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, to ^bthe Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

1 ^aMatt. 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38
^bMatt. 24:3; 26:30; Mark 11:1; 13:3; 14:26; Luke 19:37; 22:39; John 8:1; Luke 19:29; 21:37; Acts 1:12

2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find ^aa donkey ^btied *there* and a colt with her; untie *them*, and bring *them* to Me.

3 "And if anyone says something to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them;' and immediately he will send them."

4 ^aMatt. 21:4-9; John 12:12-15

4 ^aNow this took place that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

5 ^aIs. 62:11; Zech. 9:9

7 ¹Lit., on them

8 ^{a2} Kin. 9:13

9 ^aPs. 118:26f. ^bMatt. 9:27
^cLuke 2:14

11 ^aJohn 1:21, 25; 6:14;
7:40; Acts 3:22f.; 7:37; Matt.
21:26; Mark 6:15; Luke 7:16,
39; 13:33; 24:19; John 4:19;
9:17 ^bMatt. 2:23

12 ¹Lit. the doves
^aMatt. 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-
18; Luke 19:45-47; Matt.
21:12, 13; John 2:13-16 ^bEx.
30:13 ^cLev. 1:14; 5:7; 12:8

13 ¹Lit. cave
^aIs. 56:7; Jer. 7:11

14 ^aMatt. 4:23

15 ^aMatt. 9:27

16 ^aPs. 8:2

17 ^aMatt. 26:6; Mark 11:1,
11, 12; 14:3; Luke 19:29;
24:50; John 11:1, 18; 12:1

18 ^aMatt. 21:18-22; Mark
11:12-14, 20-24

21 ^aMatt. 17:20; Mark
11:23; Luke 17:6; James 1:6

22 ^aMatt. 7:7

23 ^aMatt. 21:23-27; Mark
11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8

5 ^a"SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,
^b"BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,
GENTLE, AND MOUNTED UPON A DONKEY,
EVEN UPON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN."

6 And the disciples went and did just as Jesus had directed them,

7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid on them their garments; ¹on which He sat.

8 And most of the multitude ^aspread their garments in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees, and spreading them in the road.

9 And the multitudes going before Him, and those who followed after were crying out, saying,

^a"HOSANNA to the ^bSon of David;

^a"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;
HOSANNA ^cin the highest!"

10 And when He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

11 And the multitudes were saying, "This is ^athe prophet Jesus, from ^bNazareth in Galilee."

12 ^aAnd Jesus entered the temple and cast out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the ^bmoney-changers and the seats of those who were selling ¹doves.

13 And He ^asaid to them, "It is written, ^a"MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER;" but you are making it a robbers' ¹den."

14 And *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and ^aHe healed them.

15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the ^aSon of David," they became indignant,

16 ^aand said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus ^asaid to them, "Yes; have you never read, ^a"OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABES THOU HAST PREPARED PRAISE FOR THYSELF?"

17 And He left them and went out of the city to ^aBethany, and lodged there.

18 ^aNow in the morning, when He returned to the city, He became hungry.

19 And seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it, and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He ^asaid to it, "No longer shall there ever be *any* fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered.

20 And seeing *this*, the disciples marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?"

21 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, ^aif you have faith, and do not doubt, you shall not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it shall happen.

22 "And ^aeverything you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive."

23 ^aAnd when He had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him as He was

**The Authority of Jesus Questioned.
Wicked Tenant Farmers.**

teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"

24 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I will ask you one thing too, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 "The baptism of John was from what source, from heaven or from men?" And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'"

26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude; for they all hold John to be a prophet."

27 And they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'

29 "And he answered and said, 'I will, sir'; and he did not go.

30 "And he came to the second and said the same thing. But he answered and said, 'I will not'; yet he afterward regretted it and went.

31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The latter." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax-gatherers and harlots will get into the kingdom of God before you.

32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax-gatherers and harlots did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard and put a wall around it and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey.

34 "And when the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.

35 "And the vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.

36 "Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.

37 "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and seize his inheritance.'

39 "And they took him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40 "Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"

41 They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers, who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,

*^aTHE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER-STONE;*

24 ¹Lit., word

26 ^aMatt. 11:9; Mark 6:20

28 ¹Lit., children ²Lit., Child
^aMatt. 21:33; 20:1

29 ¹Some mss. read 'I will not'; yet he afterward regretted and went

30 ¹Lit., likewise ²Some mss. read 'I will'; and he did not go

31 ¹A publican who collected Roman taxes ²Or, are getting into
^aLuke 7:29, 37-50

32 ^aLuke 3:12

33 ¹Lit., a man, a householder ²Or, tenant farmers (Here and in vss. 34, 35, 38, 40)
^aMatt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19; Ps. 80:8; Is. 5:1ff. ^cMatt. 21:28; 20:1 ^dIs. 5:2 ^eMatt. 25:14

34 ¹Lit., the season of the fruits
^aMatt. 22:3

36 ¹Lit., likewise
^aMatt. 22:4

40 ¹Lit., lord

41 ^aMatt. 8:11f.; Acts 13:46; 18:6; 28:28

42 ^aPs. 118:22; Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:7; Rom. 9:33

46 ^aMatt. 21:26 ^bMatt. 21:11

1 ^aActs 3:12

2 ¹Lit., *a man, a king ²Lit., *made*
^aMatt. 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24; Matt. 13:24*

3 ^aMatt. 21:34

4 ^aMatt. 21:36

5 ¹Or, *field*

9 ^aEzek. 21:21; Obad. 14

10 ¹Lit., *those reclining at table*

11 ² Kin. 10:22

12 ¹Lit., *not having*
^aMatt. 20:13; 26:50

13 ^aMatt. 8:12

14 ¹Or, *invited*
^aRev. 17:14; 2 Pet. 1:10; Matt. 24:22

15 ¹Lit., *in word*
^aMatt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26

16 ¹i.e., *you court no man's favor*
^aMark 3:6; 12:13; Mark 8:15

17 ¹Or, *permissible*
^aMatt. 17:25 ^bLuke 2:1; 3:1

18 ¹Or, *wickedness*

THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?

43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it.

44 "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.

46 And when they sought to seize Him, they ^abecame afraid of the multitudes, because they held Him to be a ^bprophet.

CHAPTER 22

AND Jesus ^aanswered and spoke to them again in parables, saying,

2 ^a"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to ¹a king, who ²gave a wedding feast for his son.

3 "And he ^asent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.

4 "Again he ^asent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are *all* butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."'

5 "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own ¹farm, another to his business,

6 and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.

7 "But the king was enraged and sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire.

8 "Then he ^asaid to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.'

9 'Go therefore to ^athe main highways, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.'

10 "And those slaves went out into the streets, and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with ¹dinner-guests.

11 "But when the king came in to look over the dinner-guests, he saw there ^aa man not dressed in wedding clothes,

12 and he ^asaid to him, '^aFriend, how did you come in here ¹without wedding clothes?' And he was speechless.

13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into ^athe outer darkness; in that place ^athere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For many are ¹called, but few *are* ^achosen."

15 ^aThen the Pharisees went and counseled together how they might trap Him ¹in what He said.

16 And they ^asent their disciples to Him, along with the ^aHerodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and ¹defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.

17 "Tell us therefore, what do You think? Is it ¹lawful to give a ^apoll-tax to ^bCaesar, or not?"

18 But Jesus perceived their ¹malice, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?"

19 "Show Me the ^acoin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a ¹denarius.

20 And He ^{*}said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"

21 They ^{*}said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He ^{*}said to them, "^aThen render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

22 And hearing *this*, they marveled, and ^aleaving Him, they went away.

23 ^aOn that day *some* ^bSadducees (who say ^cthere is no resurrection) came to Him and questioned Him,

24 saying, "Teacher, Moses said, ^aIF A MAN DIES, HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF ^aIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP AN OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER."

25 "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother;

26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.

27 "And last of all, the woman died.

28 "In the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven shall she be? For they all had her."

29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, ^anot ¹understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.

30 "For in the resurrection they neither ^amarry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels¹ in heaven.

31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

32 ^aI AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB? God is not *the God of the dead* but of *the living*."

33 And when the multitudes heard *this*, ^athey were astonished at His teaching.

34 ^aBut when the Pharisees heard that He had put ^bthe Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves together.

35 And one of them, ^{1a}a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

37 And He said to him, "^aYOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND."

38 "This is the great and ¹foremost commandment.

39 "And a second is like it, ^aYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

40 "^aOn these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

41 ^aNow while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

42 saying, "What do you think about ¹the Christ, whose son is He?" They ^{*}said to Him, "^aThe son of David."

43 He ^{*}said to them, "Then how does David ^{1a}in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

44 ^aTHE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET." "

45 'If David then calls Him 'Lord', how is He his son?"

19 ¹The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to one day's wage
^aMatt. 17:25

21 ^aMark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Rom. 13:7

22 ^aMark 12:12

23 ^aMatt. 22:23-33; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 20:27-40
^bMatt. 3:7 ^cActs 23:8

24 ^aDeut. 25:5

29 ¹Or, *knowing*
^aJohn 20:9

30 ¹Other mss. add: *of God*
^aMatt. 24:38; Luke 17:27

32 ^aEx. 3:6

33 ^aMatt. 7:28

34 ^aMatt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 10:25-37
^bMatt. 3:7

35 ¹i.e., an expert in the Mosaic Law
^aLuke 7:30; 10:25; 11:45, 46; 52; 14:3; Titus 3:13

37 ^aDeut. 6:5

38 ¹Or, *first*

39 ^aMatt. 19:19; Gal. 5:14; Lev. 19:18

40 ^aMatt. 7:12

41 ^aMatt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44

42 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aMatt. 9:27

43 ¹Or, *by inspiration*
^aRev. 1:10; 4:2; 2 Sam. 23:2

44 ^aPs. 110:1; Acts 2:34f.; Heb. 1:13; 1 Cor. 15:25; Heb. 10:13; Matt. 26:64; Mark 16:19

46 ^aMark 12:34; Luke 14:6; 20:40

1 ^aMatt. 23:1-7; *Mark* 12:38, 39; Luke 20:45, 46

2 ^aEzra 7:6, 25; Neh. 8:4; Deut. 33:3f.

4 ^aLuke 11:46; Acts 15:10

5 ¹i.e., small boxes containing Scripture texts worn for religious purposes ^aMatt. 6:1, 5, 16 ^bEx. 13:9; Deut. 6:8; 11:18 ^cMatt. 9:20

6 ^aLuke 11:43; Luke 14:7; 20:46

7 ^aMatt. 23:8; 26:25, 49; *Mark* 9:5; 11:21; *John* 1:38, 49; 3:2, 26; 4:31; 6:25; 9:2; 11:8; *Mark* 10:51; *John* 20:16

8 ^aJames 3:1 ^bMatt. 23:7; 26:25, 49; *Mark* 9:5; 11:21; 14:45; *John* 1:38, 49; 3:2, 26; 4:31; 6:25; 9:2; 11:8; *Mark* 10:51; *John* 20:16

9 ^aMatt. 6:9; 7:11

10 ¹Or, *teachers or guides*

11 ^aMatt. 20:26

12 ^aLuke 14:11; 18:14

13 ¹Lit., *in front of* ^aMatt. 23:15, (16), 23, 25, 27, 29 ^bLuke 11:52

14 ¹This verse not found in the earliest mss. ^aMark 12:40; Luke 20:47

15 ¹Or, *convert* ²Lit., *Gehenna* ^aActs 2:10; 6:5; 13:43 ^bMatt. 5:22

16 ¹Or, *sanctuary* ^aMatt. 23:24; 15:14 ^bMatt. 5:33-35

17 ¹Lit., *greater* ²Or, *sanctuary* ^aEx. 30:29

18 ¹Or, *gift*

19 ¹Lit., *greater* ²Or, *gift* ^aEx. 29:37

21 ¹Or, *sanctuary* ²Lit., *if* ^a1 Kin. 8:13; Ps. 26:8; 132:14

46 And ^ano one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

CHAPTER 23

^aTHEN Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, ² saying, ^a"The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;

³ therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say *things*, and do not do *them*.

⁴ ^a"And ^athey tie up heavy loads, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much as a finger*.

⁵ ^a"But they do all their deeds ^ato be noticed by men; for they ^bbroaden their ¹phylacteries, and lengthen ^cthe tassels of *their garments*.

⁶ ^a"And they ^alove the place of honor at banquets, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

⁷ and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called by men, ^aRabbi.

⁸ ^a"But ^ado not be called ^bRabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.

⁹ ^a"And do not call *anyone* on earth your father; for ^aOne is your Father, He who is in heaven.

¹⁰ ^a"And do not be called ¹leaders; for One is your Leader, *that is, Christ*.

¹¹ ^a"The greatest among you shall be your servant.

¹² ^a"And ^awhoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

¹³ ^a"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, ^bbecause you shut off the kingdom of heaven ¹from men, for you do not enter in yourselves; nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

¹⁴ [^a"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because ^ayou devour widows' houses, even while for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you shall receive greater condemnation.]

¹⁵ ^a"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel about on sea and land to make one ¹proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of ²hell as yourselves.

¹⁶ ^a"Woe to you, ^ablind guides, who say, ^b"Whoever swears by the ¹temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the ¹temple, he is obligated."

¹⁷ ^a"You fools and blind men; ^awhich is ¹more important, the gold, or the ²temple that sanctified the gold?

¹⁸ ^a"And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, *that is nothing*, but whoever swears by the ¹offering upon it, he is obligated.'

¹⁹ ^a"You blind men, ^awhich is ¹more important, the ²offering or the altar that sanctifies the ²offering?

²⁰ ^a"Therefore he who swears, swears *both* by the altar and by everything on it.

²¹ ^a"And he who swears by the ¹temple, swears *both* by the ²temple and by Him who ^adwells within it.

22 "And he who swears by heaven, ^aswears *both* by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and ¹cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

24 "You ^ablind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ^ayou clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full ¹of robbery and self-indulgence.

26 "You blind Pharisee, first ^aclean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

28 "Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

30 and say, "If we had been *living* in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in *shedding* the blood of the prophets."

31 "Consequently you bear witness against yourselves, that you ^aare ¹sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 "Fill up then the measure *of the guilt* of your fathers.

33 "You serpents, ^ayou brood of vipers, how shall you escape the ¹sentence of ²hell?

34 "Therefore, behold, ¹I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will ^cscourge in your synagogues, and ^dpersecute from city to city;

35 that upon you may fall *the guilt* of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous ^aAbel to the blood of Zechariah, the ^bson of Berechiah, whom ^cyou murdered between the ¹temple and the altar.

36 "Truly I say to you, all these things shall come upon ^athis generation.

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who ^bkills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, ^cthe way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

38 "Behold, ^ayour house is being left to you ¹desolate.

39 "For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, "BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD."

22 ^aMatt. 5:34

23 ¹(Similar to caraway seeds)
^aMatt. 23:13; Luke 11:42

24 ^aMatt. 23:16

25 ¹Or, *as a result of*
^aLuke 11:39f.; Mark 7:4

26 ^aLuke 11:39f.; Mark 7:4

27 ^aLuke 11:44; Acts 23:3

29 ^aLuke 11:47f.

31 ¹Or, *descendants*
^aActs 7:51f.; Matt. 23:34, 37

32 ¹Lit., *and fill up*

33 ¹Or, *judgment* ²Cr. Gehenna
^aMatt. 3:7 ^bMatt. 5:22

34 ^aMatt. 23:34-36; Luke 11:49-51 ^{b2}Chr. 36:15, 16
^cMatt. 10:17 ^dMatt. 10:23

35 ¹Or, *sanctuary*
^aGen. 4:8ff.; Heb. 11:4
^bZech. 1:1 ^{c2}Chr. 24:21

36 ^aMatt. 10:23; 24:34

37 ^aMatt. 23:37-39; Luke 13:34, 35 ^bMatt. 5:12 ^cRuth 2:12

38 ¹Some mss. omit, *desolate*
^{a1} Kin. 9:7f.; Jer. 22:5

39 ^aPs. 118:26; Matt. 21:9

¹ Lit., *and*
^aMatt. 24:1-51; Mark 13;
 Luke 21:5-36 ^bMatt. 21:23

CHAPTER 24

^a AND Jesus ^bcame out from the temple and was going away ¹when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

2 ^aLuke 19:44

3 ¹Or, *presence* ²Or, *consummation*
^aMatt. 21:1 ^bMatt. 24:27, 37,
39; Matt. 16:27f.

4 ^aJer. 29:8

5 ¹I.e., Messiah
^aMatt. 24:24; 1 John 2:18;
Matt. 24:11; Acts 5:36f.;
1 John 4:3

7 ^a2 Chr. 15:6; Is. 19:2
^bActs 11:28

9 ^aMatt. 10:17; John 16:2
^bMatt. 10:22; John 15:18ff.

10 ¹Lit., *be caused to
stumble* ²Or, *deliver up*
^aMatt. 11:6

11 ^aMatt. 24:24; Matt. 7:15

12 ¹Lit., *the love of many*

13 ^aMatt. 10:22

14 ¹Lit., *inhabited earth*
^aMatt. 4:23 ^bRom. 10:18;
Col. 1:6, 23 ^cLuke 2:1; 4:5;
Acts 11:28; 17:6, 31; 19:27;
Rom. 10:18; Heb. 1:6; 2:5;
Rev. 3:10; 16:14

15 ^aDan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
^bActs 6:13f.; 21:28; John
11:48; Luke 21:20; Mark
13:14 ^cMark 13:14; Rev. 1:3

17 ^aMatt. 10:27; Luke 5:19;
12:3; Acts 10:9; 1 Sam. 9:25;
2 Sam. 11:2

19 ^aLuke 23:29

21 ^aDan. 12:1; Joel 2:2;
Matt. 24:29

22 ¹Lit., *flesh* ²Or, *chosen
ones*
^aMatt. 24:24, 31; 22:14;
Luke 18:7

23 ¹Or, *the Messiah* ²Lit.,
here
^aLuke 17:23f.

24 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
²Or, *chosen ones*
^aMatt. 24:11; 7:15 ^bJohn
4:48; 2 Thess. 2:9 ^cMatt.
24:22, 31; 22:14 [Cr.];
Luke 18:7

2 And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, ^anot one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

3 And as He was sitting on ^athe Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign of ^bYour ¹coming, and of the ²end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "^aSee to it that no one misleads you.

5 "For ^amany will come in My name, saying, 'I am the ¹Christ,' and will mislead many.

6 "And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end.

7 "For ^anation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be ^bfamines and earthquakes.

8 "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth-pangs.

9 "^aThen they will deliver you up to tribulation, and will kill you, and ^byou will be hated by all nations on account of My name.

10 "And at that time many will ^{1a}fall away and will ²betray one another and hate one another.

11 "And many ^afalse prophets will arise, and will mislead many.

12 "And because lawlessness is increased, ¹most people's love will grow cold.

13 "^aBut the one who endures to the end, it is he who shall be saved.

14 "And this ^agospel of the kingdom ^bshall be preached in the whole ^{1c}world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

15 "Therefore when you see the ^aABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in ^bTHE HOLY PLACE (^clet the reader understand),

16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

17 let him who is on ^athe housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house;

18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

19 "But ^awoe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

20 "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;

21 for then there will be a ^agreat tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

22 "And unless those days had been cut short, no ¹life would have been saved; but for ^athe sake of the ²elect those days shall be cut short.

23 "^aThen if any one says to you, 'Behold, here is the ¹Christ,' or '²There *He is*,' do not believe *him*.

24 "For false Christs and ^afalse prophets will arise and will show great ^{1b}signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even ^cthe ²elect.

**The Second Coming.
The Fig Tree.**

25 "Behold, I have told you in advance.

26 "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*.

27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the ^{1b}coming of the ^cSon of Man be.

28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the ^{1v}vultures will gather.

29 "But immediately after the ^atribulation of those days ^bTHE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND ^cTHE STARS WILL FALL FROM ¹the sky, and the POWERS OF ¹THE HEAVENS WILL BE shaken,

30 and then ^athe sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see ^bthe SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

31 "And ^aHe will send forth His angels WITH ^{ba} GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER HIS ^{1c}elect FROM ^dTHE FOUR WINDS, ^eFROM ONE END OF THE SKY TO THE OTHER.

32 "Now learn the parable FROM THE FIG TREE: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

33 even so you too, when you see all these things, ¹recognize that ²He is near, *right* ^aat the ³door.

34 "Truly I say to you, ^athis ¹generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

36 "But ^aof that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

37 "For ¹the ^{2a}coming of the Son of Man will be ^bjust like the days of Noah.

38 "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were ^amarrying and giving in marriage, until the day that ^bNOAH ENTERED THE ARK,

39 and they did not ¹understand until the flood came and took them all away, so shall the ^{2a}coming of the Son of Man be.

40 "Then there shall be two men in the field; one ¹will be taken, and one ¹will be left.

41 "Two women *will be* grinding at the ^{1b}mill; one ²will be taken, and one ²will be left.

42 "Therefore ^abe on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

43 "But ¹be sure of this, that ^aif the head of the house had known ^{bat} what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be ²broken into.

44 "For this reason ^ayou be ready too; for ^bthe Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

45 "Who then is the ^bfaithful and ^csensible slave whom his ¹master ^dput in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46 "Blessed is that slave whom his ¹master finds so doing when he comes.

27 ¹Or, *presence*
^aLuke 17:23f. ^bMatt. 24:3, 37, 39 ^cMatt. 8:20

28 ¹Or, *eagles*
^aLuke 17:37; Job 39:30; Hab. 1:8; Ezek. 39:17

29 ¹Or, *heaven*
^aMatt. 24:21 ^bIs. 13:10; 24:23; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Acts 2:20; Amos 5:20; 8:9; Zeph. 1:15; Rev. 6:12; 8:12 ^cRev. 6:13; Is. 34:4

30 ^aMatt. 24:3; Dan. 7:13; Rev. 1:7 ^bMatt. 24:3, 37, 39; 16:27

31 ¹Or, *chosen ones*
^aMatt. 13:41 ^bIs. 27:13; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16; Ex. 19:16; Zech. 9:14; Rev. 8:2; 11:15; Heb. 12:19 ^cMatt. 24:22 ^dDan. 7:2; Zech. 2:6; Rev. 7:1 ^eDeut. 4:32

33 ¹Lit., *know* ²Or, it ³Lit., *doors*
^aJames 5:9; Rev. 3:20

34 ¹Or, *race*
^aMatt. 16:28; Matt. 10:23; 23:36

35 ^aMark 13:31; Luke 21:33; Matt. 5:18

36 ^aMark 13:32; Acts 1:7

37 ¹Lit., *just as . . . were the days* ²Or, *presence*
^aMatt. 24:3, 30, 39; 16:27 ^bLuke 17:26f.; Gen. 6:5; 7:6-23

38 ^aMatt. 22:30 ^bGen. 7:7

39 ¹Lit., *know* ²Or, *presence*
^aMatt. 24:3, 30, 37; 16:27

40 ¹Lit., *is*

41 ¹i.e., *handmill* ²Lit., *is*
^aLuke 17:35 ^bDeut. 24:6; Ex. 11:5; Is. 47:2

42 ^aMatt. 24:43, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; Luke 21:36

43 ¹Lit., *know this* ²Lit., *dug through*
^aMatt. 24:42, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; 21:36 ^bLuke 12:38; Matt. 14:25; Mark 6:48; 13:35

44 ^aMatt. 24:42, 43; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; 21:36 ^bMatt. 24:27

45 ¹Or, *lord*
^aMatt. 24:45-51; Luke 1:42-46 ^bMatt. 25:21, 23; Luke 16:10 ^cMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2f. ^dMatt. 25:21, 23

46 ¹Or, *lord*

47 ^aMatt. 25:21, 23

48 ¹Or, *lord* ²Lit., *lingers*

49 ¹Lit., *those who get drunk*

50 ¹Or, *Lord*

51 ¹Or, *severely scourge him* ²Lit., *appoint his portion*
^aMatt. 8:12

¹ ^aMatt. 13:24 ^bJohn 18:3; Acts 20:8; Rev. 4:5; 8:10 [Gr.]

² ^aMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

⁴ ^aMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

⁹ ^aMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

¹⁰ ^aMatt. 24:42ff. ^bLuke 12:35f. ^cLuke 13:25; Matt. 7:21ff.

¹¹ ^aLuke 13:25; Matt. 7:21ff.

¹³ ^aMatt. 24:42ff.

¹⁴ ^aMatt. 25:14-30 ^bLuke 19:12-27 ^cMatt. 21:33

¹⁵ ¹A talent was \$1,000 in silver content, much more in buying power.
^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13
^bMatt. 21:33

¹⁶ ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

¹⁸ ¹Or, *lord's*

¹⁹ ^aMatt. 18:23

²⁰ ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

47 "Truly I say to you, that ^ahe will put him in charge of all his possessions.

48 "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My ¹master ²is not coming for a long time,'

49 and shall begin to beat his fellow-slaves and eat and drink with ¹drunkards;

50 the ¹master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know,

51 and shall ¹cut him in pieces and ²assign him a place with the hypocrites; ^aweeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth.

CHAPTER 25

"**T**HEN ^athe kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their ^blamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

² "And five of them were foolish, and five were ^aprudent.

3 "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

4 but the ^aprudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

5 "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep.

6 "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.'

7 "Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 "And the foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

9 "But the ^aprudent answered, saying, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.'

10 "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ^aready went in with him to ^bthe wedding feast; and ^cthe door was shut.

11 "And later the other virgins also came, saying, '^aLord, Lord, open up for us.'

12 "But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'

13 "^aBe on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

14 "^aFor *it is* just like a man ^babout to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them.

15 "And to one he gave five ¹talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he ^bwent on his journey.

16 "Immediately the one who had received the five ^atalents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.

17 "In the same manner the one who had *received* the two *talents* gained two more.

18 "But he who received the one *talent* went away and dug in the ground, and hid his ¹master's money.

19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves ^ccame and ^asettled accounts with them.

20 "And the one who had received the five ^atalents came up

and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me; see, I have gained five more talents.'

21 'His master said to him, 'Well done, good and ^afaithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your ¹master.'

22 'The one also who had *received* the two ^atalents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted to me two talents; see, I have gained two more talents.'

23 'His master said to him, 'Well done, good and ^afaithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 'And the one also who had received the one ^atalent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no *seed*.

25 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours.'

26 'But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no *seed*?

27 'Then you ought to have put my money ¹in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest.

28 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

29 '^aFor to everyone who has shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

30 'And cast out the worthless slave into ^athe outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 'But when ^athe Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then ^bHe will sit on His glorious throne.

32 'And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, ^aas the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

33 and He will put the sheep ^aon His right, and the goats ^bon the left.

34 'Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, ^ainherit the kingdom prepared for you ^bfrom the foundation of the world.

35 'For ^aI was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; ^bI was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

36 ^anaked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you ^bvisited Me; ^cI was in prison, and you came to Me.'

37 'Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?

38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?

39 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 'And ^athe King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, ^bto the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even the least of them*, you did it to Me.'

21 ¹Or, *lord*
^aMatt. 25:23; Matt. 24:45, 47

22 ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

23 ^aMatt. 25:21; Matt. 24:45, 47

24 ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

27 ¹Lit., *to the bankers*

29 ^aMatt. 13:12

30 ^aMatt. 8:12

31 ^aMatt. 16:27f. ^bMatt. 19:28

32 ^aEzek. 34:17, 20

33 ¹Kin. 2:19; Ps. 45:9
^bEccles. 10:2

34 ^aLuke 12:32; 1 Cor. 6:9; 15:50; Gal. 5:21; James 2:5; Matt. 5:3; 19:29 ^bLuke 11:50; Heb. 4:3; 9:26; Rev. 13:8; 17:8; John 17:24; Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:20; Matt. 13:35

35 ^aIs. 58:7; Ezek. 18:7, 16; James 2:15, 16; ^bJob 31:32; Heb. 13:2

36 ^aIs. 58:7; Ezek. 18:7, 16; James 2:15, 16; ^bJames 1:27
^c2 Tim. 1:16f.

40 ^aMatt. 25:34; Luke 19:38; Rev. 17:14; 19:16
^bMatt. 10:42; Heb. 6:10; Prov. 19:17

41 ^aMatt. 7:23 ^bMark 9:48; Luke 16:24; Jude 7 ^cRev. 12:9; Matt. 4:10

44 ¹Or, *serve*

46 ^aDan. 12:2; John 5:29; Acts 24:15 ^bMatt. 19:29; John 3:15f., 36; 5:24; 6:27, 40, 47, 54; 17:2f.; Acts 13:46, 48; Rom. 2:7; 5:21; 6:23; Gal. 6:8; 1 John 5:11

1 ^aMatt. 7:28

2 ^aMatt. 26:2-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2; ^bJohn 11:55; 13:1 ^cMatt. 10:4

3 ^aJohn 11:47 ^bMatt. 26:58, 69; Mark 14:54, 66; 15:16; Luke 11:21; 22:55; John 18:15; Matt. 27:27 ^cMatt. 26:57; Luke 3:2; John 11:49; 18:13, 14, 24, 28; Acts 4:6

4 ^aMatt. 12:14

5 ^aMatt. 27:24

6 ^aMatt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8; Luke 7:37-39 ^bMatt. 21:17

11 ^aMark 14:7; John 12:8; Deut. 15:11

12 ^aJohn 19:40

13 ^aMark 14:9

14 ^aMatt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10, 11; Luke 22:3-6 ^bMatt. 10:4; 26:25, 47; 27:3; John 6:71; 12:4; 13:26; Acts 1:16

15 ¹Lit., *and I will* ²Or, *betray* ³Or, *silver shekels* ^aMatt. 10:4 ^bZech. 11:12; Ex. 21:32

16 ¹Or, *deliver Him up*

17 ^aMatt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13 ^bEx. 12:18-20

41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'

45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHAPTER 26

AND it came about that when Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,

2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is to be delivered up for crucifixion."

3 "Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas;

4 and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth, and kill Him.

5 But they were saying, "Not during the festival, lest a riot occur among the people."

6 "Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it upon His head as He reclined at table.

8 But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, "What is the point of this waste?"

9 "For this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor."

10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.

11 "For the poor you have with you always; but you do not always have Me.

12 "For when she poured this perfume upon My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.

13 "Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done shall also be spoken of in memory of her."

14 "Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests,

15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?" And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Him.

17 "Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened

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Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "Go into the city to ^aa certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, ^b"My time is at hand; I *am* to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'"

19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

20 ^aNow when evening had come, He was reclining *at table* with the twelve disciples.

21 And as they were eating, He said, "^aTruly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

22 And being deeply grieved, they ¹each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

23 And He answered and said, "^aHe who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.

24 "The Son of Man is *to go*, ^ajust as it is written of Him; but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! ^bIt would have been good ¹for that man if he had not been born."

25 And ^aJudas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Surely it is not I, ^bRabbi?" He ^csaid to him, "^cYou have said *it yourself*."

26 ^aAnd while they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and ^{1b}after a blessing, He broke it and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 And He took a cup and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

28 for ^athis is My blood of the covenant, which is *to be* shed on behalf of ^bmany for forgiveness of sins.

29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 ^aAnd after singing a hymn, they went out to ^bthe Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus ^csaid to them, "You will all ^{1a}fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ^bI WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE ^cSCATTERED."

32 "But after I have been raised, ^aI will go before you to Galilee."

33 But Peter answered and said to Him, "*Even though* all may ¹fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

34 Jesus said to him, "^aTruly I say to you that ^bthis *very* night, before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times."

35 Peter ^csaid to Him, "^aEven if I must die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

36 ^aThen Jesus ^ccame with them to a place called ^bGethsemane, and ^csaid to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

37 And He took with Him ^aPeter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

38 Then He ^csaid to them, "^aMy soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and ^bkeep watch with Me."

39 And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let ^athis cup pass from Me; ^byet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

18 ^aMark 14:13; Luke 22:10
^bJohn 7:6, 8

20 ^aMatt. 26:20-24; *Mark*
14:17-21

21 ^aLuke 22:21-23; John
13:21f.

22 ¹Or, *one after another*

23 ^aJohn 13:26; John 13:18

24 ¹Lit., *for him if that man had not been born*

^aMatt. 26:31, 54, 56; Mark 9:12; Luke 24:25-27, 46; Acts 17:2f.; 26:22f.; 1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 1:10f. ^bMark 14:21; Matt. 18:7

25 ^aMatt. 26:14 ^bMatt. 23:7; 26:49 ^cMatt. 26:64; 27:11; Luke 22:70

26 ¹Lit., *having blessed*
^aMatt. 26:26-29; *Mark* 14:22-25; *Luke* 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; 1 Cor. 10:16
^bMatt. 14:19

28 ^aHeb. 9:20 ^bMatt. 20:28

30 ^aMatt. 26:30-35; *Mark* 14:26-31; *Luke* 22:31-34
^bMatt. 21:1

31 ¹Or, *stumble*
^aMatt. 11:6 ^bZech. 13:7
^cJohn 16:32

32 ^aMatt. 28:7, 10, 16; *Mark* 16:7

33 ¹Or, *stumble*

34 ^aJohn 13:38; *Matt.* 26:75
^bMark 14:30

35 ^aJohn 13:37

36 ^aMatt. 26:36-46; *Mark* 14:32-42; *Luke* 22:40-46
^bMark 14:32; *Luke* 22:39; John 18:1

37 ^aMatt. 17:1; *Mark* 5:37; *Matt.* 4:21

38 ^aJohn 12:27 ^bMatt. 26:40, 41

39 ^aMatt. 20:22 ^bMatt. 26:42; *Mark* 14:36; *Luke* 22:42; John 6:38

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40 *Matt. 26:38

41 *Matt. 26:38 *Mark 14:38

42 *Matt. 20:22 *Matt. 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; John 6:38

45 ¹Or, *keep on sleeping therefore*
*Mark 14:41; John 12:27; 13:1

47 ¹Lit., *and with him*
*Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-11 *Matt. 26:14

49 *Matt. 23:7; 26:25

50 *Matt. 20:13; 22:12

51 ¹Lit., *extending the hand* ²Lit., *took off*
*John 18:10; Mark 14:47; Luke 22:50 *Luke 22:38
*John 18:10; Mark 14:47; Luke 22:50

52 *Gen. 9:6; Rev. 13:10

53 ¹A legion equaled 6,000 troops
*Mark 5:9, 15; Luke 8:30
*Matt. 4:11

54 *Matt. 26:24

55 ¹Lit., *as against a robber*
*Mark 12:35; 14:49; Luke 4:20; 19:47; 20:1; 21:37; John 7:14, 28; 8:2, 20; 18:20

56 *Matt. 26:24

57 *Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; John 18:12f., 19-24
*Matt. 26:3

58 ¹Or, *servants*
*John 18:15 *Matt. 26:3
*Matt. 5:25; John 7:32, 45f.; 19:6; Acts 5:22, 26

59 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin*
*Matt. 5:22

40 And He *came to the disciples and *found them sleeping, and *said to Peter, "So, you *men* could not *keep watch with Me for one hour?

41 ¹"Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; ²the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this ^acannot pass away unless I drink it, ^bThy will be done."

43 And He came back and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

45 Then He *came to the disciples, and *said to them, "¹Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, ^athe hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 "Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

47 ^aAnd while He was still speaking, behold, ^bJudas, one of the twelve, came up, ¹accompanied by a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him."

49 And immediately he came to Jesus and said, "Hail, ^aRabbi;" and kissed Him.

50 And Jesus said to him, "^aFriend, *do* what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

51 And behold, ^aone of those who were with Jesus ¹reached and drew out his ^bsword, and struck the ^cslave of the high priest, and ²cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus *said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for ^aall those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.

53 "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve ¹legions of ²angels?

54 "How then shall ^athe Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"

55 At that time Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me ¹as though I were a robber? ^aEvery day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me.

56 "But all this has taken place that ^athe Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

57 ^aAnd those who had seized Jesus led Him away to ^bCaiafas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

58 But ^aPeter also followed Him at a distance as far as the ^bcourtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the ¹officers to see the outcome.

59 Now the chief priests and the whole ^{1a}Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death;

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60 and they did not find it, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on ^atwo came forward,

61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the ¹temple of God and to rebuild it ²in three days.'"

62 And the high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

63 But ^aJesus kept silent. ^bAnd the high priest said to Him, "I ¹adjure You by ^dthe living God, that You tell us whether You are ²the Christ, ^ethe Son of God."

64 Jesus ^{*}said to him, "^aYou have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, ^bhereafter you shall see ^bTHE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and ^cCOMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

65 Then the high priest ^atore his ¹robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;

66 what do you think?" They answered and said, "^aHe is deserving of death!"

67 ^aThen they ^bspat in His face and beat Him with their fists, and others ¹slapped Him,

68 and said, "^aProphecy to us, You ¹Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

69 ^aNow Peter was sitting outside in the ^bcourtyard, and a certain servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

70 But he denied *it* before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *servant-girl* saw him and ^{*}said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 And again he denied *it* with an oath, "I do not know the man."

73 And a little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are *one* of them; ^afor the way you talk ¹gives you away."

74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a cock crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "^aBefore a cock crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

CHAPTER 27

^a**N**OW when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death;

2 and they bound Him, and led Him away, and ^adelivered Him up to ^bPilate the governor.

3 Then when ^aJudas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned ^bthe thirty ¹pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? ^aSee *to that* yourself!"

5 And he threw the pieces of silver into ^athe sanctuary and departed; and ^bhe went away and hanged himself.

60 *Deut. 19:15

61 ¹Or, sanctuary ²Or, after
*Matt. 27:40; Mark 14:58; 15:29; John 2:19; Acts 6:14

63 ¹Or, charge You under oath ²I.e., the Messiah
*Matt. 27:12, 14; John 19:9
*Matt. 26:63-66; Luke 22:67-71
*Lev. 5:1 *Matt. 16:16
*Matt. 4:3

64 ¹Or, from now on
*Matt. 26:25 *Ps. 110:1
*Dan. 7:13; Matt. 16:27f.

65 ¹Or, outer garments
*Mark 14:63; Num. 14:6; Acts 14:14

66 *Lev. 24:16; John 19:7

67 ¹Or, possibly, beat Him with rods
*Matt. 26:67, 68; Luke 22:63-65; John 18:22 *Matt. 27:30; Mark 10:34

68 ¹I.e., the Messiah
*Mark 14:65; Luke 22:64

69 *Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:55-62; John 18:16-18, 25-27 *Matt. 27:30; 26:3

73 ¹Lit., makes you evident
*Mark 14:70; Luke 22:59; John 18:26

75 *Matt. 26:34

1 *Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66; John 18:28

2 *Matt. 20:19 *Luke 3:1; 13:1; 23:12; Acts 3:13; 4:27; 1 Tim. 6:13

3 ¹Or, silver shekels
*Matt. 26:14 *Matt. 26:15

4 *Matt. 27:24

5 *Luke 1:9, 21; Matt. 26:61 marg. *Acts 1:18

7 ¹Lit., *them*

8 ^aActs 1:19

9 ¹Some mss. read, *I took*
^aZech. 11:12, 13; cf., Jer.
18:2; 19:2, 11; 32:6-9

10 ¹Some mss. read, *I gave*

11 ^aMatt. 27:11-14; *Mark*
15:2-5; *Luke* 23:2-3; *John*
18:29-38 ^bMatt. 2:2 ^cMatt.
26:25

12 ^aMatt. 26:63; *John* 19:9

14 ¹Lit., *word*
^aMatt. 27:12; *Mark* 15:5;
John 19:9; *Luke* 23:9

15 ^aMatt. 27:15-26; *Mark*
15:6-15; *Luke* 23:(17)-25;
John 18:39-19:16

17 ^aMatt. 1:16; 27:22

19 ¹Lit., *today*
^a*John* 19:13; *Acts* 12:21
margin; 18:12, 16f.; 25:6, 10,
17 ^bMatt. 27:24 ^cMatt. 1:20;
2:12f.; 19, 22; *Gen.* 20:6;
31:11; *Num.* 12:6; *Job* 33:15

20 ^aActs 3:14

22 ^aMatt. 1:16

24 ¹Many mss. read, *the*
blood of this righteous Man
^aMatt. 26:5 ^bDeut. 21:6-8
^cMatt. 27:19 ^dMatt. 27:4

25 ^aJosh. 2:19; *Acts* 5:28

26 ¹Or, *to them*
^aMark 15:15; *John* 19:1;
Luke 23:16

27 ¹Or, *battalion*
^aMatt. 27:27-31; *Mark* 15:16-
20 ^b*John* 18:28, 33; 19:9;
Matt. 26:3 ^c*Acts* 10:1

6 And the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

7 And they counseled together and with ¹the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.

8 ^aFor this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "^aAND ¹THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE PRICE OF THE ONE WHOSE PRICE HAD BEEN SET BY THE SONS OF ISRAEL;

¹⁰ AND ¹THEY GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED ME."

11 ^aNow Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the ^bKing of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "^c*It is as you say.*"

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, ^aHe made no answer.

13 Then Pilate ^asaid to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

14 And ^aHe did not answer him with regard to even a single ¹charge, so that the governor was quite amazed.

15 ^aNow at *the* feast the governor was accustomed to release for the multitude *any* one prisoner whom they wanted.

16 And they were holding at that time a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus ^awho is called Christ?"

18 For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up.

19 And ^awhile he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that ^brighteous Man; for ¹last night I suffered greatly ^cin a dream because of Him."

20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to ^aask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death.

21 But the governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

22 Pilate ^asaid to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus ^awho is called Christ?" They all ^asaid, "Let Him be crucified!"

23 And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

24 And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that ^aa riot was starting, he took water and ^bwashed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of ¹this Man's blood; ^dsee to *that* yourselves."

25 And all the people answered and said, "^aHis blood be on us and on our children!"

26 Then he released Barabbas ¹for them; but Jesus he ^ascourged and delivered over to be crucified.

27 ^aThen the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into ^bthe Praetorium and gathered the whole *Roman* ¹cohort around Him.

28 And they stripped Him, and ^aput a scarlet robe on Him.

29 ^aAnd after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a ¹reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "^bHail, King of the Jews!"

30 And ^athey spat on Him, and took the reed and *began* to beat Him on the head.

31 ^aAnd after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

32 ^aAnd as they were coming out, they found a ¹certain ^bCyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to bear His cross.

33 ^aAnd when they had come to a place called ^bGolgotha, which means Place of a Skull,

34 ^aTHEY GAVE HIM ^bWINE TO DRINK MINGLED WITH GALL; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.

35 And when they had crucified Him, ^aTHEY DIVIDED UP HIS GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES, CASTING ¹LOTS;

36 and sitting down, they *began* to ^akeep watch over Him there.

37 And they put up above His head the charge against Him ¹which read, "^aTHIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

38 At that time two robbers ^awere crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

39 And those who were passing by were ¹hurling abuse at Him, ^aWAGGING THEIR HEADS,

40 and saying, "^aYou who destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! ^bIf You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him, and saying,

42 "^aHe saved others; ¹He cannot save Himself. ^bHe is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in Him.

43 "^aHE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER Him NOW, IF HE TAKES PLEASURE IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' "

44 ^aAnd the robbers also who had been crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

45 ^aNow from the ¹sixth hour darkness ²fell upon all the land until the ³ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "^aMY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

47 And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, *began* saying, "This man is calling for Elijah."

48 And ^aimmediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

49 But the rest of *them* said, "¹Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."²

50 And Jesus ^acried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 ^aAnd behold, ^bthe veil of the temple was torn in two

28 *Mark 15:17; John 19:2

29 ¹Or, staff (made of a reed)
*Mark 15:17; John 19:2
^bMark 15:18; John 19:1

30 *Matt. 26:67; Mark 10:34; 14:65; 15:19

31 *Mark 15:20

32 ¹Lit., a man, a Cyrenian
*Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21;
Luke 23:26; John 19:17 ^bActs 2:10; 6:9; 11:20; 13:1

33 *Matt. 27:34-44; Mark 15:22-32; Luke 23:33-43;
John 19:17-24 ^bJohn 19:17;
Luke 23:33 and marg.

34 *Ps. 69:21 ^bMark 15:23

35 ¹Lit., a lot
*Ps. 22:18

36 *Matt. 27:54

37 ¹Lit., written
*Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38;
John 19:19

39 ¹Or, blaspheming
*Mark 15:29; Job 16:4; Ps. 22:7; 109:25; Lam. 2:15

40 *Matt. 26:61 ^bMatt. 27:42

42 ¹Or, can He not save Himself
*Mark 15:31; Luke 23:35
^bJohn 1:49; 12:13; Matt. 27:37; Luke 23:37

43 *Ps. 22:8

44 *Luke 23:39-43

45 ¹I.e., noon ²Or, occurred
³I.e., 3 p.m.
*Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49

46 *Ps. 22:1

48 *Mark 15:36; Luke 23:36; John 19:29

49 ¹Lit., Permit that we see
²Some early mss. add: And another took a spear and pierced His side, and there came out water and blood. (cf. John 19:34)

50 *Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30

51 *Matt. 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:47-49
^bMark 15:38; Luke 23:45;
Ex. 26:31ff.; Heb. 9:3

51 ^cMatt. 27:54

52 ^Ii.e. true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aActs 7:60

53 ^aMatt. 4:5

54 ¹Or, possibly, *a son of God, or, a son of a god*
^aMark 15:39; Luke 23:47
^bMatt. 27:36 ^cMatt. 27:51
^dMatt. 4:3; Matt. 27:43

55 ¹Or, *waiting on*
^aMark 15:40f.; Luke 23:49;
John 19:25 ^bLuke 8:2, 3;
Mark 15:41

56 ^aMatt. 28:1; Mark 15:40,
47; 16:9; Luke 8:2; John
19:25; 20:1, 18 ^bMatt. 20:20

57 ^aMatt. 27:57-61; *Mark*
15:42-47; *Luke* 23:50-56;
John 19:38-42

60 ^aMark 16:4; Matt. 27:66;
28:2

61 ^aMatt. 27:56; 28:1

62 ¹Or, *Friday*
^aMark 15:42; Luke 23:54;
John 19:14, 31, 42

63 ^aMatt. 16:21

65 ^aMatt. 27:66; 28:11

66 ^aMatt. 27:65; 28:11
^bDan. 6:17 ^cMark 16:4;
Matt. 27:60; 28:2

1 ^aMatt. 28:1-8; *Mark*
16:1-8; *Luke* 24:1-10; *John*
20:1-8 ^bMatt. 27:56, 61

2 ^aLuke 24:4; *John* 20:12
^bMark 16:4; Matt. 27:66;
28:2

3 ^aDan. 7:9; 10:6; *Mark*
9:3; *John* 20:12; *Acts* 1:10

5 ¹Or, *Stop being afraid*
^aMatt. 28:10; 14:27

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from ¹top to bottom and ^cthe earth shook; and the rocks were split,

52 and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the ¹saints who had ^afallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered ^athe holy city and appeared to many.

54 ^aNow the centurion, and those who were with him ^bkeeping guard over Jesus, when they saw ^cthe earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was ¹dthe Son of God!"

55 ^aAnd many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ¹bministering to Him;

56 among whom was ^aMary Magdalene, *along with Mary* the mother of James and Joseph, and ^bthe mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 ^aAnd when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man came to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered *it* to be given over *to him*.

59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled ^aa large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

61 And ^aMary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

62 Now on the next day, which is *the one* after ¹athe preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,

63 and said, "Sir, we remember that when he was still alive that deceiver said, ^a"After three days *I am* to rise again."

64 "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have ^aguard; go, make it as secure as you know how."

66 And they went and made the grave secure, and along with ^athe guard they set ^ba seal on ^cthe stone.

CHAPTER 28

^a NOW late on the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, ^bMary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for ^aan angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away ^bthe stone and sat upon it.

3 And ^ahis appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow;

4 and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said to the women, ¹aDo

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not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

6 "He is not here, for He has risen, ^ajust as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you ^ainto Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

8 And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met them ¹and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus ^asaid to them, "^{1a}Do not be afraid; go and take word to ^bMy brethren to leave ^cfor Galilee, and there they shall see Me."

11 Now while they were on their way, behold, some of ^athe guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

12 And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

13 and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'"

14 "And if this should come to ^athe governor's ears, we will win him over and ¹keep you out of trouble."

15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely ^aspread among the Jews, and is ^bto this day.

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded ^ato Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.

17 And when they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but ^asome were doubtful.

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "^aAll authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 "^aGo therefore and ^bmake disciples of ^call the nations, ^dbaptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, ^aI am with you ¹always, even to ^bthe end of the age."

6 ^aMatt. 27:63; 12:40; 16:21

7 ^aMatt. 26:32; 28:10, 16

9 ¹Lit., saying hello

10 ¹Or, Stop being afraid ^aMatt. 28:5; 14:27 ^bJohn 20:17; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11f., 17 ^cMatt. 26:32; 28:7, 16

11 ^aMatt. 27:65, 66

14 ¹Lit., make you free from care ^aMatt. 27:2

15 ^aMatt. 9:31; Mark 1:45 ^bMatt. 27:8

16 ^aMatt. 26:32; 28:7, 10

17 ^aMark 16:11

18 ^aMatt. 26:64; Dan. 7:13f.; Rom. 14:9; Eph. 1:20-22; Phil. 2:9f.; Col. 2:10; 1 Pet. 3:22; Matt. 11:27

19 ^aMark 16:15f. ^bMatt. 13:52; Acts 14:21 ^cLuke 24:47; Matt. 25:32 ^dActs 2:38; 8:16; Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 1:13, 15ff.; Gal. 3:27

20 ¹Lit., all the days ^aMatt. 18:20; Acts 18:10 ^bMatt. 13:39

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THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

MARK

Preaching of the Baptist. Baptism of Jesus.
Temptation of Jesus.

¹ Many mss. omit, *the Son of God*
^a Matt. 4:3

² Mark 1:2-8; *Matt.* 3:1-11; *Luke* 3:2-16 ^b Mal. 3:1; *Matt.* 11:10; *Luke* 7:27

³ *Is.* 40:3; *Matt.* 3:3; *Luke* 3:4; *John* 1:23

⁴ *Or.* *proclaiming*
^a *Acts* 13:24; ^b *Luke* 1:77

⁶ *Lit.*, *he was eating*

⁷ *Or.* *proclaiming*

⁸ *The Greek here can be translated in, with or by*

⁹ *Mark* 1:9-11; *Matt.* 3:13-17; *Luke* 3:21, 22 ^b *Matt.* 2:23; *Luke* 2:51

¹⁰ *Or.* *being parted*

¹¹ *Luke* 3:22; *Matt.* 3:17

¹² *Mark* 1:12, 13; *Matt.* 4:1-11; *Luke* 4:1-13

¹³ *Matt.* 4:10

¹⁴ *Lit.*, *delivered up* ² *Or.* *proclaiming*
^a *Matt.* 4:12 ^b *Matt.* 4:23

¹⁵ *Or.* *put your trust in*
^a *Gal.* 4:4; *Eph.* 1:10; 1 *Tim.* 2:6; *Titus* 1:3 ^b *Acts* 20:21

¹⁶ *Mark* 1:16-20; *Matt.* 4:18-22; *Luke* 5:2-11; *John* 1:40-42

¹⁹ *Or.* *Jacob*

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ^{1a} the Son of God.

2 ^a As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“^b BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY;

3 “^a THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’ ”

4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness ^{1a} preaching a baptism of repentance for the ^b forgiveness of sins.

5 And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and ¹ his diet was locusts and wild honey.

7 And he was ¹ preaching, and saying, “After me comes One who is mightier than I, and I am not *even* fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.

8 “I baptized you ¹ with water; but He will baptize you ¹ with the Holy Spirit.”

9 ^a And it came about in those days that Jesus ^b came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 And immediately coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens ¹ opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;

11 and a voice came out of the heavens: “^a Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased.”

12 ^a And immediately the Spirit ^{*} impelled Him *to go* out into the wilderness.

13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by ^a Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

14 ^a And after John had been ¹ taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, ^{2b} preaching the gospel of God,

15 and saying, “^a The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; ^b repent and ¹ believe in the gospel.”

16 ^a And as He was going along by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

18 And they immediately left the nets and followed Him.

19 And going on a little farther, He saw ¹ James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets.

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20 And immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, ¹and went away to follow Him.

21 ^aAnd they ^{*}went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath ^bHe entered the synagogue and *began* to teach.

22 And ^athey were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 saying, "^aWhat do we have to do with You, Jesus of ^bNazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—^cthe Holy One of God!"

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

26 And throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice, and came out of him.

27 And they were all ^aamazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

28 And immediately the news about Him went out everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.

29 ^aAnd immediately ¹after they had come ^bout of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with ²James and John.

30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they ^{*}spoke to Him about her.

31 And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she began to ¹wait on them.

32 ^aAnd ^bwhen evening had come, ^bafter the sun had set, they *began* bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were ^cdemon-possessed.

33 And the whole ^acity had gathered at the door.

34 And He ^ahealed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they ¹knew who He was.

35 ^aAnd in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and ^bwas praying there.

36 And Simon and his companions hunted for Him;

37 and they found Him, and ^{*}said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 And He ^asaid to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, in order that I may ¹preach there also; for that is what I came out for."

39 ^aAnd He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, ¹preaching and casting out the demons.

40 ^aAnd a leper ^{*}came to Him, beseeching Him and ^bfalling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

41 And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and ^{*}said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

42 And immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

20 ²⁰ ¹Lit., *after Him*

21 ²¹ ^aMark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37 ^bMatt. 4:23; Mark 1:39; 10:1

22 ²² ^aMatt. 7:28

24 ²⁴ ¹Lit., *Nazarene*
^aMatt. 8:29 ^bMark 10:47; 14:67; 16:6; Luke 4:34; 24:19; Matt. 2:23; Acts 24:5 ^cLuke 4:34; John 6:69; Luke 1:35; Acts 3:14

27 ²⁷ ^aMark 10:24, 32; Mark 14:33; 16:5, 6

29 ²⁹ ¹Some mss. read: *after He had come out, He came to, Jacob*
^aMark 1:29-31; Matt. 8:14, 15; Luke 4:38, 39 ^bMark 1:21, 23

31 ³¹ ¹Or, *serve*

32 ³² ^aMark 1:32-34; Matt. 8:16, 17; Luke 4:40, 41
^bMatt. 8:16; Luke 4:40
^cMatt. 4:24

33 ³³ ^aMark 1:21

34 ³⁴ ¹Some mss. read: *knew Him to be Christ*
^aMatt. 4:23

35 ³⁵ ^aMark 1:35-38; Luke 4:42, 43 ^bLuke 5:16; Matt. 14:23

38 ³⁸ ¹Or, *proclaim*

39 ³⁹ ¹Or, *proclaiming*
^aMatt. 4:23; Mark 1:23; 3:1

40 ⁴⁰ ^aMark 1:40-44; Matt. 8:2-4; Luke 5:12-14 ^bMark 10:17; Matt. 8:2; Luke 5:12

44 ^aMatt. 8:4 ^bMatt. 8:4
 1:50, 13:9, 14:

45 ¹Lit., was
^aLuke 5:15; Matt. 28:15
^bMark 2:2, 13; 3:7; Luke
 5:17; John 6:2

2 ^aMark 2:13; Mark 1:45

3 ^aMark 2:3-12; Matt. 9:2-
 8; Luke 5:18-26 ^bMatt. 4:24

4 ¹Lit., bring to ²Lit.,
 where He was
^aLuke 5:19 ^bMatt. 4:24

5 ¹Lit., child
^aMatt. 9:2

7 ¹Lit., if not one, God
 1:5, 43:25

8 ¹Lit., by

9 ^aMatt. 4:24

12 ^aMatt. 9:8 ^bMatt. 9:33

13 ^aMark 1:45

14 ^aMark 2:14-17; Matt.
 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32 ^bMatt.
 9:9 ^cMatt. 8:22

15 ¹Lit., comes ²Publicans
 who collected Roman taxes
 for profit ³Lit., were
 reclining with

16 ^aActs 23:9; Luke 5:30
^bMatt. 9:11

17 ^aMatt. 9:12, 13; Luke
 5:31, 32

43 And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,

44 and He ^asaid to him, “^aSee that you say nothing to anyone; but ^bgo, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

45 But he went out and began to ^aproclaim it freely and to ^aspread the news about, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but ¹stayed out in unpopulated areas; and ^bthey were coming to Him from everywhere.

CHAPTER 2

AND when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.

2 And ^amany were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.

3 ^aAnd they ^acame, bringing to Him a ^bparalytic, carried by four men.

4 And being unable to ¹get to Him on account of the crowd, they ^aremoved the roof ²above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the ^bparalytic was lying.

5 And Jesus seeing their faith ^asaid to the paralytic, “My ¹son, ^ayour sins are forgiven.”

6 But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

7 “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; ^awho can forgive sins ¹but God alone?”

8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving ¹in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, ^asaid to them, “Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?”

9 “Which is easier, to say to the ^aparalytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, and take up your pallet and walk?’

10 “But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He ^asaid to the paralytic,

11 “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.”

12 And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all; so that they were all amazed and ^awere glorifying God, saying, “^bWe have never seen anything like this.”

13 And He went out again by the seashore; and ^aall the multitude were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.

14 ^aAnd as He passed by, He saw ^bLevi the son of Alpheus sitting in the tax office, and He ^asaid to him, “^cFollow Me!” And he rose and followed Him.

15 And it ¹came about that He was reclining *at table* in his house, and many ²tax-gatherers and sinners ³were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him.

16 And when ^athe scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax-gatherers, they *began* saying to His disciples, “^bWhy is He eating and drinking with tax-gatherers and sinners?”

17 And hearing this, Jesus ^asaid to them, “^a*It is not those*

who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners.”

18 ^aAnd John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they ^{*}came and ^{*}said to Him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”

19 And Jesus said to them, “While the bridegroom is with them, ¹the attendants of the bridegroom do not fast, do they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 “But the ^adays will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

21 “No one sews a ¹patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the ²patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.

22 “And no one puts new wine into old ¹wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins *as well*; but *one puts* new wine into fresh wineskins.”

23 ^aAnd it came about that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while ^bpicking the heads of *grain*.

24 And the Pharisees were saying to Him, “See here, ^awhy are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

25 And He ^{*}said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and became hungry, he and his companions:

26 “How he entered into the house of God in the time of ^aAbiathar *the* high priest, and ate the ¹consecrated bread, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the priests, and he gave *it* also to those who were with him?”

27 And He was saying to them, “^aThe Sabbath ¹was made ²for man, and ^bnot man ²for the Sabbath.

28 “Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

18 ^aMark 2:18-22: *Matt. 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-38*

19 ¹Lit., *sons of the bridalchamber*

20 ^aLuke 17:22; *Matt. 9:15*

21 ¹Lit., *that which is put on* ²Lit., *that which fills up*

22 ¹i.e., *skins used as bottles*

23 ^aMark 2:23-28: *Matt. 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5* ^bDeut. 23:25

24 ^aMatt. 12:2

26 ¹Or, *showbread*; lit., *loaves of presentation* ^a1 Chr. 24:6; 1 Sam. 21:1; 2 Sam. 8:17

27 ¹Or, *came into being* ²Lit., *for the sake of* ^aEx. 23:12; Deut. 5:14 ^bCol. 2:16

1 ^aMark 3:1-6: *Matt. 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11* ^bMark 1:21, 39

2 ^aLuke 6:7; 14:1; 20:20 ^bMatt. 12:10; Luke 6:7; Luke 11:54

3 ¹Lit., *Arise into the midst*

5 ^aLuke 6:10

6 ¹Lit., *giving* ^aMatt. 22:16; Mark 12:13

7 ^aMark 3:7-12: *Matt. 12:15, 16; Luke 6:17-19* ^bMatt. 4:25; Luke 6:17

8 ^aJosh. 15:1, 21; Ezek. 35:15; 36:5

CHAPTER 3

^aAND He ^bentered again into a synagogue; and a man was there with a withered hand.

2 And ^athey were watching Him *to see* if He would heal him on the Sabbath, ^bin order that they might accuse Him.

3 And He ^{*}said to the man with the withered hand, “¹Rise and *come* forward!”

4 And He ^{*}said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill?” But they kept silent.

5 And after ^alooking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He ^{*}said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 And the Pharisees went out and immediately *began* ¹taking counsel with the ^aHerodians against Him, *as to* how they might destroy Him.

7 ^aAnd Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and ^ba great multitude from Galilee followed; and *also* from Judea,

8 and from Jerusalem, and from ^aIdumea, and beyond

8 ^bMatt. 11:21

10 ^aMatt. 4:23 ^bMark 5:29,
34; Luke 7:21 ^cMark 6:56;
8:22; Matt 9:21; 14:36

11 ^aMatt. 4:3

12 ¹Lit., *make Him
manifest*
^aMatt. 8:4

13 ^aLuke 6:12; Matt 5:1
^bMatt 10:1; Mark 6:7; Luke
9:1-6

14 ¹Some early mss. add:
whom He named apostles

16 ^aMark 3:16-19; Matt.
10:2-4; Luke 6:14-16; Acts
1:13; names in Matthew's
list.

17 ¹Or, *Jacob*

18 ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Or, *the
Zealot*

20 ¹Lit., *into a house* ²Lit.,
bread
^aMark 2:1; 7:17; 9:28 ^bMark
1:45; Mark 3:7 ^cMark 6:31

21 ¹Or, *kinsmen*
^aMark 3:31f. ^bJohn 10:20;
Acts 26:24

22 ¹Or, *Bezebul*; others
read: *Beelzebub* *Ex. 8:2-4*
^aMatt. 15:1
^bMatt. 10:25; Matt. 11:18
^cMatt. 9:34

23 ^aMark 3:23-27; Matt.
12:25-29; Luke 11:17-22
^bMark 4:2; Matt. 13:3ff.;
Mark 4:2ff.; ^cMatt. 4:10

26 ¹Lit., *he has an end*
^aMatt. 4:10

27 ^aIs. 49:24, 25

28 ^aMark 3:28-30; Matt.
12:31, 32; Luke 12:10

31 ^aMark 3:31-35; Matt.
12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21

32 ¹Later mss. add: *and
Your sisters*

the Jordan, and the vicinity of ^bTyre and Sidon, a great multi-
tude heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.

9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand
ready for Him because of the multitude, in order that they
might not crowd Him;

10 for He had ^ahealed many, with the result that all those
who had ^bafflictions pressed about Him in order to ^ctouch
Him.

11 And whenever the unclean spirits beheld Him, they
would fall down before Him and cry out, saying, "You are ^athe
Son of God!"

12 And He ^aearnestly warned them not to ¹reveal His
identity.

13 And He ^awent up to ^athe mountain and ^bsummoned
those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.

14 And He appointed twelve¹, that they might be with
Him, and that He might send them out to preach,

15 and to have authority to cast out the demons.

16 And He appointed the twelve: ^aSimon (to whom He
gave the name Peter),

17 and ¹James, the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother
of ¹James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which
means, "Sons of thunder");

18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Mat-
thew, and Thomas, and ¹James the *son* of Alphaeus, and
Thaddaeus, and Simon ²the Cananaean;

19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

20 And He ^acame ¹home, and the ^bmultitude ^agathered
again, ^cto such an extent that they could not even eat ²a meal.

21 And when ^aHis own ¹people heard of *this*, they went
out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "^bHe has lost
His senses."

22 And the scribes who came down ^afrom Jerusalem were
saying, "He is possessed by ¹Beelzebul," and "^cHe casts out
the demons by the ruler of the demons."

23 ^aAnd He called them to Himself and began speaking to
them in ^bparables, "How can ^cSatan cast out Satan?"

24 "And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom
cannot stand.

25 "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will
not be able to stand.

26 "And if ^aSatan has risen up against himself and is di-
vided, he cannot stand, but ¹he is finished!

27 "But no one can enter the strong man's house and plun-
der his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then
he will plunder his house.

28 "^aTruly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of
men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;

29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never
has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin;" — *ISA. 61:1-3*

30 because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 ^aAnd His mother and His brothers ^aarrived, and stand-
ing outside they sent *word* to Him, and called Him.

32 And a multitude was sitting around Him, and they
^asaid to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers¹ are
outside looking for You."

33 And answering them, He *said, "Who are My mother and My brothers?"

¹ Lit., *is gathered*
*Mark 4:1-12; Matt. 13:1-15;
Luke 8:4-10^bMark 2:13; 3:7

34 And looking about on those who were sitting around Him, He *said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers!

35 "For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."

² *Mark 3:23; Matt. 13:3ff.; Mark 4:2ff.

CHAPTER 4

^a AND He began to teach again ^bby the seashore. And such a very great multitude ^cgathered before Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and all the multitude were by the seashore on the land.

⁹ *Matt. 11:15; Mark 4:23

2 And He was teaching them many things in ^aparables, and was saying to them in His teaching,

3 "Listen to *this!* Behold, the sower went out to sow;

4 and it came about that as he was sowing, some *seed* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up.

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., *those about Him*

5 "And other *seed* fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.

6 "And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 "And other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

¹¹ ¹ *Cor. 5:12f.; Col. 4:5;
¹ Thess. 4:12; ¹ Tim. 3:7
^bMark 4:2; Mark 3:23

8 "And other *seeds* fell into the good soil and as they grew up and increased, they were yielding a crop and were producing thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

9 And He was saying, "^aHe who has ears to hear, let him hear."

¹² *Is. 6:9; Matt. 13:14

10 And as soon as He was alone, ¹His followers, along with the twelve, *began* asking Him *about* the parables.

11 And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God; but ^athose who are outside get everything ^bin parables;

12 ^ain order that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE; AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND; LEST THEY RETURN AGAIN AND BE FORGIVEN."

¹³ *Mark 4:13-20; Matt. 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15

13 ^aAnd He *said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all the parables?

14 "The sower sows the word.

¹⁵ *Matt. 4:10

15 "And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately ^aSatan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

16 "And in a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky *places*, who, when they ¹hear the word, ¹immediately receive it with joy;

¹⁷ ¹ Lit., *are caused to stumble*

17 and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they ¹fall away.

18 "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word;

¹⁹ ¹ Or, *age*
*Matt. 13:22

19 and the worries of ^athe ¹world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

21 ^aMatt. 5:15; Luke 8:16; 11:33

20 "And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good ground; and they hear the word and accept it; and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

22 ^aMatt. 10:26; Luke 8:17; 12:2

21 And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought to be put under a peck-measure, is it, or under a bed? Is it not brought to be put on the lampstand?"

22 "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has anything been secret, but that it should come to light.

23 ^aMark 4:9; Matt. 11:15

23 "If any man has ears to hear, let him hear."

24 And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to; ^{1a}by your standard of measure it shall be measured to you; and more shall be given you besides.

24 ¹Lit., by what measure you measure ^aMatt. 7:2; Luke 6:38

25 "For whoever has, to him shall *more* be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

25 ^aMatt. 13:12

26 And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who cast seed upon the ground;

27 and goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts up and grows — how, he himself does not know.

26 ^aMark 4:26-29; Matt. 13:24-30

28 "The earth produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.

29 "But when the crop permits, he immediately ¹puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

29 ¹Lit., sends forth

30 "And He said, "How shall we ^{1b}picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it?"

31 "It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the ground,

30 ¹Lit., compare ^aMark 4:30-32; Matt. 13:31, 32; Luke 13:18, 19 ^bMatt. 13:24

32 yet when it is sown, grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the ^{1a}air can nest under its shade."

33 And with many such parables He was speaking the word to them as they were able to hear it;

32 ¹Or, sky

34 and He was not speaking to them ^awithout ¹parables; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.

35 "And on that day, when evening had come, He ^asaid to them, "Let us go over to the other side."

34 ¹Lit., a parable ^aMatt. 13:34; John 10:6; 16:25

36 And ¹leaving the multitude, they ^atook Him along with them, just as He was, ^ain the boat; and other boats were with Him.

37 And there ^aarose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

35 ^aMark 4:35-41; Matt. 8:18, 23-27; Luke 8:22, 25

38 And He Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they ^aawoke Him and ^asaid to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and ¹it became perfectly calm.

36 ¹Or, sending away ^aMark 4:1; 5:2, 21; Mark 3:9

40 And He said to them, "Why are you so timid? How is it that you have no faith?"

39 ¹Lit., a great calm occurred

41 And they became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

CHAPTER 5

^a AND they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.

2 And when He had come out of ^athe boat, immediately a man from the tombs ^bwith an unclean spirit met Him,

3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one was able to bind him any more, even with a chain;

4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.

5 And constantly night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and gashing himself with stones.

6 And seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him;

7 and crying out with a loud voice, he ^{*}said, "What do I have to do with You, Jesus, ^bSon of ^cthe Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!"

8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

9 And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he ^{*}said to Him, "My name is ^aLegion; for we are many."

10 And he *began* to entreat Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.

11 Now there was a big herd of swine feeding there on the mountain side.

12 And they entreated Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them."

13 And He gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand *of them*; and they ¹were drowned in the sea.

14 And those who tended them ran away and reported it in the city and *out* in the country. And *the people* came to see what it was that had happened.

15 And they ^{*}came to Jesus and ^{*}observed the man who had been ^ademon-possessed sitting down, ^bclothed and ^cin his right mind, the very man who had had the "^dlegion;" and they became frightened.

16 And those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the ^ademon-possessed man, and *all* about the swine.

17 And they began to entreat Him to depart from their region.

18 ^aAnd as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been ^bdemon-possessed was entreating Him that he might ¹accompany Him.

19 And He did not let him, but He ^{*}said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them ¹what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* He had mercy on you."

20 And he went off and began to proclaim in ^aDecapolis ¹what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone marvelled.

21 ^aAnd when Jesus had crossed over again in ^bthe boat to

1 ^aMatt 5:1-17; Matt. 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-37

2 ^aMatt 4:1, 36; 5:21; Mark 3:9 ^bMark 1:23

7 ^aMatt. 8:29 ^bMatt. 4:3 ^cLuke 8:28; Acts 16:17; Heb. 7:1

9 ^aMatt 5:15; Matt. 26:53; Luke 8:30

13 ¹Lit., *were drowning*

15 ^aMatt 5:16, 18; Matt. 4:24 ^bLuke 8:27 ^cLuke 8:35 ^dMark 5:9

16 ^aMark 5:15; Matt. 4:24

18 ¹Lit., *be with Him*
^aMark 5:18-20; Luke 8:38, 39
^bMark 5:15, 16; Matt. 4:24

19 ¹Or, *everything that*

20 ¹Or, *everything that*
^aMark 7:31; Matt. 4:25

21 ^aMatt. 9:1; Luke 8:40
^bMark 4:36

21 ¹Lit., was
^cMark 4:1

22 ¹Or, rulers
^aMark 5:22-43; Matt. 9:18-26; Luke 8:41-56 ^bMark 5:35, 36, 38; Luke 8:49; 13:14; Acts 13:15; 18:8, 17; Matt. 9:18

23 ¹Lit., be saved
^aMark 6:5; 7:32; 8:23; 16:18; Luke 4:40; 13:13; Acts 9:17; 28:8; Acts 6:6

27 ¹Or, outer garment

28 ¹Lit., was saying ²Lit., be saved

29 ^aMark 5:34; Mark 3:10

30 ^aLuke 5:17

34 ¹Lit., saved you
^aMatt. 9:22 ^bLuke 7:50; 8:48; Acts 16:36; James 2:16
^cMark 5:29; Mark 3:10

35 ^aMark 5:22

36 ¹Or, keep on believing
^aMark 5:22 ^bLuke 8:50

37 ¹Or, Jacob
^aMatt. 17:1; 26:37

38 ^aMark 5:22

41 ^aLuke 7:14; Acts 9:40

43 ^aMatt. 8:4

the other side, a great multitude gathered about Him; and He ¹stayed ^cby the seashore.

22 ^aAnd one of ^bthe synagogue ¹officials named Jairus ^acame up, and upon seeing Him, ^afell at His feet,

23 and ^aentreated Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; *please* come and ^alay Your hands on her, that she may ¹get well and live."

24 And He went off with him; and a great multitude was following Him and pressing in on Him.

25 And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,

26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse,

27 after hearing about Jesus, came up in the crowd behind Him, and touched His ¹cloak.

28 For she ¹thought, "If I just touch His garments, I shall ²get well."

29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her ^aaffliction.

30 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that ^athe power *proceeding* from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"

31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth.

34 And He said to her, "Daughter, ^ayour faith has ¹made you well; ^bgo in peace, and be healed of your ^aaffliction."

35 While He was still speaking, they ^acame from the *house* of the ^asynagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher any more?"

36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, ^asaid to the ^asynagogue official, "^bDo not be afraid *any longer*, only ¹believe."

37 And He allowed no one to follow with Him, except ^aPeter and ¹James and John the brother of ¹James.

38 And they ^acame to the house of the ^asynagogue official; and He ^abeheld a commotion, and *people* loudly weeping and wailing.

39 And entering in, He ^asaid to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep."

40 And they were laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He ^atook along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and ^aentered the *room* where the child was.

41 And taking the child by the hand, He ^asaid to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, ^aI say to you, arise!")

42 And immediately the girl got up and *began* to walk; for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

43 And He ^agave them strict orders that no one should

know about this; and He said that *something* should be given her to eat.

CHAPTER 6

^aAND He went out from there; and He ^{*}came into ^{1b}His home town; and His disciples ^{*}followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began ^ato teach in the synagogue; and the ^bmany listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such ¹miracles as these performed by His hands?"

3 "Is not this ^athe carpenter, ^bthe son of Mary, and brother of ¹James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not ^cHis sisters here with us?" And they ²took ^doffense at Him.

4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in ^{1b}his home town and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household."

5 And He could do no ¹miracle there except that He ^alaid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them.

6 And He wondered at their unbelief.

^aAnd He was going around the villages teaching.

7 ^aAnd ^bHe ^{*}summoned the twelve and began to send them out ^cin pairs; and He was giving them authority over the unclean spirits;

8 ^aand He instructed them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, except a mere staff; no bread, no ¹bag, no money in their belt;

9 but ¹to wear sandals; and He *added*, "Do not put on two ²tunics."

10 And He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you ¹leave town.

11 "And any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, ^ashake off the dust ¹from the soles of your feet for a testimony against them."

12 ^aAnd they went out and ¹preached that *men* should repent.

13 And they were casting out many demons and ^awere anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

14 ^aAnd king Herod heard of *it*; for His name had become well known; and *people* were saying, "^bJohn the Baptist has risen from the dead, and therefore these miraculous powers are at work in him."

15 But others were saying, "*He is* ^aElijah." And others were saying, "*He is* ^aba prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard of *it*, he kept saying, "John, whom I beheaded, he has risen!"

17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of ^aHerodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

18 For John had been saying to Herod, "^aIt is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 And ^aHerodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him; and could not *do so*;

20 for ^aHerod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a

¹ Or, *His own part of the country*
^a Mark 6:1-6; Matt. 13:54-58
^b Luke 4:16, 23; Matt. 13:54, 57

² Or, *works of power*
^a Matt. 4:23; Mark 10:1
^b Matt. 7:28

³ Or, *Jacob* ² Lit., *were being made to stumble*
^a Matt. 13:55 ^b Matt. 12:46
^c Matt. 13:56 ^d Matt. 11:6

⁴ Or, *his own part of the country*
^a Matt. 13:57 ^b Mark 6:1

⁵ Or, *work of power*
^a Mark 5:23

⁶ Matt. 9:35; Luke 13:22; Mark 1:39; 10:1

⁷ Lit., *summons*
^a Matt. 6:7-11; Matt. 10:1, 9-14; Luke 9:1, 3-5; Luke 10:4-11
^b Mark 3:13; Matt. 10:1, 5; Luke 9:1 ^c Luke 10:1

⁸ Or, *knapsack or, beggar's bag*
^a Matt. 10:10

⁹ Lit., *being shod with*
² Or, *inner garments*

¹⁰ Lit., *go out from there*

¹¹ Lit., *under your feet*
^a Matt. 10:14

¹² Or, *proclaimed as a herald*
^a Matt. 11:1; Luke 9:6

¹³ James 5:14

¹⁴ Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-16; Luke 9:7-9 ^b Matt. 14:2

¹⁵ Matt. 16:14; Mark 8:28
^b Matt. 21:11

¹⁷ Matt. 14:3

¹⁸ Matt. 14:4

¹⁹ Matt. 14:3

²⁰ Matt. 21:26

20 ¹Lit., and ²Lit., was hearing him gladly

21 ¹Lit., chiliarchs in command of a thousand troops
^aEsther 1:3; 2:18 ^bLuke 3:1

22 ¹Lit., those who reclined at table with him
^aMatt. 14:3

23 ^aEsther 5:3, 6; 7:2

26 ¹Lit., those reclining at table

30 ^aLuke 9:10 ^bMatt. 10:2 [Mark 3:14 in Gr.]; Luke 6:13; 9:10; 17:5; 22:14; 24:10; Acts 1:2, 26

31 ^aMark 3:20

32 ^aMark 6:32-44; Matt. 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:5-13; Mark 8:2-9 ^bMark 6:45; 3:9; 4:36

34 ¹Lit., having come forth
^aMatt. 9:36

36 ¹Lit., what they may eat

37 ¹A denarius represented a day's wages for a common laborer
^aJohn 6:7 ^bMatt. 18:28; Luke 7:41

righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; ¹but he ²used to enjoy listening to him.

21 And a strategic day came when Herod on his birthday ^agave a banquet for his lords and ¹military commanders and the leading men ^bof Galilee;

22 and when the daughter of ^aHerodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his ¹dinner-guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you."

23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to ^ahalf of my kingdom."

24 And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

25 And immediately she came in haste before the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me right away the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his ¹dinner-guests, he was unwilling to refuse her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded *him* to bring *back* his head. And he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard *about this*, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

30 ^aAnd the ^bapostles ^agathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught.

31 And He ^asaid to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while." (For there were many *people* coming and going, and ^athey did not even have time to eat.)

32 ^aAnd they went away in ^bthe boat to a lonely place by themselves.

33 And *the people* saw them going, and many recognized *them*, and they ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.

34 And ¹disembarking, He ^asaw a great multitude, and He felt compassion for them because ^athey were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

35 And when it was already quite late, His disciples came up to Him and *began* saying, "The place is desolate and it is already quite late;

36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves ¹something to eat."

37 But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat!" ^aAnd they ^asaid to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred ¹denarii on bread and give them something to eat?"

38 And He ^asaid to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look!" And when they found out, they ^asaid, "Five and two fish."

39 And He commanded them all to recline by groups on the green grass.

40 And they reclined in companies of hundreds, and of fifties.

41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He ^ablessed *the food* and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all.

42 And they all ate and were satisfied.

43 And they picked up twelve full ^{1a}baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish.

44 And there were ^afive thousand men who ate the loaves.

45 ^aAnd immediately He made His disciples get into ^bthe boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to ^cBethsaida, while He Himself was sending the multitude away.

46 And after ^abidding them farewell, He departed ^bto the mountain to pray.

47 And when it was evening, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and He *was* alone on the land.

48 And seeing them ¹straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the ^{2a}fourth watch of the night, He ^{*}came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them.

49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out;

50 for they all saw Him and were ¹frightened. But immediately He spokc with them and ^{*}said to them, "^aTake courage; it is I, ^bdo not be afraid."

51 And He got into ^athe boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were greatly astonished,

52 for ^athey ¹had not gained any insight from the *incident* of the loaves, but ²their heart ^bwas hardened.

53 ^aAnd when they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.

54 And when they had come out of the boat, immediately *the people* recognized Him,

55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry about on their pallets those who were sick, to ¹the place they heard He was.

56 And wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and entreating Him that they might just ^atouch ^bthe fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

41 *Matt. 14:19

43 ¹i.e., large-sized baskets
*Matt. 14:20

44 *Matt. 14:21

45 *Mark 6:45-51. *Matt.*
14:22-32; *John* 6:15-21;
^bMark 6:32 **Matt.* 11:21;
Mark 8:22

46 **Acts* 18:18, 21; 2 *Cor.*
2:13 ^b*Matt.* 14:23

48 ¹Lit., *harassed in rowing*
²i.e., 3-6 a.m.
*Mark 13:35; *Matt.* 24:43

50 ¹Or, *troubled*
**Matt.* 9:2 ^b*Matt.* 14:27

51 *Mark 6:32

52 ¹Lit., *had not understood on the basis of*
²Or, *their mind was closed, made dull, or insensible*
*Mark 8:17ff. ^b*Rom.* 11:7

53 *Mark 6:53-56. *Matt.*
14:34-36; *John* 6:24, 25

55 ¹Or, *where they were hearing that He was*

56 *Mark 3:10 ^b*Matt.* 9:20

1 *Mark 7:1-23. *Matt.*
15:1-20 ^b*Matt.* 15:1

2 *Mark 7:5; *Acts* 10:14,
28; 11:8; *Rom.* 14:14; *Heb.*
10:29; *Rev.* 21:27; *Matt.*
15:2; *Luke* 11:38

3 ¹Lit., *with the fist*
*Mark 7:5, 8, 9, 13; *Gal.* 1:14

4 ¹Or, *sprinkle* ²Lit.,
baptizing
**Matt.* 23:25

CHAPTER 7

^a AND the Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered together around Him when they had come ^bfrom Jerusalem,

2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with ^aimpure hands, that is, unwashed.

3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they ¹carefully wash their hands, *thus* observing the ^atraditions of the elders;

4 and *when they come* from the market place, they do not eat unless they ¹cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the ²washing of ^acups and pitchers and copper pots.)

5 And the Pharisees and the scribes ^{*}asked Him, "Why

5^aMark 7:3, 8, 9, 13; Gal. 1:14^bMark 7:2

6^aIs. 29:13

7^aIs. 29:13

8^aMark 7:3, 5, 9, 13; Gal. 1:14

9^aMark 7:3, 5, 8, 13; Gal. 1:14

10¹Lit., *die the death*
^aEx. 20:12; Deut. 5:16^bEx. 21:17; Lev. 20:9

11¹Or, *a gift, an offering*
^aLev. 1:2 [Heb.]; Matt. 27:6 marg.

13^aMark 7:3, 5, 8, 9; Gal. 1:14

16¹Later mss. add verse 16:
"If any man has ears to hear, let him hear."

17^aMark 9:28; Mark 2:1; 3:19^bMatt. 15:15

19¹Lit., *goes out into the latrine*
^aRom. 14:1-12; Col. 2:16
^bLuke 11:41; Acts 10:15; 11:9

20^aMatt. 15:18; Mark 7:23

21¹i.e., acts of sexual immorality

22¹Lit., *an evil eye*²Or, *arrogance*
^aMatt. 6:23; 20:15

24¹Some early mss. add: *and Sidon*²Lit., *and*
^aMark 7:24-30; Matt. 15:21-28^bMatt. 11:21; Mark 7:31

26¹Lit., *Greek*

do Your disciples not walk according to the ^atradition of the elders, but eat their bread with ^bimpure hands?"

6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

^aTHIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

7 ^aBUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'

8 "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the ^atradition of men."

9 He was also saying to them, "You nicely set aside the commandment of God in order to keep your ^atradition.

10 "For Moses said, ^aHONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER;' and, ^bHE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM ¹BE PUT TO DEATH;'

11 but you say, 'If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, anything of mine you might have been helped by is ^aCorban (that is to say, ¹given to God),'

12 you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother;

13 *thus* invalidating the word of God by your ^atradition which you have handed down; and you do many such things like that."

14 And summoning the multitude again, He *began* saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside the man which going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man."

16 (See marginal note.¹)

17 And when leaving the multitude, He had entered ^athe house, ^bHis disciples questioned Him about the parable.

18 And He ^asaid to them, "Are you too so uncomprehending? Do you not see that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him;

19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and ¹is eliminated?" (*Thus He* declared ^aall foods ^bclean.)

20 And He was saying, ^a"That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts and ¹fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

22 deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, ^{1a}envy, slander, ²pride *and* foolishness.

23 "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

24 ^aAnd from there He arose and went away to the region of ^bTyre¹. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know *of it*; ²yet He could not escape notice.

25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, immediately came and fell at His feet.

26 Now the woman was a ¹Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied

first, for it is not ¹good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

28 But she answered and ^{*}said to Him, "Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."

29 And He said to her, "Because of this ¹answer go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30 And going back to her home, she found the child ¹lying on the bed, ²the demon having departed.

31 ^aAnd again He went out from the region of ^bTyre, and came through Sidon to ^cthe sea of Galilee, within the region of ^dDecapolis.

32 And they ^{*}brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they ^{*}entreated Him to ^alay His hand upon him.

33 And ^aHe took him aside from the multitude by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after ^aspitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;

34 and looking up to heaven with a deep ^asigh, He ^{*}said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!"

35 And his ears were opened, and the ¹impediment of his tongue ²was removed, and he *began* speaking plainly.

36 And ^aHe gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they ^bcontinued to proclaim it.

37 And they were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

CHAPTER 8

IN those days again, when there was a great multitude and they had nothing to eat, ^aHe summoned His disciples and ^{*}said to them,

2 "^aI feel compassion for the multitude because they have remained with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat;

3 and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a distance."

4 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able to *find enough* to satisfy these men with ¹bread here in the wilderness?"

5 And He was asking them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

6 And He ^{*}directed the multitude to ¹sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and *began* giving them to His disciples to ²serve to them, and they ²served them to the multitude.

7 They also had a few small fish; and ^aafter He had blessed them, He ordered these to be ¹served as well.

8 And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven full ^abaskets of what was left over of the broken pieces.

9 And about four thousand were *there*; and He sent them away.

10 And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples, and came to the district of ^aDalmanutha.

27 ¹Or, *proper*29 ¹Lit., *word*30 ¹Lit., *thrown* ²Lit., *and the*31 ^aMark 7:31-37; *Matt. 15:29-31* ^bMatt. 11:21; Mark 7:24 ^cMatt. 4:18 ^dMark 5:20; *Matt. 4:25*32 ^aMark 5:2333 ^aMark 8:2334 ^aMark 8:1235 ¹Or, *bond* ²Lit., *was loosed*36 ^aMatt. 8:4 ^bMark 1:451 ^aMark 8:1-9; [6:34-44] *Matt. 15:32-39*2 ^aMatt. 9:36; Mark 6:344 ¹Lit., *loaves*6 ¹Lit., *to recline* ²Lit., *set before*7 ¹Lit., *set before* ^aMatt. 14:198 ^aMark 8:20; *Matt. 15:37*10 ^aMatt. 15:39

11 ¹Or, *attesting miracle*
²Lit., *testing Him*
^aMark 8:11-21; ^bMatt. 16:1-12
^bMatt. 12:38

12 ¹Or, *to Himself* ²Or,
attesting miracle ³Lit., *if a*
sign shall be given
^aMark 7:34

14 ¹Lit., *were not having*

15 ^aMatt. 16:6; ^bLuke 12:1
^bMatt. 14:1; 22:16

17 ¹Or, *dull, insensible*
^aMark 6:52

18 ^aEzek. 12:2

19 ^aMark 6:41-44 ^bMatt.
14:20

20 ^aMark 8:6-9 ^bMark 8:8

21 ^aMark 6:52

22 ^aMatt. 11:21; ^bMark 6:45
^bMark 3:10

23 ^aMark 7:33 ^bMark 5:23

24 ¹Or, *gained sight* ²Or,
they look to me

26 ^aMatt. 8:4 ^bMark 8:23

27 ^aMark 8:27-29; ^bMatt.
16:13-16; ^cLuke 9:18-20
^bMatt. 16:13

28 ^aMark 6:14

29 ¹i.e., the Messiah

30 ¹Or, *strictly admonished*
^aMatt. 16:20; ^bLuke 9:21;
^bMatt. 8:4

31 ^aMark 8:31-9:1; ^bMatt.
16:21-28; ^cLuke 9:22-27
^bMatt. 16:21

32 ^aJohn 18:20; ^bJohn 10:24;
11:14; 16:25, 29 [in Gr.]

11 ^aAnd the Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, ^bseeking from Him a ¹sign from heaven, ²to test Him.

12 And ^asighing deeply ¹in His spirit, He ^asaid, "Why does this generation seek for a ²sign? Truly I say to you, ³no ²sign shall be given to this generation."

13 And leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

14 And they had forgotten to take bread; and ¹did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them.

15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, "^aWatch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of ^bHerod."

16 And they *began* to discuss with one another *the fact* that they had no bread.

17 And Jesus, aware of this, ^asaid to them, "Why do you discuss *the fact* that you have no bread? ^aDo you not yet see or understand? Do you have a ¹hardened heart?"

18 ^a"**HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR?** And do you not remember,

19 when I broke ^athe five loaves for the five thousand, how many large ^bbaskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They ^asaid to Him, "Twelve."

20 "And when I broke ^athe seven for the four thousand, how many ^bbasketfuls of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they ^asaid to Him, "Seven."

21 And He was saying to them, "^aDo you not yet understand?"

22 And they ^acame to ^aBethsaida. And they ^abrought a blind man to Him, and ^aentreated Him to ^btouch him.

23 And taking the blind man by the hand, He ^abrought him out of the village; and after ^aspitting on his eyes, and ^bblaying His hands upon him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?"

24 And he ¹looked up and said, "I see men, for ²I am seeing *them* like trees, walking about."

25 Then again He laid His hands upon his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and *began* to see everything clearly.

26 And He sent him to his home, saying, "^aDo not even enter ^bthe village."

27 ^aAnd Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of ^bCaesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?"

28 ^aAnd they told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but still others, one of the prophets."

29 And He *continued* by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter ^aanswered and ^asaid to Him, "Thou art ¹the Christ."

30 And ^aHe ¹warned them to tell no one about Him.

31 ^aAnd He began to teach them that ^bthe Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And He was stating the matter ^aplainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He

rebuked Peter, and *said, "Get behind Me, ^aSatan; for you are not setting your mind on ¹God's interests, but man's."

34 And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and ^atake up his cross, and follow Me.

35 "For ^awhoever wishes to save his ¹life shall lose it; and whoever loses his ¹life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.

36 "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his ¹soul?

37 "For what shall a man give in exchange for his ¹soul?

38 "For ^awhoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, ^bthe Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He ^ccomes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

CHAPTER 9

AND He was saying to them, "^aTruly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

2 ^aAnd six days later, Jesus ^{*}took with Him ^bPeter and ¹James and John, and ^{*}brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them;

3 and ^aHis garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

4 And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were conversing with Jesus.

5 And Peter ^{*}answered and ^{*}said to Jesus, "^aRabbi, it is good for us to be here; and ^blet us make three ¹tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

6 For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified.

7 Then a cloud ¹formed, overshadowing them, and ^aa voice ¹came out of the cloud, "^bThis is My beloved Son, ²listen to Him!"

8 And all at once they looked around and saw no one with them any more, except Jesus only.

9 ^aAnd as they were coming down from the mountain, He ^bgave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, ¹until the Son of Man should rise from the dead.

10 And they ¹seized upon ²that statement, discussing with one another ³what rising from the dead might mean.

11 And they *began* questioning Him, saying, "*Why is it that the scribes say that first ^aElijah must come?*"

12 And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore everything. And *yet* how is it written of ^athe Son of Man that ^bHe should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?

13 "But I say to you, that Elijah has ¹indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him."

14 ^aAnd when they came *back* to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and *some* scribes arguing with them.

33 ¹Lit., *the things of God*
^aMatt. 4:10

34 ^aMatt. 10:38

35 ¹Gr., *soul-life*
^aMatt. 10:39

36 ¹Gr., *soul-life*

37 ¹Gr., *soul-life*

38 ^aLuke 9:26; Matt. 10:33;
Heb. 11:16; ^bMatt. 8:20
^cMatt. 16:27; Mark 13:26;
Luke 9:27

1 ^aMatt. 16:27; Mark
13:26; Luke 9:27

2 ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aMark 9:2:8; Matt. 17:1-8;
Luke 9:28-36 ^bMark 5:37

3 ^aMatt. 28:3

5 ¹Or, *sacred tents*
^aMatt. 23:7 ^bMatt. 17:4;
Luke 9:33

7 ¹Or, *occurred* ²Or, *give constant heed*
^a2 Pet. 1:17f; ^bMark 1:11;
Matt. 3:17

9 ¹Lit., *except when*
^aMark 9:9-13; Matt. 17:9-13
^bMark 5:43; 7:36; Mark 8:30;
Matt. 8:4

10 ¹Or, *kept to themselves*
²Lit., *the statement* ³Lit.,
what was the rising from the dead

11 ^aMatt. 11:14

12 ^aMark 9:31 ^bMatt. 16:21;
26:24

13 ¹Lit., *also*

14 ^aMark 9:14-28; Matt.
17:14-19; Luke 9:37-42

15 ^aMark 14:33; 16:5, 6

18 ¹Or, *wherever* ²Or, *tears him* ³Or, *withers away*

20 ¹Lit., *him*

23 ^aMatt. 17:20; John 11:40

25 ¹Or, *running together*
²Or, *I Myself command* ³Or,
from now on
^aMark 9:15

28 ^aMark 7:17; 2:1

29 ¹Many mss. add: *and fasting*

30 ^aMark 9:30-32; Matt. 17:22-23; Luke 9:43-45

31 ¹Or, *betrayed*
^aMark 9:12; 8:31; Matt. 16:21

32 ¹Lit., *were not knowing*
^aLuke 2:50; 9:45; 18:34; John 12:16

33 ¹Lit., *had become*
^aMark 9:33-37; Matt. 17:24; 18:1-5; Luke 9:46-48 ^bMark 3:19

34 ^aLuke 22:24; Mark 9:50

15 And immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were ^aamazed, and *began* running up to greet Him.

16 And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?"

17 And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute;

18 and ¹whenever it seizes him, it ²dashes him *to the ground* and he foams *at the mouth*, and grinds his teeth, and ³stiffens out. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not *do it*."

19 And He ^aanswered them and ^asaid, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!"

20 And they brought ¹the boy to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he *began* rolling about and foaming *at the mouth*.

21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

22 "And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"

23 And Jesus said to him, "'If You can!' ^aAll things are possible to him who believes."

24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and *began* saying, "I do believe; help *me in my unbelief*."

25 And when Jesus saw that ^aa crowd was ¹rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I ²command you, come out of him and do not enter him ³again."

26 And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and *the boy* became so much like a corpse that most of *them* said, "He is dead!"

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.

28 And when He had come ^ainto *the house*, His disciples *began* questioning Him privately, "Why is it that we could not cast it out?"

29 And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."¹

30 ^aAnd from there they went out and *began* to go through Galilee, and He was unwilling for anyone to know *about it*.

31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "^aThe Son of Man is to be ¹delivered up into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise again three days later."

32 But ^athey ¹did not understand *this* statement, and they were afraid to ask him.

33 ^aAnd they came to Capernaum; and when He ¹was in ^bthe house, He *began* to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

34 But they kept silent, for on the way ^athey had discussed with one another which *of them* was the greatest.

35 And sitting down, He called the twelve and ^asaid to

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them, "If any one wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

36 And taking a child, He stood him in the midst of them; and taking him in His arms, He said to them,

37 "Whoever receives one child like this in My name is receiving Me; and whoever receives Me is not receiving Me, but Him who sent Me."

38 John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to hinder him because he was not following us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not hinder him, for there is no one who shall perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.

40 "For he who is not against us is for us.

41 "For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

42 And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.

43 "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire."

44 (See marginal note², vs. 43.)

45 "And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into hell."

46 (See marginal note², vs. 43.)

47 "And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell;

48 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

49 "For everyone will be salted with fire.

50 "Salt is good, but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

CHAPTER 10

AND rising up, He went from there to the region of Judea, and beyond the Jordan; and crowds gathered around Him again, and according to His custom, He once more began to teach them.

2 And some Pharisees came up to Him, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 And they said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

35 ¹Or, let him be
²Matt. 20:26

37 ¹Lit., one of such children
²Matt. 10:40

38 ^aMark 9:38-40; Luke 9:49-50
^bNum. 11:27-29

40 ¹Or, on our side
²Matt. 12:30

41 ¹Lit., in a name that you are Christ's
²Matt. 10:42

42 ¹Lit., is better for him if a millstone turned by a donkey is hung
²Lit., has been cast
^aMatt. 18:6; Luke 17:2; 1 Cor. 8:12

43 ¹Lit., Gehenna
²Verses 44 and 46, which are identical with verse 48, are omitted by the best ancient mss.
^aMatt. 5:30; 18:8; 17:27
^bMatt. 5:22
^cMatt. 3:12; 25:41

45 ¹Lit., Gehenna
²cf. vs. 43, note 2
^aMatt. 5:22

47 ¹Lit., Gehenna
^aMatt. 5:29; 18:9; Matt. 17:27
^bMatt. 5:22

48 ^aIs. 66:24
^bMatt. 3:12; Matt. 25:41

50 ¹Lit., season it
^aMatt. 5:13; Luke 14:34f.
^bCol. 4:6
^cMark 9:34; Rom. 12:18; 2 Cor. 13:11; 1 Thess. 5:13

1 ^aMark 10:1-12; Matt. 19:1-9
^bMark 1:21; 2:13; 4:2; 6:2, 6, 34; 12:35; 14:49; Matt. 4:23; 26:55

4 ¹Or, divorce her
²Deut. 24:1, 3

5 ¹Or, with reference to
²Matt. 19:8

6 ^aMark 13:19; 2 Pet. 3:4
^bGen. 1:27; 5:2

7 ¹Some mss. add: and shall cleave to his wife
*Gen. 2:24

8 *Gen. 2:24

11 *Matt. 5:32

12 ¹1 Cor. 7:11, 13

13 *Mark 10:13-16; Matt. 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17

14 *Matt. 5:3

15 *Matt. 18:3; 19:14; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

16 *Mark 9:36

17 *Mark 10:17-31; Matt. 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30
^bMark 1:40 ^cLuke 10:25;
18:18; Acts 20:32; Eph. 1:18;
1 Pet. 1:4; Matt. 25:34

19 *Ex. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20

20 *Matt. 19:20

21 *Matt. 6:20

22 ¹Or, he became gloomy

23 *Matt. 19:23

24 ¹Later mss. insert: for those who trust in wealth
*Mark 1:27

25 ¹Lit., the
*Matt. 19:24

26 ¹Later mss. read: to one another ²Lit., and

27 *Matt. 19:26

28 *Matt. 4:20-22

29 *Matt. 19:29; Luke 18:29f.; Matt. 6:33

7 ^aFOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,¹

8 ^aAND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

10 And in the house the disciples *began* questioning Him about this again.

11 And He ^asaid to them, "^aWhoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

12 and ^aif she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

13 ^aAnd they *began* bringing children to Him, so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; ^afor the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

15 "Truly I say to you, ^awhoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it *at all*."

16 And He ^atook them in His arms and *began* blessing them, laying His hands upon them.

17 ^aAnd as He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and ^bkneled before Him, and *began* asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to ^cinherit eternal life?"

18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

19 "You know the commandments, ^aDO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, DO NOT DEFRAUD, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER."

20 And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept ^aall these things from my youth up."

21 And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess, and give it to the poor, and you shall have ^atreasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

22 But at these words ¹his face fell, and he went away grieved, for he was one who owned much property.

23 And Jesus, looking around, ^asaid to His disciples, "^aHow hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!"

24 And the disciples ^awere amazed at His words. But Jesus ^aanswered again and ^asaid to them, "Children, how hard it is ¹to enter the kingdom of God!

25 "^aIt is easier for a camel to go through the eye of ¹a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And they were even more astonished and said ¹to Him, "^aThen who can be saved?"

27 Looking upon them, Jesus ^asaid, "^aWith men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

28 ^aPeter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."

29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, ^athere is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,

30 but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now

Request of James and John.
Blind Bartimaeus Cured.

in the ¹present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in ^athe ²world to come, eternal life.

31 "But ^amany *who are* first, will be last; and the last, first."

32 ^aAnd they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they ^bwere amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,

33 *saying*, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and ^athe Son of Man will be ¹delivered up to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will ²deliver Him up to the Gentiles.

34 "And they will mock Him and ^aspit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill *Him*, and three days later He will rise again."

35 ^aAnd ¹James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, ^{*}came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

37 And they said to Him, "Grant that we ^amay sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on *Your left*."

38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able ^ato drink the cup that I drink, or ^bto be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

39 And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink ^ayou shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized.

40 "But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; ^abut *it is for those* for whom it has been prepared."

41 ^aAnd hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant toward ¹James and John.

42 And calling them to Himself, Jesus ^{*}said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.

43 "But it is not so among you, ^abut whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;

44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

45 "For even the Son of Man ^adid not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His ¹life a ransom for many."

46 ^aAnd they ^{*}came to Jericho. And ^bas He was going out from Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus the ^aNazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, ^bSon of David, have mercy on me!"

48 And many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he *began* crying out all the more, "^aSon of David, have mercy on me!"

49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him *here*." And they ^{*}called the blind man, saying to him, "^aTake courage, arise! He is calling for you."

30 ¹Lit., *this time* ²Or, *age*
^aMatt. 12:32

31 ^aMatt. 19:30

32 ^aMark 10:32-34; *Matt.*
20:17-19; *Luke* 18:31-33
^bMark 1:27

33 ¹Or, *betrayed* ²Or,
betray
^aMark 8:31; 9:12

34 ^aMatt. 26:67; 27:30;
Mark 14:65; *Matt.* 16:21;
Mark 9:31

35 ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aMark 10:35-45; *Matt.* 20:20-
28

37 ¹Lit., *give to us*
^aMatt. 19:28

38 ^aMatt. 20:22 ^bLuke
12:50

39 ^aActs 12:2; Rev. 1:9

40 ^aMatt. 13:11

41 ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aMark 10:42-45; *Luke* 22:25-
27

43 ^aMatt. 20:26; Mark 9:35

45 ¹Or, *soul*
^aMatt. 20:28

46 ^aMark 10:46-52; *Matt.*
20:29-34; *Luke* 18:35-43
^bLuke 18:35; 19:1

47 ^aMark 1:24 ^bMatt. 9:27

48 ^aMatt. 9:27

49 ^aMatt. 9:2

51 ¹I.c., My Master
^aJohn 20:16; Matt. 23:7

52 ¹Lit., saved you
^aMatt. 9:22

¹Mark 11:1-10; Matt.
21:1-9; Luke 19:29-38 ^bMatt.
21:17 ^cMatt. 21:1

³Lit., sends

⁷Mark 11:7-10; John
12:12-15

⁹Matt. 21:9; Ps. 118:25

¹⁰Matt. 21:9

¹¹Matt. 21:12 ^bMatt.
21:17

¹²Mark 11:12-14 [20:24];
Matt. 21:18-22

¹⁵Lit., the doves
^aMark 11:15-18; Matt. 21:12-
16; Luke 19:45-47; John 2:13-
16

¹⁶Lit., a vessel, i.e., a
receptacle or implement of
any kind

¹⁷Lit., cave
^aIs. 56:7 ^bJer. 7:11

50 And casting aside his cloak, he jumped up, and came to Jesus.

51 And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "¹aRabboni, I want to regain my sight!"

52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; ^ayour faith has ¹made you well." And immediately he received his sight and *began* following Him ¹on the road.

CHAPTER 11

^aAND as they ^{*}approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and ^bBethany, near ^cthe Mount of Olives, He ^{*}sent two of His disciples,

2 and ^{*}said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied *there*, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*."

3 "And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it;' and immediately he ¹will send it back here."

4 And they went away and found a colt tied at the door outside in the street; and they ^{*}untied it.

5 And some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had told *them*, and they gave them permission.

7 ^aAnd they ^{*}brought the colt to Jesus and put their garments on it; and He sat upon it.

8 And many spread their garments in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

9 And those who went before, and those who followed after, were crying out,

"^aHOSANNA!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

10 "Blessed *is* the coming kingdom of our father David; HOSANNA ^ain the highest."

11 And ^aHe entered Jerusalem and *came* into the temple; and after looking all around, ^bHe departed for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

12 ^aAnd on the next day, when they had departed from Bethany, He became hungry.

13 And seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

14 And He answered and said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.

15 ^aAnd they ^{*}came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who were selling ¹doves;

16 and He would not permit anyone to carry ¹goods through the temple.

17 And He *began* to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, "^aMY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? ^bBut you have made it a robber's ¹den."

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard *this*, and *began* seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for ^ball the multitude was astonished at His teaching.

19 And ^awhenever evening came, ¹they would go out of the city.

20 ^aAnd as they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots *up*.

21 And being reminded, Peter ^asaid to Him, “^aRabbi, behold, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.”

22 And Jesus ^aanswered saying to them, “^aHave faith in God.

23 “Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen; it shall be *granted* him.

24 “Therefore I say to you, ^aall things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be *granted* you.

25 “And whenever you ^astand praying, ^bforgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.”

26 (See marginal note.¹)

27 And they ^acame again to Jerusalem. ^aAnd as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and scribes, and elders ^acame to Him,

28 and *began* saying to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?”

29 And Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and *then* I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 “Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me.”

31 And they *began* reasoning with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’

32 “But ¹shall we say, ‘From men?’” —they were afraid of the multitude, for all considered John to have been a prophet indeed.

33 And answering Jesus, they ^asaid, “We do not know.” And Jesus ^asaid to them, “Neither ¹will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

18 ^aMark 12:12; Matt. 21:46; Luke 20:19; John 7:1
^bMatt. 7:28

19 ¹I.e., Jesus and His disciples
^aLuke 21:37; Matt. 21:17; Mark 11:11

20 ^aMark 11:20-24 [Mark 11:12-14]; Matt. 21:19-22

21 ^aMatt. 23:7

22 ^aMatt. 17:20; 21:21f.

24 ^aMatt. 7:7f.

25 ^aMatt. 6:5 ^bMatt. 6:14

26 ¹Later mss. add vs. 26: “But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.” Matt. 6:15; 18:35

27 ^aMark 11:27-33; Matt. 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8

32 ¹Or, if we say

33 ¹Lit., do I tell

¹ Or, fence ² Here and in verses 2, 7, and 9: or, tenant farmers
^a Mark 3:23; 4:2ff. ^b Mark 12:1-12; Matt. 21:33-46; Luke 20:9-19 ^c Is. 5:2

CHAPTER 12

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AND He began to speak to them in parables: “^aA man ^cPLANTED A VINEYARD, AND PUT A ¹WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINEPRESS, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to ²vine-growers and went on a journey.

2 “And at the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive *some* of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.

3 “And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

9 ¹Lit., lord

10 ^aPs. 118:22

11 ^aPs. 118:23

12 ^aMark 11:18 ^bMatt. 22:22

13 ^aMark 12:13-17: Matt. 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26
^bMatt. 22:16 ^cLuke 11:54

14 ¹Lit., it is not a concern to You about anyone, i.e., You court no man's favor
²Or, permissible

15 ¹The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage

17 ¹Or, were greatly marveling
^aMatt. 22:21

18 ^aMark 12:18-27: Matt. 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-38

19 ^aDeut. 25:5

22 ¹Lit., the seven

23 ¹Most ancient mss. omit: when they rise again
²Lit., the seven

24 ¹Or, know

4 "And again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.

5 "And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some, and killing others.

6 "He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

7 "But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!'

8 "And they took him, and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

9 "What will the ¹owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.

10 "Have you not even read this scripture:

^aTHE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER-STONE;

11 ^aTHIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?"

12 And ^athey were seeking to seize Him; and yet they feared the multitude; for they understood that He had spoken the parable against them. And so ^bthey left Him, and went away.

13 ^aAnd they ^{*}sent some of the Pharisees and ^bHerodians to Him, in order to ^ctrap Him in a statement.

14 And they ^{*}came and ^{*}said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful, and ¹defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it ²lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?

15 "Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a ¹denarius to look at."

16 And they brought *one*. And He ^{*}said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" And they said to Him, "Caesar's."

17 And Jesus said to them, "^aRender to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they ¹were amazed at Him.

18 ^aAnd *some* Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) ^{*}came to Him, and *began* questioning Him, saying,

19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us *a law* that ^aIF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES, and leaves behind a wife, AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD TAKE THE WIFE, AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.

20 "There were seven brothers; and the first one took a wife, and died, leaving no offspring.

21 "And the second one took her, and died, leaving behind no offspring; and the third likewise;

22 and so ¹all seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman died too.

23 "In the resurrection, ¹when they rise again, which one's wife will she be? For ²all seven had her as wife."

24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not ¹understand the Scriptures, or the power of God?

25 "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

**The Foremost Commandment.
The Widow's Mite.**

26 "But ¹regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, ^ain the *passage about the burning bush*, how God spoke to him, saying, ^b'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'?"

27 ^a"He is not *the* God ¹of *the* dead, but of *the* living; you are greatly mistaken."

28 ^aAnd one of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and ^brecognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the ¹foremost of all?"

29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, ^aHEAR, O ISRAEL; THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;

30 ^aAND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

31 "The second is this, ^aYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 And the scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher, You have truly stated that ^aHE IS ONE; AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;

33 ^aAND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, ^bis much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 And when Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." ^aAnd after that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

35 ^aAnd Jesus answering *began* to say, as He ^btaught in the temple, "How *is it that* the scribes say that ¹the Christ is the ^cson of David?"

36 "David himself said ¹in the Holy Spirit,

^a'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

^a'SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET.'"

37 "David himself calls Him 'Lord;' and so in what sense is He his son?" And ^athe great crowd ¹enjoyed listening to Him.

38 ^aAnd in His teaching He was saying: "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and *like* ^brespectful greetings in the market places,

39 and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets.

40 ^a"They *are* the ones who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation."

41 ^aAnd He sat down opposite ^bthe treasury, and *began* observing how the multitude were ^cputting ¹money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums.

42 And a poor widow came and put in two ¹small copper coins, which amount to a ²cent.

43 And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all ¹the contributors to the treasury;

44 for they all put in out of their ¹surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, ²all she had ^ato live on."

26 ¹Lit., concerning the dead, that they rise
^aLuke 20:37; Rom. 11:2 ^bEx. 3:6

27 ¹Or, of corpses
^aMatt. 22:32; Luke 20:38

28 ¹Or, first
^aMark 12:28-34; Matt. 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28; 20:39f.
^bLuke 20:39; Matt. 22:34

29 ^aDeut. 6:4

30 ^aDeut. 6:5

31 ^aLev. 19:18

32 ^aDeut. 4:35

33 ^aDeut. 6:5 ^b1 Sam. 15:22; Hos. 6:6; Mic. 6:6-8; Matt. 9:13; 12:7

34 ^aMatt. 22:46

35 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aMark 12:35-37; Matt. 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44 ^bMatt. 26:55; Mark 10:1 ^cMatt. 9:27

36 ¹Or, by
^aPs. 110:1

37 ¹Lit., was gladly hearing Him
^aJohn 12:9

38 ^aMark 12:38-40; Matt. 23:1-7; Luke 20:45-47 ^bLuke 11:43; Matt. 23:6

40 ^aLuke 20:47

41 ¹i.e., copper coins
^aMark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4
^bJohn 8:20 ^c2 Kin. 12:9

42 ¹Lit., *lepta* ²Lit., *quadrans*, i.e., 1/64 of a denarius

43 ¹Lit., those who were putting in

44 ¹Or, abundance ²Lit., her whole livelihood
^aLuke 8:43; 15:12, 30; 21:4

¹ ¹Lit., *how great*
^aMark 13:1-37; Matt. 24;
Luke 21:5-36

² Luke 19:44

³ ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aMatt. 21:1 ^bMatt. 17:1

⁴ ¹Or, *attesting miracle*

⁶ John 8:24

⁹ ¹Lit., *look to yourselves*
²Or, *Sanhedrins, or councils*
^aMatt. 10:17 ^bMatt. 10:17

¹⁰ Matt. 24:14

¹¹ ¹Lit., *lead*
^aMark 13:11-13; Matt. 10:19-22; Luke 21:12-17

¹² ¹Lit., *put them to death*

¹³ John 15:21

¹⁴ ^aMatt. 24:15 ^bDan. 9:27;
11:31; 12:11

¹⁹ Mark 10:6

²⁰ ¹Lit., *flesh* ²Or, *chosen ones*

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AND as He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples ^asaid to Him, "Teacher, behold ¹what wonderful stones and ¹what wonderful buildings!"

² And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? ^aNot one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down."

³ And as He was sitting on ^athe Mount of Olives opposite the temple, ^bPeter and ¹James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately,

⁴ "Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the ¹sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"

⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

⁶ "Many will come in My name, saying, '^aI am He!' and will mislead many.

⁷ "And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; *those things* must take place; but *that is* not yet the end.

⁸ "For nation will arise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will *also* be famines. These things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

⁹ "But ¹be on your guard; for they will ^adeliver you up to *the* ²courts, and you will be flogged ^bin *the* synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them.

¹⁰ "^aAnd the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

¹¹ "^aAnd when they ¹arrest you and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Holy Spirit.

¹² "And brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and ¹cause them to be put to death.

¹³ "And ^ayou will be hated by all on account of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

¹⁴ "But ^awhen you see the ^bABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

¹⁵ "And let him who is on the housetop not go down, or enter in, to get anything out of his house;

¹⁶ and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

¹⁷ "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

¹⁸ "But pray that it may not happen in the winter.

¹⁹ "For those days will be a *time* of tribulation such as has not occurred ^asince the beginning of the creation which God created, until now, and never shall.

²⁰ "And unless the Lord had shortened *those* days, no ¹life would have been saved; but for the sake of the ²elect whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21 "And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is ¹the Christ;' or, 'Behold, *He* is there;' do not believe *him*;

22 for false Christs and ^afalse prophets will arise, and will show ^{1b}signs and ^bwonders, in order, if possible, to lead the elect astray.

23 "But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, ^aTHE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,

25 ^aAND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the POWERS THAT ARE IN ¹THE HEAVENS WILL BE shaken.

26 "AND THEN THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN ^bCOMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.

27 "And then He will send forth the angels, and ^aWILL GATHER TOGETHER His ¹elect FROM THE FOUR WINDS, ^bFROM THE FARTHEST END of the earth, TO THE FARTHEST END OF HEAVEN.

28 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

29 "Even so you too, when you see these things happening, ¹recognize that ²He is near, *right* at the ³door.

30 "Truly I say to you, this ¹generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

32 "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *alone*.

33 "Take heed, ^akeep on the alert; for you do not know when the *appointed* time is.

34 "It is like a man, away on a journey, *who* upon leaving his house and ¹putting his slaves in charge, *assigning* to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.

35 "Therefore, ^abe on the alert — for you do not know when the ¹master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, at ^bcockcrow, or ^cin the morning;—

36 lest he come suddenly and find you ^aasleep.

37 "And what I say to you I say to all, ^a"Be on the alert!" "

21 ¹I.e., the Messiah

22 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aMatt. 7:15 ^bMatt. 24:24;
John 4:48

24 ^aIs. 13:10

25 ¹Or, *heaven*
^aIs. 34:4

26 ^aDan. 7:13 ^bMatt. 16:27;
Mark 8:38

27 ¹Or, *chosen ones*
^aDeut. 30:4 ^bZech. 2:6

29 ¹Lit., *know* ²Or, *it* ³Lit.,
doors

30 ¹Or, *race*

32 ^aMatt. 24:36; Acts 1:7

33 ^aEph. 6:18; Col. 4:2

34 ¹Lit., *giving the authority to*

35 ¹Lit., *lord*
^aMark 13:37; Matt. 24:42
^bMark 14:30 ^cMark 6:48;
Matt. 14:25

36 ^aRom. 13:11

37 ^aMark 13:35; Matt.
24:42

1 ^aMark 14:1, 2; Matt.
26:2-5; Luke 22:1, 2 ^bJohn
11:55; 13:1; Mark 14:12
^cMatt. 12:14

3 ^aMark 14:3-9; Matt.
26:6-13; Luke 7:37-39; John
12:1-8 ^bMatt. 21:17 ^cMatt.
26:6f.; John 12:3

CHAPTER 14

^a**N**OW *the feast of* ^bthe Passover and Unleavened Bread was two days off; and the chief priests and the scribes ^cwere seeking how to seize Him by stealth, and kill *Him*;

2 for they were saying, "Not during the festival, lest there be a riot of the people."

3 ^aAnd while He was in ^bBethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining *at table*, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of ^ccostly perfume of pure nard; *and* she broke the vial and poured it over His head.

4 But some were indignantly *remarking* to one another, "For what purpose has this perfume been wasted?"

5 "For this perfume might have been sold for over three

⁵ ¹The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage

⁷ *Matt. 26:11; John 12:8; Deut. 15:11

⁸ *John 19:40

⁹ *Matt. 26:13

¹⁰ ¹Or, *deliver Him up*
*Mark 14:10, 11; Matt. 26:14-16; Luke 22:3-6 ²John 6:71

¹² ¹Lit., *they were sacrificing*
*Mark 14:12-16; Matt. 26:17-19; Luke 22:7-13 ²Matt. 26:17 *Luke 22:7; 1 Cor. 5:7; Deut. 16:5; Mark 14:1

¹⁴ *Luke 22:11; Luke 2:7 Gr.

¹⁷ *Mark 14:17-21; Matt. 26:20-24; Luke 22:14, 21-23; John 13:18ff.

¹⁸ ¹Or, *deliver Me up* ²Or, *the one*

²⁰ ¹Or, *the one*

²¹ ¹Or, *through* ²Lit., *for him if that man had not been born*

²² ¹Lit., *having blessed*
*Mark 14:22-25; Matt. 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; Mark 10:16 ²Matt. 14:19

²⁶ *Matt. 26:30 ²Matt 21:1

²⁷ ¹Or, *stumble*
*Mark 14:27-31; Matt. 26:31-35

hundred ¹denarii, and *the money* given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me.

7 "For ²the poor you always have with you, and whenever you wish, you can do them good; but you do not always have Me.

8 "She has done what she could; ²she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial.

9 "And truly I say to you, ²wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, that also which this woman has done shall be spoken of in memory of her."

10 ²And Judas Iscariot, ²who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests, in order to ¹betray Him to them.

11 And they were glad when they heard *this*, and promised to give him money. And he *began* seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

12 ²And on the first day of *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*, when the Passover *lamb* was being ¹sacrificed, His disciples ²said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

13 And He ²sent two of His disciples, and ²said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him;

14 and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher says, "Where is My ²guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"

15 "And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready; and prepare for us there."

16 And the disciples went out, and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

17 ²And when it was evening He ²came with the twelve.

18 And as they were reclining *at table* and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will ¹betray Me, — ²one who is eating with Me."

19 They began to be grieved and to say to Him one by one, "Surely not I?"

20 And He said to them, "*It is one of the twelve, ¹one who dips with Me in the bowl.*

21 "For the Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man ¹by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been good ²for that man if he had not been born.*"

22 ²And while they were eating, He took *some* bread, and ¹after a ²blessing He broke it; and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body."

23 And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is to be shed on behalf of many.

25 "Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26 ²And after singing a hymn, they went out to ²the Mount of Olives.

27 ²And Jesus ²said to them, "You will all ¹fall away,

**Peter's Denial Foretold.
Gethsemane. The Betrayal.**

because it is written, ^b“I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.”

27 ^bZech. 13:7

28 “But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

29 ¹Or, *stumble*

29 But Peter said to Him, “*Even* though all may ¹fall away, yet I will not.”

30 And Jesus ^{*}said to him, “Truly I say to you, that you yourself ^{1a}this very night, before ^{ba}a cock crows twice, shall three times deny Me.”

30 ¹Lit., *today, on this night*
^aMatt. 26:34 ^bMark 14:68, 72; John 13:38

31 But *Peter* kept saying insistently, “*Even* if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And they all were saying the same thing, too.

32 ^aMark 14:32-42; *Matt.* 26:36-46; *Luke* 22:40-46

32 ^aAnd they ^{*}came to a place named Gethsemane; and He ^{*}said to His disciples, “Sit here until I have prayed.”

33 And He ^{*}took with him Peter and ¹James and John, and began to be very ^adistressed and troubled.

33 ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aMark 9:15; 16:5, 6

34 And He ^{*}said to them, “^aMy soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.”

35 And He went a little beyond *them*, and ¹fell to the ground, and *began* praying that if it were possible, ^athe hour might ²pass Him by.

34 ^aMatt. 26:38; John 12:27

36 And He was saying, “^aAbba (Father), all things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; ^byet not what I will, but what Thou wilt.”

35 ¹Lit., *was falling* ²Lit., *pass from Him*
^aMark 14:41; *Matt.* 26:45

37 And He ^{*}came and ^{*}found them sleeping, and ^{*}said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?”

36 ^aRom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6
^bMatt. 26:39

38 “^aKeep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

39 And again He went away and prayed, saying the same ¹words.

38 ^aMatt. 26:41

40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

39 ¹Lit., *word*

41 And He ^{*}came the third time, and ^{*}said to them, “¹Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; ^athe hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being ²betrayed into the hands of sinners.

41 ¹Or, *keep on sleeping therefore* ²Or, *delivered up*
^aMark 14:35

42 “Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!”

43 ^aAnd immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, ^{*}came up, ¹accompanied by a multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

43 ¹Lit., *and with him*
^aMark 14:43-50; *Matt.* 26:47-56; *Luke* 22:47-53; *John* 18:3-11

44 Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him, and lead Him away ¹under guard.”

44 ¹Lit., *safely*

45 And after coming, he immediately went up to Him, saying, “^aRabbi!” and kissed Him.

45 ^aMatt. 23:7

46 And they laid hands on Him, and seized Him.

47 But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and ¹cut off his ear.

47 ¹Lit., *took off*

48 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as though I were a robber?”

49 ^aMark 12:35

49 “Every day I was with you ^ain the temple teaching, and

49 ¹Or possibly: *let the Scriptures be fulfilled*

53 ^aMark 14:53-65; Matt. 26:57-68; John 18:12f.; 19:24

54 ¹Or, *servants* ²Lit., *light*
^aMark 14:68 ^bMatt. 26:3
^cMark 14:67; John 18:18

55 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin*
^aMatt. 5:22

58 ¹Or, *sanctuary*
^aMark 15:29; Matt. 26:61

60 ¹Or, *what do these testify?*

61 ¹Lit., *says* ²i.e., the Messiah
^aMatt. 26:63 ^bMark 14:61-63; Matt. 26:63ff.; Luke 22:67-71

62 ^aPs. 110:1; Mark 13:26
^bDan. 7:13

63 ^aMatt. 26:65; Acts 14:14; Num. 14:6

65 ¹Or, *cover over His face*
²Or, *treated* ³Or possibly: *blows with rods*
^aMark 10:34; Matt. 26:67
^bEsther 7:8 ^cMatt. 26:68; Luke 22:64

66 ^aMark 14:66-72; Matt. 26:69-75; Luke 22:56-62; John 18:16-18, 25-27 ^bMark 14:54

67 ^aMark 14:54 ^bMark 1:24

68 ¹Or, *forecourt, gateway*
²Later mss. add: *and a cock crowed*
^aMark 14:54

70 ^aMark 14:68 ^bMatt. 26:73; Luke 22:59

71 ¹Or, *put himself under a curse*

you did not seize Me; but ¹*this has happened* that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

50 And they all left Him and fled.

51 And a certain young man was following Him, wearing *nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body*; and they ^aseized him.

52 But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked.

53 ^aAnd they led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes ^agathered together.

54 And Peter had followed Him at a distance, ^aright into ^bthe courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the ¹officers, and ^cwarming himself at the ²fire.

55 Now the chief priests and the whole ^{1a}Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and they were finding none.

56 For many were giving false testimony against Him, and yet their testimony was not consistent.

57 And some stood up and *began* to give false testimony against Him, saying,

58 "We heard Him say, ^a"I will destroy this ¹temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands."

59 And not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.

60 And the high priest arose *and came* forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You make no answer ¹to what these men are testifying against You?"

61 ^aBut He kept silent, and made no answer. ^bAgain the high priest was questioning Him, and ¹saying to Him, "Are You ²the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the ^aSON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and ^bCOMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

63 And ^atearing his clothes, the high priest ^asaid, "What further need do we have of witnesses?"

64 "You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

65 And some began to ^aspit at Him, and ^{1b}to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, "^cProphecy!" And the officers ²received Him with ³slaps *in the face*.

66 ^aAnd as Peter was below in ^bthe courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest ^acame,

67 and seeing Peter ^awarming himself, she looked at him, and ^asaid, "You too, were with Jesus the ^bNazarene."

68 But he denied *it*, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he ^awent out onto the ¹porch.²

69 And the maid saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is *one* of them!"

70 But again ^ahe was denying it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are *one* of them, ^bfor you are a Galilean too."

71 But he began to ¹curse and swear, "I do not know this fellow you are talking about!"

72 And immediately a cock crowed a second time. And

Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before ^aa cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times."
¹And he *began* to weep.

72 ¹Or, *thinking of this, he began weeping; or, rushing out, he began weeping*
^aMark 14:30, 68

CHAPTER 15

^aAND early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole ^{1b}Council, immediately held a consultation, and binding Jesus, they led Him away, and delivered Him up to Pilate.

1 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin*
^aMatt. 27:1 ^bMatt. 5:22

2 ^aAnd Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And answering He ^asaid to him, "*It is as you say.*"

2 ^aMark 15:2-5; *Matt. 27:11-14; Luke 23:2, 3; John 18:29-38*

3 And the chief priests *began* to accuse Him ¹harshly.

4 And Pilate was questioning Him again, saying, "Do You make no answer? See how many charges they bring against You!"

3 ¹Or, *of many things*

5 But Jesus ^amade no further answer; so that Pilate was astonished.

5 ^aMatt. 27:12

6 ^aNow at *the* feast he used to release for them *any* one prisoner whom they requested.

7 And the man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection.

6 ^aMark 15:6-15; *Matt. 27:15-26; Luke 23:18-25; John 18:39-19:16*

8 And the multitude went up and began asking him *to do* as he had been accustomed to do for them.

9 And Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

11 ^aActs 3:14

10 For he was aware that the chief priests had delivered Him up because of envy.

13 ¹Or, *again*

11 But the chief priests stirred up the multitude ^ato ask him to release Barabbas for them instead.

15 ^aMatt. 27:26

12 And answering again, Pilate was saying to them, "Then what shall I do to Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

13 And they shouted ¹back, "Crucify Him!"

14 But Pilate was saying to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!"

16 ¹Or, *court* ²Or, *battalion*
^aMark 15:16-20; *Matt. 27:27-31* ^bMatt. 27:27; *Mark 26:3*
^cActs 10:1

15 And wishing to satisfy the multitude, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus ^ascourged, he delivered Him over to be crucified.

16 ^aAnd the soldiers took Him away into ^bthe ¹palace (that is, the Practorium), and they ^acalled together the whole *Roman* ^{2c}cohort.

17 ¹A term for shades varying from rose to purple

17 And they ^adressed Him up in ¹purple, and after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on Him;

18 and they began to acclaim Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

19 ¹Or, *staff* (made of a reed)

19 And they kept beating His head with a ¹reed, and spitting at Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.

20 And after they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His garments on Him. And they ^aled Him out to crucify Him.

21 ^aMark 15:21; *Matt. 27:32; Luke 23:26*

21 ^aAnd they ^apressed into service a passerby coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), that he might bear His cross.

22 ^aAnd they ^abrought Him to the place ^bGolgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

22 ^aMark 15:22-32; *Matt. 27:33-44; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:17-24* ^bJohn 19:17; *Luke 23:33 and marg.*

23 *Matt. 27:34

24 ¹Lit., *a lot upon* ²Lit., *who should take what*
*Ps. 22:18; John 19:24

25 ¹I.e., 9 a.m. ²Lit., *and*
*John 19:14; Mark 15:33

26 ¹Lit., *had been inscribed*
*Matt. 27:37

28 ¹Later mss. add verse 28:
And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was reckoned with transgressors."

29 ¹Or, *blaspheming*
*Ps. 22:8; Matt. 27:39^bMark 14:58

31 ¹Or, *can He not save Himself?*
*Matt. 27:42; Luke 23:35

32 *Matt. 27:42; Mark 15:26^bMark 15:27; Matt. 27:44; Luke 23:39-43

33 ¹I.e., noon ²Or, *occurred*
¹I.e., 3 p.m.
*Mark 15:33-41; Matt. 27:45-56; Luke 23:44-49^bMatt. 27:45f.; Luke 23:44; Mark 15:25

34 *Matt. 27:45f.; Luke 23:44; Mark 15:25^bPs. 22:1; Matt. 27:46

36 ¹Lit., *permit that we see; or: hold off, let us see*

37 *Matt. 27:50; Luke 23:46; John 19:30

38 *Matt. 27:51; Luke 23:45

39 ¹Or, *opposite Him* ²Lit., *that He thus* ³Or, possibly: *a son of God, or, son of a god*
*Matt. 27:54; Luke 23:47; Mark 15:45

40 ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Lit., *little* (either in stature or age)
*Mark 15:40, 41; Matt. 27:55f.; Luke 23:49; John 19:25^bLuke 19:3^cMark 16:1

41 ¹Or, *wait on*
*Matt. 27:55f.

42 *Mark 15:42-47; Matt. 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42^bMatt. 27:62

43 *Luke 23:51; Acts 13:50; 17:12; Matt. 27:57^bLuke 23:51; 2:25, 38; Matt. 27:57; John 19:38^cJohn 19:38

45 *Mark 15:39

23 And they tried to give Him ^awine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it.

24 And they ^acrucified Him, and ^aDIVIDED UP HIS GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES, CASTING ¹LOTS FOR THEM, *to decide* ²what each should take.

25 And it was the ^{1a}third hour ²when they crucified Him.

26 And the inscription of the charge against Him ¹read, ^a"THE KING OF THE JEWS."

27 And they ^acrucified two robbers with Him; one on the right and one on the left.

28 (See marginal note.¹)

29 And those passing by were ¹hurling abuse at Him, ^aWAGGING THEIR HEADS, and saying, "Ha! You who *were going* to ^bdestroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,

30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

31 In the same way the chief priests along with the scribes were also mocking *Him* among themselves and saying, ^a"He saved others; ¹He cannot save Himself.

32 "Let *this* Christ, ^athe King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" And ^bthose who were crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

33 ^aAnd when the ^{1b}sixth hour had come, darkness ²fell over the whole land until the ^{3b}ninth hour.

34 And at the ^aninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ^b"ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

35 And when some of the bystanders heard it, they *began* saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah."

36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, ¹"Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down."

37 ^aAnd Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last.

38 ^aAnd the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

39 ^aAnd when the centurion, who was standing ¹right in front of Him, saw ²the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was ³the Son of God!"

40 ^aAnd there were also *some* women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of ¹James ^bthe ²Less and ^cJoses, and ^dSalome.

41 And when He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and ^{1a}minister to Him; and *there were* many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem.

42 ^aAnd when evening had already come, because it was ^bthe Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a ^aprominent member of the Council, a man who was himself ^bwaiting for the kingdom of God; and he ^cgathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.

45 And ascertaining this from ^athe centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

**The Entombment. "He Has Risen."
Jesus Appears to Mary, to the Eleven.**

Mark 15, 16

46 And *Joseph* bought a linen sheet, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen sheet, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

47 And ^aMary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of *Joses* were looking on to see where He was laid.

CHAPTER 16

^aAND when the Sabbath was over, ^bMary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of ¹James, and Salome, ^cbought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, they ^{*}came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away ^athe stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 And looking up, they ^{*}saw that the stone had been rolled away, ¹although it was extremely large.

5 And ^aentering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they ^bwere amazed.

6 And he ^{*}said to them, "^aDo not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the ^bNazarene, who has been crucified. ^cHe has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him.

7 "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ^aHe is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you."

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.¹

9 [¹Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to ^aMary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

10 ^aShe went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.

11 And when they heard that He was alive, and had been seen by her, ^athey refused to believe it.

12 And after that, ^aHe appeared in a different form ^bto two of them, while they were walking along on their way to the country.

13 And they went away and reported it to the others, but they ^adid not believe them either.

14 And afterward ^aHe appeared ^bto the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at table*; and He reproached them for their ^cunbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.

15 And He said to them, "^aGo into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

16 "^aHe who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

17 "And these ¹signs will accompany those who have believed: ^ain My name they will cast out demons, they will ^bspeak with new tongues;

18 they will ^apick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly

47 ^aMark 15:40; 16:1; Matt. 27:56

¹ Or, *Jacob*
^aMark 16:1-8; Matt. 28:1-8;
Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-8
^bMark 15:47 ^cLuke 23:56;
John 19:39f.

³ ^aMark 16:3, 4; 15:46;
Matt. 27:60

⁴ ¹Lit., *for*

⁵ ^aJohn 20:11, 12 ^bMark 9:15

⁶ ^aMark 9:15 ^bMark 1:24
^cMatt. 28:6; Luke 24:6

⁷ ^aMatt. 26:32; Mark 14:28

⁸ ¹addition at end of chapter.

⁹ ¹Some of the oldest mss. omit from verse 9 through 20.
^aJohn 20:14; Matt. 27:56

¹⁰ ^aJohn 20:18

¹¹ ^aMark 16:13, 14; Luke 24:11, 41; John 20:25; Matt. 28:17

¹² ^aMark 16:14; John 21:1, 14 ^bLuke 24:13-35

¹³ ^aMark 16:11, 14; Luke 24:11, 41; John 20:25; Matt. 28:17

¹⁴ ^aMark 16:12; John 21:1, 14 ^bLuke 24:36; John 20:19, 26; 1 Cor. 15:5 ^cMark 16:11, 13; Luke 24:11, 41; John 20:25; Matt. 28:17

¹⁵ ^aMatt. 28:19

¹⁶ ^aJohn 3:18, 36; Acts 16:31

¹⁷ ¹ Or, *attesting miracles*
^aMark 9:38; Luke 10:17; Acts 5:16; 8:7; 16:18; 19:12 ^bActs 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:2

¹⁸ ^aLuke 10:19; Acts 28:3-5

18^bMark 5:23

19^aActs 1:3^bLuke 9:51; 24:51; John 6:62; 20:17; Acts 1:2; 1 Tim 3:16^cPs. 110:1; Luke 22:69; Acts 7:55f.; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:22

20¹Or, attesting miracles
2²Many mss. add: Amen

Addition: ¹A few later mss. and versions contain this paragraph, usually after verse 8; a few have it at the end of chapter.

poison, it shall not hurt them; they will ^blay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had ^aspoken to them, He ^bwas received up into heaven, and ^cSAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the ¹signs that followed.^{2]}

ADDITION ¹

And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

THE GOSPEL ^{margin: C}

ACCORDING TO

LUKE

The Mss. (CRISTIANI) DON'T LIE TO US
Preface. Zacharias Visited.

1¹Or, on which there is full conviction

2¹[Gr. in] Rom. 4:21; 14:5; Col. 4:12; 2 Tim. 4:5, 17; Col. 2:2; 1 Thess. 1:5; Heb. 6:11; 10:22

2¹Lit., became²Or, ministers³I.e., Gospel
John 15:27; Acts 1:21f.
b2 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 1:1^cActs 26:16; 1 Cor. 4:1; Heb. 2:3
dMark 4:14; 16:20; Acts 8:4; 14:25; 16:6; 17:11

3¹Or, followed
a1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 3:10 [in Gr.]
bActs 11:4; 18:23
cActs 23:26; 24:3; 26:25
dActs 1:1

4¹Or, orally instructed in
Acts 18:25; Rom. 2:18; 1 Cor. 14:19; Gal. 6:6 [Gr.]

5¹Lit., came into being
2I.e., Zachariah
3Cr., Abia
4I.e., of priestly descent
aMatt. 2:1^b1 Chr. 24:10

6^aGen. 7:1; Acts 2:25; 8:21
bPhil. 2:15; 3:6; 1 Thess. 3:13 [Gr.]

7¹Lit., days

8¹Chr. 24:19; 2 Chr. 8:14; 31:2

9^aEx. 30:7f.

10^aLev. 16:17

11^aLuke 2:9; Acts 5:19

INASMUCH as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things ^{1a}accomplished among us,

2 just as those who ^afrom the beginning ^{1b}were ^beyewitnesses and ^{2c}servants of ^dthe ³Word have handed them down to us,

3 it seemed fitting for me as well, ^ahaving ¹investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you ^bin consecutive order, ^cmost excellent ^dTheophilus;

4 so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been ^{1a}taught.

5 ^aIn the days of Herod, King of Judea, there ^{1b}was a certain priest named ²Zacharias, of the ^bdivision of ³Abijah; and he had a wife ⁴from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 And they were both ^arighteous in the sight of God, walking ^bblamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

7 And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in ¹years.

8 Now it came about, while ^ahe was performing his priestly service before God in the ^{appointed} order of his division,

9 according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot ^ato enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer ^aoutside at the hour of the incense offering.

11 And ^aan angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

12 And Zacharias was troubled when he saw *him*, and fear ^lgripped him.

13 But the angel said to him, “^aDo not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and ^byou will ^lgive him the name John.

14 “And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

15 “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will ^adrink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, ^lwhile yet in his mother’s womb.

16 “And he will turn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.

17 “And it is he who will ^ago as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of ^bElijah, ^cTO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to ^amake ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

18 And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this for certain? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in ^lyears.”

19 And the angel answered and said to him, “I am ^aGabriel, who ^lstands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.

20 “And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their proper time.”

21 And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple.

22 But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he ^akept ^lmaking signs to them, and remained mute.

23 And it came about, when the days of his priestly service were ended, that he went back home.

24 And after these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant; and she ^lkept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,

25 “This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked *with favor* upon *me*, to ^atake away my disgrace among men.”

26 Now in the sixth month the angel ^aGabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called ^bNazareth,

27 to ^aa virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, ^bof the ^ldescendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.

28 And coming in, he said to her, “Hail, ^l favored one! The Lord ²is with you.”³

29 But she ^awas greatly troubled at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be.

30 And the angel said to her, “^aDo not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

31 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you ^ashall name Him Jesus.

32 “He will be great, and will be called the Son of ^athe Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

12 ^lOr, fell upon

13 ^lLit., call his name
^aLuke 1:30; Matt. 14:27
^bLuke 1:60, 63

15 ^lLit., even from
^aNum. 6:3; Judg. 13:4; Matt. 11:18; Luke 7:33

17 ^aLuke 1:76 ^bMatt. 11:14
^cMal. 4:6

18 ^lLit., days
^lὁ ἡμέρας

19 ^lLit., stand beside
^aLuke 1:26; Dan. 8:16; 9:21
^bMatt. 18:10

22 ^lOr, beckoning to or, nodding to
^aLuke 1:62

24 ^lLit., was hidden

25 ^aGen. 30:23; Is. 4:1

26 ^aLuke 1:19 ^bMatt. 2:23

27 ^lLit., house
^aMatt. 1:18 ^bMatt. 1:16, 20;
Luke 2:4

28 ^lOr, O woman richly blessed
²Or, be
³Later mss. add: you are blessed among women

29 ^aLuke 1:12

30 ^aLuke 1:13; Matt. 14:27

31 ^aMatt. 1:21, 25; Luke 2:21

32 ^aLuke 1:35, 76; 6:35;
Acts 7:48; Mark 5:7

33 ^aMatt. 1:1 ^bMatt. 28:18; Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 18, 27

34 ¹Lit., shall ²Lit., know no man

35 ¹Lit., the holy thing begotten
^aMatt. 1:18 ^bLuke 1:32
^cMark 1:24 ^dMatt. 4:3

36 ¹Lit., this is the sixth month to her who

37 ¹Lit., not any word
^aMatt. 19:26

38 ¹Gr. *Mariam*, i.e., Miriam; so throughout Luke
²i.e., female slave

39 ¹Lit., in these days
^aLuke 1:65; Josh. 20:7; 21:11

41 ^aLuke 1:67

43 ¹Lit., whence this to me
^aLuke 2:11

45 ¹Or, possibly: because there will be ²Lit., from
^aLuke 1:48; Luke 1:20

46 ¹Lit., makes great
^aLuke 1:46-53; 1 Sam. 2:1-10
^bPs. 34:2f.

47 ^aPs. 35:9 [1 Tim. 1:1; 2:3; Titus 1:3; 2:10; 3:4; Jude 25

48 ¹i.e., female slave
^aLuke 1:45

50 ¹Lit., unto generations and generations
^aPs. 103:17

51 ¹Lit., might ²Lit., thought, attitude
^aPs. 98:1; 118:15

53 ^aPs. 107:9

54 ¹Lit., so as to remember

55 ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 17:19; Ps. 132:11; Gal. 3:16

33 ^aand He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; ^band His kingdom will have no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How ¹can this be, since I ²am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "^aThe Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of ^bthe Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason ^cthe ¹holy offspring shall be called ^dthe Son of God.

36 "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and ¹she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

37 "For ^{1a}nothing will be impossible with God."

38 And ¹Mary said, "Behold, the ²bondslave of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

39 Now ^{1a}at this time Mary arose and went with haste to ^athe hill country, to a city of Judah,

40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was ^afilled with the Holy Spirit.

42 And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women *are* you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

43 "And ¹how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of ^amy Lord should come to me?

44 "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

45 "And ^ablessed is she who believed ¹that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her ²by the Lord."

46 And Mary said:

^a"My soul ^{1b}exalts the Lord,

47 And ^amy spirit has rejoiced in ^bGod my Savior.

48 For He has had regard for the humble state of His ¹bondslave;

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me ^ablessed.

49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

50 ^aAND HIS MERCY IS ¹UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARDS THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

51 ^aHe has done ¹mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the ²thoughts of their heart.

52 He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And has exalted those who were humble.

53 ^aHE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; And sent away the rich empty-handed.

54 He has given help to Israel His servant, ¹In remembrance of His mercy,

55 ^aAs He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his ¹offspring forever."

56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and *then* returned to her home.

57 Now the time ¹had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she brought forth a son.

57 ¹Lit., *was fulfilled*

58 And her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had ^{1a}displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

58 ¹Lit., *magnified*
^aGen. 19:19

59 And it came about that on ^athe eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, ¹after his father.

59 ¹Lit., *after the name of*
^aGen. 17:12; Lev. 12:3; Luke 2:21; Phil. 3:5

60 And his mother answered and said, "No indeed; but ^ahe shall be called John."

60 ^aLuke 1:13, 63

61 And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name."

62 ^aLuke 1:22

62 And they ^amade signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called.

63 ^aLuke 1:13, 60

63 And he asked for a tablet, and wrote as follows, "^aHis name is John." And they were all astonished.

64 ^aLuke 1:20

64 ^aAnd at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he *began* to speak in praise of God.

65 ^aLuke 1:39

65 And fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were being talked about in all ^athe hill country of Judea.

66 ^aActs 11:21

66 And all who heard them kept them in mind, saying, "What then will this child *turn out to be*?" For ^athe hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

67 ^aLuke 1:41 ^bJoel 2:28

67 And his father Zacharias ^awas filled with the Holy Spirit, and ^bprophesied, saying;

68 ^aLuke 2:38; Heb. 9:12; Luke 1:71; Acts 1:6

68 "Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited us and accomplished ^aredemption
for His people,

69 ^a1 Sam. 2:1, 10; Ps. 18:2; 89:17; 132:17; Ezek. 29:21; ^bMatt. 1:1

69 And has raised up a ^ahorn of salvation for us
In the house of David ^bHis servant—

70 ^aAs He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets ^bfrom
of old—

70 ^aRom. 1:2 ^bActs 3:21

71 ^{1a}Salvation ^bFROM OUR ENEMIES,
And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

71 ¹Or, *Deliverance*
^aLuke 1:68 ^bPs. 106:10

72 ^aTo show mercy toward our fathers,
^bAnd to remember His holy covenant,

73 ^aThe oath which He swore to Abraham our father,

72 ^aMic. 7:20 ^bPs. 105:8f.; 106:45

74 To grant us that we being delivered from the hand of
our enemies,

73 ^aGen. 22:16ff.

Might serve Him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

76 And you, child, will be called the ^aprophet of ^bthe Most
High;

76 ^aMatt. 11:9 ^bLuke 1:32
^cMal. 3:1 ^dLuke 1:17

For you will go on ^cBEFORE THE LORD TO ^dPREPARE HIS
WAYS;

77 ¹Or, *consisting in*
^aMark 1:4; Jer. 31:34

77 To give to His people *the* knowledge of salvation
¹By ^athe forgiveness of their sins,

78 Because of the tender mercy of our God,

78 ^aMal. 4:2; Eph. 5:14; 2 Pet. 1:19

With which ^athe Sunrise from on high shall visit us,

79 ^aTO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE
SHADOW OF DEATH,

79 ^aIs. 9:1, 2; 59:8; Matt. 4:16

To guide our feet into the way of peace."

80 ^aAnd the child continued to grow, and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

80 ^aLuke 2:40

¹ *l.e.*, the Roman empire
^aLuke 3:1; Matt. 22:17
^bMatt. 24:14

² *l*Or, *this took place as a first census* ²Gr., *Kyrenios*
^aMatt. 4:24

⁴ ^aLuke 1:27

⁷ *l*Or, *feeding trough*

⁹ ^aLuke 1:11; Acts 5:19
^bLuke 24:4; Acts 12:7

¹⁰ ^aMatt. 14:27

¹¹ *l*e., *Messiah*
^aJohn 4:42; Acts 5:31; Matt. 1:21
^bMatt. 16:16, 20; John 11:27; Matt. 1:16
^cActs 2:36; 10:36; Luke 1:43

¹² *l*Or, *feeding trough*
^a1 Sam. 2:34; 2 Kin. 19:29; 20:8f.; Is. 7:11, 14

¹⁴ *l*Lit., *of His good pleasure*; or possibly, *of good will*
^aLuke 19:38; Matt. 21:9
^bLuke 3:22; Eph. 1:9; Phil. 2:13

¹⁶ *l*Or, *feeding trough*

¹⁹ ^aLuke 2:51

²⁰ ^aMatt. 9:8

²¹ *l*Lit., *so as to circumcise Him*
^aLuke 1:59 ^bLuke 1:31

Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from ^aCaesar Augustus, that a census be taken of ^ball ¹the inhabited earth.

² ¹This was the first census taken while ²Quirinius was governor of ^aSyria.

³ And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city.

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because ^ahe was of the house and family of David;

⁵ in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

⁶ And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

⁷ And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a ¹manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And ^aan angel of the Lord suddenly ^bstood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, ^a“Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a ^aSavior, who is ^{1b}Christ ^cthe Lord.

¹² “And ^athis *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a ¹manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ ^a“Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men ^{1b}with whom He is pleased.”

¹⁵ And it came about that when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the ¹manger.

¹⁷ And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

¹⁹ But Mary ^atreasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰ And the shepherds went back, ^aglorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

²¹ And when ^aeight days were completed ¹before His circumcision, ^bHis name was *then* called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "A EVERY first-born MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES, OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS."

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

28 then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bondservant depart, In peace, according to Thy word;

30 For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

31 Which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Thy people Israel."

33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed —

35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul — to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with a husband seven years after her marriage,

37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

38 And at that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.

40 And the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 And His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;

43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. And His parents were unaware of it,

23 Ex. 13:2, 12

24 Lev. 12:8; 5:11

25 Luke 1:6 Luke 2:38; 23:51; Mark 15:43

26 Or, Messiah Matt. 2:12 Ps. 89:48; Heb. 11:5; John 8:51

27 Lit., to do for Him according to Luke 2:22

29 Luke 2:26

30 Is. 52:10; Luke 3:6

32 Or, for Is. 42:6; 49:6; Acts 13:47; 26:23

33 Matt. 12:46

34 Or, resurrection Matt. 12:46 Matt. 21:44; 1 Cor. 1:23; 2 Cor. 2:16; 1 Pet. 2:8

36 Or, Hannah Lit., days Lit., virginity Acts 21:9; Luke 2:38 Josh. 19:24 1 Tim. 5:9

37 Luke 5:33; Acts 13:3; 14:23; 1 Tim. 5:5

38 Lit., hour Luke 2:25; Luke 1:68

39 Luke 2:51; 4:16; Luke 1:26; Matt. 2:23

40 Lit., becoming full of Luke 1:80; Luke 2:52

41 Ex. 23:15; Deut. 16:1-6

43 Ex. 12:15

48 ¹Lit., Child ²Lit., are looking
^aMatt. 12:46 ^bLuke 3:23; 4:22; Luke 2:49

49 ¹Or, affairs; lit., in the things of My Father

50 ¹Lit., had spoken
^aMark 9:32

51 ¹Lit., was treasuring
²Lit., words
^aLuke 2:39 ^bMatt. 12:46
^cLuke 2:19

52 ¹Or, age
^aLuke 2:40

1 ^aMatt. 27:2 ^bMatt. 14:1

2 ^aJohn 18:13, 24; Acts 4:6
^bMatt. 26:3 ^cLuke 3:3-10;
Mark 3:1-10; Mark 1:3-5

3 ^aMatt. 3:5

4 ^aIs. 40:3

5 ¹Or, leveled
^aIs. 40:4

6 ¹Or, mankind
^aIs. 40:5 ^bLuke 2:30

8 ¹Or, in
^aLuke 5:21; 13:25, 26; 14:9

44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they *began* looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

45 And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him.

46 And it came about that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

48 And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and ^aHis mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, ^bYour father and I ²have been anxiously looking for You."

49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's ¹house?"

50 And ^athey did not understand the statement which He ¹had made to them.

51 And He went down with them, and came to ^aNazareth; and He continued in subjection to them; and ^bHis mother ¹treasured all *these* ²things in her heart.

52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and ¹stature, and in ^afavor with God and men.

CHAPTER 3

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when ^aPontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and ^bHerod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Phillip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,

2 in the high priesthood of ^aAnnas and ^bCaiaphas, ^cthe word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all ^athe district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins;

4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness,

^aMAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.

5 ^aEVERY RAVINE SHALL BE FILLED UP,
AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE ¹BROUGHT
LOW;

AND THE CROOKED SHALL BECOME STRAIGHT,
AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH;

6 ^aAND ALL ¹FLESH SHALL ^bSEE THE SALVATION OF GOD."

7 He therefore *began* saying to the multitudes who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 "Therefore bring forth fruits in keeping with your repentance, and ^ado not begin to say ¹to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

9 "And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

**John Preaches; Announces the Christ.
Jesus Is Baptized. Genealogy.**

Luke 3

10 And the multitudes were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?"

11 And he would answer and say to them, "Let the man who has two tunics share with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise."

12 And *some* ¹tax-gatherers also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to."

14 And *some* ¹soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And *what about* us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages."

15 Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were ¹wondering in their hearts about John, ²as to whether he might be ²the Christ;

16 ^aJohn answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but He who is mightier than I is coming, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He Himself will baptize you ¹in the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 "And His ^awinnowing fork is in His hand to clean out His threshing-floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with ^bunquenchable fire."

18 So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.

19 But when ^aHerod the tetrarch was reproved by him on account of ^aHerodias, his brother's wife, and on account of all the wicked things which ^bHerod had done,

20 he added this also to them all, that ^ahe locked John up in prison.

21 ^aNow it came about that when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was ^bpraying, heaven was opened,

22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased."

23 And ^awhen He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, [being ¹supposedly *the* son of ^bJoseph], the son of ²Eli,

24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of ¹Heshi, the son of Naggai,

26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Simein, the son of Josech the son of Joda,

27 the son of Johanan, the son of Resa, ^athe son of Zerubabel, the son of ¹Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,

29 the son of ¹Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

30 the son of Simeon, the son of ¹Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,

31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Matatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

¹² ¹Publicans who collected Roman taxes on commission

¹³ ¹Or, Extort

¹⁴ ¹i.e., men in active military service

¹⁵ ¹Or, reasoning, or debating ²i.e., the Messiah ³John 1:19f.

¹⁶ ¹Or, with ⁴Luke 3:16, 17; Matt. 3:11, 12; Mark 1:7, 8

¹⁷ ^aIs. 30:24 ^bMark 9:43, 48

¹⁹ ^aMatt. 14:3; Mark 6:17 ^bLuke 3:1; Matt. 14:1

²⁰ ^aJohn 3:24

²¹ ^aLuke 3:21, 22; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11 ^bLuke 5:16, 9-18, 28f.; Matt. 14:23

²² ^aMatt. 3:17

²³ ¹Lit., as it was being thought ²Also spelled Heli ³Matt. 4:17; Acts 1:1 ^bLuke 3:23-27; Matt. 1:16

²⁵ ¹Also spelled Esli

²⁷ ¹Gr., Salathiel ^aMatt. 1:12

²⁹ ¹Gr., Jesus

³⁰ ¹Gr., Judas

32 ¹Gr., *Sala* ²Gr., *Naasson*
^aLuke 3:32-34; Matt. 1:1-6

33 ¹Gr., *Ami*

34 ^aLuke 3:34-36; Gen. 11:26-30; 1 Chr. 1:24-27

35 ¹Gr., *Ragau* ²Gr., *Eber*

36 ^aLuke 3:36-38; Gen. 5:3-32; 1 Chr. 1:1-4

1 ¹Or, *under the influence of lit., in*
^aLuke 4:1-13; Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13 ^bLuke 3:3, 21

4 ^aDeut. 8:3

5 ¹Lit., *the inhabited earth*
^aMatt. 4:8-10 ^bMatt. 24:14

6 ¹Lit., *their* (referring to the kingdom)
^a1 John 5:19

7 ¹Or, *bow down*

8 ^aDeut. 6:13

9 ^aMatt. 4:5-7

10 ^aPs. 91:11

11 ^aPs. 91:12

12 ¹Or, *tempt*
^aDeut. 6:16

14 ^aMatt. 4:12 ^bLuke 4:37; Matt. 9:26

15 ^aMatt. 4:23

16 ^aLuke 2:39, 51 ^bMatt. 13:54; Mark 6:1f. ^cActs 13:14-16

32 ^athe son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of ¹Salmon, the son of ²Nahshon,

33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of ¹Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, ^athe son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

35 the son of Serug, the son of ¹Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of ²Heber, the son of Shelah,

36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, ^athe son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,

38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

CHAPTER 4

AND Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, ^breturned from the Jordan and was ^{led about} ¹by the Spirit in the wilderness

2 for forty days, while tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry.

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, ^aMAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE."

5 ^aAnd he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of ¹the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and ¹its glory; ^afor it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 "Therefore if You ¹worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, ^aYOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY."

9 ^aAnd he led Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down from here;

10 for it is written, ^aHE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU.'

11 and, ^aON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, ^aYOU SHALL NOT ¹FORCE A TEST ON THE LORD YOUR GOD.'

13 And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him, until an opportune time.

14 And ^aJesus ¹returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and ^bnews about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

15 And He ^{began} ^ateaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

16 And He came to ^aNazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, ^bHe entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and ^cstood up to read.

**Jesus Preaches at Nazareth. Violent Reaction.
At Capernaum He Cures a Demoniac.**

Luke 4

17 And the ¹book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the ¹book, and found the place where it was written,

17 ¹Or, scroll

18 ²THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

18 ²Is. 61:1; Matt. 12:18; Matt. 11:5; John 3:34

BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.

19 ²Is. 61:2; Lev. 25:10

HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,

TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN,

20 ¹Or, scroll
²Luke 4:17 ³Matt. 26:55

19 ³TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

21 ¹Lit., ears

20 And He ²closed the ¹book, and gave it back to the attendant, and ²sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him.

22 ¹Or, testifying ²Lit., were proceeding out of His mouth
³Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 6:42

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ¹hearing."

22 And all ¹were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which ²were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "³Is this not Joseph's son?"

23 ²Matt. 4:13; Mark 1:21ff.; 2:1ff.; John 4:46ff.; Luke 4:35ff. ³Luke 4:16; 2:39, 51; Mark 6:1

23 And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself; whatever we heard was done ²at Capernaum, do here in ³your home town as well.'"

24 ²Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; John 4:44

24 And He said, "Truly I say to you, ³no prophet is welcome in his home town.

25 "But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel ²in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;

25 ¹Kin. 17:1; 18:1; James 5:17

26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but ²only to ¹Zarephath, in the land of ³Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

26 ¹Gr., Serepta
²Kin. 17:9 ³Matt. 11:21

27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but ²only Naaman the Syrian."

27 ²Kin. 5:1-14

28 And all in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;

29 ²Acts 7:58; Num. 15:35; Heb. 13:12

29 and they rose up and ²cast Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

30 ¹John 10:39

30 But ²passing through their midst, He went His way.

31 ²Luke 4:31-37; Mark 1:21-28 ³Matt. 4:13; Luke 4:23

31 And ²He came down to ³Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on Sabbath days;

32 ¹Lit., word
²Matt. 7:28 ³Luke 4:36; John 7:46

32 and ²they were continually amazed at His teaching; for ³His ¹message was with authority.

33 ¹Lit., having a spirit

33 And there was a man in the synagogue ¹possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,

34 ¹Or possibly, Let us alone ²Lit., Nazarene
³Matt. 8:29 ⁴Mark 1:24

34 "1Ha! ²What do we have to do with You, Jesus of ³Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are — ⁴the Holy One of God!"

35 ²Luke 4:39, 41; Matt. 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24

35 And Jesus ²rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in ³their midst, he went out of him without doing him any harm.

36 ¹Or, this word, that with authority . . . come out?

36 And amazement came upon them all, and they ¹began discussing with one another, and saying, "What is ¹this mes-

36 ^aLuke 4:32

37 ^aLuke 4:14

38 ^aLuke 4:38, 39: *Matt.*
8:14-15; *Mark* 1:29-31 ^b*Matt.*
4:24

39 ¹Or, *serve*
^aLuke 4:35, 41

40 ^aLuke 4:40, 41: *Matt.*
8:16-17; *Mark* 1:32-34 ^b*Mark*
1:32 ^c*Mark* 5:23 ^d*Matt.* 4:23

41 ¹I.e., the Messiah
^a*Matt.* 4:3 ^bLuke 4:35 ^c*Mark*
1:34; *Matt.* 8:4

42 ^aLuke 4:42, 43: *Mark*
1:35-38

43 ^aMark 1:38

44 ¹I.e., the country of the
Jews (including Galilee);
some mss. read, *of Galilee*
^a*Matt.* 4:23

1 ^aLuke 5:1-11; *Matt.* 4:18-
22; *Mark* 1:16-20; *John* 1:40-
42 ^b*Num.* 34:11; *Deut.* 3:17;
Josh. 12:3; 13:27; *Matt.* 4:18

3 ^a*Matt.* 13:2; *Mark* 4:1

4 ^a*John* 21:6

5 ¹Or, *word*
^a*Cr.* as in *Luke* 8:24; 9:33, 49;
17:13

8 ¹Lit., *knees*

10 ¹Or, *Jacob*

sage? For ^awith authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

37 And ^athe report about Him was getting out into every locality in the surrounding district.

38 ^aAnd He arose and *left* the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ^bsuffering from a high fever; and they made request of Him on her behalf.

39 And standing over her, He ^arebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately arose and *began* to ¹wait on them.

40 ^aAnd while ^bthe sun was setting, all who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and ^claying His hands on every one of them, He was ^dhealing them.

41 And demons also were coming out of many, crying out and saying, "You are ^athe Son of God!" And ^brebuking them, He would ^cnot allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be ¹the Christ.

42 ^aAnd when day came, He departed and went to a lonely place; and the multitudes were searching for Him, and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from going away from them.

43 But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, ^afor I was sent for this purpose."

44 And He kept on preaching in the synagogues ^aof ¹Judea.

CHAPTER 5 ^a*the message of Jesus*

^aNow it came about that while the multitude were pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by ^bthe lake of Gennesaret;

2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And ^aHe got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and *began* teaching the multitudes from the boat.

4 And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and ^alet down your nets for a catch."

5 And Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your ¹bidding I will let down the nets."

6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish; and their nets *began* to break;

7 and they signaled to their partners in the other boat, for them to come and help them. And they came, and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus' ¹feet, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" ^aKnowledge of Jesus' divine nature was revealed to Peter.

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also ¹James and John, sons of Zebedee, who

were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “^aDo not fear, from now on you will be ^bcatching men.”

11 And when they had brought their boats to land, ^athey left everything and followed Him.

12 ^aAnd it came about that while He was in one of the cities, behold, *there was* a man full of leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

13 And He stretched out His hand, and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 And He ordered him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

15 But ^athe news about Him was spreading even farther, and great multitudes were gathering to hear *Him* and to be healed of their sicknesses.

16 But He Himself would *often* slip away ¹to the ²wilderness and ^apray.

17 And it came about ¹one day that He was teaching; and ^athere were *some* Pharisees and ^bteachers of the law sitting *there*, who had ^ccome from every village of Galilee and Judea and *from* Jerusalem; and ^dthe power of the Lord was *present* for Him to perform healing.

18 ^aAnd behold, *some men were* carrying on a ¹bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in, and to set him down in front of Him.

19 And not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on ^athe roof and let him down ^bthrough the tiles with his stretcher, right in the center, in front of Jesus.

20 And seeing their faith, He said, “¹Friend, ^ayour sins are forgiven you.”

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees ^abegan to reason, saying, “Who is this *man* who speaks blasphemies? ^bWho can forgive sins, but God alone?”

22 But Jesus, ^aaware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts?”

23 “Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’

24 “But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the ^aparalytic, “I say to you, rise, and take up your stretcher and go home.”

25 And at once he rose up before them, and took up what he had been lying on, and went home, ^aglorifying God.

26 And they were all seized with astonishment and *began* ^aglorifying God; and they were filled ^bwith fear, saying, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

27 ^aAnd after that He went out, and noticed a ¹tax-gatherer named ^bLevi, sitting in the tax office, and He said to him, “Follow Me.”

28 And he ^aleft everything behind, and rose up and *began* to follow Him.

29 And ^aLevi gave a big ¹reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of ^btax-gatherers and other *people* who were reclining *at table* with them.

10 ^aMatt. 14:27 ^{b2} Tim. 2:26

11 ^aMatt. 4:20, 22; Mark 1:18, 20; Luke 5:28; Matt. 19:29

12 ^aLuke 5:12-14; Matt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-44

15 ^aMatt. 9:26

16 ¹Lit. in ²Or. *lonely places*
^aMatt. 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12

17 ¹Lit. on *one of the days*
^aMatt. 15:1 ^bLuke 2:46
^cMark 1:45 ^dMark 5:30; Luke 6:19; 8:46

18 ¹Here, *stretcher*
^aLuke 5:18-26; Matt. 9:2-8; Mark 2:3-12

19 ^aMatt. 24:17 ^bMark 2:4

20 ¹Lit. *man*
^aMatt. 9:2

21 ^aLuke 3:8 ^bIs. 43:25

22 ¹Or. *perceiving*

24 ^aMatt. 4:24

25 ^aMatt. 9:8

26 ^aMatt. 9:8 ^bLuke 7:16; 1:65

27 ¹Publicans who collected Roman taxes for profit
^aLuke 5:27-39; Matt. 9:9-17; Mark 2:14-22 ^bMatt. 9:9

28 ^aLuke 5:11

29 ¹Or. *banquet*
^aMatt. 9:9 ^bLuke 15:1

30 ^aMark 2:16; Acts 23:9

31 ^aMatt. 9:12, 13; Mark 2:17

33 ¹Or, *likewise*
^aMatt. 9:14; Mark 2:18

34 ¹Lit., *sons of the
bridalchamber*

35 ^aMatt. 9:15; Mark 2:20;
Luke 17:22

36 ¹Or, *cloak*

37 ¹E., skins used as
bottles

1 ¹Many mss. read, *the
second-first Sabbath*; i.e.,
the second Sabbath after the
first
^aLuke 5:1-5; Matt. 12:1-8;
Mark 2:23-28 ^bDeut. 23:25

2 ^aMatt. 12:2

3 ¹Sam. 21:6

4 ¹Or, *showbread*, lit.,
loaves of presentation

6 ¹Lit., *and his*
^aLuke 5:6-11; Matt. 12:9-14;
Mark 3:1-6 ^bLuke 6:1 ^cMatt.
4:23

7 ^aMark 3:2

8 ¹Lit., *their thoughts*
²Lit., *stand or stood into the
midst* ³Lit., *stood*
^aMatt. 9:4

9 ¹Or, *to harm*

30 And the Pharisees and ^atheir scribes *began* grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "^a*It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.*

32 "I have not come to call righteous men but sinners to repentance."

33 And they said to Him, "^aThe disciples of John often fast and offer prayers; the *disciples* of the Pharisees also do ¹the same; but Yours eat and drink."

34 And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the ¹attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?"

35 "^aBut *the* days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."

36 And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new ¹garment and puts it on an old ¹garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

37 "And no one puts new wine into old ¹wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the ¹skins, and it will be spilled out, and the ¹skins will be ruined.

38 "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

39 "And no one, after drinking old *wine* wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good *enough*.' "

CHAPTER 6

^a**N**OW it came about that on a *certain* ¹Sabbath He was passing through *some* grainfields; and His disciples ^bwere picking and eating the heads of *wheat*, rubbing them in their hands.

2 But some of the Pharisees said, "Why do you do what ^ais not lawful on the Sabbath?"

3 And Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read ^awhat David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,

4 how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the ¹consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?"

5 And He was saying to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

6 ^aAnd it came about ^bon another Sabbath, that He entered ^cthe synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there ¹whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and the Pharisees ^awere watching Him closely, to *see* if He healed on the Sabbath; in order that they might find *reason* to accuse Him.

8 But He ^aknew ¹what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Arise and ²come forward!" And he arose and ³came forward.

9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or ¹to do evil, to save a life, or to destroy it?"

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10 And after ^alooking around at them all, He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was *completely* restored.

10 ^aMark 3:5

11 But they themselves were filled with ¹rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

11 ¹Lit., *folly*

12 And it was ¹at this time that He went off to ^athe mountain to ^bpray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

12 ¹Lit., *in these days*
^aMatt. 5:1 ^bMatt. 14:23;
Luke 9:28; 9:18; 5:16

13 And when day came, ^aHe called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as ^bapostles:

13 ^aLuke 6:13-16; *Matt.*
10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Acts
1:13 ^bMark 6:30

14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; ¹James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

14 ¹Here and in verses 15
and 16, *Gr., Jacob*

15 ^aMatthew and Thomas; James *the son of Alphaeus*, and Simon who was called the Zealot;

15 ^aMatt. 9:9

16 Judas *the son of James*, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

17 ^aLuke 6:12 ^bMatt 4:25;
Mark 3:7, 8 ^cMatt. 11:21

17 And He ^adescended with them, and stood on a level place; and *there was* ^ba great multitude of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of ^cTyre and Sidon,

18 ¹Most English versions
begin verse 18 with, *and*
those who

18 ¹who had come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured.

19 ^aMark 3:10; *Matt.* 9:21;
14:36 ^bLuke 5:17

19 And all the multitude were trying to ^atouch Him, for ^bpower was coming from Him and healing *them* all.

20 ^aLuke 6:20-23; *Matt.* 5:3-
12 ^bMatt. 5:3

20 And turning His gaze on His disciples, He *began* to say, "^aBlessed *are you who are* poor, for ^byours is the kingdom of God.

22 ^aJohn 9:22; 16:2

21 "Blessed *are you who* hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed *are you who* weep now, for you shall laugh.

23 ¹Lit., *do to*
^aMal. 4

22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ^aostracize you, and heap insults upon you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

24 ^aJames 5:1; *Luke* 16:25
^bMatt. 6:2

23 "Be glad in that day, and ^aleap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to ¹treat the prophets.

25 ¹Lit., *having been filled*

24 "But woe to ^ayou who are rich, for ^byou are receiving your comfort in full.

26 ¹Lit., *do to*
^aMatt. 7:15

25 "Woe to you who are ¹well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

27 ^aMatt. 5:44; *Luke* 6:35

26 "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to ¹treat the ^afalse prophets.

28 ¹Or, *revile*
^aMatt. 5:44; *Luke* 6:35

27 "But I say to you who hear, ^alove your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, ^apray for those who ¹mis-treat you.

29 ¹Or, *cloak*, or, outer
garment ²Or, *tunic*, or,
garment worn next to body
^aLuke 6:29, 30; *Matt.* 5:39-
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29 "Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your ¹coat, do not withhold your ²shirt from him either.

30 "Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

31 ¹Or, *do to*
^aMatt. 7:12

31 "And just as you want men to ¹treat you, ¹treat them in the same way.

32 ^aMatt. 5:46

32 "And ^aif you love those who love you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

34 ^aMatt. 5:42

35 ¹Or, *not despairing at all*
²Luke 6:27 ^bMatt. 5:9 ^cLuke 1:32

36 ¹Or, *become*

37 ¹Lit., *do not judge* ²Lit., *release*
^aLuke 6:37-42; *Matt. 7:1-5*
^bLuke 23:16; *Acts 3:13;*
Matt. 6:14

38 ^aMark 4:24 ^bPs. 79:12; *Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18*

39 ^aMatt. 15:14

40 ¹Or, *disciple* ²Or, *reach his teacher's level*
^aMatt. 10:24

43 ¹Lit., *again*
^aLuke 6:43, 44; *Matt. 7:16, 18, 20*

44 ^aMatt. 7:16

45 ¹Or, *treasury, storehouse* ²Lit., *the abundance of*
^aMatt. 12:35 ^bMatt. 12:34

46 ^aMatt. 7:21; *Mal. 1:6*

47 ¹Lit., *does*
^aLuke 6:47-49; *Matt. 7:24-27*

48 ¹Lit., *dug and went deep*

¹ ^aMatt. 7:28 ^bLuke 7:1-10; *Matt. 8:5-13*

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33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners do the same thing.

34 "And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is *that* to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, in order to receive back the same *amount*.

35 "But ^alove your enemies, and do good, and lend, ¹expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be ^bsons of ^cthe Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

36 "¹Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 "And ¹do not pass judgment and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you shall not be condemned; ²^bpardon, and you will be pardoned.

38 "Give, and it will be given to you; ^agood measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour ^binto your lap. For whatever measure you deal out *to others*, it will be dealt to you in return."

39 And He also spoke a parable to them: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit?

40 "A ¹pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will ²be like his teacher.

41 "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

42 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

43 "AFor there is no good tree which produces bad fruit; nor ¹on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit.

44 "AFor each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.

45 "AThe good man out of the good ¹treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil ¹treasure brings forth what is evil; ^bfor his mouth speaks from ²that which fills his heart.

46 "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

47 "AEveryone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and ¹acts upon them, I will show you whom he is like:

48 he is like a man building a house, who ¹dug deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the river burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

49 "But the one who has heard, and has not acted *accordingly*, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without any foundation; and the river burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

CHAPTER 7

^aWHEN He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, ^bHe went to Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's slave, ¹who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

3 And when he heard about Jesus, ^ahe sent some ¹Jewish elders asking Him to come and ²save the life of his slave.

4 And when they had come to Jesus, they earnestly entreated Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

5 for he loves our nation, and it was he who built us our synagogue."

6 Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not fit for You to come under my roof;

7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just ¹say the word, and my ²servant will be healed.

8 "For indeed, I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

9 And when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that was following Him, "I say to you, ^anot even in Israel have I found such great faith."

10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

11 And it came about ¹soon afterwards, that He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, ²accompanied by a large multitude.

12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, ^{1a} a dead man was being carried out, the ²only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

13 And when ^athe Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep."

14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" ¹Behold, ²the son was alive.

15 And the ¹dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

16 And ^afear gripped them all, and they *began* ^bglorifying God, saying, "A great ^cprophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has ¹visited His people!"

17 ^aAnd this report concerning Him went out all over Judea, and in all the surrounding district.

18 ^aAnd the disciples of John reported to him about all these things.

19 And summoning ¹two of his disciples, John sent them to ^athe Lord, saying, "Are You the One who is coming, or do we look for someone ²else?"

20 And when the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the One who is coming, or do we look for someone else?'"

21 At that ¹very time He ^acured many *people* of diseases and ^bafflictions and evil spirits; and He granted sight to many *who were blind*.

22 And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to

² ¹Lit., *to whom he was honorable*

³ ¹Lit., *elders of the Jews*
²Lit., *bring safely through, rescue*
^aMatt. 8:5

⁶ ¹Or, *Sir*

⁷ ¹Lit., *speak with a word*
²Or, *boy*

⁹ ^aMatt. 8:10; Luke 7:50

¹¹ ¹Some mss read, *on the next day* ²Lit., *and*

¹² ¹Lit., *one who had died*
²Or, *only begotten*

¹³ ¹Or, *stop weeping*
^aLuke 7:19; 10:1; 11:1, 39; 12:42; 13:15; 17:5, 6; 18:6; 19:8; 22:61; 24:34; John 4:1; 6:23; 11:2

¹⁵ ¹Or, *corpse*

¹⁶ ¹Or, *cared for*
^aLuke 5:26 ^bMatt. 9:8 ^cMatt. 21:11; Luke 7:39

¹⁷ ^aMatt. 9:26

¹⁸ ^aLuke 7:18-35; *Matt. 11:2-19*

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *a certain two*
²Some early mss. read, *one who is different*
^aLuke 7:13; 10:1; 11:1, 39; 12:42; 13:15; 17:5, 6; 18:6; 19:8; 22:61; 24:34; John 4:1; 6:23; 11:2

²¹ ¹Lit., *hour*
^aMatt. 4:23 ^bMark 3:10

22 ¹vs. 61:1

23 ¹Lit., whoever

25 ¹Or, Well then, what
²Or, garments

27 ¹Lit., has been written
^aMal. 3:1; Matt. 11:10; Mark 1:2

28 ¹Lit., less

29 ¹Publicans who collected Roman taxes on commission
²Or, justified God
^aLuke 7:35 ^bLuke 3:12; Matt. 21:32 ^cActs 18:25; 19:3

30 ¹I.e., experts on the Mosaic Law
²Lit., him
^aMatt. 22:35

33 ^aLuke 1:15

34 ¹Or, wine-drinker
²Publicans who collected Roman taxes on commission

35 ¹Lit., And
^aLuke 7:29

36 ¹Lit., eat

37 ¹I.e., an immoral woman
^aLuke 7:37-39; Matt 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8

¹39 ¹Lit., to himself, saying
²Some mss. read, the prophet
³I.e., an immoral woman
^aLuke 7:16; John 4:19
Here we are in the 1st

40 ¹Lit., says

41 ¹The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage
^aMatt. 18:28; Mark 6:37

42 ^aMatt. 18:25

John what you have seen and heard: *the* ^aBLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, and *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised up, *the* ^aPOOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

23 "And blessed is he ¹who keeps from stumbling over Me."

24 And when the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the multitudes about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

25 "¹But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft ²clothing? Behold, those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are *found* in royal palaces.

26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.

27 "This is the one about whom it ¹is written,
^aBEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU."

28 "I say to you, among those born of women, there is no one greater than John; yet he who is ¹least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29 And when all the people and the ¹tax-gatherers heard *this*, they ²acknowledged ^aGod's justice, ^bhaving been baptized with ^cthe baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and the ^{1a}lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by ²John.

31 "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?

32 "They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another; and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'

33 "For John the Baptist has come ^aeating no bread and drinking no wine; and you say, 'He has a demon!'

34 "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking; and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man, and a ¹drunkard, a friend of ²tax-gatherers and sinners!'

35 "¹Yet wisdom ^ais vindicated by all her children."

36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to ¹dine with him. And He entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined *at table*.

37 ^aAnd behold, there was a woman in the city who was a ¹sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume.

38 and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said ¹to himself, "If this man were ^{2a}a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a ³sinner."

40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he ¹replied, "Say it, Teacher."

41 "A certain money-lender had two debtors: one owed five hundred ^{1a}denarii, and the other fifty.

42 "When they ^awere unable to repay, he graciously for-

gave them both. Which of them therefore will love him more?"

43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

44 And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair.

45 "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.

46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much, but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

48 And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

49 And those who were reclining at table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"

50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about soon afterwards, that He began going about from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with Him,

2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

4 And when a great multitude were coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:

5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road; and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it.

6 "And other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

7 "And other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it, and choked it out.

8 "And other seed fell into the good ground, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 And His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable might be.

10 And He said, "To you it is granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables; in order that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.

12 "And those beside the road are those who have heard;

44 ¹Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24; Judg. 19:21; 1 Tim. 5:10

45 ¹Lit., was not ceasing
²Sam. 15:5

46 ²Ps. 23:5; Eccles. 9:8; 2 Sam. 12:20; Dan. 10:3

48 ²Matt. 9:2

49 ¹Or, among

50 ²Matt. 9:22 ^bLuke 8:48; Mark 5:34

1 ²Matt. 4:23

2 ²Matt. 27:57; ¹Luke 23:49

3 ²Matt. 14:1 ^bMatt. 20:8

4 ²Luke 8:4-8; ²Matt. 13:2-9; ¹Mark 4:1-9

5 ¹Lit., heaven

8 ²Matt. 11:15

9 ²Luke 8:9-15; ²Matt. 13:10-23; ¹Mark 4:10-20

10 ²Matt. 13:11 ^bIs. 6:9; ²Matt. 13:14

11 ¹Pet. 1:23

13 ¹Lit., *who believe*
2 pers at 13:8

15 ¹Or, *steadfastness*

16 ^aMatt. 5:15; Mark 4:21;
Luke 11:33

17 ^aLuke 12:2; Matt. 10:26;
Mark 4:22

18 ¹Or, *seems to have*
^aMatt. 13:12; Luke 19:26

19 ^aLuke 8:19-21; Matt.
12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35

21 ^aLuke 11:28

*are hearing
are doing*

22 ^aLuke 8:22-25; Matt.
8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41 ^bLuke
8:23; 5:1f.

23 ^aLuke 8:22; 5:1f.

24 ¹Lit., *a calm occurred*
^aLuke 5:5 ^bLuke 4:39

26 ¹Other mss. read,
Gergesenes, or Gadarenes
^aLuke 8:26-37; Matt. 8:28-
34; Mark 5:1-17

28 ^aMatt. 8:29 ^bMark 5:7

29 ¹Or, *was commanding*

30 ^aMatt. 26:53

then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved.

13 "And those on the rocky *soil* are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; ¹they believe for a while, and in time of temptation *fall away*.

14 "And the *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring *no* fruit to maturity.

15 "And the *seed* in the good ground, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and *bear fruit* with ¹perseverance.

16 "Now ^ano one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, in order that those who come in may see the light.

17 "^aFor nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor *anything* secret that shall not be known and come to light.

18 "Therefore take care how you listen; ^afor whoever has, to him shall *more* be given; and whoever does not have, even what he ¹thinks he has shall be taken away from him."

19 ^aAnd His mother came to Him and *His* brothers *also*, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.

20 And it was reported to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You."

21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these ^awho *hear* the word of God and *do* it."

22 ^aNow it came about on one of *those* days, that He got into a boat, He and His disciples, and said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of ^bthe lake." And they launched out.

23 But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended upon ^athe lake, and they *began* to be swamped and to be in danger.

24 And they came to Him, and woke Him up, saying, "^aMaster, Master, we are perishing!" And being aroused, He ^brebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and ¹it became calm.

25 And He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"

26 ^aAnd they sailed to the country of the ¹Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He had come out onto the land, a certain man from the city met Him who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs.

28 And seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, "^aWhat do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of ^bthe Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me."

29 For He ¹had been commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard; and yet he would burst his fetters and be driven by the demon into the deserts.

30 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "^aLegion"; for many demons had entered him.

**The Demoniac Cured. Jairus' Daughter.
The Ailing Woman.**

Luke 8

31 And they were entreating Him not to command them to depart into ^athe abyss.

31 ^aRom. 10:7; Rev. 9:1f., 11, 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3

32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and *the demons* entreated Him to permit them to enter ^lthe swine. And He gave them permission.

32 ^lLit., *them*

33 And the demons came out from the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into ^athe lake, and were drowned.

33 ^aLuke 8:22; 5:1f.

34 And when those who tended them saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and *out* in the country.

35 ^aLuke 10:39

35 And *the people* went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down ^aat the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened.

36 ^lOr, *saved*
^aMatt. 4:24

36 And those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was ^ademon-possessed had been ^lmade well.

37 ^lOther mss. read, *Gergesenes or Gadarenes*

37 And all the people of the country of the ^lGerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to depart from them; for ~~they were~~ ^athey were gripped with great fear; and He got into a boat, and returned.

38 ^lLit., *be with*
^aLuke 8:38, 39; Mark 5:18-20

38 ^aBut the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might ^laccompany Him; but He sent him away, saying,

40 ^aMatt. 9:1; Mark 5:21

39 "Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you." And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

41 ^lLit., *ruler*
^aLuke 8:41-56; Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43 ^bLuke 8:49; Mark 5:22

40 ^aAnd as Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him.

41 ^aAnd behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was an ^lofficial of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and *began* to entreat Him to come to his house;

42 ^lOr, *only begotten*

42 for he had an ^lonly daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes were pressing against Him.

43 ^lSome mss. add, *who had spent all her living upon physicians*

43 And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ^land could not be healed by anyone,

44 ^lOr, *outer garment*

44 came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His ^lcloak; and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

45 And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, ^l"Master, the multitudes are crowding and pressing upon You."

45 ^lSome early mss. add, *and those with him*
^aLuke 5:5

46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that ^apower had gone out of Me."

46 ^aLuke 5:17

47 And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

48 And He said to her, "Daughter, ^ayour faith has ^lmade you well; ^bgo in peace."

48 ^lLit., *saved you*
^aMatt. 9:22 ^bLuke 7:50; Mark 5:34

49 While He was still speaking, someone ^acame from *the house of* ^athe synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher any more."

49 ^aLuke 8:41

50 But when Jesus heard *this*, He answered him, "^aDo not be afraid *any longer*; only believe, and she shall be ^lmade well."

50 ^lOr, *saved*
^aMark 5:36

Luke 8, 9

52 ^aLuke 23:27; Matt. 11:17
^bJohn 11:13

56 ^aMatt. 8:4

1 ^aMatt. 10:5; Mark 6:7

2 [!]Some mss. read, *to heal the sick*
^aMatt. 10:7

3 [!]Or, *knapsack, or beggar's bag* ²Or, *inner garment*
^aLuke 9:3-5; Matt. 10:9-15;
Mark 6:8-11; Luke 10:4-12;
22:35 ^bMatt. 10:10; Mark
6:8; Luke 22:35f.

5 ^aActs 13:51; Luke 10:11

6 [!]Or, *from village to village*
^aLuke 8:1; Mark 6:12

7 ^aLuke 9:7-9; Matt. 14:1,
2; Mark 6:14f. ^bMatt. 14:1;
Luke 3:1; 13:31; 23:7 ^cMatt.
14:2

8 ^aMatt. 16:14

9 ^aLuke 23:8

10 ^aMark 6:30 ^bMark 6:30
^cLuke 9:10-17; Matt. 14:13-
21; Mark 6:32-44; John 6:5-
13 ^dMatt. 11:21

12 [!]Lit., *provisions*

14 ^aMark 6:39

51 And when He had come to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter, John and James, and the girl's father and mother.

52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep."

53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died.

54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child, arise!"

55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat.

56 And her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

CHAPTER 9

^aAND He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases.

2 And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to perform healing. ^bHerodship

3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece.

4 "And whatever house you enter, stay there, and take your leave from there.

5 "And as for those who do not receive you, when you depart from that city, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6 And departing, they began going about among the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 "Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,

8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others, that one of the prophets of old had risen again.

9 And Herod said, "I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see Him.

10 "And when the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. And taking them with Him, He withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.

11 But the multitudes were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.

12 And the day began to decline, and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place."

13 But He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people."

14 (For there were about five thousand men). And He said to His disciples, "Have them recline to eat in groups of about fifty each."

**Five Thousand Fed. Peter's Confession.
The Passion Foretold. The Transfiguration.**

Luke 9

15 And they did so, and had them all recline.

16 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke *them*, and kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they all ate and were satisfied; and that which was left over to them of the broken pieces was picked up, twelve ^{1a}baskets full.

18 ^aAnd it came about that while He was ^bpraying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the multitudes say that I am?"

19 And they answered and said, "John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."

20 And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "^aThe ¹Christ of God."

21 But He ^{1a}warned them, and instructed *them* not to tell this to anyone,

22 ^asaying, "^bThe Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day."

23 And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and ^atake up his cross daily, and follow Me.

24 "For ^awhoever wishes to save his ¹life shall lose it, but whoever loses his ¹life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

25 "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and ^aloses or forfeits himself?

26 "^aFor whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and *the glory* of the Father and of the holy angels.

27 "But I tell you truly, ^athere are some of those standing here who shall not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

28 ^aAnd some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He took along ^bPeter and John and James, and ^cwent up to the mountain ^dto pray.

29 And while He was ^apraying, the appearance of His face ^bbecame different, and His clothing *became white and* ¹gleaming.

30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah,

31 who, appearing in ¹glory, were speaking of His ^adeparture which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions ^ahad been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

33 And it came about, as ¹these were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "^aMaster, it is good for us to be here; and ^blet us make three ²tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—^cnot realizing what he was saying.

34 And while he was saying this, a cloud ¹formed and *began* to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 And ^aa voice came out of the cloud, saying, "^bThis is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

17 ¹l.e., large-sized baskets
^aMatt. 14:20

18 ^aLuke 9:18-20; Matt. 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29
^bMatt. 14:23; Luke 6:12; 9:28

20 ¹l.e., Messiah
^aJohn 6:68f.

21 ¹Or, *strictly admonished*
^aMatt. 16:20; Mark 8:30;
Matt. 8:4

22 ^aLuke 9:22-27; Matt. 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1
^bMatt. 16:21; Luke 9:44

23 ^aMatt. 10:38

24 ¹Gr., *soul-life*
^aMatt. 10:39

25 ^aHeb. 10:34 marg.

26 ^aLuke 12:9; Matt. 10:33

27 ^aMatt. 16:28

28 ^aLuke 9:28-36; Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8
^bMatt. 17:1
^cMatt. 5:1
^aLuke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18
l.e. !

29 ¹Lit., *flashing like lightning*
^aLuke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18
^bMark 16:12

31 ¹Or, *splendor*
^a2 Pet. 1:15

32 ^aMatt. 26:43; Mark 14:40

33 ¹Lit., *they*²Or, *sacred tents*
^aLuke 5:5; 9:49
^bMatt. 17:4;
Mark 9:5
^cMark 9:6

34 ¹Or, *occurred*

35 ^a2 Pet. 1:17f.
^bMatt. 3:17; Luke 3:22

36 ¹Lit., *occurred*
^aMatt. 17:9; Mark 9:9f.

37 ^aLuke 9:37-42; *Matt.*
17:14-18; *Mark* 9:14-27

38 ¹Or, *only begotten*

42 ¹Or, *tore him*

43 ¹Or, *majesty*
^{a2} Pet. 1:16 ^bLuke 9:43-45:
Matt. 17:22f.; *Mark* 9:30-32

44 ¹Or, *betrayed*
^aLuke 9:22

45 ¹Lit., *were not knowing*
^aMark 9:32

46 ¹Lit., *entered in*
^aLuke 9:46-48; *Matt.* 18:1-5;
Mark 9:33-37

47 ¹Lit., *the reasoning or*
argument
^aMatt. 9:4

48 ¹Or, *lowliest*
^aMatt. 10:40 ^bLuke 22:26

49 ^aLuke 9:49, 50; *Mark*
9:38-40 ^bLuke 5:5; 9:33

50 ¹Or, *on your side*
^aMatt. 12:30; *Luke* 11:23

51 ¹Lit., *taking up*
^aMark 16:19 ^bLuke 13:22;
17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28

52 ¹Or, *prepare*
^aMatt. 10:5; *Luke* 10:33;
17:16; *John* 4:4

53 ¹Lit., *His face was*
proceeding toward
^aJohn 4:9

54 ¹Some mss. add, as
Elijah did
^aMark 3:17

55 ¹Later mss. add, and
said, "You do not know
what kind of spirit you are
of. For the Son of Man did
not come to destroy men's
lives, but to save them."

36 And when the voice ¹had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And ^athey kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

37 ^aAnd it came about on the next day, that when they had come down from the mountain, a great multitude met Him.

38 And behold, a man from the multitude shouted out, saying, "Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my ¹only boy,

39 and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming at the mouth, and as it mauls him, it scarcely leaves him.

40 "And I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not."

41 And Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you, and put up with you? Bring your son here."

42 And while he was still approaching, the demon ¹dashed him to the ground, and threw him into a violent convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

43 And they were all amazed at the ^{1a}greatness of God.

^bBut while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His disciples,

44 "Let these words sink into your ears; ^afor the Son of Man is going to be ¹delivered into the hands of men."

45 But ^athey ¹did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they might not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

46 ^aAnd an argument ¹arose among them as to which of them might be the greatest.

47 But Jesus, ^aknowing ¹what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side,

48 and said to them, "^aWhoever receives this child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; ^bfor he who is ¹least among you, this is the one who is great."

49 ^aAnd John answered and said, "^bMaster, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to hinder him because he does not follow along with us."

50 But Jesus said to him, "^aDo not hinder him; ^afor he who is not against you is ¹for you."

51 And it came about, when the days were approaching for ^aHis ¹ascension, that He resolutely set His face ^bto go to Jerusalem;

52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him. And they went, and entered a village of the ^aSamaritans, to ¹make arrangements for Him.

53 And they did not receive Him, ^abecause ¹He was journeying with His face toward Jerusalem.

54 And when His disciples ^aJames and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them.¹

56 And they went on to another village.

57 And ^aas they were going along the road, ^bsomeone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the ^aair ^{have} ²nests, but ^athe Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

59 And He said to another, "^aFollow Me." But he said, "¹Permit me first to go and bury my father."

60 But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and ^aproclaim everywhere the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but ^afirst permit me to say good-bye to those at home."

62 But Jesus said to him, "^aNo one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

CHAPTER 10

NOW after this ^athe Lord appointed ¹seventy ^bothers, and sent them ^ctwo and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.

2 And He was saying to them, "^aThe harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

3 "Go your ways; ^abehold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

4 "^aCarry no purse, no ¹bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way.

5 "And whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace ^{be} to this house.'

6 "And if a ¹man of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return to you.

7 "And stay in ¹that house, eating and drinking ²what they give you; for ^athe laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.

8 "And whatever city you enter, and they receive you, ^aeat what is set before you;

9 and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, "^aThe kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10 "But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

11 "^aEven the dust of your city which clings to our feet, we wipe off *in protest* against you; yet ¹be sure of this, that ^bthe kingdom of God has come near.

12 "I say to you, ^ait will be more tolerable in that day for ^bSodom, than for that city.

13 "^aWoe to you, ^bChorazin! Woe to you, ^bBethsaida! For if the ¹miracles had been performed in ^bTyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in ^csackcloth and ashes.

14 "But it will be more tolerable for ^aTyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you.

15 "And you, ^aCapernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to ^bHades!

16 "^aThe one who listens to you listens to Me, and ^bthe one

57 ^aLuke 9:51 ^bLuke 9:57-60; *Matt.* 8:19-22

58 ¹Or, *sky* ²Cr., *roosting places*
^aMatt. 8:20

59 ¹Some mss. add, *Lord*
^aMatt. 8:22

60 ^aMatt. 4:23

61 ^a1 Kin. 19:20

62 ^aPhil. 3:13

1 ¹Some mss. read, *seventy-two*
^aLuke 7:13 ^bLuke 9:1f., 52
^cMark 6:7

2 ^aMatt. 9:37, 38; *John* 4:35

3 ^aMatt. 10:16

4 ¹Cr., *knapsack, or beggar's bag*
^aLuke 10:4-12; *Matt.* 10:9-14; *Mark* 6:8-11; *Luke* 9:3-5

6 ¹Lit., *son*

7 ¹Or, *the house itself*
²Lit., *the things from them*
^aMatt. 10:10; ¹Cor. 9:14; ¹Tim. 5:18

8 ^a1 Cor. 10:27

9 ^aMatt. 3:2; 10:7; *Luke* 10:11

11 ¹Lit., *know*
^aMatt. 10:14; *Mark* 6:11; *Luke* 9:5 ^bMatt. 3:2; 10:7; *Luke* 10:9

12 ^aMatt. 10:15; 11:24
^bMatt. 10:15

13 ¹Or, *works of power*
^aLuke 10:13-15; *Matt.* 11:21-23 ^bMatt. 11:21 ^cRev. 11:3

14 ^aMatt. 11:21

15 ^aMatt. 4:13 ^bMatt. 11:23

16 ^aMatt. 10:40; *John* 13:20; *Gal.* 4:14 ^b*John* 12:48; ¹Thess. 4:8

17 ¹Some mss. read, seventy-two
^aMark 16:17

18 ^aMatt. 4:10

19 ^aMark 16:18

20 ^aEx. 32:32; Ps. 69:28; Is. 4:3; Ezek. 13:9; Dan. 12:1; Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27

21 ¹Lit., hour ²Or, acknowledge to Thy praise
^aLuke 10:21, 22; Matt. 11:25-27

23 ^aLuke 10:23, 24; Matt. 13:16, 17

25 ¹i.e., an expert in the Mosaic law
^aLuke 10:25-28; Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-31; Matt. 19:16-19 ^bMatt. 22:35

26 ¹Lit., do you read

27 ^aDeut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18

28 ^aMatt. 19:17; Lev. 18:5

29 ^aLuke 16:15

30 ¹Lit., laid blows upon
^aLuke 18:31; 19:28

33 ^aMatt. 10:5; Luke 9:52

35 ¹The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage

who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."

17 And the ¹seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even ^athe demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I was watching ^aSatan fall from heaven like lightning.

19 "Behold, I have given you authority to ^atread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that ^ayour names are recorded in heaven."

21 At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I ²praise Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from *the* wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.

22 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

23 ^aAnd turning to the disciples, He said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see,

24 for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see *them*, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear *them*."

25 ^aAnd behold, a certain ¹lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How ¹does it read to you?"

27 And he answered and said, "^aYOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

28 And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; ^aDO THIS, AND YOU WILL LIVE."

29 But wishing ^ato justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Jesus replied and said, "A certain man was ^agoing down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, and they stripped him and ¹beat him, and went off leaving him half dead.

31 "And by chance a certain priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 "And likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 "But a certain ^aSamaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,

34 and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 "And on the next day he took out two ¹denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'

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36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"

37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who moreover was listening to the Lord's word; seated at His feet.

40 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."

41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;

42 but only a few things are necessary, really only one: for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

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CHAPTER 11

AND it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say:

1 Father, hallowed be Thy name!
2 Thy kingdom come! 3 Thy will be done!

4 Give us each day our daily bread.

5 And forgive us our sins,

6 for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

7 And lead us not into temptation!"

8 And He said to them, "Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;

9 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

10 and from inside he shall answer and say, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

11 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

12 "And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.

13 "For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

14 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

15 "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?

16 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

37¹Or, likewise
neighbor to the man

38¹Lit., certain woman
+Luke 10:40f.; John 11:1, 5,
19f., 30, 39; 12:2
New Values

39^aLuke 10:42; John 11:1f.,
19f., 28, 31f., 45; 12:3^bLuke
8:35; Acts 22:3

40¹Lit., much service
+Luke 10:38, 41; John 11:1, 5,
19f., 30, 39; 12:2

41¹Luke 10:38, 40; John
11:1, 5, 19f., 30, 39; 12:2
^bMatt. 6:25
Proximity

42¹Some mss. read, but
one thing is necessary²Lit.,
+John 6:27; Ps. 27:4^bLuke
10:39; John 11:1f., 19f., 28,
31f., 45; 12:3

1^aLuke 7:13
Dearly Beloved

2¹Some mss. insert
phrases from Matt. 6:9-13 to
make the two passages
closely similar
^aLuke 11:2-4; Matt. 6:9-13

3¹Or, bread for the
coming day, or needful
bread
^aActs 17:11

4^aLuke 13:4 marg.

5¹Lit., which one of you

7¹Lit., with me

8¹Or, shamelessness
+Luke 18:16
Psychology of Prayer

9¹Or, keep asking²Or,
keep seeking³Or, keep
knocking
^aLuke 11:9-13; Matt. 7:7-11

11¹Lit., which of you shall
a son ask the father²Some
early mss. insert: loaf, he will
not give him a stone, will he,
or for a
Catholic

13¹Lit., Father from
heaven
^aLuke 18:7f.; ^bMatt. 7:11
Rom. 8:9
1991:13

14 ¹Luke 11:14, 15: Matt. 12:22, 24; Matt. 9:32-34

15 ¹Here and in verses 18 and 19 some mss. read, *Bezebul* ¹Beelzebub ¹Beelzeboul
^aMatt. 9:34 ^bMatt. 10:25

16 ¹Lit., *were testing* ²Or, *attesting miracle*
^aMatt. 12:38

17 ¹Lit., *every* ²Lit., *a house against a house falls*
^aLuke 11:17-22; Matt. 12:25-29; Mark 3:23-27

18 ^aMatt. 4:10 ^bMatt. 10:25

19 ^aMatt. 10:25

20 ^aEx. 8:19 ^bMatt. 3:2

21 ¹Lit., *the* ²Lit., *in peace*
^aMatt. 26:3

23 ^aMatt. 12:30
L. A. 9. 1. 30

24 ¹Lit., *the*
^aLuke 11:24-26; Matt. 12:43-45

27 ^aLuke 23:29

28 ^aLuke 8:21

29 ¹Or, *attesting miracle*
^aLuke 11:29-32; Matt. 12:39-42 ^bLuke 11:16; Matt. 12:38

30 ¹Or, *attesting miracle*

33 ^aLuke 8:16; Matt. 5:15; Mark 4:21

14 ^aAnd He was casting out a demon, *and it was dumb*; and it came about that when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons ^aby ¹*Beelzebub*, the ruler of the demons."

16 And others, ¹to test *Him*, ^awere demanding of Him a ²sign from heaven.

17 ^aBut He knew their thoughts, and said to them, "¹Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and ²a house divided against itself falls.

18 "And if ^aSatan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by ^b*Beelzebub*.

19 "And if I by ^a*Beelzebub* cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges.

20 "But if I cast out demons by the ^afinger of God, then ^bthe kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 "When ¹a strong *man* fully armed guards his own ^ahomestead, his possessions are ²undisturbed;

22 but when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder.

23 "^aHe who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

24 "^aWhen the unclean spirit goes out of ¹a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

25 "And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order.

26 "Then it goes and takes *along* seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

27 And it came about while He said these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice, and said to Him, "^aBlessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed."

28 But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are ^athose who hear the word of God, and observe it."

29 And as the crowds were increasing, He began to say, "^aThis generation is a wicked generation; it ^bseeks for a ¹sign, and yet no ¹sign shall be given to it but the ¹sign of Jonah.

30 "For just as Jonah became a ¹sign to the Ninevites, so shall the Son of Man be to this generation.

31 "The Queen of the South shall rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

32 "The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

33 "No ^aone, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar, nor under a peck-measure, but on the lampstand, in order that those who enter may see the light.

34 "The lamp of your body is your eye; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness.

35 "Then watch out that the light in you may not be darkness.

36 "If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it shall be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays."

37 Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at table.

38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal.

39 But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness.

40 "You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also?

41 "But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you.

42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the front seats in the synagogues, and the respectful greetings in the market places.

44 "Woe to you! For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it."

45 And one of the lawyers said to Him in reply, "Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too."

46 But He said, "Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 "Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them.

48 "Consequently, you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build their tombs.

49 "For this reason also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will persecute,

50 in order that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the House of God, yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation.'

52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

53 And when He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects,

54 plotting against Him, to catch Him in something He might say.

34 ¹Or, healthy
^aLuke 11:34, 35; Matt. 6:22, 23

38 ¹Cr., baptized ²Or, lunch
^aMatt. 15:2; Mark 7:3f.

39 ¹Lit., your inside is full
^aLuke 7:13 ^bMatt. 23:25f.

40 ^aLuke 12:20; 1 Cor. 15:36

41 ¹Lit., behold
^aLuke 12:33; 16:9 ^bMark 7:19; Titus 1:15

42 ^aMatt. 23:23 ^bLuke 18:12

43 ^aMatt. 23:6f.; Mark 12:38f.; Luke 20:46; 14:7

44 ¹Or, indistinct, unseen
^aMatt. 23:27

45 ¹i.e., experts in the Mosaic law
^aLuke 11:46, 52; Matt. 22:35

46 ¹Lit., and
^aLuke 11:45, 52; Matt. 22:35
^bMatt. 23:4

47 ¹Or, monuments to
^aMatt. 23:29f.

49 ¹Or, drive out
^a1 Cor. 1:24, 30; Col. 2:3
^bLuke 11:49-51; Matt. 23:34-36

50 ¹Or, required of
^aMatt. 25:34

51 ¹Or, required of
^aGen. 4:10
IT 1:10:10, 2:1

52 ¹i.e., experts in the Mosaic law
^aLuke 11:45, 46; Matt. 22:35
^bMatt. 23:13

54 ¹Lit., something out of His mouth
^aActs 23:21; Luke 20:20; Mark 3:2 ^bMark 12:13

¹Gr., *myriads*
^aMatt. 16:6, 11ff.; Mark 8:15

²Luke 12:2-9; Matt.
10:26-33; Luke 8:17; Matt.
10:26; Mark 4:22

³Lit., *spoken in the ear*
^aMatt. 10:27; Matt. 24:17

⁴John 15:13-15

⁵Or, *show* ²Gr. *Gehenna*
^aHeb. 10:31 ^bMatt. 5:22

⁶Gr., *assaria*, the
smallest of copper coins
^aMatt. 10:29

⁷Matt. 10:30

⁸Matt. 10:32; Luke
15:10; Rom. 10:9

⁹Luke 9:26; Matt. 10:33
^bMatt. 10:32; Luke 15:10;
Rom. 10:9

¹⁰Matt. 12:31, 32; Mark
3:28-30

¹¹Matt. 10:17 ^bLuke
12:22; Matt. 6:25; 10:19;
Mark 13:11; Luke 21:14

¹²Matt. 10:20; Luke 21:15

¹³Lit., *out of*

¹⁴Mic. 6:8; Rom. 2:1, 3;
9:20

¹⁵1 Tim. 6:6-10

¹⁹Eccles. 11:9

²⁰Lit., *they are
demanding your soul from
you*
^aJer. 17:11; Luke 11:40 ^bJob
27:8 ^cPs. 39:6

UNDER these circumstances, after ¹so many thousands of the multitude had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, ^a"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

² ^a"But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

³ "Accordingly whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have ¹whispered in the inner rooms shall be proclaimed upon ^athe housetops.

⁴ "And I say to you ^amy friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

⁵ "But I will ¹warn you whom to fear: ^aFear the One who after He has killed has authority to cast into ^{2b}hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

⁶ "Are not ^afive sparrows sold for two ¹cents? And yet not one of them is forgotten before God.

⁷ ^a"Indeed the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

⁸ "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man shall confess him also ^abefore the angels of God;

⁹ but ^ahe who denies Me before men shall be denied ^bbefore the angels of God.

¹⁰ ^a"And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him.

¹¹ "And when they bring you before ^athe synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not become ^banxious about how or what you should speak in your defense, or what you should say;

¹² for ^athe Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

¹³ And someone ¹in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the *family* inheritance with me."

¹⁴ But He said to him, ^a"Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbiter over you?"

¹⁵ And He said to them, ^a"Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

¹⁶ And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive.

¹⁷ "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

¹⁸ "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹ 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, ^ayou have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'"

²⁰ "But God said to him, ^a"You fool! This *very* night ^{1b}your soul is required of you; and ^cnow who will own what you have prepared?"

21 "So is the man who ^alays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

22 And He said to His disciples, "^aFor this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for *your* ¹life, as to what you shall eat; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on.

23 "For life is more than food, and the body than clothing.

24 "Consider the ^aravens, for they neither sow nor reap; and they have no storeroom nor ^bbarn; and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!

25 "And which of you by being anxious can add a *single* ^{1a}cubit to his ²life's span?

26 "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why are you anxious about other matters?

27 "Consider the lilies, how ¹they grow; they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, even ^aSolomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

28 "But if God so *arrays* the grass in the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more *will He clothe* you, ^aO men of little faith!

29 "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not ^akeep worrying.

30 "For ¹all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

31 "But seek for His kingdom, and ^athese things shall be added to you.

32 "^aDo not be afraid, ^blittle flock, for ^cyour Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

33 "^aSell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, ^ban unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys.

34 "For ^awhere your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 "^{1a}Be dressed in ^breadiness, and *keep* your lamps alight.

36 "And be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open *the door* to him when he comes and knocks.

37 "Blessed are those slaves whom the master shall find ^aon the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that ^bhe will gird himself to *serve*, and have them recline *at table*, and will come up and wait on them.

38 "Whether he comes in the ^{1a}second watch, or even in the ^{2a}third, and finds *them* so, blessed are those *slaves*.

39 "^aAnd ^{1b}be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be ^{2b}broken into.

40 "^aYou too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not ¹expect."

41 And Peter said, "Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or ^ato everyone *else* as well?"

42 And ^athe Lord said, "^bWho then is the faithful and sensible ^csteward, whom his master will put in charge of his ¹servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?

43 "Blessed is that ^aslave whom his ¹master finds so doing when he comes.

44 "Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

21 ^aLuke 12:33

22 ¹Cr., *soul-life*
^aLuke 12:22-31; Matt. 6:25-33

24 ^aJob 38:41 ^bLuke 12:18

25 ¹i.e., 18 inches ²Or, *height*
^aPs. 39:5

27 ¹Some mss. omit, *they grow*
^a1 Kin. 10:4-7

28 ^aMatt. 6:30

29 ^aMatt. 6:31

30 ¹Or, *these things all the nations of the world*

31 ^aMatt. 6:33

32 ^aMatt. 14:27 ^bJohn 21:15-17 ^cEph. 1:5, 9

33 ^aMatt. 19:21; Luke 18:22; 11:41 ^bMatt. 6:20; Luke 12:21

34 ^aMatt. 6:21

35 ¹Lit., *Let your loins be girded*
^aLuke 12:35, 36; Matt. 25:1ff. ^bEph. 6:14; 1 Pet. 1:13

37 ^aMatt. 24:42 ^bLuke 17:8; John 13:4

38 ¹i.e., 9 p.m. to midnight
²i.e., Midnight to 3 a.m.
^aMatt. 24:43

39 ¹Lit., *know* ²Lit., *dug through*
^aLuke 12:39, 40; Matt. 24:43, 44 ^bMatt. 6:19

40 ¹Lit., *think, suppose*
^aLuke 21:36; Mark 13:33

41 ^aLuke 12:47, 48

42 ¹Lit., *service*
^aLuke 7:13 ^bLuke 12:42-46; Matt. 24:45-51 ^cMatt. 24:45; Luke 16:1ff.

43 ¹Or, *lord*
^aLuke 12:42

45 ¹Lit., *is delaying to come*

47 ²Deut. 25:2

48 ¹Lit., *blows*
^aLev. 5:17; Num. 15:29f.
^bMatt. 13:12

49 ¹Or, *came* ²Lit., *what do I wish if . . . ?*

50 ¹Lit., *be baptized with*
^aMark 10:38

51 ^aLuke 12:51-53; Matt. 10:34-36

53 ^aMic. 7:6; Matt. 10:21

54 ^aMatt. 16:2f.

55 ^aMatt. 20:12

56 ¹Lit., *how*
^aMatt. 16:3

57 ^aLuke 21:30

58 ¹Lit., *be released from him*
^aLuke 12:58, 59; Matt. 5:25, 26

59 ¹Lit., *lepton*, i.e., 1/128 of a denarius
^aMark 12:42

1 ¹Or, *shed along with*
^aMatt. 27

2 ^aJohn 9:2f.

3 ¹Or, *are repentant*

45 "But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master ¹will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, *both* men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;

46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him*, and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

47 "And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, shall ^areceive many *lashes*,

48 but the one who did not ^aknow *it*, and committed deeds worthy of ^{1a} a flogging, will receive but few. ^bAnd from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

49 "I ¹have come to cast fire upon the earth; and ²how I wish it were already kindled!

50 "But I have a ^abaptism to ¹undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

51 "Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;

52 for from now on five *members* in one household will be divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 "They will be divided, ^afather against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 And He was also saying to the multitudes, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out.

55 "And when you *see* a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a ^ahot day,' and it turns out *that way*.

56 "You hypocrites! ^aYou know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but ¹why do you not analyze this present time?

57 "And ^awhy do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right?

58 "For ^awhile you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on *your way there* make an effort to ¹settle with him, in order that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the constable, and the constable throw you into prison.

59 "I say to you, you shall not get out of there until you have paid the very last ^{1a}cent."

CHAPTER 13

NOW on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans, whose blood ^aPilate had ¹mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And He answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered this *fate*?

3 "I tell you, no, but, unless you ¹repent, you will all likewise perish.

4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the

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tower in ^aSiloam fell and killed them, were *worse* ^{1b}culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?

5 "I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

6 And He *began* telling this parable: "A certain man had ^aa fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any.

7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree ¹without finding any. ^aCut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'

8 "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;

9 and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, cut it down.'"

10 And He was ^ateaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had ^aa sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.

12 And when Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness."

13 And He ^alaid His hands upon her; and immediately she was made erect again, and *began* ^bglorifying God.

14 And ^athe synagogue official, indignant because Jesus ^bhad healed on the Sabbath, *began* saying to the multitude in response, "'There are six days in which work should be done; therefore come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day.'"

15 But ^athe Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, ^bdoes not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead him away to water *him*?

16 "And this woman, ^aa daughter of Abraham as she is, whom ^bSatan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

17 And as He said this, all his opponents were being humiliated; and ^athe entire multitude was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

18 Therefore ^aHe was saying, "^bWhat is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?

19 "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree; and the birds of the ¹air nested in its branches."

20 And again He said, "^aTo what shall I compare the kingdom of God?

21 "^aIt is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in ^bthree ¹pecks of meal, until it was all leavened."

22 And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and ^aproceeding on His way to Jerusalem.

23 And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?" And He said to them,

24 "^aStrive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.¹

25 "Once the head of the house gets up and ^ashuts the door, and you ^bbegin to stand outside and knock on the door,

⁴ ¹Lit., *debtors*
^aIs. 8:6 [Neh. 3:15]; John 9:7;
¹¹ ^bMatt. 6:12; Luke 11:4

⁶ ^aMatt. 21:19

⁷ ¹Lit., *and I do not find*
^aMatt. 3:10; 7:19; Luke 3:9

¹⁰ ^aMatt. 4:23

¹¹ ^aLuke 13:16

¹³ ^aMark 5:23 ^bMatt. 9:8

¹⁴ ^aMark 5:22 ^bMatt. 12:2;
Luke 14:3 ^cEx. 20:9; Deut. 5:13

¹⁵ ^aLuke 7:13 ^bLuke 14:5

¹⁶ ^aLuke 19:9 ^bMatt. 4:10;
Luke 13:11

¹⁷ ^aLuke 18:43

¹⁸ ^aLuke 13:18, 19; *Matt.*
13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32
^bMatt. 13:24; Luke 13:20

¹⁹ ¹Or, *sky*

²⁰ ^aMatt. 13:24; Luke 13:18

²¹ ¹Cr., *sata*
^aLuke 13:20, 21; *Matt.* 13:33
^bMatt. 13:33

²² ^aLuke 9:51

²⁴ ¹Or, *able, once* . . .
^aMatt. 7:13

²⁵ ^aMatt. 25:10 ^bLuke 3:8

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25 ¹Lit., *and*
^cMatt. 25:11; 7:22 ^dLuke
13:27; Matt. 7:23; 25:12

26 ^aLuke 3:8

27 ^aLuke 13:25 ^bPs. 6:8;
Matt. 25:41

28 ^aMatt. 8:12

29 ^aMatt. 8:11

30 ^aMatt. 19:30

31 ^aMatt. 14:1; Luke 3:1;
9:7; 23:7

32 ¹Or possibly, *am
perfected*
^aHeb. 2:10; 5:9; 7:28

33 ^aJohn 11:9 ^bMatt. 21:11

34 ^aLuke 13:34, 35; *Matt.*
23:37-39; Luke 19:41 ^bMatt.
23:37

35 ¹Later mss. add,
desolate
^aPs. 118:26; Matt. 21:9; Luke
19:38

¹ ¹I.e., members of the
Sanhedrin
^aMark 3:2

² ¹Lit., *behold*

³ ¹I.e., experts in Mosaic
Law
^aActs 3:12 ^bMatt. 22:35
^cMatt. 12:2; Luke 13:14

⁵ ¹Some ancient mss.
read, *donkey*
^aLuke 13:15

⁶ ^aMatt. 22:46; Luke 20:40

⁷ ^aMatt. 23:6

⁸ ¹Lit., *recline at*
^aProv. 25:6, 7

⁹ ¹Lit., *begin*
^aLuke 3:8

saying, ^cLord, open up to us! ¹then He will answer and say to you, ^dI do not know where you are from.'

26 "Then you will ^abegin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets';

27 and He will say, 'I tell you, ^aI do not know where you are from; ^bDEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.'

28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth there when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves being cast out.

29 "And they ^awill come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline *at table* in the kingdom of God.

30 "And behold, ^asome are last who will be first and *some* are first who will be last."

31 Just at that time some Pharisees came up, saying to Him, "Go away and depart from here, for ^aHerod wants to kill You."

32 And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I ¹reach My goal.'

33 "Nevertheless ^aI must journey on today and tomorrow and the next *day*; for it cannot be that a ^bprophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *the city* that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, ^bjust as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not *have it!*

35 "Behold, your house is left to you ¹desolate; and I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, '^aBlessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

CHAPTER 14

AND it came about that when He went into the house of one of the ¹leaders of the Pharisees *on the Sabbath* to eat bread, ^athey were watching Him closely.

2 And ¹there, in front of Him was a certain man suffering from dropsy.

3 And Jesus ^aanswered and spoke to the ^{1b}lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

4 But they kept silent. And He took hold of him, and healed him, and sent him away.

5 And He said to them, "Which one of you shall have a ¹son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"

6 ^aAnd they could make no reply to this.

7 And He *began* speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how ^athey had been picking out the places of honor *at the table*; saying to them,

8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, ^ado not ¹take the place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him,

9 and he who invited you both shall come and say to you, 'Give place to this man', and then ^ain disgrace you ¹proceed to occupy the last place.

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Exactng Discipleship.**

Luke 14

10 "But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, ²move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who ¹are at the table with you.

10 ¹Lit., *recline at table*
²Prov. 25:6, 7

11 "²For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

11 ¹Luke 18:14; Matt. 23:12

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and repayment come to you.

13 ¹Or, *banquet*

13 "But when you give a ¹reception, invite *the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,*

14 *and you will be ¹blessed, since they ²do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at ²the resurrection of the righteous."*

14 ¹Or, *happy* ²Or, *are unable to*
²John 5:29; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:4, 5[?]

15 And when one of those who were reclining *at table* with Him heard this, he said to Him, "²Blessed is everyone who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16 But He said to him, "²A certain man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;

15 ¹Rev. 19:9

17 *and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'*

18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a ¹piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; ²please consider me excused.'

16 ¹Luke 14:16-24; Matt. 22:2-14

19 "And another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; ¹please consider me excused.'

20 "And another one said, '³I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

18 ¹Or, *field* ²Lit., *I request you*

21 "And the slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

22 "And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

19 ¹Lit., *I request you*

23 "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.'

24 'For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'

25 Now great multitudes were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

20 ²Deut. 24:5; 1 Cor. 7:33

26 "²If anyone comes to Me, and does not ¹hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple;

27 "Whoever does not ⁴carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

26 ¹L.c., by comparison of his love for Me
²Matt. 10:37f.

28 "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?

29 "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

27 ²Matt. 10:38

31 "Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in

32 ¹Or, embassy

33 ^aPhil. 3:7; Heb. 11:26

34 ^aMatt. 5:13; Mark 9:50

35 ¹Lit., they throw it out
^aMatt. 11:15

1 ¹Publicans who collected Roman taxes for profit ²i.e., irreligious or non-practicing Jews
^aLuke 5:29

2 ¹Lit., grumble among themselves
^aMatt. 9:11

4 ¹Lit., wilderness
^aLuke 15:4-7; Matt. 18:12-14

8 ¹Gr., drachmas, one drachma was equivalent to a day's wages

9 ¹Lit., women friends and neighbors

10 ^aLuke 15:7; Matt. 10:32

12 ¹Lit., living
^aDeut. 21:17 ^bMark 12:44; Luke 15:30

15 ¹Lit., was joined to

16 ¹Some mss. read to be satisfied with ²Lit., belly
³i.e., of the carob tree

17 ¹Lit., himself

battle, will not first sit down and take counsel whether he is strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

32 "Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a ¹delegation and asks terms of peace."

33 "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who ^adoes not give up all his own possessions.

34 "Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?"

35 "It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. ^aHe who has ears to hear, let him hear."

CHAPTER 15

NOW all the ^{1a}tax-gatherers and the ²sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.

2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes ¹began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and ^aeats with them."

3 And He told them this parable, saying,

4 "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the ¹open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?"

5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman, if she has ten ¹silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"

9 "And when she has found it, she calls together her ¹friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'

10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy ^ain the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11 And He said, "A certain man had two sons;

12 and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me ^athe share of the estate that falls to me.' And he divided his ^{1b}wealth between them.

13 "And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.

14 "Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need.

15 "And he went and ¹attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 "And he was longing ¹to fill his ²stomach with the ³pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving *anything* to him.

17 "But when he came to ¹his senses, he said, 'How many of

my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

18 "I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;

19 "I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."

20 "And he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him.

21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;

23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

24 for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' And they began to be merry.

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 "And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things might be.

27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

28 "But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began entreating him.

29 "But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a kid, that I might be merry with my friends;

30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.'

31 "And he said to him, 'My child you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.

32 'But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.'

CHAPTER 16

NOW He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and this steward was reported to him as squandering his possessions.

2 "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

3 "And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.

4 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their homes.'

18 ¹Lit., before you

20 ¹Lit., his own ²Lit., fell on his neck ³Lit., kissed him again and again
⁴Gen. 45:14; 46:29; Acts 20:37

21 ¹Some ancient mss. add: make me as one of your hired men

22 ²Zech. 3:4; Rev. 6:11
³Gen. 41:42

24 ²Luke 15:32; Matt. 8:22; Luke 9:60; 1 Tim. 5:6; Eph. 2:1, 5; 5:14; Col. 2:13; Rom. 11:15

29 ¹Or, disobeyed ²Or, young goat

30 ¹Lit., living
²Luke 15:12; Prov. 29:3

31 ¹Lit., are always with me

32 ¹Lit., it was necessary
²Luke 15:24

¹Or, accused
²Luke 15:13

³Or, lord

⁴Lit., have come to the knowledge of

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The Rich Man and Lazarus.

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5 ¹Or, *lord's*

6 ¹Gr., *baths*, one bath equals between 8 and 9 gallons

7 ¹Gr., *cors*, one cor equals between 10 and 12 bushels.

8 ¹Or, *lord* ²Lit., *generation*
^aMatt. 12:32; Luke 20:34
^bJohn 12:36; Eph. 5:8;
¹Thess. 5:5

9 ¹Or, *riches*
^aMatt. 19:21; Luke 11:41;
12:33 ^bLuke 16:11, 13; Matt.
6:24 ^cLuke 16:4

10 ^aMatt. 25:21, 23

11 ¹Or, *riches*
^aLuke 16:9

12 ¹Some mss. read, *our own*

13 ¹Or, *house-servant* ²Or, *riches*
^aMatt. 6:24 ^bLuke 16:9

14 ^a2 Tim. 3:2 ^bLuke 23:35

15 ¹Lit., *before men* ²Lit., *high* ³Lit., *before God*
^aLuke 10:29; 18:9, 14
^b1 Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2;
Rom. 8:27; Acts 1:24

16 ^aMatt. 11:12f. ^bMatt. 4:23

17 ¹i.e., projection of a letter (*serif*)
^aMatt. 5:18

18 ^aMatt. 5:32

20 ^aActs 3:2

22 ^aJohn 13:23; 1:18

23 ¹Lit., *having lifted up*
^aMatt. 11:23

24 ^aLuke 16:30; Luke 3:8;
19:9

5 "And he summoned each one of his ¹master's debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

6 "And he said, 'A hundred ¹measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred ¹measures of wheat.' He ^asaid to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

8 "And his ¹master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of ^athis age are more shrewd in relation to their own ²kind than the ^bsons of light.

9 "And I say to you, ^amake friends for yourselves by means of the ^{1b}Mammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, ^cthey may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

11 "If therefore you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous ^{1a}Mammon, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?

12 "And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another's, who will give you that which is ¹your own?

13 "No ¹servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. 'You cannot serve God and ^{2b}Mammon.'"

14 Now the Pharisees, who were ^alovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they ^bwere scoffing at Him.

15 And He said to them, "You are those who ^ajustify yourselves ¹in the sight of men, but ^bGod knows your hearts; for that which is ²highly esteemed among men is detestable ³in the sight of God.

16 "The Law and the Prophets *were* proclaimed until John; since then ^bthe gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one is forcing his way into it.

17 "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one ¹stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

18 "Every one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

19 "Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day.

20 "And a certain poor man named Lazarus ^awas laid at his gate, covered with sores,

21 and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

22 "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to ^aAbraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

23 "And in ^aHades ¹he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and ^asaw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his

finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in ^bthis flame.

25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that ^aduring your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

26 'And ¹besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.

27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house —

28 for I have five brothers — that he may ^awarn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

29 "But Abraham ^asaid, 'They have ^aMoses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

30 "But he said, 'No, ^aFather Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'

31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.' "

CHAPTER 17

AND He said to His disciples, "It is inevitable that ¹stumbling-blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come!

2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.

3 "Be on your guard! ^aIf your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 "And if he sins against you ^aseven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' ¹forgive him."

5 And ^athe apostles said to ^bthe Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 And ^athe Lord said, "If you had faith like ^{ba} a mustard seed, you would say to this ^cmulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would ¹obey you.

7 "But which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and ¹sit down to eat'?

8 "But will he not say to him, ^a'Prepare something for me to eat, and *properly* ¹clothe yourself and serve me until I have eaten and drunk; and ²afterward you will eat and drink'?

9 "He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?

10 "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.' "

11 And it came about while He was ^aon the way to Jerusalem, that ^bHe was passing ¹between Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten leprorous men, who ^astood at a distance;

24 ^bMatt. 25:41

25 ^aLuke 6:24

26 ¹Lit., in all these things

28 ^aActs 2:40; 9:25; 10:42; 18:5; 20:21ff.; 23:11; 28:23; Gal. 5:3; Eph. 4:17; 1 Thess. 2:11; 4:6

29 ^aLuke 4:17; Acts 15:21; John 5:45-47

30 ^aLuke 16:24; 3:8; 19:9

¹ ¹Or, temptations to sin
^aMatt. 18:7; 1 Cor. 11:19; 1 Tim. 4:1

² ^aMatt. 18:6; Mark 9:42; 1 Cor. 8:12

³ ¹Lit., Take heed to yourselves
^aMatt. 18:15

⁴ ¹Lit., you shall forgive
^aMatt. 18:21f.

⁵ ^aMark 6:30 ^bLuke 7:13

⁶ ¹Gr., have obeyed
^aLuke 7:13 ^bMatt. 13:31; 17:20; Mark 4:31; Luke 13:19
^cLuke 19:4

⁷ ¹Lit., recline

⁸ ¹Lit., gird ²Lit., after these things
^aLuke 12:37

¹¹ ¹Lit., through the midst of, or, along the borders of
^aLuke 9:51 ^bLuke 9:52ff.; John 4:3f.

¹² ^aLev. 13:45f.

13 ^aLuke 5:5

14 ^aLuke 5:14; Matt. 8:4

15 ^aMatt. 9:8

16 ^aMatt. 10:5

18 ¹Lit., *were there not found those who* ^aMatt. 9:8

19 ¹Lit., *has saved you* ^aMatt. 9:22; Luke 18:42

20 ¹Or, *observation* ^aLuke 19:11; Acts 1:6 ^bLuke 14:1 [Gr.]

21 ¹Or, *within you* ^aLuke 17:23

22 ^aMatt. 9:15; Mark 2:20; Luke 5:35

23 ^aMatt. 24:23; Mark 13:21; Luke 21:8

24 ¹Lit., *under heaven* ^aMatt. 24:27

25 ^aMatt. 16:21; Luke 9:22

26 ^aLuke 17:26, 27; Matt. 24:37-39 ^bGen. 7

28 ¹Lit., *in the same way as* ^aGen. 19

29 ¹Or, *sulphur*

30 ¹Lit., *according to the same things* ^a1 Cor. 1:7; 2 Thess. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:7; Col. 3:4; 1 John 2:28; 1 Pet. 4:13; Matt. 16:27

31 ^aMatt. 24:17, 18; Mark 13:15f.; Luke 21:21

32 ^aGen. 19:26

33 ¹Or, *soul-life* ^aMatt. 10:39

35 ^aMatt. 24:41

36 ¹Some mss. add verse 36. *Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.* cf. Matt. 24:40

13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, ^aMaster, have mercy on us!"

14 And when He saw them, He said to them, "^aGo and show yourselves to the priests." And it came about that as they were going, they were cleansed.

15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, ^aglorifying God with a loud voice,

16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a ^aSamaritan.

17 And Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine — where are they?"

18 "^aWere none found who turned back to ^agive glory to God, except this foreigner?"

19 And He said to him, "Rise, and go your way; ^ayour faith ¹has made you well."

20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees ^aas to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with ^{1b}signs to be observed;

21 nor will ^athey say, 'Look, here *it is!*' or, 'There *it is!*' For behold, the kingdom of God is ¹in your midst."

22 And He said to the disciples, "^aThe days shall come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

23 "^aAnd they will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after *them*.

24 "^aFor just as the lightning, when it flashes out of one part ¹of the sky, shines to the other part ¹of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.

25 "^aBut first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26 "^aAnd just as it happened ^{1b}in the days of Noah, so it shall be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 "¹It was the same as happened in ^athe days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;

29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and ¹brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 "It will be ¹just the same on the day that the Son of Man ^ais revealed.

31 "On that day, let not the one who is ^aon the housetop and whose goods are in the house go down to take them away; and likewise let not the one who is in the field turn back.

32 "^aRemember Lot's wife.

33 "^aWhoever seeks to keep his ¹life shall lose it, and whoever loses *his life* shall preserve it alive.

34 "I tell you, on that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken, and the other will be left.

35 "^aThere will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken, and the other will be left."

36 (See marginal note.¹)

**A Widow's Case. The Pharisee and the Publican.
Jesus Receives Little Children.**

37 And answering they ^asaid to Him, "Where, Lord?"
And He said to them, "Where the body is, there also will the
^bvultures be gathered."

CHAPTER 18

NOW He was telling them a parable to show that at all
times they ^aought to pray and not to ^blose heart,

2 saying, "There was in a certain city a judge who did not
fear God, and did not ^arespect man.

3 "And there was a widow in that city, and she kept com-
ing to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my
opponent.'

4 "And for a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said
to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor ^arespect man,

5 yet ^abecause this widow bothers me, I will ^lgive her
legal protection, lest by continually coming she ^{2b}wear me
out.'"

6 And ^athe Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge
^asaid;

7 now shall not God ^abring about justice for His ^belect,
who cry to Him day and night, ^land will He ^cdelay long over
them?

8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them
speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, ^awill He find
^lfaith on the earth?"

9 And He also told this parable to certain ones who
^atrusted in themselves that they were righteous, and ^bviewed
others with contempt:

10 "Two men ^awent up into the temple to pray, one a
Pharisee, and the other a ^ltax-gatherer.

11 "The Pharisee ^astood and was praying thus to himself,
'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people, swindlers,
unjust, adulterers, or even like this ^ltax-gatherer.

12 'I ^afast twice a week; I ^bpay tithes of all that I get.'

13 "But the ^ltax-gatherer, ^astanding some distance away,
^bwas even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but ^cwas
beating his breast, saying, 'God, be ²merciful to me, the
sinner!'

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14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified
rather than the other; ^afor every one who exalts himself shall
be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

15 ^aAnd they were bringing even their babies to Him, in
order that He might touch them, but when the disciples saw it,
they ^{began} rebuking them.

16 But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children
to come to Me, and stop hindering them, for the kingdom of
God belongs to such as these.

17 "Truly I say to you, ^awhoever does not receive the king-
dom of God like a child shall not enter it *at all*."

18 ^aAnd a certain ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good
Teacher, what shall I do to obtain eternal life?"

19 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No
one is good except God alone.

20 "You know the commandments, ^aDO NOT COMMIT

37 ^lOr, eagles
^aMatt. 24:28

1 ^aLuke 11:5-10 ^{b2} Cor.
4:1

2 ^aLuke 18:4; 20:13; Heb.
12:9

3 ^lLit., *do me justice*

4 ^aLuke 18:2; 20:13; Heb.
12:9

5 ^lLit., *do her justice* ²Lit.,
hit me under the eye
^aLuke 11:8 ^{b1} Cor. 9:27 [Gr.]

6 ^aLuke 7:13

7 ^lOr, *and yet He is long-
suffering over them*
^aRev. 6:10 ^bMatt. 24:22;
Rom. 8:33; Col. 3:12; 2 Tim.
2:10; Titus 1:1 ^{c2} Pet. 3:9

8 ^lLit., *the faith*
^aLuke 17:26ff.

9 ^aLuke 16:15 ^bRom. 14:3,
10

10 ^lA publican who
collected Roman taxes for
profit
^aActs 3:1; 2 Kin. 20:5, 8;
1 Kin. 10:5

11 ^lNote, verse 10
^aMatt. 6:5; Mark 11:25; Luke
22:41

12 ^aMatt. 9:14 ^bLuke 11:42

13 ^lNote, verse 10 ²Or,
propitious *ελεος και οφειδ*
^aMatt. 6:5; Mark 11:25; Luke
22:41 ^bEzra 9:6 ^cLuke 23:48

14 ^aLuke 14:11; Matt. 23:12

15 ^aLuke 18:15-17; Matt.
19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16

17 ^aMatt. 18:3; 19:14; Mark
10:15; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet.
2:2

18 ^aLuke 18:18-30; Matt.
19:16-29; Mark 10:17-30;
Luke 10:25-28

20 ^aEx. 20:12-16; Deut.
5:16-20

22 ^aLuke 12:33; Matt. 19:21
^bMatt. 6:20

24 ^aMatt. 19:23; Mark 10:23f.

25 ¹Lit., *enter*
^aMatt. 19:24; Mark 10:25

26 ¹Lit., *and*

27 ^aMatt. 19:26

28 ¹Lit., *our own things*
^aLuke 5:11

29 ^aMatt. 19:29; Mark 10:29f.; Matt. 6:33

30 ^aMatt. 12:32

31 ^aLuke 18:31-33; Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34
^bLuke 9:51 ^cPs. 22; Is. 53

32 ¹Or, *betrayed*
^aMatt. 16:21

34 ^aMark 9:32; Luke 9:45

35 ^aLuke 18:35-43; Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52
^bMatt. 20:29; Mark 10:46; Luke 19:1

38 ^aLuke 18:39; Matt. 9:27

39 ^aLuke 18:38

40 ¹Lit., *stood*

42 ¹Or, *saved you*
^aMatt. 9:22

43 ^aMatt. 9:8 ^bLuke 13:17; Luke 9:43; 19:37

ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'"

21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from *my* youth."

22 And when Jesus heard *this*, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; ^asell all that you possess, and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have ^btreasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

23 But when he had heard these things, he became very sad; for he was extremely rich.

24 And Jesus looked at him and said, "^aHow hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!

25 "For ^ait is easier for a camel to ¹go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And they who heard it said, "¹Then who can be saved?"

27 But He said, "^aThe things impossible with men are possible with God."

28 And Peter said, "Behold, ^awe have left ¹our own *homes*, and followed You."

29 And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, ^athere is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

30 who shall not receive many times as much at this time and in ^athe age to come, eternal life."

31 ^aAnd He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, ^bwe are going up to Jerusalem, and ^call things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.

32 "^aFor He will be ¹delivered up to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon,

33 and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again."

34 And ^athey understood none of these things, and this saying was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

35 ^aAnd it came about that ^bas He was approaching Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the road, begging.

36 Now hearing a multitude going by, he *began* to inquire what this might be.

37 And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

38 And he called out, saying, "Jesus, ^aSon of David, have mercy on me!"

39 And those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "^aSon of David, have mercy on me!"

40 And Jesus ¹stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he had come near, He questioned him,

41 "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, *I want to receive my sight!*"

42 And Jesus said to him; "Receive your sight; ^ayour faith has ¹made you well."

43 And immediately he received his sight, and *began* following Him, ^aglorifying God; and when ^ball the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aLuke 18:35

AND He ^aentered and was passing through Jericho.

2 And behold, there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; and he was a chief ¹tax-gatherer, and he was rich.

3 And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

4 And he ran on ahead and climbed up into a ^{1a}sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 And he hurried and came down, and received Him ¹gladly.

7 And when they saw it, they all *began* to ¹grumble, saying, "He has gone ²to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

8 And Zaccheus ¹stopped and said to ^athe Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have ^bdefrauded anyone of anything, I will give back ^cfour times as much."

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is ^aa son of Abraham.

10 "For ^athe Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

11 And while they were listening to these things, He went on to tell a parable, because ^aHe was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that ^bthe kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.

12 He said therefore, "^aA certain nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and *then* return.

13 "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten ¹minas, and said to them, 'Do business *with this* ²until I come back.'

14 "But his citizens hated him, and sent ^{1a} a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

15 "And it came about that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him in order that he might know what business they had done.

16 "And the first appeared, saying, '¹Master, your ²mina has made ten minas more.'

17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been ^afaithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.'

18 "And the second came, saying, 'Your ¹mina, ²master, has made five minas.'

19 "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

20 "And another came, saying, 'Master, behold your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief;

21 for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not sow.'

22 "He ^asaid to him, '¹By your own words I will judge you,

2 ¹A publican who collected Roman taxes for profit

4 ¹i.e., a fig-mulberry
^a1 Kin. 10:27; 1 Chr. 27:28;
²2 Chr. 1:15; 9:27; Ps. 78:47;
Is. 9:10; Luke 17:6 [?]

6 ¹Lit., *rejoicing*

7 ¹Lit., *grumble among themselves* ²Or, *to find lodging*

8 ¹Lit., *stood*
^aLuke 7:13 ^bLuke 3:14 [Cr.]
^cEx. 22:1; Lev. 6:5; Num. 5:7;
²Sam. 12:6

9 ^aLuke 3:8; 13:16; Rom. 4:16; Gal. 3:7

10 ^aMatt. 18:11 marg.

11 ^aLuke 9:51 ^bLuke 17:20

12 ^aLuke 19:12-27; Matt. 25:14-30

13 ¹A mina is equal to about 100 days' wages or nearly \$20 ²Lit., *while I am coming*

14 ¹Or, *an embassy*

16 ¹Lit., *Lord* ²Note, verse 13

17 ^aLuke 16:10

18 ¹Note, verse 13 ²Lit., *lord*

22 ¹Lit., *out of your own mouth*

23 ¹Lit., and

you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow?

26 ^aMatt. 13:12; Luke 8:18

23 ¹Then why did you not put the money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?

27 ^aLuke 19:14 ^bMatt. 22:7; Luke 20:16

24 "And he said to the bystanders, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'

25 "And they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas already.'

28 ^aMark 10:32 ^bLuke 9:51

26 "I tell you, that to everyone who has shall *more* be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

29 ¹Or, hill ²Or, Olive Grove
^aLuke 19:29-38; ^bMatt. 21:1-9; ^cMark 11:1-10 ^bMatt. 21:17
^cLuke 21:37; Acts 1:12

27 'But ^athese enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here, and ^bslay them in my presence.' "

28 And after He had said these things, He ^awas going on ahead, ^bascending to Jerusalem.

33 ¹Lit., lords

29 And it came about that ^awhen He approached Bethphage and ^bBethany, near the ¹mount that is called ^{2c}Olivet, He sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, in which as you enter you will find ^{1a}a colt tied, on which no one yet has ever sat; ²untie it, and ³bring it here."

35 ^aLuke 19:35-38; ^bJohn 12:12-15

31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' thus shall you speak, 'The Lord has need of it.' "

32 And those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them.

37 ¹Lit., as they were rejoicing ²Or, works of power
^aMatt. 21:1; Luke 19:29
^bLuke 18:43

33 And as they were untying the colt, its ¹owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

35 And they brought it to Jesus, ^aand they threw their garments on the colt, and put Jesus *on it*.

36 And as He was going, they were spreading their garments in the road.

38 ^aPs. 118:26 ^bMatt. 2:2; ^cMatt. 25:34 ^dLuke 2:14; ^eMatt. 21:9

37 And as He was now approaching, near the descent of ^athe Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to ^bpraise God ¹joyfully with a loud voice for all the ²miracles which they had seen,

39 ¹Lit., from
^aMatt. 21:15f.

38 saying,
"A BLESSED IS THE ^bKING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

Peace in heaven and ^cglory in the highest!"

40 ^aHab. 2:11

39 ^aAnd some of the Pharisees ¹in the multitude said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 And He answered and said, "I tell you, if these become silent, ^athe stones will cry out!"

41 ^aLuke 13:34, 35

41 And when He approached, He saw the city and ^awept over it,

42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

43 ¹Lit., and ²i.e., a dirt wall or mound for siege purposes
^aEccles. 9:14; ^bIs. 29:3; ^c37:33; ^dJer. 6:6; ^eEzek. 4:2; ^f26:8
^bLuke 21:20

43 "For the days shall come upon you ¹when ²your enemies will ^athrow up a ^bbank before you, and ^csurround you, and ^dhem you in on every side,

44 and will ¹level you to the ground and your children

**Jesus Cleanses the Temple.
His Authority Questioned. The Vine-growers.**

Luke 19, 20

within you, and ^athey will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize ^bthe time of your visitation.”

45 ^aAnd He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling,

46 saying to them, “It is written, ^aAND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,^b but you have made it a robbers’ ¹den.”

47 ^aAnd ^aHe was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people ^bwere trying to destroy Him,

48 and they could not find ¹anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging upon ²His words.

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^aAND it came about on one of the days while ^bHe was teaching the people in the temple and ^cpreaching the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes with the elders ^dconfronted^e Him,

1 ^aand they spoke, saying to Him, “Tell us by ^bwhat authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?”

2 ^aAnd He answered and said to them, “I shall also ask you a ¹question, and you tell Me:

3 “Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?”

4 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’

5 “But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a ^aprophet.”

6 And they answered that they did not know where *it came from*.

7 And Jesus said to them, “Neither ¹will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

8 ^aAnd He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to ¹vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.

9 “And at the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order that they might give him *some* of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

10 “And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

11 “And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.

12 “And the ¹owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will ^arespect him.’

13 “But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir: let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours.’

14 “And they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, therefore, will the ¹owner of the vineyard do to them?

15 “He will come and ^adestroy these vine-growers and will

44 ^aMatt. 24:2; Mark 13:2; Luke 21:6 ^b1 Pet. 2:12

45 ^aLuke 19:45; 46: Matt. 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-18; John 2:13-16

46 ¹Lit., *cave*
^aIs. 56:7; Jer. 7:11; Matt. 21:13; Mark 11:17

47 ^aMatt. 26:55 ^bLuke 20:19

48 ¹Lit., *what they might do*
²Lit., *Him, listening*

1 ^aLuke 20:1-8; Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33
^bMatt. 26:55 ^cLuke 8:1 ^dActs 4:1; 6:12

3 ¹Lit., *word*

6 ^aMatt. 11:9; Luke 7:29; 30

8 ¹Lit., *do I tell*

9 ^aHere and in verses 10, 14 and 16, or, *tenant farmers*
^bLuke 20:9-19; Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12

13 ¹Lit., *lord*
^aLuke 18:2 [Gr.]

15 ¹Lit., *lord*

16 ^aLuke 19:27; Matt. 21:41; Mark 12:9

16 ^bRom. 3:4, 6, 31; 6:2, 15; 7:7, 13; 9:14; 11:1, 11; 1 Cor. 6:15; Gal. 2:17; 3:21; 6:14, [Cr.]

17 ^aPs. 118:22 ^bEph. 2:20; 1 Pet 2:6

18 ^aMatt. 21:44

19 ^aLuke 19:47

20 ¹Lit., *feigned themselves*
²Lit., *take hold of His word*
^aLuke 20:20-26; *Matt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Mark 3:2*
^bLuke 11:54; 20:26 ^cMatt. 27:2

21 ¹Lit., *do not receive a face*

22 ¹Or, *permissible*
^aLuke 23:2; *Matt. 17:25*

24 ¹The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to one day's wages ²Lit., *image*

25 ^aMatt. 22:21; *Mark 12:17*

26 ¹Lit., *take hold of His saying*
^aLuke 11:54; 20:26

27 ^aLuke 20:27-40; *Matt. 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27*

28 ^aDeut. 25:5

31 ¹Lit., *left no children, and died*

34 ^aMatt. 12:32; *Luke 16:8*

35 ^aMatt. 12:32; *Luke 16:8*

36 ^aRom. 8:16f.; 1 John 3:1, 2

37 ^aMark 12:26 ^bEx. 3:6

38 ^aMatt. 22:32; *Mark 12:27* ^bRom. 14:8

give the vineyard to others." And when ^(they) heard it, they said, ^b"May it never be!"

17 But He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written,

^a"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME ^bTHE CHIEF CORNER-STONE?"

18 "Every one who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

19 And the scribes and the chief priests ^atried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.

20 ^aAnd they watched Him, and sent spies who ¹pretended to be righteous, in order ^bthat they might ²catch Him in some statement, so as to deliver Him up to the rule and the authority of the governor.

21 And they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You ¹are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth.

22 "Is it ¹lawful for us ^ato pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

23 But He detected their trickery and said to them,

24 "Show Me a ¹denarius. Whose ²head and inscription does it have?" And they said, "Caesar's."

25 And He said to them, "Then ^arender to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

26 And they were unable to ^{1a}catch Him in a saying in the presence of the people; and marveling at His answer, they became silent.

27 ^aNow there came to Him some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection),

28 and they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote us that ^aIF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES, HAVING A WIFE, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD TAKE THE WIFE AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.

29 "Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died childless;

30 and the second

31 and the third took her; and in the same way the seven also ¹died, leaving no children.

32 "Finally the woman died also.

33 "In the resurrection therefore, which one's wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

34 And Jesus said to them, "The sons of ^athis age marry and are given in marriage,

35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to ^athat age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage;

36 for neither can they die any more, for they are like angels, and are ^asons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

37 "But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in ^athe passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord ^bTHE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.

38 "Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for ^aall live to Him."

39 And some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

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40 For ^athey did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

41 ^aAnd He said to them, "How is it that they say ¹the Christ is ^bDavid's son?"

42 "For David himself says in the book of Psalms,
^aTHE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
^bSIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

43 ^aUNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET."

44 "David therefore calls Him 'Lord,' and how is He his son?"

45 ^aAnd while all the people were listening, He said to the disciples,

46 "Beware of the scribes, ^awho like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets,

47 who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation."

40 ^aMatt. 22:46; Luke 14:6

41 ¹I.e., the Messiah
^aLuke 20:41-44; ^bMatt. 22:41-46; ^cMark 12:35-37
^dMatt. 9:27

42 ^aPs. 110:1

43 ^aPs. 110:1

45 ^aLuke 20:45-47; ^bMatt. 23:1-7; ^cMark 12:38-40

46 ^aLuke 11:43; Luke 14:7

1 ^aLuke 21:1-4; ^bMark 12:41-44

2 ¹Or, *therein* ²Lit., *lepta*
^aMark 12:42

4 ¹Or, *abundance* ²Lit., *gifts* ³Lit., *the living that she had*
^aMark 12:44

5 ^aLuke 21:5-36; ^bMatt. 24; ^cMark 13

6 ^aLuke 19:44

7 ¹Or, *attesting miracle*

8 ^aJohn 8:24 ^bLuke 17:23

11 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*

12 ¹Lit., *being brought*
^aLuke 21:12-17; ^bMatt. 10:19-22; ^cMark 13:11-13

13 ¹Lit., *a testimony for you*
^aPhil. 1:12

14 ^aLuke 12:11

CHAPTER 21

^aAND He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And He saw a certain poor widow putting ¹in ^atwo ²small copper coins.

3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them;

4 for they all out of their ¹surplus put into the ²offering; but she out of her poverty put in all ³that she had ^ato live on."

5 ^aAnd while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said,

6 "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which ^athere will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."

7 And they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things be? And what *will be* the ¹sign when these things are about to take place?"

8 And He said, "Take heed that you be not misled; for many will come ¹in My name, saying, '^aI am He,' and, 'The time is at hand'; ^bdo not go after them.

9 "And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end *does not follow* immediately."

10 Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,

11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great ¹signs from heaven.

12 "But before all these things, ^athey will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, ¹bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.

13 ¹It will lead to an ¹opportunity for your testimony.

14 "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;

15 ¹Lit., *a mouth*
⁴Luke 12:12

18 ²Matt. 10:30; Luke 12:27

19 ²Matt. 10:22; 24:13;
Rom. 2:7; 5:3f.; James 1:3;
Heb. 10:36; 2 Pet. 1:6

20 ¹Lit., *know*
⁴Luke 19:43

21 ¹Lit., *her*
⁴Luke 17:31

22 ²Is. 63:4; Hos. 9:7; Dan.
9:24-27

23 ¹Or, *earth*
⁴Dan. 8:19; 1 Cor. 7:26

24 ²Gen. 34:26; Ex. 17:13;
Heb. 11:34 ^bIs. 63:18; Dan.
8:13; Rev. 11:2 ^cRev. 11:2
^dRom. 11:25 *Lev. 26:25; 27:17*

25 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*

26 ¹Lit., *inhabited earth*
²Or, *heaven*

27 ²Matt. 24:30; Mark
13:26; Matt. 16:27; 26:64
^bDan. 7:13

28 ²Luke 18:7

30 ²Luke 12:57

31 ¹Lit., *know*
⁴Matt. 3:2

32 ¹Or, *race*

33 ²Matt. 5:18; Luke 16:17

34 ²Matt. 24:42-44; Luke
12:40, 45; Mark 4:19;
1 Thess. 5:2ff.

36 ²Matt 13:33; Luke 12:40
^bLuke 1:19; Rev. 7:9; 8:2;
11:4

37 ¹Lit., *days* ²Lit., *nights*
³Or, *the hill* ⁴Or, *Olive
Grove*
^aMatt. 26:55 ^bMark 11:19
^cMatt. 21:1

38 ²John 8:2

15 for ^a1 will give you ¹utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

16 "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put *some* of you to death,

17 and you will be hated by all on account of My name.

18 "Yet ^anot a hair of your head will perish.

19 "By your perseverance you will win your souls.

20 "But when you see Jerusalem ^asurrounded by armies, then ¹recognize that her desolation is at hand.

21 "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of ¹the city depart, and ^alet not those who are in the country enter ¹the city;

22 because these are ^adays of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 "Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days; for ^athere will be great distress upon the ¹land, and wrath to this people,

24 and they will fall by ^athe edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and ^bJerusalem will be ^ctrampled underfoot by the Gentiles until ^dthe times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 "And there will be ¹signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,

26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the ¹world; for the powers of ²the heavens will be shaken.

27 "And ^athen will they see ^bTHE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.

28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because ^ayour redemption is drawing near."

29 And He told them a parable: "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 as soon as they put forth *leaves*, you see it and ^aknow for yourselves that the summer is now near.

31 "Even so you too, when you see these things happening, ¹recognize that ^athe kingdom of God is near.

32 "Truly I say to you, this ¹generation will not pass away until all things take place.

33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard, that your hearts may not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day come on you suddenly like a trap;

35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.

36 "But ^akeep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to ^bstand before the Son of Man."

37 Now ¹during the day He was ^ateaching in the temple, but ²at evening He would go out and spend the night on ³the mount that is called ⁴Olivet.

38 And all the people would get up ^aearly in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

CHAPTER 22

^aNOW the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the ^bPassover, was approaching.

2 And the chief priests and the scribes ^awere seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

3 ^aAnd ^bSatan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, ¹belonging to the number of the twelve.

4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and ^aofficers how he might betray Him to them.

5 And they were delighted, and agreed to give him money.

6 And he consented, and *began* seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them ¹apart from the multitude.

7 ^aThen came the day of Unleavened Bread on which ^bthe Passover *lamb* had to be sacrificed.

8 And He sent ^aPeter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

9 And they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?"

10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.

11 "And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'"

12 "And he will show you a large, furnished, upper room; prepare it there."

13 And they departed and found *everything* just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

14 ^aAnd when the hour had come He reclined *at table*, and ^bthe apostles with Him.

15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it ^auntil it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 ^aAnd having taken a cup, ^bwhen He had given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

18 for ^aI say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes."

19 And having taken *some* bread, ^awhen He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body ¹which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is ^apoured out for you is the ^bnew covenant in My blood.

21 ^aBut behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Me on the table.

22 "For indeed, the Son of Man is going ^aas it has been determined; but woe to that man through whom He is betrayed!"

23 And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing.

24 And there arose also ^aa dispute among them *as to* which one of them was regarded to be greatest.

¹ ^aLuke 22:1, 2; *Matt.* 26:2-5; *Mark* 14:1, 2; ^b*John* 11:55; 13:1

² ^a*Matt.* 12:14

³ ¹*Lit., being of*
^aLuke 22:3-6; *Matt.* 26:14-16; *Mark* 14:10-11; ^b*Matt.* 4:10; *John* 13:2, 27

⁴ ^aLuke 22:52; *Acts* 4:1; 5:24, 26; 1 *Chr.* 9:11; *Neh.* 11:11

⁶ ¹*Or, without a disturbance*

⁷ ^aLuke 22:7-13; *Matt.* 26:17-19; *Mark* 14:12-16; ^b*Mark* 14:12

⁸ ^a*Acts* 3:1, 11; 4:13, 19; 8:14; *Gal.* 2:9

¹⁴ ^a*Matt.* 26:20; *Mark* 14:17; ^b*Mark* 6:30

¹⁶ ^aLuke 22:18, 30; 14:15; *Rev.* 19:9

¹⁷ ^aLuke 22:17-20; *Matt.* 26:26-29; *Mark* 14:22-25; 1 *Cor.* 11:23-25; 10:16; ^b*Matt.* 14:19

¹⁸ ^a*Matt.* 26:29; *Mark* 14:25

¹⁹ ¹Some ancient mss. omit the remainder of verse 19 and all of verse 20
^a*Matt.* 14:19

²⁰ ^a*Matt.* 26:28; *Mark* 14:24; ^b1 *Cor.* 11:25; 2 *Cor.* 3:6; *Heb.* 9:15; 8:8; *Jer.* 31:31; *Ex.* 24:8 [*Heb.* 8:13]

²¹ ^aLuke 22:21-23; *Matt.* 26:21-24; *Mark* 14:18-21; *John* 13:18, 21, 22, 26

²² ^a*Acts* 2:23; 4:28; 10:42; 17:31

²⁴ ^a*Mark* 9:34; *Luke* 9:46

25 ^aLuke 22:25-27; *Matt.*

20:25-28; *Mark* 10:42-45

26 ^aLuke 9:48 ^{b1} *Pet.* 5:5

27 ^aLuke 12:37 ^b*Matt.*
20:28

28 ^aHeb. 2:18; 4:15

29 ^a*Matt.* 5:3; 2 *Tim.* 2:12

30 ^aLuke 22:16 ^b*Matt.* 5:3;
2 *Tim.* 2:12 ^c*Matt.* 19:28

31 ¹Or, *obtained by asking*
^a*Matt.* 4:10; *Job* 1:6-12; 2:1-6
^b*Amos* 9:9

32 ^aJohn 17:9, 15 ^bJohn
21:15-17

33 ^aLuke 22:33, 34; *Matt.*
26:33-35; *Mark* 14:29-31;
John 13:37, 38

35 ^aLuke 9:3ff.; 10:4; *Matt.*
10:9f.; *Mark* 6:8

36 ¹Or, *outer garment*

37 ¹Or, *reckoned with*
transgressors
^aIs. 53:12 ^bJohn 17:4; 19:30

38 ^aLuke 22:36, 49

39 ^a*Matt.* 26:30; *Mark*
14:26; *John* 18:1 ^bLuke 21:37
^c*Matt.* 21:1

40 ^aLuke 22:40-46; *Matt.*
26:36-46; *Mark* 14:32-42
^bLuke 22:46; *Matt.* 6:13

41 ^a*Matt.* 26:39; *Mark*
14:35; *Luke* 18:11

42 ^a*Matt.* 20:22 ^b*Matt.*
26:39

43 ¹Some ancient mss. omit
verses 43 and 44
^a*Matt.* 4:11

44 ^aHeb. 5:7

46 ^aLuke 22:40

47 ^aLuke 22:47-53; *Matt.*
26:47-56; *Mark* 14:43-50;
John 18:3-11

25 ^aAnd He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'

26 "But not so with you, ^abut let him who is the greatest among you become as ^bthe youngest, and the leader as the servant.

27 "For ^awho is greater, the one who reclines *at table*, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at table*? But ^{b1} I am among you as the one who serves.

28 "And you are those who have stood by Me in My ^atrials; ^aand just as My Father has granted Me a ^akingdom, I grant you

30 that you may ^aeat and drink at My table in My ^bkingdom, and ^cyou will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, ^aSatan has ¹demande*d permission* to ^bsift you like wheat;

32 but I ^ahave prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, ^bstrengthen your brothers."

33 ^aAnd he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

34 And He said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."

35 And He said to them, "^aWhen I sent you out without purse and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" And they said, "No, nothing."

36 And He said to them, "But now, let him who has a purse take it along, likewise also a bag, and let him who has no sword sell his ¹robe and buy one.

37 "For I tell you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ^aAND HE WAS ¹CLASSED AMONG CRIMINALS; for ^bthat which refers to Me has *its fulfillment*."

38 And they said, "Lord, look, here are two ^aswords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

39 ^aAnd He came out and proceeded ^bas was His custom to ^cthe Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him.

40 ^aAnd when He arrived at the place, He said to them, ^b"Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He ^aknelt down and *began* to pray,

42 saying, "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this ^acup from Me; ^byet not My will, but Thine be done."

43 ¹Now an ^aangel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

44 And ^abeing in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

45 And when He rose from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,

46 and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and ^apray that you may not enter into temptation."

47 ^aWhile He was still speaking, behold, a multitude *came*, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him.

48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 And when those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the ^asword?"

50 And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, "¹Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 And Jesus said to the chief priests and ^aofficers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs ^bas against a robber?"

53 "While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but ¹this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

54 ^aAnd having arrested Him, they led Him away, and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but ^bPeter was following at a distance.

55 ^aAnd after they had kindled a fire in the middle of ^bthe courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them.

56 And a certain servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight, and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too."

57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

58 And a little later, ^aanother saw him and said, "You are one of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59 And after about an hour had passed, another man *be-gan* to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, ^afor he is a Galilean too."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed.

61 And ^athe Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "^bBefore a cock crows today, you will deny Me three times."

62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

63 ^aAnd the men who were holding ¹Jesus in custody were mocking Him, and beating Him,

64 and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "^aProphesy, who is the one who hit You?"

65 And they were saying many other things against Him, ^ablaspheming.

66 ^aAnd when it was day, ^bthe ¹Council of Elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their ^ccouncil chamber, saying,

67 "^aIf You are the ¹Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe;

68 and if I ask a question, you will not answer.

69 "^aBut from now on ^bTHE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE POWER OF GOD."

70 And they all said, "Are You ^athe Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "¹Yes, I am."

71 And they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

49 ^aLuke 22:38

51 ¹Or, "Let Me at least do this," and He touched . . .

52 ^aLuke 22:4 ^bLuke 22:37

53 ¹Lit., this is your hour and power of darkness

54 ^aMatt. 26:57; Mark 14:53 ^bMatt. 26:58; Mark 14:54; John 18:15

55 ^aLuke 22:55-62; Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; John 18:16-18, 25-27 ^bMatt. 26:3

58 ^aJohn 18:26

59 ^aMatt. 26:73; Mark 14:70

61 ^aLuke 7:13 ^bLuke 22:34

63 ¹Lit., Him ^aLuke 22:63-65; Matt. 26:67f.; Mark 14:65; John 18:22f.

64 ^aMatt. 26:68; Mark 14:65

65 ^aMatt. 27:39 Gr.

66 ¹Or, Sanhedrin ^aMatt. 27:1f.; Mark 15:1; John 18:28 ^bActs 22:5 Gr. ^cMatt. 5:22

67 ¹i.e., Messiah ^aLuke 22:67-71; Matt. 26:63-66; Mark 14:61-63; John 18:19-21

69 ^aMatt. 26:64; Mark 14:62; Mark 16:19 ^bPs. 110:1

70 ¹Lit., you say that I am ^aMatt. 4:3 ^bMatt. 27:11; Luke 23:3; Matt. 26:64

1 ^aMatt. 27:2; Mark 15:1; John 18:28

2 ¹i.e., Messiah
^aLuke 23:2, 3; ^bMatt. 27:11-14; ^cMark 15:2-5; ^dJohn 18:29-37; ^eLuke 23:14; ^fLuke 20:22; ^gJohn 18:33ff.; 19:12; Acts 17:7

3 ^aLuke 22:70

4 ^aLuke 23:14, 22; ^bMatt. 27:23; ^cMark 15:14; ^dJohn 18:38; 19:4, 6

5 ^aMatt. 4:12

7 ¹Lit., in these days
^aMatt. 14:1; ^bMark 6:14; ^cLuke 3:1; 9:7; 13:31

8 ¹Or, attesting miracle
^aLuke 9:9

9 ¹Lit., in many words
^aMatt. 27:12, 14; ^bMark 15:5; ^cJohn 19:9

11 ^aMatt. 27:28

12 ^aActs 4:27

13 ^aLuke 23:35; ^bJohn 7:26, 48; 12:42; ^cActs 3:17; 4:5, 8; 13:27

14 ^aLuke 23:2; ^bLuke 23:4

15 ^aLuke 9:9

16 ^aMatt. 27:26; ^bMark 15:15; ^cJohn 19:1; ^dActs 16:37; ^eLuke 23:22

17 ¹Some mss. insert verse 17. Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner

18 ^aLuke 23:18-25; ^bMatt. 27:15-26; ^cMark 15:6-15; ^dJohn 18:39-19:16

22 ^aLuke 23:16

THEN the whole body of them arose and ^abrought Him before Pilate.

2 ^aAnd they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man ^bmisleading our nation and ^cforbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is ¹Christ, a King."

3 And Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "^aIt is as you say."

4 And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "^aI find no guilt in this man."

5 But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, ^astarting from Galilee, even as far as this place."

6 But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to ^aHerod, who himself also was in Jerusalem ¹at that time.

8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for ^ahe had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some ¹sign performed by Him.

9 And he questioned Him ¹at some length; but ^aHe answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.

11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, ^adressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

12 Now ^aHerod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.

13 And Pilate summoned the chief priests and the ^arulers and the people,

14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who ^aincites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I ^bhave found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.

15 "No, nor has ^aHerod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.

16 "I will therefore ^apunish Him and release Him."

17 (See marginal note.¹)

18 But they cried out all together, saying, "^aAway with this man, and release for us Barabbas!"

19 (He was one who had been thrown in prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder.)

20 And Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again,

21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!"

22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no *guilt demanding* death; I will therefore ^apunish Him and release Him."

23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices *began* to prevail.

24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand should be granted.

25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he turned Jesus over to their will.

26 ^aAnd when they led Him away, they laid hold of one Simon, a ^bCyrenian, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.

27 And there were following Him a great multitude of the people, and of women who were ^{1a}mourning and lamenting Him.

28 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

29 "For behold, the days are coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed."

30 "Then they will begin to ^aSAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.'

31 "For if they do these things in the green tree, what will happen in the dry?"

32 ^aAnd two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

33 ^aAnd when they came to the place called ¹The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

34 ¹But Jesus was saying, "^aFather forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." ^bAND THEY CAST LOTS, DIVIDING UP HIS GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES.

35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the ^arulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; ^blet Him save Himself if this is the ¹Christ of God, His Chosen One."

36 And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, ^aoffering Him sour wine,

37 and saying, "^aIf You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "^aTHIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39 ^aAnd one of the criminals who were hanged *there* was ¹hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the ²Christ? ^bSave Yourself and us!"

40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

41 "And we indeed justly, for we are receiving ¹what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come ¹in Your kingdom!"

43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in ^aParadise."

44 ^aAnd it was now about ^{1b}the sixth hour, and darkness ²fell over the whole land until ³the ninth hour,

45 the sun ¹being obscured; and ^athe veil of the temple was torn ²in two.

46 And Jesus, ^acrying out with a loud voice, said, "Father,

26 ^aLuke 23:26; Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; John 19:17 ^bMatt. 27:32

27 ¹Lit., *beating the breast*
^aLuke 8:52

29 ^aMatt. 24:19; Luke 21:23; 11:27

30 ^aHos. 10:8; Rev. 6:16; Is. 2:19, 20

32 ^aMatt. 27:38; Mark 15:27; John 19:18

33 ¹In Latin, *Calvarius*, or *Calvary*
^aLuke 23:33-43; Matt. 27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32; John 19:17-24

34 ¹Some mss. omit, "*But Jesus was saying... doing.*"
^aMatt. 11:25; Luke 22:42
^bPs. 22:18; John 19:24

35 ¹I.e., Messiah
^aLuke 23:13 ^bMatt. 27:43

36 ^aMatt. 27:48

37 ^aMatt. 27:43

38 ^aMatt. 27:37; Mark 15:26; John 19:19

39 ¹Or, *blaspheming* ²I.e., Messiah
^aLuke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:44; Mark 15:32 ^bLuke 23:35, 37

41 ¹Lit., *things worthy of what we have done*

42 ¹Or, *into*

43 ²Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7; Gen. 2:8 [Sept.]

44 ¹I.e., 12 noon ²Or, *occurred* ¹I.e., 3 p.m.
^aLuke 23:44-49; Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41 ^bJohn 19:14

45 ¹Lit., *failing* ²Lit., *in the middle*
^aMatt. 27:51

46 ^aMatt. 27:50; Mark 15:37; John 19:30

46 ^bPs. 31:5

47 ¹Lit., *righteous*
^aMatt. 27:54; Mark 15:39
^bMatt. 9:8

48 ^aLuke 18:13; Luke 8:52

49 ^aMatt. 27: 55f.; Mark 15:40f.; Luke 8:2; John 19:25

50 ^aLuke 23:50-56; *Matt.* 27:57-61; *Mark* 15:42-47; *John* 19:38-42 ^bMark 15:43

51 ^aMark 15:43; Luke 2:25

54 ¹Lit., *dawn*
^aMark 15:42; *Matt.* 27:62

55 ^aLuke 23:49

56 ^aMark 16:1; Luke 24:1
^bEx. 20:10

1 ^aLuke 24:1-10; *Matt.* 28:1-8; *Mark* 16:1-8; *John* 20:1-8

3 ^aActs 1:21; Luke 7:13

4 ^aJohn 20:12 ^bLuke 2:9; Acts 12:7

6 ¹Some ancient mss. omit: *He is not here, but He has risen* ²Or, *been raised*
^aMark 16:6 ^bMatt. 17:22f.; *Mark* 9:30f.; *Luke* 9:44; *Luke* 24:44

7 ^aMatt. 16:21; Luke 24:46

8 ^aJohn 2:22

10 ^aMatt. 27:56 ^bMark 6:30

11 ¹Lit., *in their sight*
^aMark 16:11

12 ¹Some ancient mss. omit verse 12
^aJohn 20:3-6

^bINTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." And having said this, He breathed His last.

47 ^aNow when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began* ^bpraising God, saying, "Certainly this man was ¹innocent."

48 And all the multitudes who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, *began* to return, ^abeating their breasts.

49 ^aAnd all His acquaintances and ^athe women who accompanied Him from Galilee, were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

50 ^aAnd behold, a man named Joseph, who was a ^bmember of the Council, a good and righteous man,

51 (he had not consented to their plan and action) *a man* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was ^awaiting for the kingdom of God,

52 this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain.

54 And it was ^athe Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to ¹begin.

55 Now ^athe women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed after, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.

56 And they returned and ^aprepared spices and perfumes.

And on the Sabbath they rested according to ^bthe commandment.

CHAPTER 24

^a**B**UT on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of ^athe Lord Jesus.

4 And it happened that while they were perplexed about this, behold, ^atwo men suddenly ^bstood near them in dazzling apparel;

5 and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?"

6 "He is not here, but He ^ahas ²risen. Remember how He spoke to you ^bwhile He was still in Galilee,

7 saying that ^athe Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

8 And ^athey remembered His words,

9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 Now they were ^aMary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary *the mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to ^bthe apostles.

11 And these words appeared ¹to them as nonsense, and they ^awould not believe them.

12 [¹But Peter arose and ^aran to the tomb; ^astooping and

looking in, he ^asaw the linen wrappings ²only; and he went away ^bto his home, marveling at that which had happened.]

13 And behold, ^atwo of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was ¹about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place.

15 And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus Himself approached, and *began* traveling with them.

16 But ^atheir eyes ¹were prevented from recognizing Him.

17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.

18 And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "1Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about ^aJesus the Nazarene, who was a ^bprophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

20 and how the chief priests and our ^arulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.

21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to ^aredeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

22 "But also some women among us ^aamazed us. ^aWhen they were at the tomb early in the morning,

23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive.

24 "And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that ^athe prophets have spoken!

26 "^aWas it not necessary for the ¹Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

27 And beginning ¹with ^aMoses and ¹with all the ^bprophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

28 And they approached the village where they were going, and ^aHe acted as though He would go farther.

29 And they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day ¹is now nearly over." And He went in to stay with them.

30 And it came about that when He had reclined *at table* with them, He took the bread and ^ablessed it, and breaking it, He *began* giving it to them.

31 And their ^aeyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from ¹their sight.

32 And they said to one another, "1Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He ^awas ²explaining the Scriptures to us?"

33 And they arose that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and ^afound gathered together the eleven and ^bthose who were with them,

12 ²Or, *by themselves*
^bJohn 20:10

13 ¹Lit., 60 stadia, one stadion equals 600 feet
^aMark 16:12

16 ¹I.e., were being prevented
^aJohn 20:14; 21:4; Luke 24:31

18 ¹Or, *Are You visiting Jerusalem alone . . .*

19 ^aMark 1:24 ^bMatt. 21:11

20 ^aLuke 23:13

21 ^aLuke 1:68

22 ^aLuke 24:1ff.

25 ^aMatt. 26:24

26 ¹I.e., Messiah
^aLuke 24:7, 44ff.; Heb. 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:11

27 ¹Lit., *from*
^aGen. 3:15; 12:3; Num. 21:9 [John 3:14]; Deut. 18:15 [John 1:45]; John 5:46
^b2 Sam. 7:12-16; Is. 7:14 [Matt. 1:23]; 9:1f. [Matt. 4:15f.]; 42; [Matt. 12:18ff.]; 53; [Matt. 8:17; Luke 22:37]; Dan. 7:13 [Matt. 24:30]; Mic. 5:2 [Matt. 2:6]; Zech. 9:9 [Matt. 21:5]; Acts 13:27

28 ^aMark 6:48

29 ¹Lit., *has now declined*

30 ^aMatt. 14:19

31 ¹Lit., *them*
^aLuke 24:16

32 ¹Lit., *was not our heart*
²Lit., *opening*
^aLuke 24:45

33 ^aMark 16:13 ^bActs 1:14

34 ^aLuke 24:6 ^{b1} Cor. 15:5

35 ¹Lit., *the things*
^aLuke 24:30f.

36 ¹Some ancient mss. insert, *And He says to them, "Peace be to you."*
^aMark 16:14

37 ^aMatt. 14:26; Mark 6:49

38 ¹Lit., *heart*

39 ^aJohn 20:20, 27 ^{b1} John 1:1; John 20:27

40 ¹Some mss. add verse 40. *And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.*

41 ¹Lit., *were disbelieving*
^aLuke 24:11 ^bJohn 21:5

43 ¹Lit., *before them*
^aActs 10:41

44 ^aLuke 9:22, 44f.; 18:31-34; 22:37 ^bLuke 24:27 ^cPs. 2 [Acts 13:33]; Ps. 16 [Acts 2:27]; Ps. 22 [Matt. 27:34-46]; Ps. 69 [John 19:28ff.]; Ps. 72; 110 [Matt. 22:43f.]; Ps. 118 [Matt. 21:42]

45 ¹Lit., *mind*
^aLuke 24:32; Acts 16:14;
¹ John 5:20

46 ¹i.e., Messiah
^aLuke 24:26, 44 ^bLuke 24:7

47 ¹Some mss. read, *and forgiveness* ²Or, *on the basis of*
^aActs 5:31; 10:43; 13:38;
26:18 ^bMatt. 28:19

48 ^aActs 1:8, 22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32; 10:39, 41; 13:31;
¹ Pet. 5:1

49 ^aJohn 14:26 ^bActs 1:4

50 ^aMatt. 21:17; Acts 1:12

51 ¹Some mss. add, *and was carried up into heaven*

52 ¹Some mss. insert, *worshiped Him, and . . .*

53 ¹Lit., *blessing*

34 saying, ^a"The Lord has really risen, and ^bhas appeared to Simon."

35 And they *began* to relate ¹their experiences on the road and how ^aHe was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

36 And while they were telling these things, ^aHe Himself stood in their midst.¹

37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing ^aa spirit.

38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your ¹hearts?"

39 ^a"See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; ^btouch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

40 (See marginal note.¹)

41 And while they still ^{1a}could not believe it for joy and were marveling, He said to them, ^b"Have you anything here to eat?"

42 And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish;

43 and He took it and ^aate it ¹in their sight.

44 Now He said to them, ^a"These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the ^bLaw of Moses and ^bthe Prophets and ^cthe Psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then He ^aopened their ¹minds to understand the Scriptures,

46 and He said to them, ^a"Thus it is written, that the ¹Christ should suffer and ^brise again from the dead the third day;

47 and that ^arepentance ¹for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed ²in His name to ^ball the nations—beginning from Jerusalem.

48 "You are ^awitnesses of these things.

49 "And behold, ^aI am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but ^byou are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

50 And He led them out as far as ^aBethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

51 And it came about that while He was blessing them, He parted from them.¹

52 And they¹ returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

53 and were continually in the temple, ¹praising God.

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO JOHN

The Prologue: The Word Made Flesh Announced by John.

IN the beginning was ^bthe Word, and the Word was ^awith God, and ^dthe Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

⁴ In Him was life; and the life was ^bthe light of men.

⁵ And ^athe light shines in the darkness; and the darkness did not ¹comprehend it.

⁶ There ¹came a man, sent from God, whose name was ^aJohn.

⁷ He came ^afor a witness; that he might bear witness of the light, ^bthat all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but ^acame that he might bear witness of the light.

⁹ There was ^athe true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

¹⁰ He was in the world; and ^athe world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His ¹own; and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become ^achildren of God, even ^bto those who believe in His name:

¹³ who were ¹born not of ^ablood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God;

¹⁴ And ^athe Word ^bbecame flesh; and ¹dwelt among us; and ^awe beheld His glory, glory as of ²the only begotten from the Father, full of ^agrace and ^atruth.

¹⁵ John ^abore witness of Him, and ^acried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, ^bHe who comes after me ¹has a higher rank than I, ^cfor He existed before me."

¹⁶ For of His ^afullness we have all received, and ²grace upon grace;

¹⁷ For ^athe law was given through Moses; ^bgrace and ^atruth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No man has seen God at any time; ^bthe only begotten ¹God, who is ^ain the bosom of the Father, ^aHe has explained Him.

¹⁹ And this is ^athe witness of John, when ^bthe Jews sent to him priests and Levites ^cfrom Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰ And he confessed, and did not deny, and he confessed, "I am not ¹the Christ."

²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you ^aElijah?" And he ^asaid, "I am not." "Are you ^bthe Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

¹ Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:17;
¹ John 1:1; ¹ John 1:4; Rev. 19:13; ¹ John 1:2; John 1:7; ¹ Phil. 2:6
² Lit., This One
³ John 1:10; 1 Cor. 8:6; Gal. 3:16; Heb. 1:2
⁴ John 5:26; John 11:25; 14:6; John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46
⁵ Or, overpower
⁶ John 3:19
⁷ Or, came into being
⁸ Matt. 3:1
⁹ Lit., This One
¹⁰ John 1:15, 19, 32; 3:26; 5:33
¹¹ John 1:12; Acts 19:4; Gal. 3:26
¹² Or, begotten
¹³ Lit., That One
¹⁴ John 1:20
¹⁵ Or, which enlightens every man coming into the world
¹⁶ 1 John 2:8
¹⁷ 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2
¹⁸ Or, His own things, possessions, domain
¹⁹ John 11:52; Gal. 3:26
²⁰ John 1:7; 3:18; 1 John 5:13; 1 John 3:23
²¹ Or, begotten
²² Or, Gr., bloods
²³ John 3:5f.; 1 Pet. 1:23; James 1:18; 1 John 2:29; 3:9
²⁴ Or, Gr., tabernacle
²⁵ Lit., an only or unique one or, an only begotten from a father
²⁶ Rev. 19:13; Rom. 1:3; Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:7f.; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 1:1f.; 4:2; 2 John 7; Rev. 21:3
²⁷ Luke 9:32; John 2:11; 17:22, 24; 2 Pet. 1:16f.; 1 John 1:1; John 1:17; Rom. 5:21; 6:14; John 8:32; 14:6; 18:37
²⁸ Lit., is become before me
²⁹ John 1:7; John 1:27, 30; Matt. 3:11; John 1:30
³⁰ Lit., we all received
³¹ Lit., grace for grace
³² Eph. 1:23; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:9, 29
³³ John 7:19; John 1:14; Rom. 5:21; 6:14; John 8:32; 14:6; 18:37
³⁴ Some later miss., pad, Son
³⁵ Ex. 33:20; John 6:46; Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 John 4:12; John 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9; John 13:23; Luke 16:22
³⁶ John 3:11
³⁷ John 1:7; John 2:18, 20; 5:10, 15f.; 18: 6:41; 52: 7:1, 11, 13, 15, 35; 8:22, 48, 52, 57; 9:18, 22; 10:24, 31, 33; Matt. 15:1
³⁸ I.e., the Messiah
³⁹ John 3:28; cf. Luke 3:15f.
⁴⁰ Matt. 11:14; 16:14
⁴¹ Deut. 18:15, 18; John 1:25; Matt. 21:11

23 ^aMatt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4 ^bIs. 40:3 ^cand ^das of ^ethe ^fvoice

25 ¹I.e., Messiah ²Deut. 18:15, 18; John 1:21; Matt. 21:11

26 ¹The Gr. here can be translated in, with, or by ²Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5

27 ^aJohn 1:30; Matt. 3:11 ^bMark 1:7; Luke 3:16; Matt. 3:11

28 ^aJohn 3:26; 10:40

29 ^aIs. 53:7; John 1:36; Acts 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:6, 8, 12f.; 6:1 ^bJohn 3:5; Matt. 1:21 ^cand ^das of ^ethe ^fvoice

30 ¹Lit., has become before me ²John 1:27; Matt. 3:11 ^bJohn 1:15

31 ¹I.e., as the Messiah ²The Gr. here can be translated in, with, or by ³John 1:7 ^bMatt. 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22

33 ¹I.e., as the Messiah ²The Gr. here can be translated in, with, or by ³Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5

34 ^aJohn 1:49; Matt. 4:3

35 ^aJohn 1:29 ^bMatt. 3:17

36 ^aJohn 1:29

38 ^aMatt. 23:7f.; John 1:49

39 ¹I.e., 4 p.m.

40 ^aJohn 1:40-42; Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:2-11

41 ¹Greek for Anointed One ²Dan. 9:25 marg.; John 4:25

42 ¹Gr. Joannes, called in Matt. 16:17, Jonas ²I.e., Rock or Stone ³John 21:15-17 ^b1 Cor. 1:12; 3:22; 9:5; 15:5; Gal. 1:18; 2:9, 11, 14 ^cMatt. 16:18

43 ^aJohn 1:35; John 1:29 ^bJohn 1:28; Matt. 4:12; John 2:11 ^cMatt. 10:3; John 1:44; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f. ^dMatt. 8:22

22 They said then to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" ^{THE TRANSLATION OF NOT HAVING AN ANSWER LEADS THEM TO THIS QUESTION.}

23 He said, "I am ^aa voice of one crying in the wilderness, ^bMAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD," as Isaiah the prophet said. ^{THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS IS A FIGURATIVE EXPRESSION OF THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE.}

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ^{FURTHER TRUST IN}

25 And they asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the ¹Christ, nor Elijah, nor ^athe Prophet?" ^{THEY WERE ASKING HIM TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE EXPECTED MESSIAHS.}

26 John answered them saying, "I baptize ¹in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. ^{THE TASK OF A SLAVE IS TO SERVE HIS LORD.}

27 "It is ^aHe who comes after me, the ^bthing of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie. ^{AND HE IS THE ONE WHO IS TO BAPTIZE YOU.}

28 These things took place in Bethany ^abeyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day he ^asaw Jesus ^bcoming to him, and ^csaid, "Behold, ^athe Lamb of God who ^btakes away the sin of the world! ^{APPEARING TO HIM AS HE WALKED, JOHN IDENTIFIED HIM AS THE ONE WHO WAS TO BAPTIZE HIM.}

30 "This is He on behalf of whom I said, ^aAfter me comes a Man who ^bhas a higher rank than I, ^bfor He existed before me. ^{THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW JESUS COMING TO HIM AND SAID TO HIM, 'BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD! THIS IS HE ON BEHALF OF WHOM I SAID, 'AFTER ME COMES A MAN WHO HAS A HIGHER RANK THAN I, FOR HE EXISTED BEFORE ME.'}

31 "And I did not recognize ¹Him, but in order that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing ²in water."

32 And John ^abore witness saying, "I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven; and He remained upon Him. ^{THE SPIRIT DESCENDING AS A DOVE OUT OF HEAVEN AND REMAINING UPON HIM WAS A SIGN OF HIS DIVINE SONSHIP.}

33 "And I did not recognize ¹Him, but He who sent me to ^bbaptize ²in watersaid to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, ^athis is the one who baptizes ²in the Holy Spirit.' ^{AND HE WHO SENT ME TO BAPTIZE IN WATERS SAID TO ME, 'HE UPON WHOM YOU SEE THE SPIRIT DESCENDING AND REMAINING UPON HIM, THIS IS THE ONE WHO BAPTIZES IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.'}

34 "And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is ^athe Son of God. ^{AND I HAVE SEEN, AND HAVE BORNE WITNESS THAT THIS IS THE SON OF GOD.}

35 Again ^athe next day John was standing, and two of his disciples; ^{AGAIN THE NEXT DAY JOHN WAS STANDING, AND TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES;}

36 and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and ^csaid, "Behold, ^athe Lamb of God!" ^{AND HE LOOKED UPON JESUS AS HE WALKED, AND SAID, 'BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD!'}

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ^{AND THE TWO DISCIPLES HEARD HIM SPEAK, AND THEY FOLLOWED JESUS.}

38 And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and ^csaid to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" ^{AND JESUS TURNED, AND BEHELD THEM FOLLOWING, AND SAID TO THEM, 'WHAT DO YOU SEEK?' AND THEY SAID TO HIM, 'RABBI (WHICH TRANSLATED MEANS TEACHER), WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?'}

39 He ^csaid to them, "Come, and you will see." They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the ¹tenth hour. ^{HE SAID TO THEM, 'COME, AND YOU WILL SEE.' THEY CAME THEREFORE AND SAW WHERE HE WAS STAYING; AND THEY STAYED WITH HIM THAT DAY, FOR IT WAS ABOUT THE TENTH HOUR.}

40 ^aOne of the two who heard John ^bspeak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ^{ONE OF THE TWO WHO HEARD JOHN SPEAK, AND FOLLOWED HIM, WAS ANDREW, SIMON PETER'S BROTHER.}

41 He ^afound first his own brother Simon, and ^csaid to him, "We have found the ^aMessiah" (which translated means ¹Christ). ^{HE FOUND FIRST HIS OWN BROTHER SIMON, AND SAID TO HIM, 'WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH' (WHICH TRANSLATED MEANS CHRIST).}

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of ¹aJohn; you shall be called ^bCephas" (which translated means ²Peter) ^aNEW NAME - HISTORICAL SIGNIFY ³John 1:42; Matt. 16:18

43 ^aThe next day He purposed to go forth into ^bGalilee, and He ^cfound ^cPhilip, and Jesus ^csaid to him, "Follow Me." ^{THE NEXT DAY HE PURPOSED TO GO FORTH INTO GALILEE, AND HE FOUND PHILIP, AND JESUS SAID TO HIM, 'FOLLOW ME.'}

44 Now ^aPhilip was from ^bBethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

44 ^aMatt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f. ^bMatt. 11:21

45 ^aPhilip ^{*}found ^bNathanael, and ^{*}said to him, "We have found Him, of whom ^cMoses in the Law and also ^cthe Prophets wrote, Jesus of ^dNazareth, ^ethe son of Joseph."

45 ^aMatt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f. ^bJohn 1:46-49; 21:2 ^cLuke 24:27 ^dMatt. 2:23 ^eLuke 3:23; 2:48; 4:22; John 6:42

46 And Nathanael ^{*}said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" ^aPhilip ^{*}said to him, "Come and see."

46 ^aJohn 7:41, 52 ^bMatt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and ^{*}said of him, "Behold, an ^aIsraelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

47 ^aRom. 9:4

48 Nathanael ^{*}said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before ^aPhilip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

48 ^aMatt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f.

49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are ^bthe Son of God; You are the ^cKing of Israel."

49 ^aJohn 1:38 ^bJohn 1:34 ^cMatt. 2:2; 27:42; Mark 15:32; John 12:13

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these."

51 ^aEzek. 1:1; Matt. 3:16; Luke 3:21; Acts 7:56; 10:11; Rev. 19:11 ^bGen. 28:12 ^cMatt. 8:20

51 And He ^{*}said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see ^athe heavens opened, and ^bthe angels of God ascending and descending upon ^cthe Son of Man."

51 ^aJohn 1:29, 35, 43 ^bJohn 2:11; 4:46; 21:2 ^cMatt. 12:46

CHAPTER 2

AND on ^athe third day there was a wedding in ^bCana of Galilee; and the ^cmother of Jesus was there;

1 ^aJohn 1:29, 35, 43 ^bJohn 2:11; 4:46; 21:2 ^cMatt. 12:46

2 and Jesus also was invited, and His ^adisciples, to the wedding.

2 ^aJohn 1:40-49; 2:12, 17, 22; 3:22; 4:2, 8, 27f.; 6:8, 12, 16, 22, 24; John 6:60f., 66; 7:3; 8:31

3 And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus ^{*}said to Him, "They have no wine."

3 ^aLit., what to Me and to you (a Hebrew idiom) ^bJohn 19:26 ^cMatt. 8:29 ^dJohn 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20

4 And Jesus ^{*}said to her, "Woman, ^bwhat do I have to do with you? ^cMy hour has not yet come."

5 ^aMatt. 12:46

5 His ^amother ^{*}said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 ^aTwo or three metretai ^bMark 7:3f.; John 3:25

6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there ^afor the Jewish custom of purification, containing ^btwenty or thirty gallons each.

8 ^aOr, steward

7 Jesus ^{*}said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

9 ^aJohn 4:46

8 And He ^{*}said to them, "Draw ^asome out now, and take it to the ^bheadwaiter." And they took it to him.

10 ^aLit., have become drunk ^bMatt. 24:49; Luke 12:45; Acts 2:15; 1 Cor. 11:21; Eph. 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:7; Rev. 17:2, 6

9 And when the headwaiter tasted the water ^awhich had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter ^{*}called the bridegroom,

11 ^aOr, attesting miracles, i.e., one which points to the supernatural power of God in redeeming grace ^bJohn 2:23; 3:2; 4:54; 6:2, 14, 26, 30; 7:31; 9:16; 10:41; 11:47; 12:18, 37; 20:30 ^cJohn 1:43 ^dJohn 1:14

10 and ^{*}said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when ^amen ^bhave ^cdrunk freely, ^dthen that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now."

12 ^aMatt. 4:13 ^bMatt. 12:46 ^cJohn 2:2

11 This beginning of His ^asigns Jesus did in Cana of ^bGalilee, and manifested His ^cglory, and His disciples believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to ^aCapernaum, He and His ^bmother, and His ^bbrothers, and His ^cdisciples; and there they stayed a few days.

13 ^aJohn 6:4; 11:55; John 5:1 marg. (?) ^bDeut. 16:1-6; Luke 2:41; John 2:23

13 And ^athe Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus ^bwent up to Jerusalem.

14 ^aJohn 2:14-16; *Matt. 21:12ff.; Mark 11:15, 17; Luke 19:45f.; Mal. 3:1ff.*

16 ^aMatt. 21:12 ^bLuke 2:49

17 ^aJohn 2:2 ^bPs. 69:9

18 ^aJohn 1:19 ^bMatt. 12:38

19 ¹Or, *sanctuary*
^aMatt. 26:61; 27:40; Mark 14:58; 15:29; Acts 6:14

20 ¹Or, *sanctuary*
^aJohn 1:19 ^bEzra 5:16

21 ¹Or, *sanctuary*
^a1 Cor. 6:19

22 ^aJohn 2:2 ^bLuke 24:8; John 12:16; 2:17; 14:26 ^cPs. 16:10; John 20:9; Luke 24:26f.; Acts 13:33

23 ^aJohn 2:13 ^bJohn 2:11

25 ^aJohn 6:61, 64; 13:11; Matt. 9:4; John 1:42, 47

1 ^aJohn 7:50; 19:39 ^bLuke 23:13; John 7:26, 48

2 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aMatt. 23:7; John 3:26 ^bJohn 2:11 ^cActs 10:38; John 9:33; 10:38; 14:10f.; Acts 2:22

3 ¹Or, *from above*
^a1 Pet. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:17
^bJohn 3:5; Matt. 19:24; 21:31; Mark 9:47; 10:14f.

5 ^aEzek. 36:25-27; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5 ^bJohn 3:3; Matt. 19:24; 21:31; Mark 9:47; 10:14f.

6 ^aJohn 1:13; 1 Cor. 15:50

7 ¹Or, *from above*

8 ^aEccles. 11:5; Ezek. 37:9; Ps. 135:7

¹⁵Cleansing the Temple.
Many in Jerusalem Believe. Nicodemus Visits Jesus.

14 ^aAnd He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers seated.

15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money-changers, and overturned their tables;

16 and to those who were selling ^athe doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making ^bMy Father's house a house of merchandise."

17 His ^adisciples remembered that it was written, "^bZEAL FOR THY HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

18 ^aThe Jews therefore answered and said to Him, "^bWhat sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "^aDestroy this ¹temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 ^aThe Jews therefore said, "It took ^bforty-six years to build this ¹temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of ^{1a} the temple of His body.

22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His ^adisciples ^bremembered that He said this; and they believed ^cthe Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at ^athe Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, ^bbeholding His signs which He was doing.

24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,

25 and because He did not need any one to bear witness concerning man ^afor He Himself knew what was in man.

CHAPTER 3

NOW there was a man of the Pharisees, named ^aNicodemus, ^aa ruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "^aRabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these ^{1b}signs that You do unless ^cGod is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one ^ais born ^{1a}again, he cannot see ^bthe kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus ^asaid to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of ^awater and the Spirit, he cannot enter into ^bthe kingdom of God.

6 ^a"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born ^{1a}again.'

8 ^a"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is every one who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

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John’s Testimony.**

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you ^athe teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?”

11 “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^awe speak that which we know, and ^bbear witness of that which we have seen; and ^byou do not receive our witness.

12 “If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”

13 “And ^ano one has ascended into heaven, but ^bHe who descended from heaven, *even* ^cthe Son of Man.¹

14 “And as ^aMoses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must ^bthe Son of Man ^cbe lifted up;

15 that whoever ¹believes may ^ain Him have eternal life.

16 “For God so ^aloved the world, that He ^bgave His ¹only begotten Son, that whoever ^dbelieves in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

17 “For God ^adid not send the Son into the world ^bto judge^d the world; but that the world should be saved through Him.

18 “^aHe who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of ^bthe ¹only begotten Son of God.

19 “And this is the judgment, that ^athe light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for ^btheir deeds were evil.

20 “^aFor everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 “But he who ^apractices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

22 After these things Jesus and His ^adisciples came into the land of Judaea; and there He was spending time with them, and ^bbaptizing.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much ¹water there; and they were coming, and were being baptized.

24 For ^aJohn had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 There arose therefore a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew about ^apurification.

26 And they came to John, and said to him, “^aRabbi, He who was with you ^bbeyond the Jordan, to whom you ^chave borne witness, behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him.”

27 John answered and said, “^aA man can receive nothing, unless it has been given him from heaven.

28 “You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘^aI am not the ¹Christ’, but, ‘I have been sent before Him.’”

29 “He who has the bride is ^athe bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. And so this ^bjoy of mine has been ⁿmade full.

30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 “^aHe who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks ^bof the earth. ^aHe who comes from heaven is above all. ●

32 “What He has seen and heard, of that He ^abears witness; and ^ano man receives His witness.

33 “He who has received His witness ^ahas set his seal to *this*, that God is true.

10 ^aLuke 2:46; 5:17; Acts 5:34

11 ^aJohn 7:16f.; 8:26, 28; 12:49; 14:24; John 1:18 ^bJohn 3:32

13 ¹Later manuscripts add, *who is in heaven*
^aProv. 30:4; Deut. 30:12; Acts 2:34; Rom. 10:6; Eph. 4:9 ^bJohn 3:31; 6:38, 42
^cMatt. 8:20

14 ^aNum. 21:9 ^bMatt. 8:20
^cJohn 8:28; 12:34

15 ¹Some mss. read, *believes in Him may have eternal life*
^aJohn 20:31; 1 John 5:11-13

16 ¹Or, *unique, only one of His kind*
^aRom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 2 Thess. 2:16; 1 John 4:10; Rev. 1:5
^bRom. 8:32; 1 John 4:9 ^cJohn 1:18; 3:18; 1 John 4:9 ^dJohn 3:36; 6:40; 11:25f.

17 ^aJohn 3:34; 5:36, 38; 6:29, 38, 57; 7:29; 8:42; 10:36; 11:42; 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 23, 25; 20:21 ^bJohn 8:15; 12:47; Luke 19:10; 1 John 4:14

18 ¹Or, *unique, only one of His kind*
^aMark 16:16; John 5:24
^bJohn 1:18; 1 John 4:9

19 ^aJohn 1:4; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46 ^bJohn 7:7

20 ^aJohn 3:20, 21; Eph. 5:11, 13

21 ^a1 John 1:6

22 ^aJohn 2:2 ^bJohn 4:1, 2

23 ¹Lit., *many waters*

24 ^aMatt. 4:12

25 ^aJohn 2:6

26 ^aJohn 3:2; Matt. 23:7
^bJohn 1:28 ^cJohn 1:7

27 ¹Cor. 4:7; Heb. 5:4

28 ¹i.e., *Messiah*
^aJohn 1:20, 23

29 ^aMatt. 25:1; 9:15 ^bJohn 5:11; 16:24; 17:13; Phil. 2:2; 1 John 1:4; 2 John 12

31 ^aJohn 3:13; 8:23 ^b1 John 4:5

32 ^aJohn 3:11

33 ^aJohn 6:27; Rom. 4:11; 15:28; 1 Cor. 9:2; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30; 2 Tim. 2:19; Rev. 7:3-8

34 ¹Lit., for He does not give the Spirit by measure
²John 3:17 ^bMatt. 12:18;
 Luke 4:18; Acts 1:2; 10:38

35 ^aJohn 5:20; 17:2; Matt. 28:18

36 ¹Or, believe
²John 3:16 ^bActs 14:2; Heb. 3:18

1 ^aLuke 7:13 ^bJohn 3:22; 26; 1 Cor. 1:17

2 ^aJohn 3:22; 26; 1 Cor. 1:17 ^bJohn 2:2

3 ^aJohn 3:22 ^bJohn 2:11f.

4 ^aLuke 9:52

5 ^aLuke 9:52 ^bGen. 33:19; 48:22; Josh. 24:32; John 4:12

6 ¹i.e., Noon

8 ^aJohn 2:2 ^bJohn 4:5, 39

9 ^aLuke 9:52 ^bMatt. 10:5; John 8:48; Ezra 4:3-6, 11f.

10 ^aJohn 7:37f.; Rev. 21:6; 22:17

11 ¹Or, Lord
^aJohn 7:37f.; Rev. 21:6; 22:17

12 ^aJohn 4:6

14 ^aJohn 6:35; 7:38 ^bMatt. 25:46; John 6:27

15 ¹Or, Lord
^aJohn 6:34

19 ¹Or, Lord
^aMatt. 21:11; Luke 7:39

20 ^aGen. 33:20? | John 4:12 |
^bDeut. 11:29; Josh. 8:33

34 "For He whom God has ^asent speaks the words of God; ^bfor He gives the Spirit without measure.

35 "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

36 "He who ^abelieves in the Son has eternal life; but he who ^bdoes not ¹obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

CHAPTER 4

WHEN therefore ^athe Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and ^bbaptizing more disciples than John

2 (although ^aJesus Himself was not baptizing, but His ^bdisciples were),

3 He left ^aJudea, and departed ^bagain into Galilee.

4 And He had to pass through ^aSamaria.

5 So He ^acame to a city of ^aSamaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that ^bJacob gave to his son Joseph;

6 and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the ¹sixth hour.

7 There ^acame a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus ^asaid to her, "Give Me a drink."

8 For His ^adisciples had gone away into ^bthe city to buy food.

9 The ^aSamaritan woman therefore ^asaid to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For ^bJews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you ^aliving water."

11 She ^asaid to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that ^aliving water?"

12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who ^agave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks ¹of the water that I shall give him ^ashall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to ^beternal life."

15 The woman ^asaid to Him, "Sir, ^agive me this water, so I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw."

16 He ^asaid to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus ^asaid to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband';

18 for you have had five husbands; and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

19 The woman ^asaid to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are ^aa prophet.

20 "Our fathers worshiped in ^bthis mountain; and you

people say that ^cin Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

20 ^cLuke 9:53

21 Jesus ^asaid to her, “Woman, believe Me, ^aan hour is coming when ^bneither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father.

21 ^aJohn 5:28; 16:2; John 4:23; 5:25; 16:32 ^bMal. 1:11; 1 Tim. 2:8

22 ^aYou worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know; for ^bsalvation is from the Jews.

22 ^a2 Kin. 17:28-41 ^bIs. 2:3; Rom. 3:1f.; 9:4f.

23 “But ^aan hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father ^bin spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

23 ^aJohn 5:25; 16:32; John 4:21; 5:28; 16:2 ^bPhil. 3:3

24 “God is ¹spirit; and those who worship Him must worship ^ain spirit and truth.”

24 ¹Or, God is a Spirit ^aPhil. 3:3

25 The woman ^asaid to Him, “I know that ^aMessiah is coming (^bHe who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”

25 ^aJohn 1:41 ^bMatt. 1:16

26 Jesus ^asaid to her, “^aI who speak to you am *He*.”

27 And at this point His ^adisciples ^bcame, and they marvelled that He had been speaking with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

26 ^aJohn 8:24; John 9:35-37

28 So the woman left her waterpot,⁴ and went into the city, and ^asaid to the men,

27 ^aJohn 4:8 ^bJohn 2:2

29 “Come, see a man ^awho told me all the things that I have done; ^bthis is not ¹the Christ, is it?”

29 ¹i.e., The Messiah ^aJohn 4:17f. ^bJohn 7:26, 31; Matt. 12:23

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

31 In the meanwhile the disciples were requesting Him, saying, “^aRabbi, eat.”

31 ^aMatt. 23:7

32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

33 The ^adisciples therefore were saying to one another, “No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?”

33 ^aJohn 2:2

34 Jesus ^asaid to them, “My food is to ^ado the will of Him who sent Me, and to ^baccomplish His work.

34 ^aJohn 5:30; 6:38 ^bJohn 5:36; 17:4; 19:28, 30

35 “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white ^afor harvest.

35 ^aLuke 10:2

36 “Already he who reaps is receiving ^awages, and is gathering ^bfruit for ^clife eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

36 ^a1 Cor. 9:17f. ^bRom. 1:13 ^cJohn 4:14

37 “For in this *case* the saying is true, ^aOne sows, and another reaps.”

37 ^aJob 31:8; Mic. 6:15

38 “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

39 And from ^athat city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “^bHe told me all the things that I have done.”

39 ^aJohn 4:5, 30 ^bJohn 4:29

40 So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

42 ^a1 John 4:14; 1 Tim. 4:10; Luke 2:11; Acts 5:31; 13:23

41 And many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed ^athe Savior of the world.”

43 ^aJohn 4:40

43 And after ^athe two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

44 ^aMatt. 13:57

44 For Jesus Himself testified that ^aa prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 ^aJohn 2:2346 ^aJohn 2:1 ^bJohn 2:9
^cJohn 2:12; Luke 4:2347 ^aJohn 4:3, 5448 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aDan. 4:2f.; 6:27; Matt.
24:24; Mark 13:22; Acts 2:19,
22, 43; 4:30; 5:12; 6:8; 7:36;
14:3; 15:12; Rom. 15:19;
2 Cor. 12:12; 2 Thess. 2:9;
Heb. 2:4; 1 Cor. 1:2249 ¹Or, *Lord*51 ¹Or, *boy*52 ¹I.e., 1 p.m.53 ^aActs 11:1454 ¹Or, *attesting miracle*
^aJohn 2:11 ^bJohn 4:45f.1 ¹Many good mss. read,
the feast, i.e., the Passover2 ¹I.e., Jewish Aramaic
²Many good mss. read,
Bethsaida or *Bethzatha*
^aNeh. 3:1, 32; 12:39 ^bJohn
19:13, 17, 20; 20:16; Rev.
9:11; 16:16; Acts 21:404 Many authorities insert,
wholly or in part, *waiting for
the moving of the waters; V.
4 for an angel of the Lord
went down at certain
seasons into the pool, and
stirred up the water:
whoever then first after the
stirring up of the water
stepped in was made well
from whatever disease with
which he was afflicted.*7 ^aJohn 5:4 in marg.8 ^aMatt. 9:6; Mark 2:11;
Luke 5:249 ^aJohn 9:1410 ^aJohn 5:15, 16, 18, 1:19
^bNeh. 13:19; Jer. 17:21f.;
John 7:23; 9:16; Matt. 12:2

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, ^ahaving seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

46 He came therefore again to ^aCana of Galilee ^bwhere He had made the water wine. And there was a certain royal official, whose son was sick at ^cCapernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus had come ^aout of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him, and was requesting *Him* to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

48 Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you *people* see ¹signs and ^awonders, you *simply* will not believe."

49 The royal official ^asaid to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

50 Jesus ^asaid to him, "Go your way; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he started off.

51 And as he was now going down, *his* slaves met him, saying that his ¹son was living.

52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, "Yesterday at the ¹seventh hour the fever left him."

53 So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives;" and he himself believed, and ^ahis whole household.

54 This is again a ^asecond ¹sign that Jesus performed, when He had ^bcome out of Judea into Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

AFTER these things there was ¹a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by ^athe sheep *gate* a pool, which is called ^{bin} ¹Hebrew ²Bethesda, having five porticoes.

3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, withered.

4 (See marginal note.)

5 And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He ^asaid to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when ^athe water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus ^asaid to him, "^aArise, take up your pallet, and walk."

9 And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and *began* to walk.

^aNow it was the Sabbath on that day.

10 Therefore ^athe Jews were saying to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and ^{bit} it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'"

12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'"

**"My Father Is Working."
Honor the Father and the Son.**

13 But he who was healed did not know who it was; for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place.

14 Afterward Jesus ^afound him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not ^asin any more, ^bso that nothing worse may befall you."

15 The man went away, and told ^athe Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 And for this reason ^athe Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

18 For this cause therefore ^athe Jews ^bwere seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, ^cmaking Himself equal with God.

19 Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^athe Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever *the Father* does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 ^aFor the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and ^bgreater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.

21 "For just as the Father raises the dead and ^agives them life, even so ^bthe Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

22 "For not even the Father judges any one, but ^aHe has given all judgment to the Son,

23 in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. ^aHe who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and ^abelieves Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and ^bdoes not come into judgment, but has ^cpassed out of death into life.

25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aan hour is coming and now is, when ^bthe dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who ^chear shall live.

26 "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He ^agave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

27 and He gave Him authority to ^aexecute judgment, because He is ¹*the Son of Man*.

28 "Do not marvel at this; for ^aan hour is coming, in which ^ball who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,

29 and shall come forth; ^athose who did the good *deeds*, to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

30 ^aI can do nothing on My own initiative, as I hear, I judge; and ^bMy judgment is just; because I do not seek My own will but ^cthe will of Him who sent Me.

31 ^a"If I *alone* bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not ¹true.

32 "There is ^aanother who bears witness of Me; and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true.

33 "You have sent to John, and he ^ahas borne witness to the truth.

34 "But ^athe witness which I receive is not from-man; but I say these things, that you may be saved.

14 ^aJohn 8:11; Mark 2:5
^bEzra 9:14

15 ^aJohn 5:16, 18; 1:19

16 ^aJohn 5:10, 15, 18; 1:19

18 ^aJohn 5:15, 16; 1:19
^bJohn 5:16; 7:1 ^cJohn 10:33; 19:7

19 ^aJohn 5:30; 8:28; 12:49;
14:10

20 ^aJohn 3:35 ^bJohn 14:12

21 ^aRom. 4:17; 8:11 ^bJohn 11:25

22 ^aJohn 5:27; 9:39; Acts 10:42; 17:31

23 ^aLuke 10:16; 1 John 2:23

24 ^aJohn 3:18; 12:44; 20:31;
1 John 5:13 ^bJohn 3:18
^c1 John 3:14

25 ^aJohn 4:23; 5:28; 4:21
^bLuke 15:24 ^cJohn 6:60; 8:43; 47; 9:27

26 ^aJohn 1:4; 6:57

27 ¹Or, *a son of man*
^aJohn 9:39; Acts 10:42; 17:31

28 ^aJohn 4:21 ^bJohn 11:24;
1 Cor. 15:52

29 ^aDan. 12:2; Acts 24:15;
Matt. 25:46

30 ^aJohn 5:19 ^bJohn 8:16
^cJohn 4:34; 6:38

31 ¹I.e., *admissible as legal evidence*
^aJohn 8:14

32 ^aJohn 5:37

33 ^aJohn 1:7

34 ¹1 John 5:9; John 5:32

35 ^{a2} Sam. 21:17; 2 Pet. 1:19 ^b Mark 1:5

36 ^a John 10:25, 38; 14:11; 15:24; 2:23; Matt. 11:4 ^b John 4:34 ^c John 3:17

37 ^a John 8:18; Luke 24:27

38 ^{a1} John 2:14 ^b John 3:17

39 ¹ Or, (a command)
Search the Scriptures!
^a John 7:52; Rom. 2:17ff.
^b Luke 24:25, 27; Acts 13:27

41 ^a John 5:44; 7:18

43 ^a Matt. 24:5

44 ¹ Or, *honor or fame*
^a John 5:41 ^b Rom. 2:29 ^c John 17:3; 1 Tim. 1:17

45 ^a John 9:28; Rom. 2:17ff.

46 ^a Luke 24:27

47 ^a Luke 16:29, 31

¹ ^a John 6:1-13; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17 ^b Matt. 4:18; Luke 5:1 ^c John 21:1; 6:23

² ¹ Or, *attesting miracles*
^a John 2:11

3 ^a John 6:15; Matt. 5:1

4 ^a John 2:13

5 ^a John 1:43

6 ^{a2} Cor. 13:5 and Rev. 2:2 in Gr.

7 ¹ A denarius represented a days wages for a common laborer
^a John 1:43 ^b Mark 6:37

8 ^a John 2:2 ^b John 1:40

9 ^a John 21:9, 10, 13; John 6:11

10 ¹ Lit., *recline(d)*

35 "He was ^athe lamp that was burning and was shining and you ^bwere willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 "But ^athe witness which I have is greater than *that of* John; for ^athe works which the Father has given Me ^bto accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father ^chas sent Me.

37 "And the Father who sent Me, ^aHe has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

38 "And you do not have ^aHis word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He ^bsent.

39 "^{1a}You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is ^bthese that bear witness of Me;

40 and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

41 "^aI do not receive glory from men;

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; ^aif another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.

44 "How can you believe, when you ^areceive ^lglory from one another, and you do not seek ^bthe ^lglory that is from ^cthe *one and only* God?

45 "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is ^aMoses, in whom you have set your hope.

46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for ^ahe wrote of Me.

47 "But ^aif you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

CHAPTER 6

AFTER these things ^aJesus went away to the other side of ^bthe sea of Galilee (or ^cTiberias).

2 And a great multitude was following Him, because they were seeing the ^lsigns which He was performing on those who were sick.

3 And Jesus went up on ^athe mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

4 Now ^athe Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

5 Jesus therefore lifting up His eyes, and seeing that a great multitude was coming to Him, ^asaid to ^aPhilip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?"

6 And this He was saying to ^atest him; for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.

7 ^aPhilip answered Him, "^bTwo hundred ^ldenarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for every one to receive a little."

8 One of His ^adisciples, ^bAndrew, Simon Peter's brother, ^asaid to Him,

9 "There is a lad here, who has five barley loaves, and two ^afish; but what are these for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people ^lsit down." Now there was

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Jesus Walks on the Sea.**

^amuch grass in the place. So the men ¹sat down, in number about ^bfive thousand.

11 Jesus therefore took the loaves; and ^ahaving given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the ^bfish as much as they wanted.

12 And when they were filled, He ^{*}said to His ^adisciples. "Gather up the left-over fragments that nothing may be lost."

13 And so they gathered them up, and filled twelve ^abaskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.

14 When therefore the people saw the ¹sign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the ^aProphet who is to come into the world."

15 Jesus therefore perceiving that they were ¹intending to come and take Him by force, ^ato make Him king, ^bwithdrew again to ^cthe mountain by Himself alone.

16 Now when evening came, His ^adisciples went down to the sea,

17 and after getting into a boat, they *started* to cross the sea ^ato Capernaum. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 And the sea *began* to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.

19 When therefore they had rowed about ¹three or four miles, they ^{*}beheld Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.

20 But He ^{*}said to them, "It is I; ^{1a}do not be afraid."

21 They were willing therefore to receive Him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

22 The next day ^athe multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus ^bhad not entered with His disciples into the boat, but *that* His disciples had gone away alone.

23 There came other small boats from ^aTiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the ^bLord ^chad given thanks.

24 When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and ^acame to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "^aRabbi, when did You get here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you ^aseek Me, not because you saw ^bsigns, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled.

27 "Do not ^awork for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to ^beternal life, which ^cthe Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, *even* God, ^dhas set His seal."

28 They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is ^athe work of God, that you believe in Him whom He ^bhas sent."

30 They said therefore to Him, "^aWhat then do You do for a ^bsign, that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?"

¹⁰ ^aJohn 6:4; Mark 6:39
^bMatt. 14:21

11 ^aJohn 6:23; Matt. 15:36
^bJohn 21:9, 10, 13; John 6:9

12 ^aJohn 2:2

13 ^aMatt. 14:20

14 ¹ ^aOr, *attesting miracle*
^aJohn 1:21; Matt. 11:3; 21:11

15 ¹ ^aOr, *about*
^aJohn 18:36f; ^bJohn 6:15-21;
Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51
^cJohn 6:3

16 ^aJohn 2:2

17 ^aMark 6:45; John 6:24,
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19 ¹ ^aLit., 25 or 30 stadia

20 ¹ ^aOr, *stop fearing*
^aMatt. 14:27

22 ^aJohn 6:2 ^bJohn 6:15ff.

23 ^aJohn 6:1 ^bLuke 7:13
^cJohn 6:11

24 ^aJohn 6:17, 59; Matt.
14:34; Mark 6:53

25 ^aMatt. 23:7

26 ^aJohn 6:24 ^bJohn 6:2, 14,
30

27 ^aIs. 55:2 ^bJohn 6:40, 47,
54; 3:15f.; 4:14; 10:28; 17:2f.
^cMatt. 8:20; John 6:53, 62
^dJohn 3:33

29 ^a1 Thess. 1:3; James
2:22; 1 John 3:23; Rev. 2:26
^bJohn 3:17

30 ^aMatt. 12:38 ^bJohn 6:2,
14, 26

31 ^aEx. 16:21; Num. 11:8; John 6:49, 58 ^bNeh. 9:15; Ex. 16:4, 15; Ps. 78:24; 105:40

33 ¹Or, *He who comes*
^aJohn 6:50; 6:41

34 ^aJohn 4:15

35 ^aJohn 6:48, 51 ^bJohn 4:14

36 ^aJohn 6:26

37 ^aJohn 6:39; 17:2, 24

38 ^aJohn 3:13 ^bMatt. 26:39
^cJohn 4:34; 5:30 ^dJohn 6:29

39 ^aJohn 6:37; 17:2, 24
^bJohn 17:12; 18:9 ^cJohn 6:40, 44, 54; 11:24; Matt. 10:15

40 ^aJohn 12:45; 14:17, 19
^bJohn 3:16 ^cJohn 6:39, 44, 54; 11:24; Matt. 10:15

41 ^aJohn 1:19; 6:52 ^bJohn 6:51, 58; 6:33

42 ^aLuke 4:22 ^bJohn 7:27f.
^cJohn 6:38, 62

44 ^aJer. 31:3; Hos. 11:4;
John 12:32; 6:65 ^bJohn 6:39

45 ^aActs 7:42; 13:40; Heb. 8:11 ^bIs. 54:13; Jer. 31:34
^c1 Thess. 4:9; Phil. 3:15;
1 John 2:27

46 ^aJohn 1:18

47 ^aJohn 6:51, 58; 3:36;
5:24; 11:26

48 ^aJohn 6:35, 51

49 ^aJohn 6:31, 58

50 ^aJohn 6:33 ^bJohn 6:47,
51, 58; 3:36; 5:24; 11:26

51 ^aJohn 6:35, 48 ^bJohn 6:41, 58 ^cJohn 6:47, 58; 3:36;
5:24; 11:26 ^dJohn 1:29;
3:14f.; Heb. 10:10; 1 John 4:10 ^eJohn 6:53-56

52 ^aJohn 1:19; 6:41 ^bJohn 9:16; 10:19

53 ^aJohn 6:27, 62; Matt. 8:20

31 ^a“Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ^bHE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.”

32 Jesus therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 “For the bread of God is ¹that which ^acomes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.”

34 They said therefore to Him, “Lord, evermore ^agive us this bread.”

35 Jesus said to them, “^aI am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me ^bshall never thirst.

36 “But ^aI said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 ^a“All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 “For ^aI have come down from heaven, ^bnot to do My own will, but ^cthe will of Him who ^dsent Me.

39 “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of ^aall that He has given Me I ^blose nothing, but ^craise it up on the last day.

40 “For this is the will of My Father, that every one who ^abelieves the Son, and ^bbelieves in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will ^craise him up on the last day.”

41 ^aThe Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that ^bcame down out of heaven.”

42 And they were saying, “^aIs not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother ^bwe know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”

43 Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.

44 “No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me ^adraws him; and I will ^braise him up on the last day.

45 “It is written ^ain the prophets, ^bAND THEY SHALL ALL BE ^cTAUGHT OF GOD.’ Every one who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

46 ^a“Not that any man has seen the Father, except the One who is from God, He has seen the Father.

47 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes ^ahas eternal life.

48 ^aI am the bread of life.

49 ^a“Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 “This is the bread which ^acomes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and ^bnot die.

51 ^aI am the living bread that ^bcame down out of heaven; if any one eats of this bread, ^che shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give ^dfor the life of the world is ^eMy flesh.”

52 ^aThe Jews therefore ^bbegan to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?”

53 Jesus therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of ^athe Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life; and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father; so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

58 "This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate, and died; he who eats this bread shall live forever."

59 These things He said in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?"

62 "What then if you should behold the Son of Man ascending where He was before?"

63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

65 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father."

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him any more.

67 Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"

68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 "And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

70 Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?"

71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

CHAPTER 7

AND after these things Jesus was walking in Galilee; for He was unwilling to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Tabernacles, was at hand.

3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here, and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may behold Your works which You are doing.

4 "For no one does anything in secret, when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

6 Jesus therefore said to them, "My time is not yet at hand; but your time is always opportune.

54 ^aJohn 6:39

56 ^aJohn 15:4f.; 1 John 2:24; 3:24; 4:15f.; John 17:23

57 ^aMatt. 16:16; John 5:26
^bJohn 6:29, 38; 3:17

58 ^aJohn 6:41, 51; 6:33
^bJohn 6:31, 49; ^cJohn 6:47, 51; 3:36; 5:24; 11:26

59 ^aMatt. 4:23 ^bJohn 6:24

60 ^aJohn 2:2; 6:66; 7:3
^bJohn 6:52

61 ^aJohn 6:64 ^bMatt. 11:6

62 ^aJohn 6:27, 53; Matt. 8:20 ^bMark 16:19; John 3:13

63 ^a2 Cor. 3:6 ^bJohn 6:68

64 ¹Or, deliver Him up
^aJohn 6:60, 66 ^bJohn 2:25
^cJohn 6:71; 13:11; Matt. 10:4

65 ^aJohn 6:37, 44 ^bMatt. 13:11; John 3:27

66 ^aJohn 2:2; 7:3 ^bJohn 6:60, 64

67 ^aJohn 6:70f.; 20:24;
Matt. 10:2; John 2:2

68 ^aMatt. 16:16 ^bJohn 6:63; 12:49f.; 17:8

69 ^aMark 1:24

70 ^aJohn 15:16, 19 ^bJohn 6:71; 20:24; Matt. 10:2; John 2:2
^cJohn 13:2, 27; 8:44; 17:12

71 ¹Or, was intending to
^aJohn 13:26; 12:4; 13:2
^bMark 14:10 ^cJohn 6:70f.; 20:24; Matt. 10:2; John 2:2

1 ^aJohn 4:3; 6:1; 11:54
^bJohn 1:19; 7:11, 13, 15, 35
^cJohn 7:19; 5:18; 8:37, 40; 11:53

2 ^aLev. 23:34; Zech. 14:16-19; Deut. 16:16

3 ^aMatt. 12:46; John 7:5, 10; Mark 3:21 ^bJohn 6:60

4 ¹Lit., and

5 ^aMatt. 12:46; John 7:3, 10; Mark 3:21

6 ^aMatt. 26:18; John 7:8, 30; 2:4

7 ^aJohn 15:18f. ^bJohn 3:19f.

8 ^aJohn 7:6

10 ^aMatt. 12:46; John 7:3, 5; Mark 3:21

11 ^aJohn 7:13, 15, 35 ^bJohn 11:56

12 ^aJohn 7:40-43

13 ^aJohn 19:38; 20:19; 9:22; 12:42

14 ^aJohn 7:28; Matt. 26:55

15 ^aJohn 1:19; John 7:11, 13, 35 ^bActs 26:24 [Gr.]

16 ^aJohn 3:11

17 ^aJohn 3:21; 8:43f.; Ps. 25:9, 14; Prov. 3:32; Dan. 12:10.

18 ^aJohn 5:41; 8:50, 54; 12:43

19 ^aJohn 1:17 ^bJohn 7:1; Mark 11:18

20 ¹Or, *you are demented*
^aJohn 8:48f.; 52; 10:20; Matt. 11:18

21 ¹Or, *work*
^aJohn 7:23; 5:2-9, 16

22 ^aLev. 12:3 ^bGen. 17:10ff.; 21:4; Acts 7:8

23 ^aMatt. 12:2; John 5:10

24 ¹Lit., *judge the righteous judgment*
^aLev. 19:15; 1s. 11:3; Zech. 7:9; John 8:15

26 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aLuke 23:13; John 3:1

27 ^aJohn 6:42; 7:41f.; 9:29

28 ^aJohn 7:14 ^bJohn 6:42; 7:14f.; 9:29 ^cJohn 8:42

29 ^aJohn 8:55; 17:25; Matt. 11:27 ^bJohn 6:46 ^cJohn 3:17

7 ^a"The world cannot hate you; but it hates Me, because I testify of it, that ^bits deeds are evil.

8 "Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because ^aMy time has not yet fully come."

9 And having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

10 But when His ^abrothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as it were, in secret.

11 ^aThe Jews therefore ^bwere seeking Him at the feast, and were saying, "Where is He?"

12 And there was much grumbling among the multitudes concerning Him; ^asome were saying, "He is a good man;" others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads the multitude astray."

13 Yct no one was speaking openly of Him for ^afear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and *began to* ^ateach.

15 ^aThe Jews therefore were marveling, saying, "How has this man ^bbecome learned, having never been educated?"

16 Jesus therefore answered them, and said, "^aMy teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 ^a"If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from Myself.

18 ^a"He who speaks from himself ^aseeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the one who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

19 ^a"Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you carries out the law? Why do you ^bseek to kill Me?"

20 The multitude answered, "^aYou have a ¹demon! Who seeks to kill You?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did ^aone ¹decd, and you all marvel.

22 ^a"On this account ^aMoses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from ^bthe fathers); and on *the* Sabbath you circumcise a man.

23 ^a"If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath that the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the* Sabbath?"

24 "Do not ^ajudge according to appearance, but ¹judge with righteous judgment."

25 Therefore some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?"

26 ^a"And look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. ^aThe rulers do not really know that this is ¹the Christ, do they?"

27 ^a"However ^awe know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from."

28 Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, ^ateaching and saying, ^b"You both know Me, and know where I am from; and ^cI have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29 ^a"I know Him; because ^bI am from Him, and ^cHe sent Me."

Plotting Against Jesus.
His Invitation. Officers Puzzled.

30 They ^awere seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His ^bhour had not yet come.

31 But ^amany of the multitude believed in Him; and they were saying, "^bWhen ¹the Christ shall come, He will not perform more ^{2c}signs than those which this man has, will He?"

32 The Pharisees heard the multitude muttering these things about Him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent ^aofficers to ^bseize Him.

33 Jesus therefore said, "^aFor a little while longer I am with you, then ^{b1} I go to Him who sent Me.

34 "^aYou shall seek Me, and shall not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."

35 ^aThe Jews therefore said to one another, "^bWhere does this man intend to go that we shall not find Him? He is not intending to go to ^cthe Dispersion among ^dthe Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?"

36 "What is this statement that He said, '^aYou will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come?'"

37 Now on ^athe last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "^bIf any man is thirsty, let him ¹come to Me and drink.

38 "He who believes in Me, ^aas the Scripture said, 'From ¹his innermost being shall flow rivers of ^bliving water.' "

39 But this He spoke ^aof the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; ¹for ^bthe Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet ^cglorified.

40 *Some* of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is ^athe Prophet."

41 Others were saying, "This is ¹the Christ." Still others were saying, "^aSurely ¹the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?"

42 "Has not the Scripture said that **THE CHRIST COMES FROM ^aTHE OFFSPRING OF DAVID, AND FROM BETHLEHEM, the village where David was?"**

43 So ^athere arose a division in the multitude because of Him.

44 And ^asome of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 The ^aofficers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"

46 The ^aofficers answered, "^bNever did a man speak the way this man speaks."

47 The Pharisees therefore answered them, "^aYou have not also been led astray, have you?"

48 "^aNo one of ^bthe rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?"

49 "But this multitude which does not know the Law is accursed."

50 ^aNicodemus ^asaid to them (he who came to Him before, being one of them),

51 "^aOur Law does not judge a man, unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"

52 They answered and said to him, "^aYou are not also

30 ^aJohn 7:32, 44; 10:39; Matt. 21:46 ^bJohn 8:20; John 7:6

31 ¹i.e., the Messiah ²Or, *attesting miracles*
^aJohn 8:30; 10:42; 11:45; 12:11, 42; 2:23 ^bJohn 7:26
^cJohn 2:11

32 ^aJohn 7:45f., Matt. 26:58
^bMatt. 12:14

33 ^aJohn 12:35; 13:33; 14:19; 16:16-19 ^bJohn 16:5, 10, 17, 28; John 14:12, 28; 20:17

34 ^aJohn 7:36; 8:21; 13:33

35 ^aJohn 7:1 ^bJohn 8:22
^cJames 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:1; in the Gr. Ps. 147:2; Is. 11:12; 56:8; Zeph. 3:10 ^dJohn 12:20; Acts 14:1; 17:4; 18:4; Rom. 1:16

36 ^aJohn 7:34; 8:21; 13:33

37 ¹i.e., let him keep coming to Me and let him keep drinking
^aLev. 23:36; Num. 29:35; Neh. 8:18 ^bJohn 4:10, 14; 6:35

38 ¹Lit., *out of his belly*
^aIs. 44:3; 55:1; 58:11 ^bJohn 4:10

39 ¹Other mss. read, *for the Holy Spirit was not yet given*
^aJoel 2:28; John 1:33 ^bActs 1:4f.; 2:4, 33; 19:2; John 20:22 ^cJohn 12:16, 23; 13:31f.; 16:14; 17:1

40 ^aMatt. 21:11; John 1:21

41 ¹i.e., The Messiah
^aJohn 7:52; 1:46

42 ^aMatt. 1:1; 2:5f.; Luke 2:4ff.; Ps. 89:4; Micah 5:2

43 ^aJohn 10:19; 9:16

44 ^aJohn 7:30

45 ^aJohn 7:32

46 ^aJohn 7:32 ^bMatt. 7:28

47 ^aJohn 7:12

48 ^aJohn 12:42 ^bLuke 23:13; John 7:26

50 ^aJohn 3:1; 19:39

51 ^aEx. 23:1; Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Prov. 18:13; Acts 23:3

52 ^aJohn 7:41; 1:46

53 ¹John 7:53-8:11 is not found in most of the old mss.

1 *Matt. 21:1

2 *Matt. 26:55; John 8:20

5 *Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22f.

6 *Matt. 16:1; 19:3; 22:18, 35; Mark 8:11; 10:2; 12:15; Luke 10:25; 11:16 ^bMark 3:2

7 ²John 8:10 ^bMatt. 7:1; Rom. 2:1 ^cDeut. 17:7

10 ^aJohn 8:7

11 ¹Or. *Sir*
^aJohn 3:17 ^bJohn 5:14

12 ^aJohn 1:4; 12:35 ^bMatt. 5:14

13 ¹Or. *valid*
^aJohn 5:31

14 ^aJohn 18:37; Rev. 1:5; 3:14 ^bJohn 13:3; 16:28; 8:42
^cJohn 7:28; 9:29

15 ¹I.e., a carnal standard
^aSam. 16:7; John 7:24
^bJohn 3:17

16 ¹Many ancient mss. read, *the Father who sent Me*
^aJohn 5:30

17 ¹I.e., valid or admissible
^aDeut. 19:15; 17:6 ^bMatt. 18:16

18 ^aJohn 5:37; 1 John 5:9

19 ^aJohn 14:7; 16:3; 7:28; 14:9; 8:55

20 ^aMark 12:41, 43; Luke 21:1 ^bJohn 7:14; John 8:2
^cJohn 7:30

21 ^aJohn 7:34

from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

53 [¹And everyone went to his home;

CHAPTER 8

BUT Jesus went to ^athe Mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and ^aHe sat down and *began* to teach them.

3 And the scribes and the Pharisees ^abrought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst,

4 they ^asaid to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.

5 "Now in the Law ^aMoses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?"

6 And they were saying this, ^atesting Him, ^bin order that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 But when they persisted in asking Him, ^aHe straightened up, and said to them, "^bHe who is without sin among you, let him *be the* ^cfirst to throw a stone at her."

8 And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And when they heard it, they *began* to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, *where she had been*, in the midst.

10 And ^astraightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?"

11 And she said, "No one, ¹Lord." And Jesus said, "^aNeither do I condemn you; go your way; from now on ^bsin no more."

12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "^aI am the light of the world; ^bhe who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "^aYou are bearing witness of Yourself; Your witness is not ¹true."

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "^aEven if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true; for I know ^bwhere I came from, and where I am going; but ^cyou do not know where I come from, or where I am going.

15 "^aYou people judge ¹according to the flesh; ^bI am not judging any one.

16 "But even ^aif I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and ¹He who sent Me.

17 "Even in ^ayour law it has been written, that the testimony of ^btwo men is ¹true.

18 "I am He who bears witness of Myself, and ^athe Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

19 And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me, nor My Father; ^aif you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

20 These words He spoke in ^athe treasury, as ^bHe taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because ^cHis hour had not yet come.

21 He said therefore again to them, "I go away, and ^ayou

shall seek Me, and ^bshall die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."

22 Therefore ^athe Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ^b'Where I am going, you cannot come?'"

23 And He was saying to them, "^aYou are from below, I am from above; ^byou are of this world; ^cI am not of this world.

24 "I said therefore to you, that you ^ashall die in your sins; for unless you believe that ^bI am He, ^ayou shall die in your sins."

25 And so they were saying to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "^aWhat have I been saying to you *from* the beginning?

26 "I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but ^aHe who sent Me is true; and ^bthe things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world."

27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

28 Jesus therefore said, "When you ^alift up the Son of Man, then you will know that ^bI am He, and ^cI do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; ^aHe ^bhas not left Me alone, for ^bI always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

30 As He spoke these things, ^amany came to believe in Him.

31 Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "^aIf you abide in My word, *then* you are truly ^bdisciples of Mine;

32 and ^ayou shall know the truth, and ^bthe truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "^aWe are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to any one; how is it that You say, 'You shall become free?'"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aevery one who commits sin is the slave of sin.

35 "And ^athe slave does not remain in the house forever; ^bthe son does remain forever.

36 "If therefore the Son ^ashall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

37 "I know that you are ^aAbraham's offspring; yet ^byou seek to kill Me, because My word ^bhas no place in you.

38 "I speak the things which I have seen ^awith My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from ^ayour father."

39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is ^aour father." Jesus ^asaid to them, "^bIf you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.

40 "But as it is, ^ayou are seeking to kill Me, a man who has ^btold you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

41 "You are doing the deeds of ^ayour father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; ^bwe have one Father, *even* God."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, ^ayou would love Me; ^bfor I proceeded forth and have come from

21 ^bJohn 8:2422 ^aJohn 1:19; John 8:48, 52, 57 ^bJohn 7:3523 ^aJohn 3:31 ^b1 John 4:5 ^cJohn 17:14, 1624 ^aMost auth. connect this with Ex. 3:14 *I AM THAT I AM*
^aJohn 8:21 ^bJohn 8:28; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8 [Matt. 24:5]; John 4:26; 13:1925 ^aOr, *that which I have been saying to you from the beginning.*26 ^aJohn 7:28; 3:33 ^bJohn 12:49; 15:15; 8:4028 ^aLit., *I am* (vs. 24 note)
^aJohn 3:14; 12:32 ^bJohn 8:24; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8 [Matt. 24:5]; John 4:26; 13:19 ^cJohn 5:19; 3:1129 ^aOr, *did not leave*
^aJohn 8:16; 16:32 ^bJohn 4:3430 ^aJohn 7:3131 ^aJohn 15:7; 2 John 9 ^bJohn 2:232 ^aJohn 1:14, 17 ^bJohn 8:36; Rom. 8:2; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 3:1, 13; James 2:12; 1 Pet. 2:1633 ^aJohn 8:37, 39; Matt. 3:934 ^aRom. 6:16; 2 Pet. 2:1935 ^aGen. 21:10; Gal. 4:30 ^bLuke 15:3136 ^aJohn 8:3237 ^aOr, *makes no progress*
^aJohn 8:39; Matt. 3:9 ^bJohn 8:40; 7:138 ^aOr, *in the presence of*
^aJohn 8:41, 4439 ^aJohn 8:37; Matt. 3:9 ^bRom. 9:7; Gal. 3:740 ^aJohn 8:37; 7:1 ^bJohn 8:2641 ^aJohn 8:38, 44 ^bDeut. 32:6; Is. 63:16; 64:842 ^a1 John 5:1 ^bJohn 13:3; 16:28, 30; 17:8

42 ¹Lit., *that One*
^cJohn 7:28 ^dJohn 3:17

43 ¹Or, *My mode of speaking*
^aJohn 8:33, 39, 41 ^bJohn 5:25

44 ¹Lit., *the lie* ²Lit., *the father of it*
^a1 John 3:8 ^bJohn 8:38, 41
^cJohn 7:17 ^dGen. 3:4; 1 John 3:8, 15 ^e1 John 2:4 ^fMatt. 12:34

45 ^aJohn 18:37

46 ^aJohn 18:37

47 ^a1 John 4:6

48 ^aJohn 1:19 ^bMatt. 10:5;
^cJohn 4:9 ^dJohn 7:20

49 ^aJohn 7:20

50 ^aJohn 5:41; 8:54

51 ^aJohn 14:23; 15:20; 17:6;
^bJohn 8:55 ^cLuke 2:26; Heb. 11:5; Matt. 16:28; Heb. 2:9;
^dJohn 8:52

52 ^aJohn 1:19 ^bJohn 7:20
^cJohn 14:23; 15:20; 17:6; 8:55
^dJohn 8:51

53 ^aJohn 4:12

54 ^aJohn 8:50 ^bJohn 7:39

55 ^aJohn 8:19; 15:21 ^bJohn 7:29
^cJohn 8:44 ^dJohn 15:10; 8:51

56 ¹Lit., *in order that he might see*
^aJohn 8:37, 39 ^bMatt. 13:17;
Heb. 11:13

57 ^aJohn 1:19

58 ¹Lit., *came into being*
²Or, *I have been*
^aJohn 17:5, 24; 1:1

59 ¹Lit., *was hidden* ²Some mss. add, *and going through the midst of them went His way and so passed by*
^aJohn 10:31; 11:8; Matt. 12:14 ^bJohn 12:36

²Matt. 23:7 ^bJohn 9:34;
Luke 13:2; Acts 28:4 ^cEx. 20:5

3 ^aJohn 11:4

4 ^aJohn 11:9; 12:35; 7:33;
Gal. 6:10

5 ^aJohn 1:4; 8:12; 12:46

God, for I have ^cnot even come on My own initiative, but ^dHe sent Me.

43 "Why do you not understand ^{1a}what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot ^bhear My word.

44 "You are of ^byour father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. ^dHe was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because ^cthere is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a ¹lie, he ^fspeaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of ²lies.

45 "But because ^aI speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 "Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If ^aI speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 "He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God."

48 "The Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a ^bSamaritan and ^chave a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not ^ahave a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 "But ^aI do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone ^akeeps My word he shall never ^bsee death."

52 "The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You ^bhave a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *also*; and You say, 'If anyone ^ckeeps My word, he shall never ^dtaste of death.'

53 "Surely You ^aare not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to *be*?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; ^bit is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God;'

55 and ^ayou have not come to know Him, ^bbut I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be ^aliar like you, ^bbut I do know Him, and ^dkeep His word.

56 "Your father Abraham ^brejoiced ¹to see My day; and he saw *it*, and was glad."

57 "The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham ¹was born, ^{2a}I AM."

59 Therefore they ^apicked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus ^{1b}hid Himself, ²and went out of the temple.

CHAPTER 9

AND as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "a Rabbi, who sinned, ^bthis man, or his ^cparents, that he should be born blind?"

3 Jesus answered, "It was neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* in order ^athat the works of God might be displayed in him.

4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, ^aas long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.

5 "While I am in the world, I am ^athe light of the world."

**The Blind Man Healed.
Pharisees Question Him.**

John 9

6 When He had said this, He ^aspat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,

6 ^aMark 7:33; 8:23

7 and said to him, "Go, wash in ^athe pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). And so he went away and washed, and ^bcame back seeing.

7 ^aJohn 9:11; Luke 13:4
^bJohn 11:37

8 The neighbors therefore, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to ^asit and beg?"

9 Others were saying, "This is he," *still* others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one."

8 ^aActs 3:2, 10

10 Therefore they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?"

11 He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to ^aSiloam, and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight."

11 ^aJohn 9:7

12 And they said to him, "Where is He?" He ^asaid, "I do not know."

13 They ^abrought to the Pharisees him who was formerly blind.

14 ^aJohn 5:9

14 ^aNow it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 ^aAgain therefore the Pharisees also were asking him how he received his sight. And he said to them, "He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

15 ^aJohn 9:10

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, "^aThis man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." But others were saying, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such ^bsigns?" And ^cthere was a division among them.

16 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aMatt. 12:2 ^bJohn 2:11 ^cJohn 6:52; 7:43; 10:19

17 They ^asaid therefore to the blind man ^aagain, "What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a ^bprophet."

18 ^aThe Jews therefore did not believe *it* of him, that he had been blind, and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,

17 ^aJohn 9:15 ^bMatt. 21:11

19 and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?"

20 His parents answered then, and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

18 ^aJohn 1:19; 9:22

21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he shall speak for himself."

22 His parents said this because they ^awere afraid of the Jews; for the Jews ^bhad already agreed, that if any one should confess Him to be ¹Christ, ^che should be put out of the synagogue.

22 ¹I.e., the Messiah
^aJohn 7:13 ^bJohn 7:45-52
^cJohn 12:42; 16:2; Luke 6:22

23 For this reason his parents said, "^aHe is of age; ask him."

24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "^aGive glory to God; we know that ^bthis man is a sinner."

23 ^aJohn 9:21

25 He therefore answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

26 They said therefore to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

24 ^aJosh 7:19; Ezra 10:11;
Rev. 11:13 ^bJohn 9:16

27 ^aJohn 9:15 ^bJohn 5:25

28 ^aJohn 5:45; Rom. 2:17

29 ^aJohn 8:14

31 ^aJob 27:8f.; 35:13; Ps. 34:15f.; 66:18; 145:19; Prov. 15:29; 28:9; Is. 1:15; James 5:16f.

32 ¹Lit., *from antiquity it was not heard*

33 ^aJohn 9:16; 3:2

34 ^aJohn 9:2 ^bJohn 9:22, 35; 3 John 10

35 ^aJohn 9:22, 34; 3 John 10 ^bMatt. 4:3

36 ¹Or, *Sir* ^aRom. 10:14

37 ^aJohn 4:26

38 ^aMatt. 8:2

39 ^aJohn 5:22, 27; 3:19 ^bLuke 4:18 ^cMatt. 13:13; 15:14

40 ^aRom. 2:19

41 ^aJohn 15:22, 24 ^bProv. 26:12

1 ^aJohn 10:8

2 ^aJohn 10:11f.

3 ^aJohn 10:4f., 16, 27 ^bJohn 10:9

4 ^aJohn 10:5, 16, 27

5 ^aJohn 10:4f., 16, 27

6 ^aJohn 16:25, 29; 2 Pet. 2:22

7 ^aJohn 10:1f., 9

8 ^aJohn 10:1; Jer. 23:1f.; Ezek. 34:2ff.

9 ^aJohn 10:1f., 9

27 He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?"

28 And they reviled him, and said, "You are His disciple; but we are disciples of Moses.

29 "We know that God has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where He is from."

30 The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.

31 "We know that God does not hear sinners; but if any one is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears him.

32 "Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that any one opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 "If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

34 They answered and said to him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they put him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had put him out; and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 He answered and said, "And who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you."

38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see; and that those who see may become blind."

40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see;' your sin remains.

CHAPTER 10

TRULY, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

2 "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.

3 "To him the doorkeeper opens; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

4 "When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 "And a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep;

8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them.

9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

**The Good Shepherd. Opinions Divided.
"My Sheep Hear My Voice."**

John 10

10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they ^amight have life, and might ¹have it abundantly.

11 "^aI am the good shepherd; the good shepherd ^blays down His life for the sheep.

12 "He who is a hireling, and not a ^ashepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them.

13 "*He flees* because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep.

14 "^aI am the good shepherd; and ^bI know My own, and My own know Me,

15 even as ^athe Father knows Me and I know the Father; and ^bI lay down My life for the sheep.

16 "And I have ^aother sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become ^bone flock *with* ^cone Shepherd;

17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I ^alay down My life that I may take it again.

18 "^aNo one ¹has taken it away from Me, but I ^blay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. ^cThis commandment I received from My Father."

19 ^aThere arose a division again among the Jews because of these words.

20 And many of them were saying, "He ^ahas a demon, and ^bis insane; why do you listen to Him?"

21 Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one ^ademon-possessed. ^bA demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;

23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of ^aSolomon.

24 ^aThe Jews therefore gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are ¹the Christ, tell us ^bplainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "^aI told you, and you do not believe; ^bthe works that I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of Me.

26 "But you do not believe, because ^ayou are not of My sheep.

27 "My sheep ^ahear My voice, and ^bI know them, and they follow Me;

28 and I give ^aeternal life to them; and they shall never perish, and ^bno one shall snatch them out of My hand.

29 "¹My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

30 "^aI and the Father are ¹one."

31 The Jews ^atook up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for ^ablasphemy; and because You, being a man, ^bmake Yourself out to be God."

¹⁰ ¹Or, *have abundance*
²John 5:40

¹¹ ¹John 10:14; Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:11-16, 23; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 7:17
²John 10:15, 17, 18; 1 John 3:16; John 15:13

¹² ²John 10:2

¹⁴ ¹John 10:11 ²John 10:27

¹⁵ ¹Matt. 11:27 ²John 10:11, 17, 18

¹⁶ ¹Is. 56:8 ²John 11:52; 17:20f.; Eph. 2:13-18; 1 Pet. 2:25 ³Ezek. 34:23; 37:24

¹⁷ ²John 10:11, 15, 18

¹⁸ ¹Many Greek mss. read, *takes*
²Matt. 26:53; John 2:19; 5:26
³John 10:11, 15, 17 ⁴John 14:31; 15:10; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8

¹⁹ ²John 7:43; 9:16

²⁰ ²John 7:20 ³Mark 3:21

²¹ ¹Matt. 4:24 ²John 9:32f.; Ex. 4:11

²³ ²Acts 3:11; 5:12

²⁴ ¹i.e., the Messiah
²John 1:19; 10:31, 33 ³John 16:25; Luke 22:67

²⁵ ²John 8:56, 58 ³John 5:36; 10:38

²⁶ ²John 8:47

²⁷ ²John 10:16; John 10:4
³John 10:14

²⁸ ²John 17:2f.; 1 John 2:25; 5:11 ³John 6:37, 39

²⁹ ¹Some early mss. read, *What My Father has given Me is greater than all*

³⁰ ¹(Lit. neuter) *a unity, or, one essence.*
²John 17:21ff.

³¹ ²John 8:59

³³ ¹i.e. 24:16 ²John 5:18

34 ^aJohn 8:17 ^bJohn 12:34;
15:25; Rom. 3:19; 1 Cor.
14:21 ^cPs. 82:6

36 ^aJohn 6:69; Jer. 1:5 ^bJohn
3:17 ^cJohn 10:30; 5:17f.

37 ^aJohn 15:24; 10:25

38 ¹Lit., *know and
continue knowing*
^aJohn 10:25; 14:11 ^bJohn
14:10f., 20; 17:21, 23

39 ^aJohn 7:30 ^bJohn 8:59;
Luke 4:30

40 ^aJohn 1:28

41 ^aJohn 2:11 ^bJohn 1:27,
30, 34; 3:27-30

42 ^aJohn 7:31

1 ^aMatt. 21:17; John 11:18
^bJohn 11:5, 19f.; Luke 10:38

2 ^aJohn 12:3; Luke 7:38
^bJohn 7:13; John 11:3, 21,
32; 13:13f.

3 ^aLuke 7:13; John 11:2,
21, 32; 13:13f. ^bJohn 11:5, 11,
36

4 ^aJohn 11:40; 9:3; 10:38

5 ^aJohn 11:1

7 ^aJohn 10:40

8 ^aMatt. 23:7 ^bJohn 10:31;
8:59

9 ^aLuke 13:33; John 9:4;
12:35

11 ^aJohn 11:3 ^bMatt. 27:52;
Mark 5:39; John 11:13; Acts
7:60

12 ¹Lit., *he will be saved*

13 ¹Lit., *the slumber of
sleep*
^aMatt. 9:24; Luke 8:52

34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in ^ayour ^bLaw, 'I said, you are gods'?"

35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36 do you say of Him, whom the Father ^asanctified and ^bsent into the world, 'You are blaspheming'; because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

37 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe ^athe works; that you may ¹know and understand that ^bthe Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

39 Therefore ^athey were seeking again to seize Him; and ^bHe eluded their grasp.

40 And He went away ^aagain beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing; and He was staying there.

41 And many came to Him; and they were saying, "While John performed no ^asign, yet ^beverything John said about this man was true."

42 And ^amany believed in Him there.

CHAPTER 11

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of ^aBethany, of the village of Mary and her sister ^bMartha.

2 And it was the Mary who ^aanointed ^bthe Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 The sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, ^bhe whom You love is sick."

4 But when Jesus heard it, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for ^athe glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

5 Now Jesus loved ^aMartha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When therefore He heard that he was sick, He stayed then two days *longer* in the place where He was.

7 Then after this He ^asaid to the disciples, "Let us go to Judca again."

8 The disciples ^asaid to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking ^bto stone You; and are You going there again?"

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

10 "But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

11 This He said, and after that He ^asaid to them, "Our ^afriend Lazarus ^bhas fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awaken him out of sleep."

12 The disciples therefore said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will ¹recover."

13 Now ^aJesus had spoken of his death; but they thought that He was speaking of ¹literal sleep.

14 Then Jesus therefore said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

15 and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him."

Jesus Consoles Martha and Mary.
"I Am the Resurrection."

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16 ^aThomas therefore, who is called ^bDidymus, said to *his* fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb ^afour days.

18 Now ^aBethany was near Jerusalem, about ¹two miles off;

19 and many of ^athe Jews had come to ^bMartha and Mary, ^cto console them concerning *their* brother.

20 ^aMartha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him; but ^aMary still sat in the house.

21 Martha therefore said to Jesus, "^aLord, ^bif You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 "Even now I know that ^awhatever You ask of God, God will give You."

23 Jesus ^{*}said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

24 Martha ^{*}said to Him, "^aI know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "^aI am the resurrection, and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,

26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me ^ashall never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She ^{*}said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are ¹the Christ, the Son of God, *even* ²He who comes into the world."

28 And when she had said this, she ^awent away, and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "^bThe Teacher is here, and is calling for you."

29 And when she heard it, she ^{*}arose quickly, and was coming to Him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but ^awas still in the place where Martha met Him.

31 ^aThe Jews then who were with her in the house, and ^bconsoling her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to ¹weep there.

32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "^aLord, ^bif You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus therefore saw her ¹weeping, and ^athe Jews who came with her, *also* ¹weeping, He ^bwas deeply moved in spirit, and ²was troubled,

34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus ^awept.

36 And so ^athe Jews were saying, "Behold how He ¹loved him!"

37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who ^aopened the eyes of him who was blind, ¹have kept this man also from dying?"

38 Jesus therefore again being deeply moved within, ^acame to the tomb. Now it was a ^acave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus ^{*}said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, by this time ¹there will be a stench; for he *has been dead* ^afour days."

16 ¹i.e., the Twin
^aMatt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; John 14:5; 20:26-28;
Acts 1:13 ^bJohn 20:24; 21:2

17 ^aJohn 11:39

18 ¹Lit., 15 stadia (9090 ft.)
^aJohn 11:1

19 ^aJohn 1:19; 11:8 ^bJohn 11:1; John 11:31; Job 2:11; 1 Sam. 31:13; 1 Chr. 10:12

20 ^aLuke 10:38-42

21 ^aJohn 11:2 ^bJohn 11:32.
37 ¹Lit., *he was troubled*

22 ^aJohn 11:41f.; 9:31

24 ^aDan. 12:2; Acts 24:15;
John 5:28f.

25 ^aJohn 1:4; 5:26; 6:39f.;
Rev. 1:18

26 ^aJohn 6:47, 50, 51; 8:51

27 ¹i.e., the Messiah ²The Coming One was the Messianic title
^aMatt. 16:16; Luke 2:11
^bJohn 6:14

28 ^aJohn 11:30 ^bMatt. 26:18; Mark 14:14; Luke 22:11; John 13:13

30 ^aJohn 11:20

31 ¹Lit., *wail*
^aJohn 11:19, 33 ^bJohn 11:19

32 ^aJohn 11:2 ^bJohn 11:21

33 ¹Lit., *wailing* ²Lit., *troubled Himself*
^aJohn 11:19 ^bJohn 11:38
^cJohn 12:27; 13:21

35 ^aLuke 19:41 [where Gr. as in John 11:33 marg.]

36 ¹Lit., *was loving*
^aJohn 11:19 ^bJohn 11:3

37 ¹Lit., *have caused that this man also not die*
^aJohn 9:7

38 ^aMatt. 27:60; Mark 15:46; Luke 24:2; John 20:1

39 ¹Lit., *he stinks*
^aJohn 11:17

—Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead.
Many Jews Believe. Others Plot His Death.

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40 ^aJohn 11:4, 23ff.

41 ^aMatt. 27:60; Mark 15:46; Luke 24:2; John 20:1
^bJohn 17:1; Acts 7:55 ^cMatt. 11:25

42 ^aJohn 12:30; 17:21 ^bJohn 3:17

44 ^aJohn 19:40 ^bJohn 20:7

45 ^aJohn 7:31 ^bJohn 11:19;
John 12:17f. ^cJohn 2:23

46 ^aJohn 11:57; John 7:32,
45

47 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aJohn 11:57; John 7:32, 45
^bMatt. 26:3 ^cMatt. 5:22
^dJohn 2:11

48 ^aMatt. 24:15

49 ^aMatt. 26:3 ^bJohn 11:51;
18:13

50 ^aJohn 18:14

51 ¹Lit., *from himself*
^aJohn 11:51; 18:13 ^bEx. 28:30; Num. 27:21; 1 Sam. 23:9; 30:7; Ezra 2:63

52 ^aJohn 10:16

53 ^aMatt. 26:4

54 ^aJohn 7:1 ^{b2}Chr. 13:19
marg.

55 ^aMatt. 26:1f.; Mark 14:1;
Luke 22:1; John 12:1, 13:1;
John 2:13 ^bNum. 9:10;
2 Chr. 30:17f.; John 18:28

56 ^aJohn 7:11

57 ^aJohn 11:47

¹John 12:1-8; Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; also Luke 7:37-39 ^bJohn 11:55; John 12:20 ^cMatt. 21:17; John 11:43f.

²Luke 10:38

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[40] Jesus ^asaid to her, "Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

41 And so they removed the ^astone. And Jesus ^braised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hearest Me.

42 "And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but ^abecause of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that ^bThou didst send Me."

43 And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

44 He who had died came forth, ^abound hand and foot with wrappings; and ^bhis face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus ^asaid to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

45 ^aMany therefore of the Jews, ^bwho had come to Mary and ^cbeheld what He had done, believed in Him.

46 But some of them went away to the ^aPharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 Therefore ^athe chief priests and the Pharisees ^bconvened a ^ccouncil, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many ^dsigns.

48 "If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our ^aplace and our nation."

49 But a certain one of them, ^aCaiaphas, ^bwho was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,

50 nor do you take into account that ^ait is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish."

51 Now this he did not say ¹on his own initiative; but ^abeing high priest that year, he ^bprophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation;

52 and not for the nation only, but that He might also ^agather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

53 So from that day on they ^aplanned together to kill Him.

54 Jesus therefore ^ano longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called ^bEphraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

55 Now ^athe Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, ^bto purify themselves.

56 Therefore they ^awere seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?"

57 Now ^athe chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if any one knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

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^aJESUS therefore six days before ^bthe Passover, came to ^cBethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

2 So they made Him a supper there; and ^aMartha was

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servings; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.

3 ^aMary therefore took a pound of very costly, ^bgenuine spikenard-ointment, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

4 But ^aJudas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to ^bbetray Him, ^csaid,

5 "Why was this ointment not sold for ^bthree hundred denarii, and given to poor *people*?"

6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he ^ahad the money box, he used to pilfer ^bwhat was put into it.

7 Jesus therefore said, "Let her alone, in order that she may keep ^bit for ^athe day of My burial.

8 ^a"For the poor you always have with you; but you do not always have Me."

9 The ^agreat multitude therefore of the Jews learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, ^bwhom He raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also;

11 because ^aon account of him ^bmany of the Jews were going away, and were believing in Jesus.

12 On the next day ^athe great multitude who had come to ^bthe feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and *began* to cry out, ^a"Hosanna: BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the ^bKing of Israel."

14 And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

15 ^a"FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING COMES SITTING ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

16 ^aThese things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus ^bwas glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

17 And so ^athe multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing Him witness.

18 ^aFor this cause also the multitude went and met Him, ^bbecause they heard that He had performed this ^csign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

20 Now there were certain ^aGreeks among those who were going up to worship at ^bthe feast;

21 these therefore came to ^aPhilip, who was from ^bBethsaida of Galilee, and *began* to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip ^acame and ^atold ^aAndrew; Andrew and Philip ^acame, and they ^atold Jesus.

23 And Jesus ^aanswered them, saying, ^a"The hour has come for the Son of Man to ^bbe glorified.

3 ^aJohn 11:2 ^bMark 14:3

4 ^aOr, *deliver Him up*
^aJohn 6:71

5 ^aMonetary value \$50,
but equal to 11 months' wages

6 ^aJohn 13:29 ^bLuke 8:3

7 I.e., The custom of anointing for burial
^aJohn 19:40

8 ^aMatt. 26:11; Mark 14:7; Deut. 15:11

9 ^aMark 12:37; John 12:12
margin. ^bJohn 11:43f.; 12:1, 17f.

11 ^aJohn 12:18; 11:45f.
^bJohn 7:31; 11:42

12 ^aOr, *the common people*
^aJohn 12:12-15; Matt. 21:4-9; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 19:35-38
^bJohn 12:1

13 ^aPs. 118:25f. ^bJohn 1:49

15 ^aZech. 9:9

16 ^aMark 9:32; John 2:22; 14:26 ^bJohn 7:39; 12:23

17 ^aJohn 11:42

18 ^aOr, *attesting miracle*
^aLuke 19:37; John 12:12
^bJohn 12:11

20 ^aJohn 7:35 ^bJohn 12:1

21 ^aJohn 1:44 ^bMatt. 11:21

22 ^aJohn 1:44

23 ^aJohn 13:1, 32; 17:1; Matt. 26:45; Mark 14:35, 41
^bJohn 7:39; 12:16

24 ^a1 Cor. 15:36; Rom. 14:9

25 ¹Or, *soul*
^aMatt. 10:39 ^bLuke 14:26

26 ^aJohn 14:3; 17:24; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; 1 Thess. 4:17
^b1 Sam. 2:30; Ps. 91:15; Luke 12:37

27 ^aMatt. 26:38; Mark 14:34; John 11:33 ^bMatt. 11:25 ^cJohn 12:23

28 ^aMatt. 11:25 ^bMatt. 3:17; 17:5; Mark 1:11; 9:7; Luke 3:22; 9:35

29 ^aActs 23:9

30 ^aJohn 11:42

31 ^aJohn 16:11; 3:19; 9:39
^bJohn 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; Eph. 6:12;
1 John 4:4; 5:19

32 ^aJohn 3:14; 8:28; 12:34
^bJohn 6:44

33 ^aJohn 18:32; 21:19

34 ¹i.e., The Messiah
^aJohn 10:34 ^bPs. 110:4; Is. 9:7; Ezek. 37:25; Dan. 7:14
^cMatt. 8:20 ^dJohn 3:14; 8:28;
12:32

35 ^aJohn 7:33; 9:4; 1 John 2:10
^bJohn 12:46 ^cEph. 5:8; Gal. 6:10 ^d1 John 1:6; 2:11

36 ¹Lit., *was hidden*
^aJohn 12:46 ^bLuke 16:8;
John 8:12 ^cJohn 8:59

37 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*

38 ^aIs. 53:1; Rom. 10:16

40 ¹Lit., *should be turned*,
i.e., turn about
^aIs. 6:10; Matt. 13:14f.
^bMark 6:52

41 ^aIs. 6:1ff. ^bLuke 24:27

42 ¹i.e., excommunicated
^aJohn 7:48; 12:11 ^bLuke 23:13 ^cJohn 7:13 ^dJohn 9:22

43 ^aJohn 5:41, 44

44 ^aMatt. 10:40; John 5:24

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aunless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 "He who loves his ¹life loses it; and he who ^bhates his ¹life in this world shall keep it to life eternal.

26 "If any one serves Me, let him follow Me; and ^awhere I am, there shall My servant also be; if any one serves Me, the Father will ^bhonor him.

27 "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ^bFather, save Me from ^cthis hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

28 "Father, glorify Thy name." There came therefore a ^bvoice out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29 The multitude therefore, who stood by and heard it, were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

31 "Now judgment is upon this world; now ^bthe ruler of this world shall be cast out.

32 "And I, if I ^abe lifted up from the earth, will ^bdraw all men to Myself."

33 But He was saying this ^ato indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

34 The multitude therefore answered Him, "We have heard out of ^athe Law that ^bthe Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, 'The ^cSon of Man must be ^dlifted up? Who is this ^cSon of Man?'"

35 Jesus therefore said to them, "For a little while longer ^bthe light is among you. ^cWalk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you; he who ^dwalks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

36 "While you have the light, ^abelieve in the light, in order that you may become ^bsons of light."

These things Jesus spoke, and He departed and ¹hid Himself from them.

37 But though He had performed so many ¹signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him;

38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"

39 For this cause they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,

40 "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HE ^bHARDENED THEIR HEART; LEST THEY SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND ¹BE CONVERTED, AND I HEAL THEM."

41 These things Isaiah said, because ^ahe saw His glory, and ^bhe spoke of Him.

42 Nevertheless ^amany even of ^bthe rulers believed in Him, but ^cbecause of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, lest they should be ^dput out of the synagogues;

43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me.

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Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet.**

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45 "And ^ahe who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me.

46 "I have come *as* light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness.

47 "And if any one hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for ^aI did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; ^bthe word I spoke is what will judge him at ^cthe last day.

49 "For I did not speak ¹on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me ^bhas given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.

50 "And I know that ^aHis commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak ^bjust as the Father has told Me."

CHAPTER 13

NOW before the feast of ^athe Passover, Jesus knowing that ^bHis hour had come that He should depart out of this world ^cto the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them ¹to the end.

2 And during supper, ^athe devil having already put into the heart of ^bJudas Iscariot, *the son of Simon*, to betray Him,

3 *Jesus*, ^aknowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that ^bHe had come forth from God, and was going back to God,

4 ^{*}rose from supper, and ^{*}laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, ^agirded Himself about.

5 Then He ^{*}poured water into the basin, and began to ^awash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

6 And so He ^{*}came to Simon Peter. He ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now; but you shall understand ^ahereafter."

8 Peter ^{*}said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not ^awash you, ^ayou have ^bno part with Me."

9 Simon Peter ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

10 Jesus ^{*}said to him, "He who has ^abathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and ^ayou are clean, but not all ^bof you."

11 For ^aHe knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 And so when He had washed their feet, and ^ataken His garments, and reclined *at table* again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

13 "You call me ^aTeacher, and ^bLord; and ¹you are right; for so I am.

14 "If I then, ^athe Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 "For I gave you ^aan example that you also should do as I did to you.

45 ^aJohn 14:9

46 ^aJohn 1:4; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35f.

47 ^aJohn 3:17; 8:15f.

48 ^aLuke 10:16 ^bDeut. 18:18f.; John 5:45ff.; 8:47 ^cMatt. 10:15

49 ¹Lit., of *Myself* ^aJohn 3:11 ^bJohn 14:31; 17:8

50 ^aJohn 6:68 ^bJohn 8:28

¹ ¹Lit., to the *utmost* or, *eternally* ^aJohn 11:55; 2:13 ^bJohn 12:23 ^cJohn 16:28; 13:3

² ^aJohn 6:70; 13:27 ^bJohn 6:71

³ ^aJohn 3:35 ^bJohn 8:42

⁴ ^aLuke 12:37

5 ^aLuke 7:44

7 ^aJohn 13:12ff.

8 ^aDeut. 12:12; 2 Sam. 20:1; 1 Kin. 12:16

9 ^aJohn 13:10

10 ^aJohn 15:3

11 ^aJohn 6:64; 13:2

12 ^aJohn 13:4

13 ¹Lit., you say well ^aJohn 11:28 ^bJohn 11:2; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11

14 ^aJohn 11:2; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11

15 ^a1 Pet. 5:3

16 *Matt. 10:24 *2 Cor. 8:23; Phil. 2:25

17 *Luke 11:28; James 1:25; Matt. 7:24ff.

18 *John 13:10f. *John 6:70; 15:16, 19 *John 17:12; 19:24, 36; 15:25; 18:32 *Ps. 41:9; John 13:18, 21, 22, 26; Matt. 26:21ff. Mark 14:18f.; Luke 22:21ff.

19 *John 14:29; 16:4 *John 8:24

20 *Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16; Gal. 4:14

21 ¹Or, *deliver Me up* *John 11:33 *John 13:18, 21, 22, 26; Matt. 26:21f.; Mark 14:18ff.; Luke 22:21ff.

22 *John 13:18, 21, 22, 26; Matt. 26:21f.; Mark 14:18ff.; Luke 22:21ff.

23 *John 1:18 *John 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20

25 *John 21:20

26 *John 6:71

27 *Matt. 4:10 *b Luke 22:3; John 13:2

29 *John 12:6 *John 13:1 *John 12:5

30 *Luke 22:53

31 ¹Or, *was* *Matt. 8:20 *b John 7:39 *John 14:13; 17:4; 1 Pet. 4:11

32 ¹Some ancient mss. omit this phrase *John 17:1

33 *1 John 2:1 *b John 7:33 *John 7:34

34 *1 John 2:7f.; 3:11, 23; 2 John 5; John 15:12, 17 *Lev. 19:18; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 4:7; Heb. 13:1; Gal. 5:14; Matt. 5:44 *Eph. 5:2; 1 John 4:10f.

35 *1 John 3:14; 4:20

36 *John 13:33; John 14:2; 16:5 *John 21:18f.; 2 Pet. 1:14

37 *John 13:37, 38; Matt. 26:33-35; Mark 14:29-31; Luke 22:33-34 /

16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aa slave is not greater than his master; neither ^bone who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

17 "If you know these things, you are ^ablessed if you do them.

18 "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have ^bchosen; but *it is* ^cthat the Scripture may be fulfilled, ^dHE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME."

19 "From now on ^aI am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that ^bI am He.

20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^ahe who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

21 When Jesus had said this, He ^abecame troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that ^bone of you will ¹betray Me."

22 The disciples *began* looking at one another, ^aat a loss to *know* of which one He was speaking.

23 There was reclining on ^aJesus' breast one of His disciples, ^bwhom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore ^{*}gestured to him, and ^{*}said to him. "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking."

25 He, ^aleaning back thus on Jesus' breast, ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus therefore ^{*}answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel, and give it to him." So when He had dipped the morsel, He ^{*}took and ^{*}gave it to Judas, ^athe son of Simon Iscariot.

27 And after the morsel, ^aSatan then ^bentered into him. Jesus therefore ^{*}said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

28 Now no one of those reclining *at table* knew for what purpose He had said this to him.

29 For some were supposing, because Judas ^ahad the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of ^bfor the feast"; or else, that he should ^cgive something to the poor.

30 And so after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and ^ait was night.

31 When therefore he had gone out, Jesus ^{*}said, "Now ¹is ^athe Son of Man ^bglorified, and ^cGod ¹is glorified in Him;

32 ¹if God is glorified in Him, ^aGod will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately.

33 "A little children, I am with you ^ba little while longer. ^cYou shall seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come', now I say to you also.

34 "A ^anew commandment I give to you, ^bthat you love one another, ^ceven as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 "A By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

36 Simon Peter ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "A Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but ^byou shall follow later."

37 Peter ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? ^aI will lay down my life for You."

38 Jesus ^{*}answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me?"

**Jesus' Farewell Discourse.
The Holy Spirit Promised.**

John 13, 14

Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aa cock shall not crow, until you deny Me three times.

38 ^aJohn 18:27; Mark 14:30

CHAPTER 14

“^aLET not your heart be troubled; ¹believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 “In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for ^aI go to prepare a place for you.

¹ Or, you believe in God
^aJohn 14:27; 16:22, 24

2 ^aJohn 13:33, 36

3 ^aJohn 14:18, 28 ^bJohn 12:26

⁴ Many ancient authorities read, *And where I go you know, and the way you know*

5 ^aJohn 11:16

3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, ^aI will come again, and receive you to Myself; that ^bwhere I am, *there* you may be also.

4 “¹And you know the way where I am going.”

6 ^aJohn 10:9; Rom. 5:2; Heb. 10:20; Eph. 2:18 ^bJohn 1:14 ^cJohn 1:4; 11:25; 1 John 5:20

5 ^aThomas ^ssaid to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?”

7 ^aJohn 8:19 ^{b1} John 2:13
^cJohn 6:46

6 Jesus ^ssaid to him, “I am ^athe way, and ^bthe truth, and ^cthe life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

7 “^aIf you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you ^bknow Him, and have ^cseen Him.”

8 ^aJohn 1:43

8 ^aPhilip ^ssaid to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

9 ^aJohn 12:45; 1:14; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3

9 Jesus ^ssaid to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? ^aHe who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’

10 ^aJohn 10:38; 14:11, 20
^bJohn 14:24; 5:19

10 “Do you not believe that ^aI am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? ^bThe words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

11 ^aJohn 10:38; 14:10, 20
^bJohn 5:36

11 “Believe Me that ^aI am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise ^bbelieve on account of the works themselves.

12 ^aJohn 5:20; 4:37f.
^bJohn 7:33; 14:28

12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and ^agreater works than these shall he do; because ^bI go to the Father.

13 ^aMatt. 7:7 ^bJohn 13:31

13 “And ^awhatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that ^bthe Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 ^aJohn 15:16; 16:23f.

14 “If you ask Me anything ^ain My name, I will do it.

15 ^aJohn 14:21, 23; John 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6

15 “^aIf you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16 ¹Gr., *Paracletos*, equals one called alongside to help, or *intercessor*
^aJohn 14:26; 15:26; 16:7;
¹ John 2:1 marg.; John 7:39;
Rom. 8:26

16 “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^{1a}Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17 ^aJohn 15:26; 16:13;
1 John 4:6; 5:7 ^{b1} Cor. 2:14

17 *that is* ^athe Spirit of truth, ^bwhom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

18 ^aJohn 14:3, 28

18 “I will not leave you as orphans; ^aI will come to you.

19 ¹Lit., *yet a little and the world*
^aJohn 7:33 ^bJohn 16:16, 22
^cJohn 6:57

19 “^{1a}After a little while ^bthe world will behold Me no more; but you *will* behold Me; ^cbecause I live, you shall live also.

20 ^aJohn 16:23, 26 ^bJohn 10:38; 14:11

20 “^aIn that day you shall know that ^bI am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 ^aJohn 14:15; 23; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6 ^bJohn 16:27; 14:23 ^cEx. 33:18f.; Prov. 8:17

21 “^aHe who has My commandments, and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and ^bhe who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will ^cdisclose Myself to him.”

22 ^aLuke 6:16; Acts 1:13; Matt. 10:3 ^bActs 10:40, 41

22 ^aJudas (not Iscariot) ^ssaid to Him, “Lord, what then has happened ^bthat You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

23 ^aJohn 14:15, 21; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6 ^bJohn 8:51; 1 John 2:5 ^cJohn 14:21 ^dRev. 3:20; Eph. 3:17; 1 John 2:24; Rev. 21:3; 2 Cor. 6:16 for O.T.

~24 ^aJohn 14:23 ^bJohn 14:10; 7:16

26 ^aJohn 14:16 ^bJohn 1:33; 15:26; 16:7; Luke 24:49; and esp. Acts 2:33 ^cJohn 16:13f.; 1 John 2:20, 27 ^dJohn 2:22

27 ^aJohn 16:33; Col. 3:15; Phil. 4:7; John 20:19 ^bJohn 14:1

28 ^aJohn 14:2-4 ^bJohn 14:3; 18 ^cJohn 14:12 ^dJohn 10:29; Phil. 2:6

29 ^aJohn 13:19

30 ^aJohn 12:31 ^bHeb. 4:15

31 ^aJohn 10:18; 12:49 ^bJohn 13:1; 18:1

1 ^aIs. 5:1ff.; Ezek. 19:10ff.; Ps. 80:8ff.; Matt. 21:33ff. ^bMatt. 15:13; Rom. 11:17; 1 Cor. 3:9

2 ¹Lit., *cleanses*
Ο καθαρισει υμιν

3 ^aJohn 13:10; 17:17; Eph. 5:26

4 ^aJohn 15:4-7; 1 John 2:6; John 6:56

5 ^aJohn 15:16

6 ^aJohn 15:2 *καθησθη*

7 ^aMatt. 7:7; John 15:16

8 ¹Another reading, *that you bear much fruit, and become My disciples* ^aMatt. 5:16 ^bJohn 8:31

9 ^aJohn 17:23, 24, 26; 3:35

10 ^aJohn 14:15 ^bJohn 8:29

11 ^aJohn 17:13 ^bJohn 3:29

12 ^aJohn 13:34; 15:17

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will ^bkeep My word; and ^cMy Father will love him, and We ^dwill come to him, and make Our abode with him.

24 "He who does not love Me ^adoes not keep My words; and ^bthe word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

25 "These things I have spoken to you, while abiding with you.

26 "But the ^aHelper, the Holy Spirit, ^bwhom the Father will send in My name, ^cHe will teach you all things, and ^dbring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

27 "A Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. ^bLet not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

28 "A You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and ^bI will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because ^cI go to the Father; for ^dthe Father is greater than I.

29 "And now ^aI have told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass, you may believe.

30 "I will not speak much more with you, for ^athe ruler of the world is coming, and ^bhe has nothing in Me;

31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as ^athe Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, ^blet us go from here.

*JESUS IS COMING ON WITH US IN
COMUNION WITH CHRIST DOES TAKE US TO
FAITHFULNESS AND BELIEVING TO GOD*
CHAPTER 15

23 ^aI AM the true vine, and My Father is the ^bvinedresser.

24 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He ¹prunes it, that it may bear more fruit.

25 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

26 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you, unless you abide in Me.

27 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he ^abears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

28 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is ^athrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

29 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ^aask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

30 "By this is My Father glorified, ¹that you bear much fruit, and so ^bprove to be My disciples.

31 "Just as ^athe Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

32 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as ^bI have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

33 "A These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and *that* your ^bjoy may be made full.

34 "This is ^aMy commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

13 “^aGreater love has no one than this, that one ^blay down his life for his friends.

14 “You are My ^afriends, if ^byou do what I command you.

15 “No longer do I call you slaves; for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for ^aall things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 “^aYou did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and ^bbear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain; that ^cwhatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.

17 “^aThis ^aI command you, that you love one another.

18 “^aIf the world hates you, ¹you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you.

19 “^aIf you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but ^bI chose you out of the world, ^ctherefore the world hates you.

20 “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘^aA slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, ^bthey will also persecute you; if they ^ckept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 “But all these things they will do to you ^afor My name’s sake, ^bbecause they do not know the One who sent Me.

22 “^aIf I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have ¹sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 “He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 “^aIf I had not done among them ^bthe works which no one else did, they would not have ¹sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.

25 “But *they have done this* in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their ^aLaw, “^bTHEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.”

26 “When the ^{1a}Helper comes, ^bwhom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* ^cthe Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, ^dHe will bear witness of Me,

27 ¹and ^ayou will bear witness also, because you have been with Me ^bfrom the beginning.

CHAPTER 16

“^aTHESE things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from ^bstumbling.

2 “¹They will ^amake you outcasts from the synagogues; but ^ban hour is coming for everyone ^cwho kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

3 “And these things they will do, ^abecause they have not known the Father, or Me.

4 “But these things I have spoken to you, ^athat when their hour comes, you ¹may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you ^bat the beginning, because I was with you.

5 “But now ^aI am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ^b‘Where are You going?’

6 “But because I have said these things to you, ^asorrow has filled your heart.

7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go

13 ^aRom. 5:7; ^bJohn 10:11
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14 ^aLuke 12:4 ^bMatt. 12:50

15 ^aJohn 8:26; 16:12

16 ^aJohn 15:19; 6:70; 13:18
^bJohn 15:5 ^cJohn 14:13;
16:23; 15:7

17 ^aJohn 15:12

18 ¹Or, (imperative) know that
^aJohn 7:7; 1 John 3:13

19 ^aMatt. 10:22; 24:9 ^bJohn 15:16
^cJohn 17:14

20 ^aJohn 13:16 ^b1 Cor. 4:12;
2 Cor. 4:9; 2 Tim. 3:12 ^cJohn 8:51

21 ^aMatt. 10:22; 24:9; Mark 13:13; Luke 21:12, 17; Acts 4:17; 5:41; 9:14; 26:9; 1 Pet. 4:14; Rev. 2:3 ^bJohn 16:3;
John 8:19, 55; 17:25; Acts 3:17; 1 John 3:1

22 ¹I.e., guilt
^aJohn 9:41; John 15:24

24 ¹I.e., guilt
^aJohn 9:41; 15:21 ^bJohn 5:36;
10:37

25 ^aJohn 10:34 ^bPs. 35:19;
69:4

26 ¹Gr. *Paracletos*, equals one called alongside to help, or, *Intercessor*
^aJohn 14:16 ^bJohn 14:26
^cJohn 14:17 ^d1 John 5:7

27 ¹Or (imperative), and bear witness
^aJohn 19:35; 21:24; 1 John 1:2; 4:14; Luke 24:48 ^bLuke 1:2

1 ^aJohn 15:18-27 ^bMatt. 11:6

2 ¹Or, they will make you excommunicated
^aJohn 9:22 ^bJohn 4:21; 16:25
^cActs 26:9-11; Is. 66:5; Rev. 6:9

3 ^aJohn 15:21; 8:19, 55;
17:25; Acts 3:17; 1 John 3:1

4 ¹Lit., may remember them, that I told you
^aJohn 13:19 ^bLuke 1:2

5 ^aJohn 7:33; 16:10, 17, 28
^bJohn 13:36; 14:5

6 ^aJohn 16:22; 14:1

7 ¹Gr. *Paracletos*, equals one called alongside to help, or, *Intercessor*
^aJohn 14:16 ^bJohn 14:26

9 ^aJohn 15:22, 24

10 ^aActs 3:14; 7:52; 17:31;
 1 Pet. 3:18 ^bJohn 16:5

11 ^aJohn 12:31

13 ^aJohn 14:17 ^bJohn 14:26

14 ^aJohn 7:39

15 ^aJohn 17:10

16 ^aJohn 7:33 ^bJohn 16:16-24;
 14:18-24 ^cJohn 16:22

17 ^aJohn 16:16 ^bJohn 16:5

19 ^aJohn 6:61; Mark 9:32

20 ^aMark 16:10; Luke 23:27
^bJohn 20:20

21 ¹Lit., *a human being*
^aIs. 13:8; 21:3; 26:17; 66:7;
 Hos. 13:13; Mic. 4:9;
 1 Thess. 5:3

22 ^aJohn 16:6 ^bJohn 16:16

23 ¹Lit., *will question Me nothing*
^aJohn 16:26; 14:20 ^bJohn 16:19, 30
^cJohn 15:16

24 ^aJohn 14:14 ^bJohn 3:29;
 15:11

25 ¹Lit., *in proverbs or, in figures of speech*
^aJohn 16:29; 10:6; Matt. 13:34
^bJohn 16:2

26 ^aJohn 16:23; 14:20 ^bJohn 16:19, 30

27 ^aJohn 14:21, 23 ^bJohn 16:30; 2:11
^cJohn 8:42; 16:30

28 ^aJohn 8:42; 16:30 ^bJohn 16:5, 10, 17; 13:1, 3

away; for if I do not go away, the ^{1a}Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, ^{b1} will send Him to you.

8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

9 concerning sin, ^abecause they do not believe in Me;

10 and concerning ^arighteousness, because ^{b1} go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me;

11 ^aand concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

13 "But when He, ^athe Spirit of truth, comes, He will ^bguide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

14 "He shall ^aglorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose *it* to you.

15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you.

16 "A little while, and ^byou will no longer behold Me; and again a little while, and ^cyou will see Me."

17 *Some* of His disciples therefore said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, ^aA little while, and you will not behold Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me; and, 'Because ^{b1} go to the Father?'"

18 And so they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about."

19 ^aJesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not behold Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me?'"

20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, that ^ayou will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but ^byour sorrow will be turned to joy.

21 "Whenever a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a ¹child has been born into the world.

22 "Therefore ^ayou, too, now have sorrow; but ^{b1} will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you.

23 "And ^ain that day ^byou will ¹ask Me no question. Truly, truly, I say to you, ^cif you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name.

24 "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your ^bjoy may be made full.

25 "These things I have spoken to you in ^{1a}figurative language; ^ban hour is coming, when I will speak no more to you in ¹figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.

26 "In that day ^byou will ask in My name; and I do not say to you that I will request the Father on your behalf;

27 for ^athe Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and ^bhave believed that ^cI came forth from the Father.

28 "I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again, and ^bgoing to the Father."

“I Have Overcome the World.”
The Farewell Prayer.

John 16, 17

29 His disciples ^asaid, “Lo, now You are speaking plainly, and are not using ^aa figure of speech.

30 “Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we ^abelieve that You ^bcame from God.”

31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?”

32 “Behold, ^aan hour is coming, and has *already* come, for ^byou to be scattered, each to ^chis own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and *yet* ^dI am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 “These things I have spoken to you, that ^ain Me you may have peace. ^bIn the world you have tribulation, but ^ctake courage; ^dI have overcome the world.”

CHAPTER 17

THESE things Jesus spoke; and ^alifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; ^bglorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,

2 even as ^aThou gavest Him authority over all ¹mankind, that ^bto ²all whom Thou hast given Him, ^cHe may give eternal life.

3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee ^athe only true God, and Jesus Christ whom ^bThou hast sent.

4 “^aI glorified Thee on the earth, ^bhaving accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

5 “And now, ^aglorify Thou Me together with Thyself; Father, with the glory which I ^cever had ^bwith Thee before the world was.

6 “^aI manifested Thy name to the men whom ^bThou gavest Me out of the world; ^cThine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have ^dkept Thy word.

7 “Now they have come to know that everything Thou hast given Me is from Thee;

8 for ^athe words which ^aThou gavest Me ^bI have given to them; and they received *them*, and truly understood that ^cI came forth from Thee, and they believed that ^dThou didst send Me.

9 “^aI ask on their behalf; ^bI do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom ^cThou hast given Me; for ^dthey are Thine;

10 and ^aall things that are Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 “And I am no more in the world; and *yet* ^athey themselves are in the world, and ^bI come to Thee. ^cHoly Father, keep them in Thy name, *the name* ^dwhich Thou hast given Me, that ^ethey may be one, even as *We are*.

12 “While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name ^awhich Thou hast given Me; and I guarded them, and ^bnot one of them perished but ^cthe son of perdition; that the ^dScripture might be fulfilled.

13 “But now ^aI come to Thee; and ^bthese things I speak in the world, that they may have My ^cjoy made full in themselves.

14 “I have given them Thy word; and ^athe world has hated them, because ^bthey are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

29 ¹Lit., *a proverb*
^aJohn 16:25; 10:6; Matt. 13:34

30 ^aJohn 16:27; 2:11 ^bJohn 8:42; 16:28

32 ^aJohn 4:23; 16:2, 25
^bMatt. 26:31; Zech. 13:7
^cJohn 19:27 ^dJohn 8:29

33 ^aJohn 14:27 ^bJohn 15:18ff. ^cMatt. 9:2 ^dRom. 8:37; 2 Cor. 2:14; 4:7ff.; 6:4ff.; Rev. 3:21; 12:11

1 ^aJohn 11:41 ^bJohn 7:39; 13:31f.

2 ¹Lit., *flesh* ²Lit., *all that which Thou hast given Him, to them He*
^aJohn 3:35 ^bJohn 17:6, 9, 24; 6:37, 39 ^cJohn 10:28

3 ^aJohn 5:44 ^bJohn 3:17; 17:8, 21, 23, 25

4 ^aJohn 13:31 ^bJohn 4:34; Luke 22:37

5 ^aJohn 17:1 ^bJohn 1:1; 8:58; Phil. 2:6; John 17:24

6 ^aJohn 17:26 ^bJohn 17:2, 9, 24; John 6:37, 39 ^cJohn 17:9 ^dJohn 8:51

8 ^aJohn 6:68; 12:49 ^bJohn 17:14, 26; 15:15 ^cJohn 8:42; 16:27, 30 ^dJohn 3:17; 17:18, 21, 23, 25

9 ^aLuke 22:32; John 14:16
^bJohn 17:20f.; Luke 23:34
^cJohn 17:2, 6, 24; 6:37, 39
^dJohn 17:6

10 ^aJohn 16:15

11 ^aJohn 13:1 ^bJohn 17:13; 7:33 ^cJohn 17:25 ^dPhil. 2:9; Rev. 19:12; John 17:6 ^eJohn 17:21f.; Rom. 12:5; Gal. 3:28

12 ^aPhil. 2:9; Rev. 19:12; John 17:6 ^bJohn 6:39; 18:9
^cJohn 6:70 ^dPs. 41:9

13 ^aJohn 17:11; 7:33 ^bJohn 15:11 ^cJohn 3:29

14 ^aJohn 15:19 ^bJohn 17:16; 8:23

15 ¹Or, *out of the power of*
²Or, *evil*
³Matt. 5:37

16 ²John 17:14

17 ²John 15:3

18 ²John 17:3, 8, 21, 23, 25;
^{3:17} ³John 20:21; Matt. 10:5;
John 4:38

19 ²John 15:13 ³John 15:3
²Cor. 7:14; Col. 1:6; 1 John
3:18

21 ¹Gr. tense indicates
continually believe
²John 10:38; 17:23; 17:11
³John 17:8 ⁴John 17:3, 8, 18,
23, 25; 3:17

22 ²John 17:24; 1:14

23 ¹Lit., *into a unit* ²Gr.
tense indicates *continually*
know
²John 10:38; 17:21; John
17:11 ³John 17:3, 8, 18, 21,
25; John 3:17 ⁴John 16:27

24 ¹Gr., *that which Thou*
hast given Me, I desire that
where I am, they also may be
with Me, that
²John 17:2 ³John 12:26 ⁴John
17:22; 1:14 ⁵Matt. 25:34;
John 17:5

25 ¹Lit., *and*
²John 17:11; 1 John 1:9
³John 7:29; 15:21 ⁴John 17:3,
8, 18, 21, 23; 3:17

26 ²John 17:6 ³John 15:9

1 ¹Gr., *winter-torrent*
²Matt. 26:30, 36; Mark
14:26, 32; Luke 22:39
³Sam. 15:23; 1 Kin. 2:37;
15:13; 2 Kin. 23:4, 6, 12;
2 Chr. 15:16; 29:16; 30:14;
Jer. 31:40 ⁴Matt. 26:36;
Mark 14:32; John 18:26

2 ¹Or, *delivering Him up*
²Luke 21:37; 22:39

3 ¹Normally 600 men; *a*
battalion
²John 18:3-11; Matt. 26:47-
56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke
22:47-53 ³John 18:12; Acts
10:1 ⁴John 7:32; 18:12, 18
⁵Matt. 25:1 and marg.

4 ²John 6:64; 13:1, 11
³John 18:7

7 ²John 18:4

9 ²John 17:12

10 ²Matt. 26:51; Mark
14:47

15 "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them ¹from ^{2a}the evil *one*.

16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

18 "As ^aThou didst send Me into the world, ^bI also have sent them into the world.

19 "And for their sakes I ^asanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be ^bsanctified ^cin truth.

20 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

21 that they may all be one; ^aeven as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; ^bthat the world may ¹believe that ^cThou didst send Me.

22 "And the ^aglory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

23 ^aI in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected ¹in unity, that the world may ²know that ^bThou didst send Me, and didst ^clove them, even as Thou didst love Me.

24 "Father, ^aI desire that ^athey also whom Thou hast given Me ^bbe with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My ^cglory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before ^dthe foundation of the world.

25 "O ^arighteous Father, ¹although ^bthe world has not known Thee, ¹yet I have known Thee; and these have known that ^cThou didst send Me;

26 and ^aI have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that ^bthe love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."

CHAPTER 18

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, ^aHe went forth with His disciples over ^bthe ¹ravine of the Kidron, where there was ^aa garden, into which He Himself entered, and His disciples.

2 Now Judas also, who was ¹betraying Him, knew the place; for Jesus had ^aoften met there with His disciples.

3 ^aJudas then, having received ^bthe ¹Roman cohort, and ^cofficers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, ^acame there with lanterns and ^dtorches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, ^aknowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth, and ^asaid to them, "Whom do you seek?"

5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He ^asaid to them, "I am *He*." And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

6 When therefore He said to them, "I am *He*", they drew back, and fell to the ground.

7 Again therefore He asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *He*; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way."

9 that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one."

10 Simon Peter therefore ^ahaving a sword, drew it, and

struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

11 Jesus therefore said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; ^athe cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

12 ^aSo ^bthe Roman ¹cohort and the ²commander, and the ^bofficers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

13 and led Him to ^aAnnas first; for he was father-in-law of ^bCaiaphas, who was high priest that year.

14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that ^ait was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

15 And ^aSimon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into ^bthe court of the high priest,

16 ^abut Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought in Peter.

17 ^aThe slave-girl therefore who kept the door ^{*}said to Peter, "^bYou are not also *one* of this man's disciples, are you?" He ^{*}said, "I am not."

18 Now the slaves and the ^aofficers were standing *there*, ^bhaving made ^ca charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 ^aThe high priest therefore questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, "I ^ahave spoken openly to the world; I always ^btaught in ¹synagogues, and ^cin the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.

21 "Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; behold, these know what I said."

22 And when He had said this, one of the ^aofficers standing by ^bgave Jesus a blow, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

23 ^aJesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"

24 ^aAnnas therefore sent Him bound to ^aCaiaphas the high priest.

25 ^aNow ^bSimon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "^cYou are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?" He denied *it*, and said, "I am not."

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one ^awhose ear Peter cut off, ^{*}said, "Did I not see you in ^bthe garden with Him?"

27 Peter therefore denied *it* again; and immediately ^aa cock crowed.

28 ^aThey ^{*}led Jesus therefore from ^bCaiaphas into ^cthe ¹Prætorium; and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into ^cthe ¹Prætorium in order that ^dthey might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

29 ^aPilate therefore went out to them, and ^{*}said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

11 ^aMatt. 20:22

12 ¹Or, *battalion* ²Lit., *chiliarch*, in command of a thousand troops
^aJohn 18:12f.; Matt. 26:57ff.
^bJohn 18:3

13 ^aJohn 18:24; Luke 3:2
^bMatt. 26:3; John 11:49, 51

14 ^aJohn 11:50

15 ^aMatt. 26:58; Mark 14:54; Luke 22:54
^bMatt. 26:3; John 18:24, 28

16 ^aJohn 18:16-18; Matt. 26:69f.; Mark 14:66-68; Luke 22:55-57

17 ^aActs 12:13
^bJohn 18:25

18 ^aJohn 18:3
^bMark 14:54;
⁶⁷John 21:9

19 ^aJohn 18:19-24; Matt. 26:59-68; Mark 14:55-65; Luke 22:63-71

20 ¹Lit., *synagogue*
^aJohn 7:26; 8:26
^bMatt. 4:23; John 6:59
^cMatt. 26:55

22 ^aJohn 18:3
^bJohn 19:3

23 ^aMatt. 5:39; Acts 23:2-5

24 ^aJohn 18:13

25 ^aJohn 18:25-27; Matt. 26:71-75; Mark 14:69-72; Luke 22:58-62
^bJohn 18:18
^cJohn 18:17

26 ^aJohn 18:10
^bJohn 18:1

27 ^aJohn 13:38

28 ¹Or, *governor's official residence*
^aMatt. 27:2; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1
^bJohn 18:13
^cJohn 18:33; 19:9; Matt. 27:27
^dJohn 11:55; Acts 11:3

29 ^aJohn 18:29-38; Matt. 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:2, 3

32 ^aJohn 12:32f.; 3:14; 8:28; Matt. 20:19; 26:2; Mark 10:33f.; Luke 18:32f.

33 ^aJohn 18:28, 29; 19:9
^bLuke 23:3; John 19:12

34 ¹Lit., *from yourself*

36 ¹Or, *is not derived from*
²Lit., *from here*
^aJohn 6:15; Matt. 26:53;
Luke 17:21

37 ^aMatt. 27:11; Mark 15:2;
Luke 22:70; 23:3 ^bJohn 3:32;
8:14; 1:14 ^cJohn 8:47; 1 John
4:6

38 ^aJohn 19:4; 18:33 ^bLuke
23:4; John 19:4

39 ¹Or, *to you*
^aJohn 18:39-19:16; Matt.
27:15-18, 20-23; Mark 15:6-
15; Luke 23:18-25

40 ^aActs 3:14

¹ Or, *had Him scourged*
^aMatt. 27:26

² ^aMatt. 27:27-30; Mark
15:16-19

³ ^aMatt. 27:29; Mark
15:18 ^bJohn 18:22

⁴ ^aJohn 18:38; 18:33 ^bJohn
18:38; 19:6; Luke 23:4

⁵ John 19:2

⁶ ^aJohn 18:3; Matt. 26:58
^bJohn 18:38; 19:4; Luke 23:4

⁷ ^aLev. 24:16; Matt. 26:63-
66 ^bJohn 5:18; 10:33

⁹ ¹Or, *governor's official
residence*
^aJohn 18:33 ^bMatt. 26:63;
27:12, 14; John 18:34-37

31 Pilate therefore said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put any one to death,"

32 that ^athe word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

33 Pilate therefore ^aentered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "^bYou are the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this ¹on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "^aMy kingdom ¹is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is My kingdom is not ²of this realm."

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "^aYou say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, ^bto bear witness to the truth. ^cEvery one who is of the truth hears My voice."

38 Pilate ^asaid to Him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he ^awent out again to the Jews, and ^asaid to them, "^bI find no guilt in Him.

39 "^aBut you have a custom, that I should release someone ¹for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release ¹for you the King of the Jews?"

40 Therefore they cried out again, saying, "^aNot this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

CHAPTER 19

THEN Pilate therefore took Jesus, and ^{1a}scourged Him.

2 ^aAnd the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe;

3 and they *began* to come up to Him, and say, "^aHail, King of the Jews!" and to ^bgive Him blows in the face.

4 And Pilate ^acame out again, and ^asaid to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that ^{b1}find no guilt in Him."

5 Jesus therefore came out, ^awearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* ^asaid to them, "Behold, the Man!"

6 When therefore the chief priests and the ^aofficers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate ^asaid to them, "Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him, for ^{b1}find no guilt in Him."

7 The Jews answered him, "^aWe have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He ^bmade Himself out to be the Son of God."

8 When Pilate therefore heard this statement, he was the more afraid;

9 and he ^aentered into the ¹Praetorium again, and ^asaid to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But ^bJesus gave him no answer.

10 Pilate therefore ^asaid to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

11 Jesus answered, "^aYou would have no authority ¹over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason ^bhe who delivered Me up to you has *the* greater sin."

12 As a result of this Pilate ¹made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "^aIf you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; every one who makes himself out *to be* a king ²opposes Caesar."

13 When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and ^asat down on the judgment-seat at a place called ¹The Pavement, but ^bin ²Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was ^athe day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the ^bsixth hour. And he ^asaid to the Jews, "Behold, ^cyour King!"

15 They therefore cried out, "^aAway with *Him*, away with *Him*, crucify Him!" Pilate ^asaid to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 And so he then ^adelivered Him up to them to be crucified.

17 ^aThey took Jesus therefore; and He went out, ^bbearing His own cross, to the place called ^cthe Place of a Skull, which is called ^din ²Hebrew Golgotha;

18 where they crucified Him, and with Him ^atwo other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

19 And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, "^aJESUS THE NAZARENE, ^bTHE KING OF THE JEWS."

20 Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written ^ain ¹Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek.

21 And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, ^aThe King of the Jews; but that He said, 'I am ^aKing of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "^aWhat I have written I have written."

23 ^aThe soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made ^bfour parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the ¹tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven ²in one piece.

24 They said therefore to one another, "^aLet us not tear it, but cast ¹lots for it, *to decide* whose it shall be;" ^bthat the Scripture might be fulfilled, "THEY ^cDIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST ¹LOTS."

25 Therefore the soldiers did these things. ^aBut there were standing by the cross of Jesus ^bHis mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of ^cClopas, and ^dMary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and ^athe disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He ^asaid to His mother, "^bWoman, behold, your son!"

27 Then He ^asaid to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into ^ahis own household.

28 After this, Jesus, ^aknowing that all things had already

11 ¹Lit., *against*
^aRom. 13:1 ^bJohn 18:13f., 28ff.; Acts 3:13

12 ¹Lit., *was seeking to* ²Or, *speaks against*
^aLuke 23:2; John 18:33ff.

13 ¹Cr., *The Lithostrotos*
²L.e., *Jewish Aramaic*
^aMatt. 27:19 ^bJohn 5:2; 19:17, 20

14 ¹L.e., *noon*
^aMatt. 27:62; John 19:31, 42
^bMark 15:25; Matt. 27:45
^cJohn 19:19, 21

15 ^aLuke 23:18

16 ^aMatt. 27:26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:25

17 ¹Lit., *bearing the cross for Himself* ²L.e., *Jewish Aramaic*
^aJohn 19:17-24; Matt. 27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32; Luke 23:33-43 ^bLuke 14:27; Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26 ^cLuke 23:33 and marg.
^dJohn 19:13

18 ^aLuke 23:32

19 ^aMatt. 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38 ^bJohn 19:14, 21

20 ¹L.e., *Jewish Aramaic*
^aJohn 19:13

21 ^aJohn 19:14, 19

22 ^aGen. 43:14; Esther 4:16

23 ¹Cr., *khiton*, the garment worn next to the skin ²Lit., *woven from the upper part through the whole*
^aMatt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34 ^bActs 12:4

24 ¹Lit., *a lot*
^aMatt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; Ex. 28:32 ^bJohn 19:28, 36f. ^cPs. 22:18

25 ^aMatt. 27:55f.; Mark 15:40f.; Luke 23:49 ^bMatt. 12:46 ^cLuke 24:18 ^dJohn 20:1, 18; Luke 8:2

26 ^aJohn 13:23 ^bJohn 2:4

27 ^aLuke 18:28 marg.; John 1:11; 16:32; Acts 21:6 [Cr.]

28 ^aJohn 13:1; 17:4

28 ^bJohn 19:24, 36f. ^cPs. 69:21

29 ^aJohn 19:29, 30; Matt. 27:48, 50; Mark 15:36f.; Luke 23:36

30 ^aJohn 17:4 ^bMatt. 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46

31 ¹Lit., *for the day of that Sabbath was great*
^aJohn 19:14, 42 ^bDeut. 21:23; Josh. 8:29; 10:26f. ^cEx. 12:16

32 ^aJohn 19:18

34 ¹ John 5:6, 8

35 ^aJohn 15:27; 21:24

36 ¹Or, *crushed or shattered*
^aJohn 19:24, 28 ^bEx. 12:46; Num. 9:12; Ps. 34:20

37 ^aZech. 12:10

38 ^aJohn 19:38-42; Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56 ^bMark 15:43 ^cJohn 7:13

39 ¹Another reading, *package of* ²Lit., 100 litras (12 oz. each)
^aJohn 3:1 ^bMark 16:1 ^cPs. 45:8; Prov. 7:17; Song 4:14; Matt. 2:11 ^dJohn 12:3

40 ^aJohn 11:44; Matt. 26:12; Mark 14:8 ^bJohn 20:5, 7; Luke 24:12

41 ^aMatt. 27:60 ^bLuke 23:53

42 ^aJohn 19:14, 31 ^bJohn 19:20, 41

1 ^aJohn 20:1-8; Matt. 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10
^bJohn 19:25; John 20:18
^cMatt. 27:60, 66; 28:2; Mark 15:46; 16:3f.; Luke 24:2; John 11:38

2 ¹Lit., *was loving*
^aJohn 13:23 ^bJohn 20:13

3 ^aJohn 20:3-10; Luke 24:12

been accomplished, ^bin order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ^asaid, "cI am thirsty."

29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so ^athey put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a *branch* of hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "aIt is finished!" And He bowed His head, and ^bgave up His spirit.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was ^athe day of preparation, so that ^bthe bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (¹for that Sabbath was a *high day*), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

32 The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was ^acrucified with Him;

33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs;

34 but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out ^ablood and water.

35 And he who has seen has ^aborne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

36 For these things came to pass, ^athat the Scripture might be fulfilled, "bNOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE ¹BROKEN."

37 And again another Scripture says, "aTHEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

38 ^aAnd after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a ^bsecret one, for ^cfear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. He came therefore, and took away His body.

39 And ^aNicodemus came also, who had first come to Him by night; ^bbringing a ¹mixture of ^cmyrrh and aloes, about a ^dhundred ²pounds *weight*.

40 And so they took the body of Jesus, and ^abound it in ^blinen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a ^anew tomb, ^bin which no one had yet been laid.

42 Therefore on account of the Jewish day of ^apreparation, because the tomb was ^bnearby, they laid Jesus there.

CHAPTER 20

^a NOW on the first *day* of the week ^bMary Magdalene ^acame early to the tomb, while it ^awas still dark, and ^asaw ^cthe stone *already* taken away from the tomb.

2 And so she ^aran and ^acame to Simon Peter, and to the other ^adisciple whom Jesus ¹loved, and ^asaid to them, "bThey have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

3 ^aPeter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they were going to the tomb.

4 And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first;

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5 and ^astooping and looking in, he ^{*}saw the ^blinen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in.

6 Simon Peter therefore also ^{*}came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he ^{*}beheld the linen wrappings lying *there*,

7 and ^athe face-cloth, which had been on His head, not lying with the ^blinen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who ^ahad first come to the tomb, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet ^athey did not understand the Scripture, ^bthat He must rise again from the dead.

10 So the disciples went away again ^ato their own homes.

11 ^aBut Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she ^bstooped and looked into the tomb;

12 and she ^{*}beheld ^atwo angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

13 And they ^{*}said to her, “^aWoman, why are you weeping?” She ^{*}said to them, “Because ^bthey have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

14 When she had said this, she turned around, and ^{*}beheld Jesus standing *there*, and ^bdid not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus ^{*}said to her, “^aWoman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she ^{*}said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”

16 Jesus ^{*}said to her, “Mary!” She ^{*}turned and ^{*}said to Him ^ain ¹Hebrew, “^bRabboni,” (which means, Teacher.)

17 Jesus ^{*}said to her, “Stop clinging to Me; for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to ^aMy brethren, and say to them, ‘I ^bascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”

18 ^aMary Magdalene ^{*}came, ^bannouncing to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord;” and *that* He had said these things to her.

19 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for ^afear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and ^{*}said to them, “^{1b}Peace *be* with you.”

20 And when He had said this, ^aHe showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore ^brejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus therefore said to them again, “^{1a}Peace *be* with you; ^bas the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and ^{*}said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 “^aIf you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* ¹have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained.”

24 But ^aThomas, one of ^bthe twelve, called ^{1a}Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I shall see in ^aHis hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the

5 ^aJohn 20:11 ^bJohn 19:40

7 ^aJohn 11:44 ^bJohn 19:40

8 ^aJohn 20:4

9 ^aMatt. 22:29; John 2:22
^bLuke 24:26ff., 46

10 ^aLuke 24:12

11 ^aMark 16:5 ^bJohn 20:5

12 ^aLuke 24:4; Matt. 28:2f.,
Mark 16:5

13 ^aJohn 20:15 ^bJohn 20:2

14 ^aMark 16:9; Matt. 28:9
^bJohn 21:4

15 ^aJohn 20:13

16 ¹I.e., Jewish Aramaic
^aJohn 5:2 ^bMark 10:51;
Matt. 23:7

17 ^aMatt. 28:10 ^bJohn 7:33;
Mark 16:19; 12:26

18 ^aJohn 20:1 ^bMark 16:10;
Luke 24:10, 23

19 ¹Lit., *Peace to you*
^aJohn 7:13 ^bJohn 20:21, 26;
Luke 24:36; John 14:27

20 ^aLuke 24:39, 40; John
19:34 ^bJohn 16:20, 22

21 ¹Here as in verse 19 and
26
^aJohn 20:19, 26; Luke 24:36;
John 14:27 ^bJohn 17:18

23 ¹I.e., have previously
been forgiven
^aMatt. 18:18; Matt. 16:19

24 ¹I.e., the Twin
^aJohn 11:16 ^bJohn 6:67

25 ^aJohn 20:20

25 ^bMark 16:11

26 ¹Or, a week later ²Or, lacked
^aJohn 20:19, 21; ^bLuke 24:36; ^cJohn 14:27

27 ^aJohn 20:25; ^bLuke 24:40

29 ^a1 Pet. 1:8

30 ¹Or, attesting miracles
^aJohn 21:25 ^bJohn 2:11

31 ¹I.e., The Messiah
^aJohn 19:35 ^bMatt. 4:3 ^cJohn 3:15

¹ Or, made Himself visible
^aJohn 21:14; ^bMark 16:12
^bJohn 20:19, 26 ^cJohn 6:1

² I.e., the Twin
^aJohn 11:16 ^bJohn 1:45ff.
^cJohn 2:1 ^dMatt. 4:21; ^eMark 1:19; ^fLuke 5:10

³ ^aLuke 5:5

⁴ ^aJohn 20:14; ^bLuke 24:16

⁵ ¹Lit., something eaten with bread
^aLuke 24:41

⁶ ^aLuke 5:4ff.

⁷ ¹Lit., was loving
^aJohn 13:23; ^bJohn 21:20

⁸ ¹Lit., 200 cubits

⁹ ^aJohn 18:18 ^bJohn 21, 10, 13; ^cJohn 6:9, 11

¹⁰ ^aJohn 21:10, 13; ^bJohn 6:9, 11

¹² ^aJohn 21:15

place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, ^bI will not believe."

26 And ¹after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus ^acame, the doors having been ²shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "^aPeace be with you."

27 Then He ^asaid to Thomas, "^aReach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus ^asaid to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? ^aBlessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

30 ^aMany other ¹signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these have been written ^athat you may believe that Jesus is ¹the Christ, ^bthe Son of God; and that ^cbelieving you may have life in His name.

CHAPTER 21

AFTER these things Jesus ¹manifested Himself ^aagain to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and He manifested Himself in this way.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and ^aThomas called ¹Didymus, and ^bNathanael of ^cCana in Galilee, and ^dthe sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples.

3 Simon Peter ^asaid to them, "I am going fishing." They ^asaid to him, "We will also come with you." They went out, and got into the boat; and ^athat night they caught nothing.

4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not ^aknow that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus therefore ^asaid to them, "Children, ^ayou do not have any ¹fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, "^aCast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find a catch." They cast therefore, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

7 ^aThat disciple therefore whom Jesus ¹loved ^asaid to Peter, "It is the Lord!" And so when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and ¹threw himself into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about ¹one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

9 And so when they got out upon the land, they ^asaw a charcoal ^afire already laid, and ^bfish placed on it, and bread.

10 Jesus ^asaid to them, "Bring some of the ^afish which you have now caught."

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus ^asaid to them, "Come and have ^abreakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus *came and *took ^athe bread, and *gave them, and the ^bfish likewise.

14 This is now the ^athird time that Jesus ¹was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

15 So when they had ^afinished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, "Simon, ¹son of John, do you ^{2b}love Me more than these?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ³love You." He *said to him, "Tend ^cMy lambs."

16 He *said to him again a second time, "Simon, ¹son of John, do you ¹love Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ²love You." He *said to him, "^aShepherd My sheep."

17 He *said to him the third time, "Simon, ¹son of John, do you ¹love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him ^athe third time, "Do you ¹love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, ^bYou know all things; You know that I ¹love You." Jesus *said to him, "^cTend My sheep."

18 "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

19 Now this He said, ^asignifying by ^bwhat kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, "^cFollow Me!"

20 Peter, turning around, *saw the ^adisciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had ^bleaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21 Peter therefore seeing him *said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

22 Jesus *said to him, "If I want him to remain ^auntil I come, what *is that* to you? You ^bfollow Me!"

23 This saying therefore went out among ^athe brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die; but *only*, "If I want him to remain ^buntil I come, what *is that* to you?"

24 This is the disciple who ^abears witness of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his witness is true.

25 And there are also ^amany other things which Jesus did, which if they *were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself *would not contain the books which *were written.

13 ¹John 21:9 ^bJohn 21:9, 10; 6:9, 11

14 ¹Or, *made Himself visible*
²John 20:19, 26

15 ¹Here and in verses 16 and 17 some mss. read, *son of Jonas* ²Gr., *agapao* ³Gr., *phileo*
²John 21:12 ^bJohn 13:37; Matt. 26:33; Mark 14:29
^cLuke 12:32

16 ¹Gr., *agapao* ²Gr., *phileo*
²Matt. 2:6; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2; Rev. 7:17

17 ¹Gr., *phileo*
²John 13:38 ^bJohn 16:30
^cJohn 21:16

19 ¹John 12:33; 18:32
^{b2} Pet. 1:14 ^cMatt. 8:22; 16:24; John 21:22

20 ^aJohn 21:7 ^bJohn 13:25

22 ¹ Cor. 4:5; 11:26; James 5:7; Rev. 2:25; Matt. 16:27f.
^bMatt. 8:22; 16:24; John 21:19

23 ^aActs 1:15 ^{b1} Cor. 4:5; 11:26; James 5:7; Rev. 2:25; Matt. 16:27f.

24 ^aJohn 15:27

25 ^aJohn 20:30

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Introduction. The Ascension. The Upper Room.

¹ Lit., *made*
² Luke 1:3 ^b Luke 3:23

² Or, *through*
^a Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9, 11, 22
^b Matt. 28:19f.; Mark 16:15;
John 20:21f.; Acts 10:42
^c Mark 6:30 [and so
elsewhere] ^d John 13:18; Acts
10:41

³ Lit., *whom*
^a Matt. 28:17; Mark 16:12,
14; Luke 24:34, 36; John
20:19, 26; 21:1, 14; 1 Cor.
15:5-7 ^b Acts 8:12; 19:8; 28:23,
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⁴ Or, *eating with*; or
possibly, *lodging with* ² Lit.,
the promise of the Father
^a Luke 24:49 ^b Acts 2:33; John
14:16, 26; 15:26

⁵ Or, *in* ² Lit., *after these
many days*
^a Acts 11:16; Matt. 3:11 ^b Acts
2:1-4

⁶ ^a Matt. 17:11; Mark 9:12;
Luke 17:20; 19:11

⁷ ^a Matt. 24:36; Mark
13:32

⁸ ^a Acts 2:1-4 ^b Luke 24:48;
John 15:27 ^c Acts 8:1, 5, 14
^d Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15;
Col. 1:23; Rom. 10:18

⁹ ^a Acts 1:2

¹⁰ ¹ Or, *heaven* ² Lit., *and
behold*
^a Luke 24:4; John 20:12

¹¹ ¹ Or, *heaven*
^a Acts 2:7; 13:31 ^b Mark 16:19;
Acts 1:9, 22 ^c Matt. 16:27f.,
Acts 3:21

¹² ¹ Or, *hill* ² Or, *Olive
Grove*
^a Luke 24:50, 52 ^b Matt. 21:1

¹³ ¹ Or, *Jacob* ² Or possibly,
brother
^a Acts 9:37, 39; 20:8; Mark
14:15; Luke 22:12 ^b Acts 1:13;
Matt. 1:2-4; Mark 3:16-19;
Luke 6:14-16 ^c John 14:22

¹⁴ ¹ Or, *certain women*
^a Acts 2:42; 6:4; Rom. 12:12;
Col. 4:2; Eph. 6:18 ^b Luke
8:2f. ^c Matt. 12:46

¹⁵ ¹ Lit., *in these days* ² Lit.,
names
^a John 21:23; Acts 6:3; 9:30;
10:23; 11:1, 12, 29; 12:17;
14:2; 15:1, 3, 22, 23, 32f., 40;
16:2, 40; 17:6, 10, 14; 18:18,
27; 21:7, 17; 22:5; 28:14f.;
Rom. 1:13; Acts 11:26

¹⁶ ^a Acts 1:20; John 13:18;
17:12

THE first account I ¹ composed, ^a Theophilus, about all that
Jesus ^b began to do and teach,

2 until the day when He ^a was taken up, after He ^b had ¹ by
the Holy Spirit given orders to ^c the apostles whom He had
^d chosen.

3 To ¹ these ^a He also presented Himself alive, after His
suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over
a period of forty days, and speaking of ^b the things concerning
the kingdom of God.

4 And ¹ gathering them together, He commanded them
^a not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for ² what the Father had
promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me;

5 for ^a John baptized with water, but you shall be bap-
tized ¹ with the Holy Spirit ² not many days from now."

6 And so when they had come together, they were asking
Him, saying, "Lord, ^a is it at this time You are restoring the
kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or
epochs which ^a the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you shall receive power ^a when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you; and you shall be ^b My witnesses both in Jerusa-
lem, and in all Judea and ^c Samaria, and even to ^d the remotest
part of the earth."

9 And after He had said these things, ^a He was lifted up
while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of
their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into ¹ the sky while He
was departing, ² behold, ^a two men in white clothing stood be-
side them;

11 and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand
looking into ¹ the sky? This Jesus, who ^b has been taken up from
you into heaven, will ^c come in just the same way as you have
watched Him go into heaven."

12 Then they ^a returned to Jerusalem from the ¹ mount
called ² Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's jour-
ney away.

13 And when they had entered, they went up to ^a the upper
room, where they were staying; ^b that is, Peter and John and
¹ James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and
Matthew, ¹ James *the son of Alphaeus*, and Simon the Zealot,
and ^c Judas *the son of James*.

14 These all with one mind ^a were continually devoting
themselves to prayer, along with ¹ the women, and Mary the
^c mother of Jesus, and with His ^b brothers.

15 And ¹ at this time Peter stood up in the midst of ^a the
brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty ² per-
sons was there together), and said,

16 "Brethren, ^a the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the

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The Day of Pentecost.**

Acts 1, 2

Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

17 "For he was accounted among us, and received his portion in this ministry."

18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.)

19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms,
"LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE,
AND LET NO MAN DWELL IN IT;"
and,
"HIS OFFICE LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE."

21 "It is therefore necessary that the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—

22 beginning with the baptism of John, until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these should become a witness with us of His resurrection."

23 And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen

25 to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER 2

AND when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because they were each one hearing them speak in his own language.

7 And they began to be amazed and to marvel, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

8 "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?"

9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

16 ^bMatt. 26:47; Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47; John 18:3

17 ^aJohn 6:70f. ^bActs 1:25; 20:24; 21:19

18 ^aMatt. 27:3-10 ^bMatt. 26:14f.

19 ¹Some early mss. read, *Hakeldamach* ^aActs 21:40; Matt. 27:8

20 ¹Lit., *position as overseer* ^aPs. 69:25 ^bPs. 109:8

21 ¹Lit., *to us* ^aLuke 24:3

22 ¹Lit., *from* ^aMark 1:1-4 ^bActs 1:2 ^cActs 1:8; 2:32

23 ^aActs 1:26

24 ^aActs 6:6; 13:3; 14:23 ^bActs 15:8; Rom. 8:27; 1 Sam. 16:7; Jer. 17:10

25 ¹Lit., *take the place of* ^aActs 1:17 ^bRom. 1:5; 1 Cor. 9:2; Gal. 2:8

26 ¹Lit., *gave* ²Or, *upon* ³Lit., *chosen* ^aLev. 16:8; Josh. 14:2; 1 Sam. 14:41f.; Neh. 10:34; 11:1; Prov. 16:33 ^bActs 1:23 ^cActs 2:14

¹Lit., *was being fulfilled* ^aActs 20:16; 1 Cor. 16:8; Lev. 23:15f.

²Acts 4:31

³Or, *being distributed* ²Lit., *it* ³Or, *sat*

⁴Or, *ability to speak out* ^aActs 4:8, 31; 9:17; 13:9, 52; 1:5, 8; 6:3, 5; 7:55; 8:17; 11:15; Matt. 10:20 ^bMark 16:17; 1 Cor. 12:10f.; 14:21

⁵Acts 8:2; Luke 2:25

⁶Or, *dialect* ^aActs 2:2

⁷Lit., *behold* ^aActs 2:12 ^bActs 1:11; Matt. 26:73

⁸Or, *dialect* ²Lit., *in*

⁹1.e., west coast province of Asia Minor ^a1 Pet. 1:1 ^b1 Pet. 1:1; Acts 18:2 ^cActs 6:9; 16:6; 19:10, 20:4; 21:27; 24:18; 27:2; Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; 2 Cor. 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:15; Rev. 1:4

¹⁰1Lit., *the sojourning Romans* ²1.e., Gentile converts to Judaism ^aActs 16:6; 18:23 ^bActs 13:13; 14:24; 15:38; 27:5 ^cMatt. 27:32 ^dActs 17:21 ^eMatt. 23:15

12 ^aActs 2:7

13 ¹Or, *new wine*
^a1 Cor. 14:23

14 ¹Or, *being put forward as spokesman*
^aActs 1:26

15 ¹I.e., 9 a.m.
^a1 Thess. 5:7

17 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aJoel 2:28-32

21 ^aRom. 10:13

22 ¹Or, *exhibited*; or *accredited* ²Or, *works of power* ³Or, *attesting miracles*
^aActs 10:38; 3:6; 4:10 ^bJohn 3:2 ^cActs 2:19, 43; John 4:48

23 ¹Or, *men without the Law*, i.e., *heathen*
^aActs 3:18; 4:28; Luke 22:22; 1 Pet. 1:20 ^bActs 3:13; Luke 24:20

24 ¹Lit., *Whom God raised up* ²Lit., *birth pangs*
^aActs 2:32; 3:15, 26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33, 34, 37; 17:31; Rom. 4:24; 6:4; 8:11; 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:15; 2 Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 1:21 ^bJohn 20:9

25 ^aPs. 16:8-11

27 ¹Lit., *give* ²Or, *devout or pious* ³Lit., *see corruption*
^aMatt. 11:23; Acts 2:31 ^bActs 13:35

11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.”

12 And ^athey continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

13 But others were mocking and saying, “^aThey are full of ¹sweet wine.”

14 But Peter, ¹taking his stand with ^athe eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.

15 “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, ^afor it is *only* the ¹third hour of the day;

16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

17 ^aAND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS, GOD SAYS, THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT UPON ALL ¹MANKIND;

AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

18 ^aEVEN UPON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

19 ^aAND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE, AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BENEATH, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

20 ^aTHE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

21 ^aAND IT SHALL BE, THAT ^aEVERY ONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.’

22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: ^aJesus the Nazarene, ^ba man ¹attested to you by God with ²miracles and ^cwonders and ³signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

23 this *Man*, delivered up by the ^apredetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, ^byou nailed to a cross by the hands of ¹godless men and put *Him* to death.

24 ^aAnd ^aGod raised Him up again, putting an end to the ²agony of death, since it ^bwas impossible for Him to be held in its power.

25 “For David says of Him, ^aI WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING THE LORD IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN.

26 ^aTHEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED;

27 ^aMOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL ABIDE IN HOPE; ^bBECAUSE THOU WILT NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO ^aHADES,

^bNOR ¹ALLOW THY ²HOLY ONE TO ³UNDERGO DECAY.

28 ^aTHOU HAST MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; THOU WILT MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH THY PRESENCE.’

29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants upon his throne,

31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

"THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

35 *UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET."*

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

44 And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;

45 and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

46 And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

47 praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

29 ¹Lit., *men brothers* ²Lit., *among*
³Acts 7:8f.; Heb. 7:4 ^bActs 13:36 ^{c1} Kin. 2:10 ^dNeh. 3:16

30 ¹Lit., *of the fruit of his loins*
²Matt. 22:43 ^{b2} Sam. 7:12f.; Ps. 89:3f.; 132:11

31 ¹I.e., the Messiah ²Lit., *see corruption*
³Matt. 11:23; Acts 2:27

32 ^aActs 2:24; 3:15, 26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33, 34; 37; 17:31; Rom. 4:24; 6:4; 8:11; 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:15; 2 Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 1:21 ^bActs 1:8

33 ¹Or, *by*
^aActs 5:31; Mark 16:19 ^bActs 1:4 ^cGal. 3:14; John 7:39
^dActs 2:17; 10:45

34 ¹Lit., *the heavens*
²Ps. 110:1; Matt. 22:44f.

36 ¹I.e., Messiah
^aEzek. 36:22, 32, 37; 45:6
^bLuke 2:11 ^cActs 2:23

37 ¹Or, *smitten in conscience* ²Lit., *men brothers*
^aLuke 3:10, 12, 14

38 ^aActs 3:19; 5:31; 20:21; Luke 24:47; Mark 1:15 ^bActs 8:12, 16; 22:16; Mark 16:16

39 ^aRom. 9:4; Is. 44:3; 54:13; 57:19; Joel 2:32; Eph. 2:12 ^bEph. 2:13, 17

40 ¹Or, *Escape*
^aLuke 16:28 ^bDeut. 32:5; Phil. 2:15; Matt. 17:17

41 ¹I.e., persons
^aActs 3:23; 7:14; 27:37; Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 3:20; Rev. 16:3

42 ¹Lit., *the prayers*
^aActs 1:14 ^bLuke 24:30; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16 ^cActs 2:46

43 ¹Lit., *fear was occurring to every soul* ²Or, *attesting miracles* ³Some ancient mss. add, in Jerusalem; and great fear was upon all
^aActs 2:22

44 ¹Some ancient mss. omit, *were*
^aActs 4:32; Acts 4:37; 5:2

45 ^aMatt. 19:21; Acts 4:34

46 ¹Or, *in the various private homes* ²Lit., *food*
³Or, *simplicity*
^aActs 5:42 ^bLuke 24:30; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16; Acts 2:42

47 ¹Lit., *together*
^aActs 5:13 ^bActs 2:41; 5:14; 6:1, 7; 11:24; Acts 4:4; 9:31, 35, 42; 11:21; 14:1, 21; 16:5; 17:12 ^{c1} Cor. 1:18

1 ¹I.e., 3 p.m.
^aLuke 22:8; Acts 3:3, 4, 11
^bPs. 55:17; Acts 10:30; Matt. 27:45

2 ¹Or, *a gift of charity*
^aActs 14:8; ^bLuke 16:20 ^cActs 3:10; John 9:8

3 ^aLuke 22:8; Acts 3:1, 4, 11

4 ^aActs 10:4

6 ^aActs 4:10; 3:16; 2:22

8 ¹Lit., *leaping up*
^aActs 14:10

9 ^aActs 4:16, 21

10 ^aActs 3:2; John 9:8

11 ¹Or, *colonnade*
^aLuke 22:8; Acts 3:3, 4 ^bActs 5:12; John 10:23

12 ^aMatt. 11:25; 17:4; 22:1; Luke 14:3; Acts 5:8, 10:46

13 ¹Or, *Child*
^aMatt. 22:32 ^bActs 5:30; 7:32; 22:14; Ex. 3:13, 15 ^cActs 3:26; 4:27, 30 ^dActs 2:23; Matt. 20:19; John 19:11 ^eMatt. 27:2 ^fLuke 23:4

14 ^aMark 1:24; Acts 4:27; 7:52; 2 Cor. 5:21 ^bMatt. 27:20; Mark 15:1; ^cLuke 23:18-25

15 ¹Or, *Author*
^aActs 5:31; Heb. 2:10; 12:2 ^bActs 2:24 ^cLuke 24:48

16 ¹Lit., *His*
^aActs 3:6

17 ^aLuke 23:34; Acts 13:27; 26:9; John 15:21; Eph. 4:18 ^bLuke 23:13

18 ¹Or, *Anointed One, Messiah*
^aActs 2:23 ^bLuke 24:27; Acts 17:3; 26:23

19 ^aActs 2:38; 26:20
^b2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 4:1ff.

20 ¹I.e., *Messiah*

NOW ^aPeter and John were going up to the temple at the ¹ninth hour, ^bthe hour of prayer.

2 And ^aa certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they ^bused to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, ^cin order to beg ¹alms of those who were entering the temple.

3 And when he saw ^aPeter and John about to go into the temple, he *began* asking to receive alms.

4 And Peter, along with John, ^afixed his gaze upon him and said, "Look at us!"

5 And he *began* to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: ^aIn the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"

7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

8 ^aAnd ^bwith a leap, he stood upright and *began* to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 And ^aall the people saw him walking and praising God; and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to ^asit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to *beg* alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

11 And while he was clinging to ^aPeter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called ¹b²portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

12 But when Peter saw *this*, he ^areplied to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

13 ^a"The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, ^bthe God of our fathers, has glorified His ¹c²Servant Jesus, *the one* whom ^dyou delivered up, and disowned in the presence of ^ePilate, when he had ^fdecided to release Him.

14 "But you disowned ^athe Holy and Righteous One, and ^basked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15 but put to death the ¹a²Prince of life, *the one* whom ^bGod raised from the dead,—*a fact* to which we are ^cwitnesses.

16 "And on the basis of faith ^ain His name, *it is* the name of ¹Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 "And now, brethren, I know that you acted ^ain ignorance, just as your ^brulers did also.

18 "But the things which ^aGod announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, ^bthat His ¹Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

19 ^a"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that ^btimes of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

20 and that he may send Jesus, the ¹Christ appointed for you,

21 ^awhom heaven must receive until *the* ¹period of ^brestoration of all things, about which ^cGod spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

22 ^a"Moses said, ^aTHE LORD GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET ¹LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED IN EVERYTHING HE SAYS TO YOU.

23 ^aAND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERY ^bSOUL THAT DOES NOT HEED THAT PROPHET SHALL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.'

24 "And likewise, ^aall the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.

25 "It is you who are ^athe sons of the prophets, and of the ^bcovenant which God ¹made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ^cAND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

26 "For you ^afirst, God ^braised up His ¹Servant, and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

CHAPTER 4

AND as they were speaking to the people, the priests and ^athe captain of the temple *guard*, and ^bthe Sadducees, ^ccame upon them,

2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming ^{1a}in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and ^aput them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

4 But many of those who had heard the ¹message believed; and ^athe number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came about on the next day, that their ^arulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

6 and ^aAnnas the high priest *was there*, and ^bCaiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

7 And when they had placed them in the center, they *began* to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"

8 Then Peter, ^{1a}filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ^{2b}Rulers and elders of the people,

9 if we are on trial today for ^aa benefit done to a sick man, ^{1a}as to how this man has been made well,

10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that ^{1a}by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom ^bGod raised from the dead,—^{1b}by ²this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.

11 ^{1a}"He is the ^bSTONE WHICH WAS ^cREJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE VERY CORNERSTONE.

12 "And there is salvation in ^ano one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

13 Now as they observed the ^aconfidence of ^bPeter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and un-

21 ¹Lit., *periods, times*
^aActs 1:11 ^bMatt. 17:11;
Rom. 8:21 ^cLuke 1:70

22 ¹Or, *as He raised up me*
^aDeut. 18:15; Acts 7:37

23 ^aDeut. 18:19 ^bActs 2:41

24 ^aLuke 24:27; Acts 17:3;
26:23

25 ¹Lit., *covenanted*
^aActs 2:39 ^bRom. 9:4f. ^cGen. 22:16

26 ¹Or, *Child*
^aActs 13:46; Rom. 1:16; 2:9f.;
Matt. 15:24; John 4:22 ^bActs 2:24

1 ^aLuke 22:4 ^bMatt. 3:7
^cLuke 20:1; Acts 6:12

2 ¹Or, *in the case of*
^aActs 17:18; 3:15

3 ^aActs 5:18

4 ¹Or, *word*
^aActs 2:41

5 ^aLuke 23:13; Acts 4:8

6 ^aLuke 3:2 ^bMatt. 26:3

8 ¹Or, *having just been filled*
¹Or, *rulers of the people and elders*
^aActs 13:9; 2:4 ^bLuke 23:13;
Acts 4:5

9 ¹Or, *by whom*
^aActs 3:7f.

10 ¹Or, *in* ²Or, *him*
^aActs 3:6; 2:22 ^bActs 2:24

11 ¹Lit., *This One*
^aMatt. 21:42 ^bPs. 118:22
^cMark 9:12

12 ¹Tim. 2:5; Matt. 1:21;
Acts 10:43

13 ^aActs 4:31 ^bLuke 22:8;
Acts 4:19

13 ¹Lit., *that they had been*
²John 7:15

15 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin*
²Matt. 5:22

16 ¹Or, *sign*
²John 11:47 ³Acts 3:7-10

17 ²John 15:21

18 ¹Or, *on the basis of*
²Acts 5:28f.

19 ²Acts 4:13 ³Acts 5:28f.

20 ¹Cor. 9:16

21 ²Acts 5:26 ³Matt. 9:8

22 ¹Or, *sign*

24 ¹Or, *Master*
²Ex. 20:11; Ps. 146:6

25 ¹This word is missing in
the Greek ²Or, *Nations*
³Acts 1:16 ⁴Ps. 2:1

26 ¹Or, *approached* ²i.e.,
Messiah, Anointed One
³Ps. 2:2 ⁴Dan. 9:24f.; Luke
4:18; Acts 10:38; Heb. 1:9

27 ¹Or, *Child* ²Or, *nations*
³Acts 4:30; 3:13 ⁴Matt. 14:1
⁵Luke 23:12; Matt. 27:2
⁶Matt. 20:19

28 ²Acts 2:23

29 ¹Or, *as for the present
situation*
²Phil. 1:14 ³Acts 4:13, 31;
14:3

30 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
²Or, *Child*
³John 4:48 ⁴Acts 4:27; 3:13

31 ²Acts 2:1 ³Acts 2:4 ⁴Phil.
1:14 ⁵Acts 4:13; 14:3

trained men, they were marveling, and ⁶*began* to recognize them ¹as having been with Jesus.

14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

15 But when they had ordered them to go aside out of the ^{1a}Council, they *began* to confer with one another,

16 saying, ^{2a}“What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a ^bnoteworthy ¹miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

17 “But in order that it may not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any man ^ain this name.”

18 And when they had summoned them, they ^acommanded them not to speak or teach at all ¹in the name of Jesus.

19 But ^aPeter and John answered and said to them, ^{2b}“Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

20 for ^awe cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard.”

21 And when they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which they might punish them) ^aon account of the people, because they were all ^bglorifying God for what had happened;

22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this ¹miracle of healing had been performed.

23 And when they had been released, they went to their own *companions*, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

24 And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voice to God with one accord and said, “O ¹Lord, it is Thou who ^aDIDST MAKE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

25 who ^aby the Holy Spirit, ¹through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say,

^bWHY DID THE ²GENTILES RAGE,

AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?

26 ^aTHE KINGS OF THE EARTH ¹TOOK THEIR STAND,

AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER,

AGAINST THE LORD, AND AGAINST HIS ^{2b}CHRIST.’

27 “For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy ^{1a}Servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both ^bHerod and ^cPontius Pilate, along with ^dthe ²Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28 to do whatever Thy hand and ^aThy purpose predestined to occur.

29 “Now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may ^aspeak Thy word with all ^bconfidence,

30 while Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and ^{1a}signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy ^{2b}Servant Jesus.”

31 And when they had prayed, the ^aplace where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all ^bfilled with the Holy Spirit, and *began* to ^cspeak the word of God with ^dboldness.

32 And the ¹congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of *them* ²claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but ^aall things were common property to them.

33 And ^awith great power the apostles were giving ^bwitness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus¹, and abundant grace was upon them all.

34 For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of lands or houses ^awould sell them and bring the ¹proceeds of the sales,

35 and ^alay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be ^bdistributed to each, as any had need.

36 And Joseph, a Levite of ^aCyprian birth, who was also called ^bBarnabas by the apostles (which translated means, Son of ^{1c}Encouragement),

37 and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and ^alaid it at the apostles' feet.

CHAPTER 5

BUT a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

2 and ^akept back *some* of the price for himself, with his wife's ¹full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he ^blaid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has ^aSatan filled your heart to lie ^bto the Holy Spirit, and to ^ckeep back *some* of the price of the land?"

4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not ¹under your control? Why is it that you have ²conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but ^ato God."

5 And as he heard these words, Ananias ^afell down and breathed his last; and ^bgreat fear came upon all who heard of it.

6 And the ¹young men arose and ^acovered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

8 And Peter ^aresponded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land ^bfor such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, ¹that was the price."

9 Then Peter *said* to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to ^aput ^bthe Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out *as well*."

10 And she ^afell immediately at his feet, and breathed her last; and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

11 And ^agreat fear came upon the whole church, and upon all who heard of these things.

12 And ¹at the hands of the apostles many ^asigns and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in ^bSolomon's portico.

13 But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, ^athe people ¹held them in high esteem.

32 ¹Or, *multitude* ²Lit., *was saying*
^aActs 2:44

33 ¹Some mss. add, *Christ*
^aActs 1:8 ^bLuke 24:48

34 ¹Lit., *the prices of the things being sold*
^aMatt. 19:21; Acts 2:45

35 ^aActs 4:37; 5:2 ^bActs 6:1; 2:45

36 ¹Or, *Exhortation, or, Consolation*
^aActs 11:19f.; 13:4; 15:39; 21:3, 16; 27:4 ^bActs 9:27; 11:22, 30; 12:25; 13:15; 1 Cor. 9:6; Gal. 2:1, 9, 13; Col. 4:10 ^cActs 13:15; 1 Cor. 14:3; 1 Thess. 2:3; Acts 2:40; 11:23

37 ^aActs 4:35; 5:2

2 ¹Or, *collusion*
^aActs 5:3 ^bActs 4:35, 37

3 ^aMatt. 4:10; Luke 22:3; John 13:2, 27 ^bActs 5:4, 9
^cActs 5:2

4 ¹Or, *in your authority*
²Or, *placed*
^aActs 5:3, 9

5 ^aActs 5:10; Ezek. 11:13
^bActs 5:11; 2:43

6 ¹Lit., *younger*
^aJohn 19:40

8 ¹Lit., *for so much*
^aActs 3:12 ^bActs 5:2

9 ^aActs 15:10 ^bActs 5:3, 4

10 ^aActs 5:5; Ezek. 11:13

11 ^aActs 5:5; 2:43

12 ¹Lit., *through*
^aJohn 4:48 ^bActs 3:11; John 10:23

13 ¹Lit., *were holding*
^aActs 2:47; 4:21

14 ^a2 Cor. 6:15 ^bActs 2:47;
11:24

15 ^aActs 19:12

16 ¹Lit., *multitude* ²Lit.,
and

17 ^aActs 15:5 ^bMatt. 3:7;
Acts 4:1

18 ^aActs 4:3

19 ^aMatt. 1:20, 24; 2:13, 19;
28:2; Luke 1:11; 2:9; Acts
8:26; 12:7, 23; 10:3; 27:23

20 ¹Or, *continue to speak*
²Lit., *all the words*
^aJohn 6:63, 68

21 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin*
^aJohn 8:2 ^bActs 4:6 ^cMatt.
5:22; Acts 5:27, 34, 41

22 ^aMatt. 26:58; Acts 5:26

24 ¹Lit., *this would become*
^aActs 4:1; 5:26

26 ^aActs 5:24 ^bActs 5:22
^cActs 4:21; 5:13

27 ¹Lit., *in*
^aMatt. 5:22; Acts 5:21, 34, 41

28 ^aActs 4:18 ^bActs 2:23, 36;
3:14f.; 7:52; Matt. 23:35;
27:25

29 ^aActs 4:19

30 ¹Or, *on whom you had
laid violent hands* ²Lit.,
wood
^aActs 3:13 ^bActs 2:24 ^cActs
10:39; 13:29; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet.
2:24

31 ¹Or, *by* ²Or, *Leader*
^aActs 2:33 ^bActs 3:15 ^cLuke
2:11 ^dLuke 24:47; Acts 2:38

32 ¹Some mss. add, *in Him
or, of Him*
^aLuke 24:48 ^bJohn 15:26;
Acts 15:28; Rom. 8:16; Heb.
2:4

33 ¹Lit., *being sawed
through*
^aActs 7:54; 2:37

34 ^aActs 22:3 ^bLuke 2:46;
5:17

14 And all the more ^abelievers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly ^badded to *their number*;

15 to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets, and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by, ^aat least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

16 And also the ¹people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick ²or afflicted with unclean spirits; and they were all being healed.

17 But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is ^athe sect of ^bthe Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy;

18 and they laid hands on the apostles, and ^aput them in a public jail.

19 But ^aan angel of the Lord during the night opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,

20 "Go your way, stand and ¹speak to the people in the temple ^{2a}the whole message of this Life."

21 And upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple ^aabout daybreak, and *began* to teach. Now when ^bthe high priest and his associates had come, they called ^cthe ¹Council together, and all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent *orders* to the prison-house for them to be brought.

22 But ^athe officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned, and reported back,

23 saying, "We found the prison-house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside."

24 Now when ^athe captain of the temple *guard* and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what ¹would come of this.

25 But someone came and reported to them, "Behold, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

26 Then ^athe captain went along with ^bthe officers and *proceeded* to bring them *back* without violence; (for ^cthey were afraid of the people, lest they should be stoned).

27 And when they had brought them, they stood them ¹before ^athe Council. And the high priest questioned them,

28 saying, "We gave you ^astrict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and ^bintend to bring this man's blood upon us."

29 But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "^aWe must obey God rather than men.

30 "^aThe God of our fathers *braised up* Jesus, ¹whom you had ^cput to death by hanging Him on a ²cross.

31 "^aHe is the one whom God exalted ¹to His right hand as a ^{2b}Prince and a ^cSavior, to grant ^drepentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 "^aAnd we are ^awitnesses ¹of these things; and ^bso is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

33 But when they heard this, they were ^{1a}cut to the quick and were intending to slay them.

34 But a certain Pharisee named ^aGamaliel, a ^bteacher of

the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in ^cthe Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time.

35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men.

36 "For sometime ago Theudas rose up, ^aclaiming to be somebody; and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. ¹And he was slain; and all who ²followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

37 "After this man Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of ^athe census, and drew away *some* people after him; he too perished, and all those who ¹followed him were scattered.

38 "And so in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or ¹action should ^abe of men, it will be overthrown;

39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found ^afighting against God."

40 And they ¹took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they ^aflogged them and ordered them to ²speak no more in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them.

41 So they went on their way from the presence of the ^{1a}Council, ^brejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame ^cfor ²His name.

42 ^aAnd every day, in the temple and ¹from house to house, they ²kept right on teaching and ^{3b}preaching Jesus as the ⁴Christ.

CHAPTER 6

NOW ¹at this time while the ^adisciples were increasing ^bin number, a complaint arose on the part of the ^{2c}Hellenistic Jews against the ^dnative Hebrews, because their ^ewidows were being overlooked in ^fthe daily serving of food.

2 And the Twelve summoned the ¹congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

3 "But select from among you, ^abrethren, seven men of good reputation, ^bfull of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

4 "But we will ^adevote ourselves to prayer, and to the ¹ministry of the word."

5 And the statement found approval with the whole ¹congregation; and they chose ^aStephen, a man ^bfull of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and ^cPhilip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and ²Nicolas, a ^{3d}proselyte from ^eAntioch.

6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after ^apraying, they ^blaid their hands on them.

7 And ^athe word of God kept on spreading; and ^bthe number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to ^cthe faith.

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great ^awonders and ^bsigns among the people.

9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, *including* both ^aCyrenians and ^bAlexandrians, and some from ^cCilicia and ^dAsia, rose up and argued with Stephen.

34 ^cActs 5:21

36 ¹Lit., *who was slain*
²Lit., *were obeying*
^aActs 8:9; Gal. 2:6; 6:3

37 ¹Lit., *were obeying*
^aLuke 2:2

38 ¹Or, *work*
^aMark 11:30

39 ^aActs 11:17; Prov. 21:30

40 ¹Lit., *were persuaded by him*
²Lit., *not bespeaking*
^aMatt. 10:17

41 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin* ²Lit., *the name (par excellence)*
^aActs 5:21 ^b1 Pet. 4:14, 16
^cJohn 15:21

42 ¹Or, *in the various private homes* ²Lit., *were not ceasing to* ³Or, *telling the good news of* ⁴Lit., *Messiah*
^aActs 2:46 ^bActs 8:35; 11:20; 17:18; Gal. 1:16

1 ¹Lit., *in these days* ²Lit., *non-Palestinian Jews who normally spoke Greek*
^aActs 11:26 ^bActs 6:7; 2:47
^cActs 9:29; 11:20 marg.
^d2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:5
^eActs 9:39, 41; 1 Tim. 5:3
^fActs 4:35; 11:29

2 ¹Or, *multitude*

3 ^aActs 1:15; John 21:23
^bActs 2:4

4 ¹Or, *service*
^aActs 1:14

5 ¹Lit., *multitude* ²Cr. *Nikolaos* ³Lit., *a former convert to Judaism*
^aActs 6:8ff.; 11:19; 22:20
^bActs 6:3; Acts 11:24
^cActs 8:5ff.; 21:8
^dMatt. 23:15
^eActs 11:19

6 ^aActs 1:24 ^bActs 13:3; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; Num. 8:10; 27:18; Deut. 34:9; Acts 8:17ff.; 9:17; 19:6; Heb. 6:2; Mark 5:23

7 ^aActs 12:24; 19:20
^bActs 6:1
^cActs 13:8; 14:22; Gal. 1:23; 6:10; Jude 3, 20

8 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aJohn 4:48

9 ¹Lit., *west coast province of Asia Minor*
^aActs 2:10; Matt. 27:32
^bActs 18:24; Acts 15:23, 41; 21:39; 22:3; 23:34; 27:5; Gal. 1:21
^cActs 16:6; 19:10; 21:27; 24:18

11 ¹Lit., saying

12 ¹Lit., into ²Or, Sanhedrin
^aActs 4:1; Luke 20:1 ^bMatt. 5:22

13 ^aMatt. 26:59-61; Acts 7:58 ^bMatt. 24:15; Acts 21:28; Acts 25:8

14 ^aMatt. 26:61 ^bActs 15:1; 21:21; 26:3; 28:17

15 ¹Or, Sanhedrin
^aMatt. 5:22

2 ¹Gr., Kharran
^aActs 22:1 ^bPs. 29:3; 1 Cor. 2:8 ^cGen. 11:31; 15:7

3 ^aGen. 12:1

4 ¹Gr., Kharran
^aGen. 11:31; 15:7; ^bGen. 12:5

5 ^aGen. 12:7; 17:8

6 ¹Lit., enslave them and mistreat them
^aGen. 15:13f.

7 ¹Or, worship
^aEx. 3:12

8 ¹Or, a
^aGen. 17:10ff. ^bGen. 21:2-4
^cGen. 25:26 ^dGen. 29:31ff., 30:5ff.; 35:23ff. ^eActs 2:29

9 ^aGen. 37:11, 26; 45:4; 39:2, 21f.

10 ^aGen. 39:21; 41:40-46; Ps. 105:21

11 ¹Lit., were not finding
²Or, fodder
^aGen. 41:54f., 42:5

12 ^aGen. 42:2

13 ¹Or, was made known
^aGen. 45:1-4

10 And yet they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

11 Then they secretly induced men ¹to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

12 And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they ^acame upon him and dragged him away, and brought him ¹before ²the Council.

13 And they put forward ^afalse witnesses who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this ^bholy place, and the Law;

14 for we have heard him say that ^athis Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter ^bthe customs which Moses handed down to us."

15 And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the ^{1a}Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

CHAPTER 7

AND the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

2 And he said, "Hear me, ^abrethren and fathers! ^bThe God of glory ^cappeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in ¹Haran,

3 AND SAID TO HIM, ^a'DEPART FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.'

4 ^a'Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and settled in ¹Haran. And ^bfrom there, after his father died, God removed him into this country in which you are now living.

5 "And He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground; and yet, even when he had no child, ^aHe promised that HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM AS A POSSESSION, AND TO HIS OFFSPRING AFTER HIM.

6 "But ^aGod spoke to this effect, that HIS OFFSPRING WOULD BE ALIENS IN A FOREIGN LAND, AND THAT THEY WOULD ¹BE ENSLAVED AND MISTREATED FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

7 "'AND WHATEVER NATION TO WHICH THEY SHALL BE IN BONDAGE I MYSELF WILL JUDGE,' said God, 'AND ^aAFTER THAT THEY WILL COME OUT AND ¹SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.'

8 "And He ^agave him ¹the covenant of circumcision; and so ^bAbraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and ^cIsaac became the father of Jacob, and ^dJacob of the twelve ^epatriarchs.

9 "And the patriarchs ^aBECAME JEALOUS OF JOSEPH AND SOLD HIM INTO EGYPT. And yet God was WITH HIM,

10 and rescued him from all his afflictions, and ^aGRANTED HIM FAVOR and wisdom IN THE SIGHT OF PHARAOH, KING OF EGYPT; AND HE MADE HIM GOVERNOR OVER EGYPT AND ALL HIS HOUSEHOLD.

11 "Now ^aA FAMINE CAME OVER ALL EGYPT AND CANAAN, and great affliction with it; and our fathers ¹could find no ²food.

12 "But ^aWHEN JACOB HEARD THAT THERE WAS GRAIN IN EGYPT, he sent our fathers there the first time.

13 "And on the second visit ^aJoseph ¹made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family was disclosed to Pharaoh.

14 "And ^aJoseph sent *word* and invited Jacob his father and all his relatives to come to him, ^bseventy-five ^cpersons *in all*.

15 "And ^aJacob WENT DOWN TO EGYPT AND *there* PASSED AWAY, he and our fathers.

16 "And *from there* they were removed to ^{1a}Shechem, and laid in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of money from the sons of ²Hamor in ¹Shechem.

17 "But as the time of the promise was approaching which God had assured to Abraham, ^athe people increased and multiplied in Egypt,

18 until ^aTHERE AROSE ANOTHER KING OVER EGYPT WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT JOSEPH.

19 "It was he who took ^ashrewd advantage of our race, and mistreated our fathers so that they would ¹expose their infants and they would not survive.

20 "And it was at this time that ^aMoses was born; and he was lovely ¹in the sight of God; and he was nurtured three months in his father's home.

21 "And after he had been ¹exposed, ^aPharaoh's daughter ²took him away, and nurtured him as her own son.

22 "And Moses was educated in all ^athe learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.

23 "But when he was approaching the age of forty, ^ait entered his ¹mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel.

24 "And when he saw one of *them* being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed by striking down the Egyptian.

25 "And he ¹supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them ²deliverance ³through him; but they did not understand.

26 "^aAnd on the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting together, and he tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, 'Men, you are brethren, why do you injure one another?'

27 "^aBUT THE ONE WHO WAS INJURING HIS NEIGHBOR pushed him away, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND JUDGE OVER US?'

28 '^aYOU DO NOT MEAN TO KILL ME AS YOU KILLED THE EGYPTIAN YESTERDAY, DO YOU?'

29 "AND AT THIS REMARK ^aMOSES FLED, AND BECAME AN ALIEN IN THE LAND OF ¹MIDIAN, where he became the father of two sons.

30 "And after forty years had passed, ^aAN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT Sinai, IN THE FLAME OF A BURNING THORN-BUSH.

31 "And when Moses saw it, he *began* to marvel at the sight; and as he approached to look *more* closely, there came the voice of the Lord:

32 '^aI AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB.' And Moses shook *with fear* and would not venture to look.

33 "BUT THE LORD SAID TO HIM, '^aTAKE OFF THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND.

34 '^aI HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT, AND HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANS, AND I HAVE COME

14 ^aGen. 45:9f. ^bGen. 46:26f.; Ex. 1:5; Deut. 10:22
^cActs 2:41

15 ^aGen. 46:5; 49:33; Ex. 1:6

16 ¹Gr., *Sychem* ²Gr., *Emmor*
^aGen. 23:16; 50:13; 33:19; Josh. 24:32

17 ^aEx. 1:7f.

18 ^aEx. 1:8

19 ¹Or, *put out to die*
^aEx. 1:10f., 16ff.

20 ¹Lit., *to God*
^aEx. 2:2

21 ¹Or, *put out to die* ²Or, *adopted him*
^aEx. 2:5f., 10

22 ^a1 Kin. 4:30; Is. 19:11

23 ¹Lit., *heart*
^aEx. 2:11f.

25 ¹Lit., *was thinking* ²Or, *salvation* ³Lit., *through his hand*

26 ^aEx. 2:13f.

27 ^aEx. 2:14; Acts 7:35

28 ^aEx. 2:14

29 ¹Gr., *Madiam*
^aEx. 2:15, 22

30 ^aEx. 3:1f.

32 ^aEx. 3:6

33 ^aEx. 3:5

34 ^aEx. 3:7

34 ¹Lit., *and now hither!*
^bEx. 3:10

35 ¹Lit., *has sent* ²Lit.,
hand
^aActs 7:27

36 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aEx. 12:41; 33:1; Heb. 8:9
^bEx. 7:3; John 4:48 ^cEx.
 16:35; Num. 14:33; Ps. 95:8-
 10; Heb. 3:8f.; Acts 7:42;
 13:18

37 ¹Or, *as He raised up me*
^aDeut. 18:15; Acts 3:22

38 ¹Or, *church* (Gr.
ekklesia)
^aEx. 19:17 ^bActs 7:53 ^cDeut.
 32:47; Heb. 4:12 ^dRom. 3:2;
 Heb. 5:12; 1 Pet. 4:11

39 ^aNum. 14:3f.

40 ^aEx. 32:1, 23

41 ¹Lit., *in those days* ²Or,
young bull
^aEx. 32:4, 6 ^bRev. 9:20

42 ¹Or, *worship* ²Lit.,
heavenly bodies
^aJosh. 24:20; Is. 63:10; Jer.
 19:13; Ezek. 20:39 ^bAmos
 5:25 ^cActs 7:36

43 ¹Other mss. spell it:
Romphan, or Rempham, or
Raiphan, or Rephan
^aAmos 5:26, 27

44 ^aEx. 25:8, 9; 38:21

45 ¹Gr., *Jesus* ²Or, *Gentiles*
^aJosh. 3:14ff.; 18:1; 23:9;
 24:18; Deut. 32:49; Ps. 44:2f.

46 ¹The earliest mss. read
house instead of *God*; the
 Septuagint reads, *God*
^a2 Sam. 7:8ff.; Ps. 132:1-5;
 Acts 13:22

47 ^a1 Kin. 8:20

48 ^aLuke 1:32

49 ^aIs. 66:1; Matt. 5:34f.

50 ^aIs. 66:2

51 ^aEx. 32:9; 33:3, 5; Lev.
 26:41; Num. 27:14; Is. 63:10;
 Jer. 6:10; 9:26

52 ^a2 Chr. 36:15f.; Matt.
 23:31, 37; 5:12

DOWN TO DELIVER THEM; ^{1b}COME NOW, AND I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT.'

35 "This Moses whom they ^adisowned, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one whom God ¹sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the ²help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn-bush.

36 "This man led them out, performing ^bwonders and ¹signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the ^cwilderness for forty years.

37 "This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU ^aA PROPHET ¹LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.'

38 "This is the one who was in ^athe ¹congregation in the wilderness together with ^bthe angel who was speaking to him in Mount Sinai, and *who was* with our fathers; and he received ^cliving ^doracles to pass on to you.

39 "And our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but ^arepudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt,

40 SAYING TO AARON, '^aMAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT—WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.'

41 "And ¹at that time ^athey made a ²calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in ^bthe works of their hands.

42 "But God ^aturned away and delivered them up to ¹serve the ²host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, '^bIT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES ^cFOR FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?'

43 "YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD ¹ROMPHA, THE IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP THEM. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON.'

44 "Our fathers had ^athe tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed *him* to make it according to the pattern which he had seen.

45 "And having received it in their turn, our fathers ^abrought it in with ¹Joshua upon dispossessing the ²nations whom God drove out before our fathers, until the time of David.

46 "And ^aDavid found favor in God's sight, and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the ¹God of Jacob.

47 "But it was ^aSolomon who built a house for Him.

48 "However, ^athe Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says:

49 ^aHEAVEN IS MY THRONE,

AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET;

WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME? says the Lord;

OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE?

50 ^aWAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?'

51 "You men who are ^astiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

52 "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who had previously announced the

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coming of ^bthe Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers ^cyou have now become;

53 you who received the law as ^dordained by angels and yet did not keep it."

54 Now when they heard this, they were ^acut ^to the quick, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him.

55 But being ^afull of the Holy Spirit, he ^bgazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing ^cat the right hand of God;

56 and he said, "Behold, I see the ^aheavens opened up and ^bthe Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and they rushed upon him with one impulse.

58 And when they had ^adriven him out of the city, they *began* stoning him, and ^bthe witnesses ^claid aside their robes at the feet of ^da young man named Saul.

59 And they went on stoning Stephen as he ^acalled upon *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

60 And ^afalling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, ^bdo not hold this sin against them!" And having said this, he ^cfell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

AND ^aSaul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.

And on that day a great persecution arose against ^bthe church in Jerusalem; and they were all ^cscattered throughout the regions of Judea and ^dSamaria, except the apostles.

2 And *some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

3 But ^aSaul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and ^bdragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

4 Therefore, those ^awho had been scattered went about ^bpreaching the word.

5 And ^aPhilip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming ¹Christ to them.

6 And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the ¹signs which he was performing.

7 For *in the case of* many who had ^aunclean spirits, they were coming out of *them* shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been ^bparalyzed and lame were healed.

8 And there was ^amuch rejoicing in that city.

9 Now there was a certain man named Simon, who formerly was practicing ^amagic in the city, and astonishing the people of Samaria, ^bclaiming to be someone great;

10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "^aThis man is what is called the Great Power of God."

11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his ^amagic arts.

12 But when they believed Philip ^apreaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being ^bbaptized, men and women alike.

52 ^aActs 22:14; 3:14; 1 John 2:1 ^cActs 3:14; 5:28

53 ^aActs 7:38; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2; Deut. 33:2 [Sept.]

54 ¹Lit., *in their hearts* ^aActs 5:33

55 ^aActs 2:4 ^bJohn 11:41 ^cMark 16:19

56 ^aJohn 1:51 ^bMatt. 8:20

58 ^aLev. 24:14, 16; Luke 4:29 ^bActs 6:13; Deut. 13:9f.; 17:7 ^cActs 22:20 ^dActs 8:1; 22:20; 26:10

59 ^aActs 9:14, 21; 22:16; Rom. 10:12, 13f.; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:22

60 ¹Or, *expired* ^aLuke 22:41 ^bMatt. 5:44; Luke 23:34 ^cDan. 12:2; Matt. 27:52; John 11:11f.; Acts 13:36; 1 Cor. 15:6, 18, 20; 1 Thess. 4:13ff.; 2 Pet. 3:4

1 ^aActs 7:58; 22:20; 26:10 ^bActs 9:31 ^cActs 8:4; 11:19 ^dActs 1:8; 8:5, 14; 9:31

3 ^aActs 9:1, 13, 21; 22:4, 19; 26:10f.; 1 Cor. 15:9; Gal. 1:13; Phil. 3:6; 1 Tim. 1:13 ^bJames 2:6

4 ¹Or, *bringing the good tidings of* ^aActs 8:1 ^bActs 8:12; 15:35

5 ¹L.e., the Messiah ^aActs 6:5; 8:26, 30

6 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*

7 ^aMark 16:17 ^bMatt. 4:24

8 ^aActs 8:39; John 4:40-42

9 ^aActs 8:11; 13:6 ^bActs 5:36

10 ^aActs 14:11; 28:6

11 ^aActs 8:9; 13:6

12 ^aActs 8:4; 1:3 ^bActs 2:38

13 ^aActs 8:6 ^bActs 19:11

14 ^aActs 8:1 ^bLuke 22:8

15 ^aActs 2:38; 19:2

16 ¹Lit., into
^aMatt. 28:19

17 ^aActs 6:6; Mark 5:23
^bActs 2:4

20 ^aActs 2:38; Matt. 10:8;
Is. 55:1; 2 Kin. 5:16; Dan.
5:17

21 ¹Or, teaching; lit., word
^aDeut. 10:9; 12:12; Eph. 5:5
^bPs. 78:37

23 ¹Or, fetter
^aIs. 58:6

25 ^aLuke 16:28 ^bActs 13:12
^cActs 8:40 ^dMatt. 10:5

26 ¹Or, this city is deserted
^aActs 5:19; 8:29 ^bActs 8:5
^cGen. 10:19

27 ^aPs. 68:31; 87:4; Is.
56:3ff; ^b1 Kin. 8:41f.; John
12:20

28 ¹Or, carriage

29 ¹Or, carriage
^aActs 10:19; 11:12; 13:2;
20:23; 21:11; 16:6, 7; 28:25;
Heb. 3:7; Acts 8:39

32 ^aIs. 53:7

33 ^aIs. 53:8f.

13 And even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed ^asigns and ^bgreat miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

14 Now when ^athe apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them ^bPeter and John,

15 who came down and prayed for them, ^athat they might receive the Holy Spirit.

16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been ^abaptized ¹in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they ^abegan laying their hands on them, and they were ^breceiving the Holy Spirit.

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could ^aobtain the gift of God with money!

21 "You have ^ano part or portion in this ¹matter, for your heart is not ^bright before God.

22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

23 "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in ^athe ¹bondage of iniquity."

24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

25 And so, when they had solemnly ^atestified and spoken ^bthe word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were ^cpreaching the gospel to many villages of the ^dSamaritans.

26 But ^aan angel of the Lord spoke to ^bPhilip saying, "Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to ^cGaza." (¹This is a desert road.)

27 And he arose and went; and behold, ^athere was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he ^bhad come to Jerusalem to worship.

28 And he was returning and sitting in his ¹chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 And ^athe Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this ¹chariot."

30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

^a"HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER;

AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT,

SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.

33 ^a"IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY;

WHO SHALL ¹RELATE HIS ²GENERATION?
FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH."

34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?"

35 And Philip ^aopened his mouth, and ^bbeginning from this Scripture he ^cpreached Jesus to him.

36 And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch ^{*}said, "Look! Water! ^aWhat prevents me from being baptized?"

37 (See marginal note.)

38 And he ordered the ¹chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, ^a the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip ¹found himself at ^{2a}Azotus; and as he passed through he ^bkept preaching the gospel to all the cities, until he came to ^cCaesarea.

CHAPTER 9

^a NOW Saul, still ^bbreathing ¹threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

2 and asked for ^aletters from him to ^bthe synagogues at ^cDamascus, so that if he found any belonging to ^dthe Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 And it came about that as he journeyed, he was approaching Damascus, and ^asuddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

4 and ^ahe fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

5 And he said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

6 but rise, and enter the city, and ^ait shall be told you what you must do."

7 And the men who traveled with him ^astood speechless, ^bhearing the ¹voice, but seeing no one.

8 And Saul got up from the ground, and ^athough his eyes were open; he ¹could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into ^bDamascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at ^aDamascus, named ^bAnanias; and the Lord said to him in ^ca vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Behold, *here am I, Lord.*"

11 And the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from ^aTarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,

12 and he has seen ¹in a vision a man named Ananias come in and ^alay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many

33 ¹Or, describe ²Or, family, or, origin

35 ^aMatt. 5:2 ^bLuke 24:27; Acts 17:2; 18:28; 28:23 ^cActs 5:42

36 ^aActs 10:47

37 Late mss. insert verse 37: And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

38 ¹Or, carriage

39 ^a1 Kin. 18:12; 2 Kin. 2:16; Ezek. 3:12, 14; 8:3; 11:1, 24; 43:5; 2 Cor. 12:2

40 ¹Or, was found ²O.T.: Ashdod ^aJosh. 11:22; 1 Sam. 5:1 ^bActs 8:25 ^cActs 9:30; 10:1, 24; 11:11; 12:19; 18:22; 21:8, 16; 23:23, 33; 25:1, 4, 6, 13

¹ Lit., threat ^aActs 9:1-22; 22:3-16; 26:9-18 ^bActs 8:3; Acts 9:13-21

² Acts 22:5; 26:10; 9:14, 21 ^bMatt. 10:17 ^cGen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17 ^dActs 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22; 18:25f.; John 14:6

3 ^a1 Cor. 15:8

4 ^aActs 22:7; 26:14

6 ^aActs 9:16

⁷ Or, sound ^aActs 26:14 ^bActs 22:9 [John 12:29f.]

⁸ Lit., was seeing ^aActs 22:11; 9:18 ^bGen. 14:15 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17

¹⁰ Gen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17 ^bActs 22:12 ^cActs 10:3, 17, 19; 11:5; 12:9; 16:9f.; 18:9

¹¹ Acts 9:30; 11:25; 21:39; 22:3

¹² Some mss. omit, in a vision ^aActs 9:17; Mark 5:23; Acts 6:6

13 ¹i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aActs 8:3 ^bActs 9:32, 41;
^{26:10}; Rom 1:7; 15:25f., 31;
16:2, 15; 1 Cor. 1:2

14 ^aActs 9:2, 21 ^bActs 7:59

15 ¹Or, *vessel*
^aActs 13:2; Rom. 1:1; Gal.
1:15; Eph. 3:7; Rom. 9:23
^bRom. 1:5 marg.; 11:13;
15:16; Gal. 1:16; 2:7ff.; Eph.
3:2, 8; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim.
4:17; Acts 22:21; 26:17 ^cActs
25:22f.; 26:1, 32; 2 Tim. 4:16

16 ^aActs 20:23; 21:11 [4 and
13]; 1 Thess. 3:3; 2 Cor.
6:4f.; 11:23-27

17 ^aActs 9:12; Mark 5:23;
Acts 6:6 ^bActs 22:13 ^cActs 2:4

19 ^aActs 26:20 ^bActs 11:26;
9:26, 38

20 ¹Lit., *that*
^aActs 13:5, 14; 14:1; 17:2, 10;
18:4, 19; 19:8; 16:13; 28:17
^bMatt. 4:3; Acts 13:33; 9:22

21 ^aActs 8:3; 9:13; Gal. 1:13.
23 ^bActs 9:14

22 ¹i.e., *Messiah*

23 ^aGal. 1:17, 18 ^b1 Thess.
2:16

24 ^aActs 20:3, 19, 23:12, 30;
25:3 ^b2 Cor. 11:32f.

25 ^aMatt. 15:37

26 ^aActs 22:17-20; 26:20

27 ^aActs 4:36 ^bActs 9:3-6
^cActs 9:20, 22 ^dActs 9:29;
4:13, 29

28 ¹Lit., *going in and going
out*
^aActs 9:29; 4:13, 29

29 ^aActs 6:1

30 ^aActs 1:15 ^bActs 8:40
^cGal. 1:21 ^dActs 9:11

31 ¹Lit., *was having*
^aActs 5:11; 8:1; 16:5

32 ¹i.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
^aActs 9:13 ^b1 Chr. 8:12; Ezra
2:33; Neh. 7:37; 11:35

about this man, ^ahow much harm he did to ^bThy ¹saints at
Jerusalem;

14 and here he ^ahas authority from the chief priests to
bind all who ^bcall upon Thy name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for ^ahe is a chosen
instrument of Mine, to bear My name before ^bthe Gentiles
and ^ckings and the sons of Israel;

16 for ^aI will show him how much he must suffer for My
name's sake."

17 And ¹Ananias departed and entered the house, and after
^alaying his hands on him said, "^bBrother Saul, the Lord Jesus,
who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming,
has sent me so that you may regain your sight, and be ^cfilled
with the Holy Spirit."

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something
like scales, and he regained his sight, and he arose and was
^bbaptized;

19 and he took food and was strengthened.

Now ^afor several days he was with ^bthe disciples who were
at Damascus,

20 and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus ^ain the
synagogues, ¹saying, "He is ^bthe Son of God."

21 And all those hearing him continued to be amazed, and
were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem ^adestroyed those
who ^bcalled on this name, and *who* had come here for the
purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding
the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is
the ¹Christ.

23 And when ^amany days had elapsed, ^bthe Jews plotted
together to do away with him,

24 but ^atheir plot became known to Saul. And ^bthey were
also watching the gates day and night so that they might put
him to death;

25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down
through *an opening* in the wall, lowering him in a ^abasket.

26 And ^awhen he had come to Jerusalem, he was trying to
associate with the disciples; and they were all afraid of him,
not believing that he was a disciple.

27 But ^aBarnabas took hold of him and brought him to
the apostles and described to them how he had ^bseen the Lord
on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how ^cat
Damascus he had ^dspoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them ¹moving about freely in Jerusa-
lem, ^aspeaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

29 And he was talking and arguing with the ^aHellenistic
Jews; but they were attempting to put him to death.

30 But when ^athe brethren learned of *it*, they brought him
down to ^bCaesarea and ^csent him away to ^dTarsus.

31 So ^athe church throughout all Judea and Galilee and
Samaria ¹enjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the
fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it
continued to increase.

32 Now it came about that as Peter was traveling through
all *those parts*, he came down also to ^athe ¹saints who lived at
^bLydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise, and make your bed." And immediately he arose.

35 And all who lived at ^aLydda and ^bSharon saw him, and they ^cturned to the Lord.

36 Now in ^aJoppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha (which translated in *Greek* is called ¹Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did:

37 And it came about ¹at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an ^aupper room.

38 And since Lydda was near ^aJoppa, ^bthe disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, entreating him, "Do not delay to come to us."

39 And Peter arose and went with them. And when he had come, they brought him into the ^aupper room; and all the ^bwidows stood beside him weeping, and showing all the ¹tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them.

40 But Peter ^asent them all out and ^bknelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling ^athe ¹saints and ^bwidows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known all over ^aJoppa, and ^bmany believed in the Lord.

43 And it came about that he stayed many days in ^aJoppa with ^ba certain tanner, Simon.

CHAPTER 10

NOW *there was* a certain man at ^aCaesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was ^bcalled the Italian ¹cohort,

2 a devout man, and ^aone who feared God with all his household, and ^bgave many ¹alms to the *Jewish* people, and prayed to God continually.

3 About ^athe ¹ninth ¹hour of the day he clearly saw ^bin a vision ^can angel of God who had *just* come in to him, and said to him, "Cornelius!"

4 And ^afixing his gaze upon him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and ¹alms ^bhave ascended ^cas a memorial before God.

5 "And now dispatch *some* men to ^aJoppa, and send for a man *named* Simon, who is also called Peter;

6 he ¹is staying with a certain tanner *named* ^aSimon, whose house is by the sea."

7 And when the angel who was speaking to him had departed, he summoned two of his ¹servants and a devout soldier of those who were in constant attendance upon him,

8 and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to ^aJoppa.

9 And on the next day, as they were on their way, and

35 ^{a1} Chr. 8:12; Ezra 2:33; Neh. 7:37; 11:35 ^{b1} Chr. 5:16; 27:29; Is. 33:9; 35:2; 65:10 ^cActs 11:21; 2:47; 9:42

36 ¹Or, *Gazelle*
^aJosh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:38, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:5, 13

37 ¹Lit., *in those days*
^aActs 9:39; 1:13

38 ^aJosh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:36, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:5, 13 ^bActs 11:26

39 ¹Or, *inner garments*
^aActs 9:37; 1:13 ^bActs 6:1

40 ^aMatt. 9:25 ^bActs 7:60; Luke 22:41 ^cMark 5:41

41 ¹Note vs. 32
^aActs 9:13 ^bActs 6:1

42 ^aJosh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:38, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:5, 13 ^bActs 9:35

43 ^aJosh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:38, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:5, 13 ^bActs 10:6

1 ¹Or, *battalion*
^aActs 8:40; 10:24 ^bMatt. 27:27; Mark 15:16; John 18:3, 12; Acts 21:31; 27:1

2 ¹Or, *gifts of charity*
^aActs 10:22, 35; 13:16, 26 ^bLuke 7:4f.

3 ¹L.e., 3 p.m.
^aActs 3:1 ^bActs 9:10; 10:17, 19 ^cActs 5:19

4 ¹Or, *deeds of charity*
^aActs 3:4 ^bRev. 8:4 ^cMatt. 26:13; Phil. 4:18; Heb. 6:10

5 ^aActs 9:36

6 ¹Or, *is lodging*
^aActs 9:43

7 ¹Or, *household slaves*

8 ^aActs 9:36

9 ¹¹ e., noon
^aActs 10:9;32; 11:5-14 ^bMatt. 24:17; Jer. 19:13; 32:29; Zeph. 1:5 ^cActs 10:3; Ps. 55:17

10 ^aActs 22:17; 11:5

11 ¹Or, heaven ²Or, vessel
^aJohn 1:51

12 ¹Or possibly, reptiles
²Or, heaven

13 ¹Or, sacrifice

14 ¹Or, profane; lit., common
^aMatt. 8:2ff.; John 4:11ff.; Acts 9:5; 22:8; ^bActs 10:28; Ezek. 4:14; Dan. 1:8; Lev. 11:20-25; Deut. 14:4-20

15 ¹Lit., make common
^aMark 7:19; Rom. 14:14; 1 Cor. 10:25ff.; 1 Tim. 4:4f.; Titus 1:15; Matt. 15:11

16 ¹Or, vessel ²Or, heaven

17 ¹Lit., himself
^aActs 10:3 ^bActs 10:8

18 ¹Or, lodging

19 ¹One early ms. reads, two
^aActs 10:3 ^bActs 8:29

20 ¹Lit., doubting nothing
^aActs 15:7-9

22 ¹Lit., words
^aActs 10:2 ^bMatt. 2:12 ^cMark 8:38; Luke 9:26; Rev. 14:10
^dActs 11:14

23 ^aActs 10:45; 11:12 ^bActs 1:15 ^cActs 9:36

24 ^aActs 10:1; 8:40

25 ¹Or, prostrated himself in reverence
^aMatt. 8:2

26 ^aRev. 19:10; 22:8f.; Acts 14:15

27 ¹Lit., finds
^aActs 10:24

28 ¹Or, profane; lit., common
^aActs 11:3; John 4:9; 18:28
^bActs 10:14f.; 10:35; 15:9

30 ¹e., 3 to 4 p.m.
^aActs 10:9, 22f. ^bActs 10:3; 3:1 ^cActs 10:30-32; 10:3-6

approaching the city, ^aPeter went up on ^bthe housetop about ^cthe ¹sixth hour to pray.

10 And he became hungry, and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he ^afell into a trance;

11 and he ^abeheld ^athe ¹sky opened up, and a certain ²object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,

12 and there were in it all *kinds* of four-footed animals and ¹crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the ²air.

13 And a voice came to him, "Arise, Peter, ¹kill and eat!"

14 But Peter said, "By no means, ^aLord, for ^bI have never eaten anything ¹unholy and unclean."

15 And again a voice *came* to him a second time, "^aWhat God has cleansed, no *longer* consider ¹unholy."

16 And this happened three times; and immediately the ¹object was taken up into the ²sky.

17 Now while Peter was greatly perplexed ¹in mind as to what ^athe vision which he had seen might be, behold, ^bthe men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate;

18 and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was ¹staying there.

19 And while Peter was reflecting on ^athe vision, ^bthe Spirit said to him, "Behold, ¹three men are looking for you.

20 "But arise, go downstairs, and ^aaccompany them ¹without misgivings; for I have sent them *Myself*."

21 And Peter went down to the men and said, "Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius a centurion, a righteous and ^aGod-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, ^bwas *divinely* directed by a ^choly angel to send for you *to come* to his house and hear ^da ¹message from you."

23 And so he invited them in and gave them lodging.

And on the next day he arose and went away with them, and ^asome of ^bthe brethren from ^cJoppa accompanied him.

24 And on the following day he entered ^aCaesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 And when it came about that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and ¹worshiped *him*.

26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "^aStand up; I too am *just* a man."

27 And as he talked with him, he entered, and ¹found ^amany people assembled.

28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how ^aunlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and *yet* ^bGod has shown me that I should not call any man ¹unholy or unclean.

29 "That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. And so I ask for what reason you have sent for me."

30 And Cornelius said, "^aFour days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during ^bthe ¹ninth hour; and behold, ^ca man stood before me in shining garments,

31 and he ^asaid, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your ^lalms have been remembered before God.

32 'Send therefore to ^aJoppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is ^lstaying at the house of Simon *the tanner* by the sea.'

33 'And so I sent to you immediately, and you have ^lbeen kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.'

34 And ^aopening his mouth, Peter said:

'I most certainly understand *now* that ^bGod is not one to show partiality,

35 but ^ain every nation the man who ^lbears Him and ²does what is right, is welcome to Him.

36 'The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, ^apreaching ^{2b}peace through Jesus Christ (He is ^cLord of all)—

37 you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed.

38 'You know of ^aJesus of Nazareth, how God ^banointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, ^{2c}and *how* He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for ^dGod was with Him.

39 'And we are ^awitnesses of all the things He did both in the ^lland of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And they also ^bput Him to death by hanging Him on a ²cross.

40 'God raised Him up on the third day, and granted that He should become visible,

41 ^anot to all the people, but to ^bwitnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us, ^cwho ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 'And He ^aordered us to ^lpreach to the people, and solemnly to ^btestify that this is the One who has been ^cappointed by God as ^dJudge of the living and the dead.

43 'Of Him ^aall the prophets bear witness that through ^bHis name every one who believes in Him has received forgiveness of sins.'

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, ^athe Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the ^lmessage.

45 And ^aall the ^lcircumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been ^bpoured out upon the Gentiles also.

46 For they were hearing them ^aspeaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter ^banswered,

47 'Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who ^bhave received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?'

48 And he ^aordered them to be baptized ^bin the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

CHAPTER 11

NOW the apostles and ^athe brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, ^lthose who were circumcised took issue with him,

31 ^lOr, *deeds of charity*

32 ^lOr, *lodging*
^aActs 11:3; John 4:9; 18:28

33 ^lLit., *done well in coming*

34 ^aMatt. 5:2 ^bDeut. 10:17; 2 Chr. 19:7; Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17

35 ^lOr, *reverences* ²Lit., *works righteousness*
^aActs 10:28 ^bActs 10:2

36 ^lSome mss. read, *He sent the word to* ²Or, *preaching the gospel of peace*
^aActs 13:32 ^bLuke 1:79; 2:14; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:17 ^cRom. 10:12; Acts 2:36; Matt. 28:18

38 ^lOr, possibly, *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth* ²Lit., *who went*
^aActs 2:22 ^bActs 4:26 ^cMatt. 4:23 ^dJohn 3:2

39 ^lOr, *countryside* ²Lit., *wood*
^aLuke 24:48; Acts 10:41
^bActs 5:30

40 ^aActs 2:24

41 ^aJohn 14:19, 22; 15:27
^bLuke 24:48; Acts 10:39
^cLuke 24:43; Acts 1:4 ^aarg.

42 ^lOr, *proclaim*
^aActs 1:2 ^bLuke 16:28 ^cLuke 22:22 ^dTim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:5; John 5:22, 27; Acts 17:31

43 ^aActs 3:18 ^bLuke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 4:12

44 ^lLit., *word*
^aActs 11:15; 15:8

45 ^lLit., *believers from among the circumcision; i.e., Jewish Christians*
^aActs 10:23 ^bActs 2:33, 38

46 ^aActs 2:4; 19:6; Mark 16:17 ^bActs 3:12

47 ^aActs 8:36 ^bActs 10:44f.; 11:17; 15:8; 2:4

48 ^l1 Cor. 1:14-17 ^bActs 2:38; 8:16; 19:5

1 ^aActs 1:15

2 ^lLit., *those of the circumcision; i.e., Jewish Christians*
^aActs 10:45

Acts 11

3¹Or, *entered the house of*
^aMatt. 9:11; Gal 2:12; Acts 10:28

4²Luke 1:3

5¹Or, *vessel*²Or, *heaven*
^aActs 11:5-14; Acts 10:9-32
^bActs 9:10

6¹Lit., *and I saw*²Or
*possibly, reptiles*³Or,
heaven

7¹Or, *sacrifice*

8¹Or, *profane*; lit.,
common

9¹Lit., *make common*
^aActs 10:15

10¹Or, *heaven*

11²Acts 8:40

12¹Or, *without making any distinction*
^aActs 8:29^bActs 15:9; Rom. 3:22^cActs 10:23

13¹Or, *after he had stood in his house and said*

14²Acts 10:22^bActs 10:2; 16:15; 31-34; 18:8; John 4:53; 1 Cor. 1:16

15²Acts 10:44^bActs 2:4

16¹Or, *in*
^aActs 1:5

17¹Or, *prevent God*
^aActs 10:45; 47^bActs 5:39

18¹Lit., *became silent*
^aMatt. 9:8^b2 Cor. 7:10

19¹Or, *tribulation*²Lit., *as far as*
^aActs 8:1, 4^bActs 15:3; 21:2^cActs 4:36^dActs 11:20, 22, 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f. 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11

20¹Some mss. read, *Greek-speaking Jews*²Or, *bringing the good news of*
^aActs 4:36^bActs 2:10; 6:9; 13:1; Matt. 27:32^cActs 11:19, 22, 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f. 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11^dJohn 7:35^eActs 5:42

21¹Luke 1:66^bActs 2:47

22¹Lit., *word*²Lit., *was heard in*³Lit., *as far as*
^aActs 4:36^bActs 11:19, 20, 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f. 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11

23¹Lit., *seen*²Lit., *purpose of heart*
^aActs 13:43; 14:26; 15:40; 20:24, 32

24²Acts 2:4

3 saying, "You¹ went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

4 But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them ^ain orderly sequence, saying,

5 "I^a was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw ^ba vision, a certain ¹object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from ²the sky; and it came right down to me,

6 and when I had fixed my gaze upon it and was observing it ¹I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the ²crawling creatures and the birds of the ³air.

7 "And I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Arise, Peter; ¹kill and eat.'

8 "But I said, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing ¹unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

9 "But a voice from heaven answered a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer ¹consider unholy.'

10 "And this happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into ¹the sky.

11 "And behold, at that moment three men appeared before the house in which we were *staying*, having been sent to me from ^aCaesarea.

12 "And ^athe Spirit told me to go with them ^{1b}without misgivings. And ^cthese six brethren also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

13 "And he reported to us how he had seen the angel ¹standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa, and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;

14 and he shall speak ^awords to you by which you will be saved, you and ^ball your household.'

15 "And as I began to speak, ^athe Holy Spirit fell upon them, just ^{ba}as *He did* upon us at the beginning.

16 "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ^aJohn baptized with water, but you shall be baptized ¹with the Holy Spirit.'

17 "If ^aGod therefore gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, ^bwho was I that I could ¹stand in God's way?"

18 And when they heard this, they ¹quieted down, and ^aglorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the ^brepentance *that leads to life.*"

19 ^aSo then those who were scattered because of the ¹persecution that arose in connection with Stephen made their way ²to ^bPhoenicia and ^cCyprus and ^dAntioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

20 But there were some of them, men of ^aCyprus and ^bCyrene, who came to ^cAntioch and *began* speaking to the ^{1d}Greeks also, ^{2e}preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And ^athe hand of the Lord was with them, and ^{ba}a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

22 And the ¹news about them ²reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent ^aBarnabas off ³to ^bAntioch.

23 Then when he had come and ¹witnessed ^athe grace of God, he rejoiced and *began* to encourage them all with ²resolute heart to remain *true* to the Lord;

24 for he was a good man, and ^afull of the Holy Spirit and

of faith. And ^bconsiderable ¹numbers were ²brought to the Lord.

25 And he left for ^aTarsus to look for Saul;

26 and when he had found him, he brought him to ^aAntioch. And it came about that for an entire year they ¹met with the church, and taught considerable ²numbers; and ^bthe disciples were first called ^cChristians in ^aAntioch.

27 Now ¹at this time ^asome prophets ^bcame down from Jerusalem to ^cAntioch.

28 And one of them named ^aAgabus stood up and *began* to indicate ¹by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine ²all over the ²world. And this took place in the *reign* of ^cClaudius.

29 And in the proportion that any of ^athe disciples had means, each of them determined to send *a contribution* for the ¹relief of ^bthe brethren living in Judea.

30 ^aAnd this they did, sending it ¹in charge of ^bBarnabas and Saul to the ^celders.

CHAPTER 12

NOW about that time ¹Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them.

2 And he ^ahad James the brother of John ^bput to death with a sword.

3 And when he saw that it ^apleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now ¹it was during ^bthe days of the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*.

4 And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four ¹squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after ^bthe Passover to bring him out before the people.

5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

6 And on the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, ¹Peter was sleeping between ¹two soldiers, ^abound with two chains; and ²guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.

7 And behold, ^aan angel of the Lord ^bsuddenly ^bappeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and roused him, saying, "Get up quickly." And ^chis ^cchains ^cfell off his hands.

8 And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and ¹put on your sandals." And he did so. And he ^asaid to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."

9 And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing ^aa vision.

10 And when they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which ^aopened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street; and ^bimmediately the angel ^bdeparted from him.

11 And when Peter ^acame to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that ^bthe Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all ¹that the Jewish people were expecting."

12 And when he realized *this*, he went to the house of

²⁴ ¹Lit., *multitudes* ²Lit., *added*
^bActs 5:14; 2:47; 11:21

²⁵ Acts 9:11

²⁶ ¹Or, *were gathered together* ²Lit., *multitude*
^aActs 11:20, 22, 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f.; 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11 ^bActs 6:1f.; 9:19, 26, 38; 11:29; 13:52; 14:20, 22, 28; John 2:2; Acts 9:25; 1:15 ^cActs 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16

²⁷ ¹Lit., *in these days*
^aActs 13:1; 2:17; Luke 11:49; 1 Cor. 12:10, 29f. ^bActs 18:22 ^cActs 11:20, 22, 26; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f.; 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11

²⁸ ¹Or, *through* ²Lit., *inhabited earth*
^aActs 21:10 ^bMatt. 24:14 ^cActs 18:2

²⁹ ¹Lit., *service*
^aActs 6:1f.; 9:19, 26, 38; Acts 11:26; 13:52; 14:20, 22, 28; John 2:2; Acts 9:25; 1:15 ^bActs 11:1

³⁰ ¹Lit., *through the hand of*
^aActs 12:25 ^bActs 4:36 ^cActs 14:23; 15:2; 4, 6, 22f.; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Tim. 5:17, 19; Titus 1:5; James 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1; 2 John 1; 3 John 1

¹ I.e., Herod Agrippa I

² ^aMatt. 4:21; 20:23 ^bMark 10:39

³ ¹Lit., *they were the days*
^aActs 24:27; 25:9 ^bEx. 12:15; 23:15; Acts 20:6

⁴ ¹Lit., *quaternions*; one quaternion is composed of four soldiers
^aJohn 19:23 ^bMark 14:1; Acts 12:3

⁶ Acts 21:33

⁷ ^aActs 5:19 ^bLuke 2:9; 24:4 ^cActs 16:26

⁸ ¹Lit., *bind*

⁹ Acts 9:10

¹⁰ Acts 5:19; 16:26

¹¹ ¹Lit., *the expectation of the people of the Jews*
^aLuke 15:17 ^bDan. 3:28; 6:22

Acts 12, 13

12 ^aActs 12:25; 13:5, 13; 15:37, 39; Col. 4:10; 2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24; 1 Pet. 5:13
^bActs 12:5

13 ^aJohn 18:16f.

14 ^aLuke 24:41

15 ^aMatt. 18:10

17 ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aActs 13:16; 19:33; 21:40
^bActs 15:13; 21:18; 1 Cor. 15:7; Gal. 1:19; 2:9, 12; Mark 6:3
^cActs 1:15

18 ¹Lit., *what therefore had become*

19 ^aActs 16:27; 27:42 ^bActs 8:40

20 ^aMatt. 11:21 ^b1 Kin. 5:11; Ezra 3:7; Ezek. 27:17

21 ¹Or, *judgment-seat*

23 ¹Lit., *breathed his last*
^aActs 5:19; 2 Sam. 24:16; 2 Kin. 19:35

24 ^aActs 6:7; 19:20

25 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *to Jerusalem* ²Lit., *ministry*
^aActs 13:1ff.; 4:36 ^bActs 11:30 ^cActs 12:12

1 ^aActs 11:19 ^bActs 11:26
^cActs 11:27; 15:32; 1 Cor. 14:29, 32, 37; Acts 19:6; 21:9; 1 Cor. 11:4f.; 13:2, 8f.
^d1 Cor. 12:28f.; Eph. 4:11; Rom. 12:6f.; James 3:1 ^eActs 13:1ff.; 4:36 ^fMatt. 27:32; Acts 11:20 ^gMatt. 14:1

2 ^aActs 8:29; 13:4 ^bActs 13:1ff.; 4:36 ^cActs 9:15

3 ^aActs 1:24 ^bActs 6:6
^cActs 14:26; 13:4

4 ^aActs 13:2f. ^bActs 4:36

5 ^aActs 9:20; 13:14 ^bActs 12:12

Mary, the mother of ^aJohn who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and ^bwere praying.

13 And when he knocked at the door of the gate, ^aa servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer.

14 And when she recognized Peter's voice, ^abecause of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate.

15 And they said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. And they kept saying, "It is ^ahis angel."

16 But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened, they saw him and were amazed.

17 But ^amotioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to ^{1b}James and ^cthe brethren." And he departed and went to another place.

18 Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers *as to* ¹what could have become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered that they ^abe led away *to execution*. And he went down from Judea to ^bCaesarea and was spending time there.

20 Now he was very angry with the people of ^aTyre and Sidon; and with one accord they came to him, and having won over Blastus the king's chamberlain, they were asking for peace, because ^btheir country was fed by the king's country.

21 And on an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the ¹rostrum and *began* delivering an address to them.

22 And the people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

23 And immediately ^aan angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and ¹died.

24 But ^athe word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

25 And ^aBarnabas and ^aSaul returned ¹from Jerusalem ^bwhen they had fulfilled their ²mission, taking along with *them* ^cJohn, who was also called Mark.

CHAPTER 13

NOW there were at ^aAntioch, in the ^bchurch that was *there*, ^cprophets and ^dteachers: ^eBarnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of ^fCyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with ^gHerod the tetrarch, and ^hSaul.

2 And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, ^athe Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me ^bBarnabas and Saul for ^cthe work to which I have called them."

3 Then, when they had fasted and ^aprayed and ^blaid their hands on them, ^cthey sent them away.

4 So, being ^asent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to ^bCyprus.

5 And when they reached Salamis, they *began* to proclaim the word of God in ^athe synagogues of the Jews; and they also had ^bJohn as their helper.

6 And when they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain ^amagician, a Jewish ^bfalse prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus,

7 who was with the ^aproconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the ^amagician (for thus his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the ^bproconsul away from ^cthe faith.

9 But Saul, who was also *known as Paul*, ^{1a}filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon him,

10 and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you ^ason of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked ^bthe straight ways of the Lord?"

11 "And now, ^b behold, ^athe hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the ^csun for a time." And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

12 Then the ^aproconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at ^bthe teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from ^aPaphos and came to ^bPerga in ^cPamphylia; and ^dJohn left them and returned to Jerusalem.

14 But going on from Perga, they arrived at ^aPisidian ^bAntioch, and on ^cthe Sabbath day they went into ^dthe synagogue and sat down.

15 And after ^athe reading of the Law and ^bthe Prophets ^cthe synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it."

16 And Paul stood up, and ^amotioning with his hand, he said,

"^aMen of Israel, and ^byou who fear God, listen:

17 "The God of this people Israel ^achose our fathers, and ¹made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it.

18 "And for about ^aa period of forty years ^bHe ¹put up with them in the wilderness.

19 "And ^awhen He had destroyed ^bseven nations in the land of Canaan, He ^cdistributed their land as an inheritance—*all of which took* ^dabout four hundred and fifty years.

20 "And after these things He ^agave *them* judges until ^bSamuel the prophet.

21 "And then they ^aasked for a king, and God gave them ^bSaul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

22 "And after He had ^aremoved him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found ^bDavid the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My ¹will.'

23 "^aFrom the offspring of this man ^baccording to promise God has brought to Israel ^aa Savior, Jesus,

24 after ^aJohn had proclaimed before ¹His coming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 "And while John ^awas completing his course, ^bhe kept saying, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not *He*. But

6 ^aActs 8:9 ^bMatt. 7:15

7 ^aActs 13:8, 12; 18:12; 19:38

8 ^aActs 8:9 ^bActs 13:7, 12; Acts 18:12; 19:38 ^cActs 6:7

9 ¹Or, *having just been filled*
^aActs 4:8; 2:4

10 ^aMatt. 13:38; John 8:44 ^bHos. 14:9; 2 Pet. 2:15

11 ^aEx. 9:3; 1 Sam. 5:6f.; Ps. 32:4; Job 19:21; Heb. 10:31

12 ^aActs 13:7, 8; 18:12; 19:38 ^bActs 13:49; 8:25; 15:35f.; 19:10, 20

13 ^aActs 13:6 ^bActs 14:25 ^cActs 2:10; 14:24; 15:38; 27:5 ^dActs 12:12

14 ^aActs 14:24 ^bActs 14:19, 21; 2 Tim. 3:11 ^cActs 13:42, 44; 16:13; 18:4; 17:2 ^dActs 9:20; 13:5

15 ^aActs 15:21; 2 Cor. 3:14f. ^bActs 13:27 ^cMark 5:22

16 ^aActs 12:17 ^bActs 10:2; 13:26

17 ¹Or, *exalted*
^aDeut. 7:6-8; Ex. 6:1, 6; 13:14, 16; Acts 7:17f.

18 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *bore them up in His arms as a nurse in the wilderness*
^aActs 7:36 ^bDeut. 1:31

19 ^aActs 7:45 ^bDeut. 7:1 ^cJosh. 19:51; Ps. 78:55 ^dJudg. 11:26; 1 Kin. 6:1

20 ^aJudg. 2:16 ^bActs 3:24

21 ¹1 Sam. 8:5 ^b1 Sam. 10:1; 9:1f.

22 ¹Lit., *will*
^a1 Sam. 15:23, 26, 28; 16:1, 13 ^b1 Sam. 13:14; Ps. 89:20; Acts 7:46

23 ^aMatt. 1:1 ^bActs 13:32f. ^cLuke 2:11; John 4:42

24 ¹Lit., *the face of His entering*
^aMark 1:1-4; Acts 1:22; 19:4

25 ^aActs 20:24 ^bJohn 1:20, 27; Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:7; Luke 3:16

26 ^aActs 28:28; Acts 5:20; 4:12; 13:46; John 6:66

27 ¹Lit., voices
^aLuke 23:13 ^bActs 3:17
^cLuke 24:27 ^dActs 13:15

28 ¹Lit., destroyed
^aActs 3:14

29 ¹Lit., wood
^aActs 26:22 ^bLuke 23:53
^cActs 5:30

30 ^aActs 13:33, 34, 37; 2:24

31 ^aActs 1:11 ^bLuke 24:48

32 ^aActs 5:42; 14:15 ^bActs 26:6; Rom. 1:2; 4:13; 9:4; Acts 13:23

33 ¹Some mss. read, to us their children
^aActs 13:30, 34, 37; 2:24 ^bPs. 2:7

34 ^aActs 13:30, 33, 37; 2:24
^bIs. 55:3

35 ¹Lit., give ²Or, Devout, or, Pious ¹Lit., see corruption
^aPs. 16:10; Acts 2:27

36 ¹Or, served his own generation by the purpose of God ²Lit., saw corruption
^aActs 2:29 ^bActs 13:22; 20:27
^cActs 8:1; 1 Kin. 2:10

37 ¹Lit., see corruption
^aActs 13:30, 33, 34; 2:24

38 ¹Lit., this One
^aLuke 24:47; Acts 2:38

39 ¹Lit., justified ²In the Greek text the remainder of this vs. is part of vs. 38
^aRom. 3:28; 10:4; Acts 10:43

40 ^aJohn 6:45; Acts 7:42; Luke 24:44

41 ¹Lit., disappear
^aHab. 1:5

42 ¹Lit., they were ²Lit., they ¹Lit., words
^aActs 13:14

43 ¹e., Gentile converts to Judaism
^aActs 13:50; 17:4, 17; Acts 16:14; 18:7 ^bMatt. 23:15
^cActs 11:23

44 ¹Some ancient mss. read, the Lord
^aActs 13:14

45 ¹Or, reviling
^aActs 13:50; 14:2, 4, 5, 19; 1 Thess. 2:16

behold, one is coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

26 "Brethren, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, to us the word of ^athis salvation is sent out.

27 "For those who live in Jerusalem, and their ^arulers, ^brecognizing neither Him nor the ¹utterances of ^cthe prophets which are ^dread every Sabbath, fulfilled *these* by condemning Him.

28 "And though they found no ground for *putting Him* to death, they ^aasked Pilate that He be ¹executed.

29 "And when they had ^acarried out all that was written concerning Him, ^bthey took Him down from ^cthe ¹cross and laid Him in a tomb.

30 "But God ^araised Him from the dead;

31 and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him ^afrom Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now ^bHis witnesses to the people.

32 "And we ^apreach to you the good news of ^bthe promise made to the fathers,

33 that God has fulfilled this *promise* ¹to our children in that He ^araised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ^b"THOU ART MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE."

34 "And as for the fact that He ^araised Him up from the dead, no more to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: ^b"I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY AND SURE BLESSINGS OF DAVID."

35 "Therefore He also says in another *Psalms*, ^a"THOU WILT NOT ¹ALLOW THY ²HOLY ONE TO ³UNDERGO DECAY."

36 "For ^aDavid, after he had ¹served ^bthe purpose of God in his own generation, ^cfell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and ²underwent decay;

37 but He whom God ^araised did not ¹undergo decay.

38 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that ^athrough ¹Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

39 and through Him ^aeveryone who believes is ¹freed² from all things, from which you could not be ¹freed through the Law of Moses.

40 "Take heed therefore, so that the thing spoken of ^ain the Prophets may not come upon you:

41 ^a"BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND ¹PERISH;

FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS,

A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH SOME-ONE SHOULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU."

42 And as ¹Paul and Barnabas were going out, ²the people kept begging that these ³things might be spoken to them the next ^aSabbath.

43 Now when the *meeting* of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the ^aGod-fearing ¹proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in ^cthe grace of God.

44 And the next ^aSabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of ¹God.

45 But when ^athe Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and *began* contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were ¹blaspheming.

46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you

^afirst; since you repudiate it, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, ^bwe are turning to the Gentiles.

47 "For thus the Lord has commanded us,

"I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A ^bLIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU SHOULD ¹BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH."

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying ^athe word of ¹the Lord; and as many as ^bhad been appointed to eternal life believed.

49 And ^athe word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

50 But ^athe Jews aroused the ^{1b}devout women ^cof prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their ²district.

51 But ^athey shook off the dust of their feet in *protest* against them and went to ^bIconium.

52 And the disciples were continually ^afilled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came about that in ^aIconium ^bthey entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner ^cthat a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of ^cGreeks.

2 But ^athe Jews who ^{1b}disbelieved stirred up the ²minds of the Gentiles, and embittered them against ^cthe brethren.

3 Therefore they spent a long time *there* ^aspeaking boldly with *reliance* upon the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting that ^{1b}signs and wonders be done by their hands.

4 ^aBut the multitude of the city was divided; and some ¹sided with ^bthe Jews, and some with ^cthe apostles.

5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and ^athe Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to ^bstone them,

6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of ^aLycania, ^bLystra and ^cDerbe, and the surrounding region;

7 and there they continued to ^apreach the gospel.

8 And at ^aLystra there was sitting ^ba certain man, without strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, ^awhen he had fixed his gaze upon him, and had seen that he had ^bfaith to be ¹made well,

10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." ^aAnd he leaped up and *began* to walk.

11 And when the multitudes saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the ^aLycanian language, "^bThe gods have become like men and have come down to us."

12 And they *began* calling Barnabas, ¹Zeus, and Paul, ²Hermes, because he was ³the chief speaker.

13 And the priest of Zeus, whose *temple* was ¹just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and ^awanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

14 But when ^athe apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they ^btore their ¹robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out

46 ^aActs 3:26; 13:5, 14; 9:20
^bActs 18:6; 22:21; 26:20;
28:28; 19:9, 15

47 ¹Lit., *be for salvation*
²Is. 49:6 ^bLuke 2:32

48 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *God*
^aActs 13:12 ^bRom. 8:28ff.;
Eph. 1:4f., 11

49 ^aActs 13:12

50 ¹Or, *worshipping* ²Lit.,
boundaries
^aActs 13:45; 14:2, 4, 5, 19;
¹Thess. 2:16 ^bActs 13:43;
17:4, 17; 16:14; 18:7 ^cMark
15:43

51 ^aMatt. 10:14; Acts 18:6
^bActs 14:1, 19, 21; 16:2;
2 Tim. 3:11

52 ^aActs 2:4

¹Acts 13:51; 14:19, 21;
16:2; 2 Tim. 3:11 ^bActs 13:5
^cActs 2:47 ^dJohn 7:35; Acts
18:4

²Or, *disobeyed* ²Lit.,
souls
^aActs 13:45, 50; 14:4, 5, 19;
¹Thess. 2:16 ^bJohn 3:36
^cActs 1:15

³Or, *attesting miracles*
^aActs 4:29f.; 20:32; Heb. 2:4
^bJohn 4:48

⁴Lit., *were*
^aActs 17:4f.; 19:9; 28:24
^bActs 13:45, 50; 14:2, 5, 19;
¹Thess. 2:16 ^cActs 14:14

⁵Acts 13:45, 50; 14:2, 4,
19; ¹Thess. 2:16 ^bActs 14:19

⁶Acts 14:11 ^bActs 14:8,
21; 16:1f.; 2 Tim. 3:11 ^cActs
14:20; 16:1; 20:4

⁷Acts 14:21; 16:10; 14:15

⁸Acts 14:6, 21; Acts
16:1f.; 2 Tim. 3:11 ^bActs 3:2

⁹Lit., *saved*
^aActs 3:4; 10:4 ^bMatt. 9:28

¹⁰Acts 3:8

¹¹Acts 14:6 ^bActs 8:10;
28:6

¹²Lat., *Jupiter* ²Lat.,
Mercurius ³Lit., *the leader*
of the speaking

¹³Lit., *in front of*
^aDan. 2:46

¹⁴Or, *outer garments*
^aActs 14:4 ^bNum. 14:6;
Matt. 26:65; Mark 14:63

15 ¹Lit., idols
^aJames 5:17; Acts 10:26 ^bActs 13:32; Acts 14:7; 21 ^cDeut. 32:21; 1 Sam. 12:21; Jer. 8:19; 14:22; 1 Cor. 8:4 ^dMatt. 16:16 ^eEx. 20:11; Ps. 146:6; Rev. 14:7; Acts 4:24; 17:24

16 ¹Lit., who in the generations gone by permitted ²Or, Gentiles
^aActs 17:30 ^bMic. 4:5; Ps. 81:12

17 ¹Lit., filling
^aActs 17:26f.; Rom. 1:19f. ^bDeut. 11:14; Job 5:10; Ps. 65:10f.; Ezek. 34:26f.; Joel 2:23

19 ¹Lit., were dragging
^aActs 13:45; 50; 14:2, 4, 5; 1 Thess. 2:16 ^bActs 13:14; 14:21, 26 ^cActs 13:51; 14:1, 21 ^dActs 14:5; 2 Cor. 11:25; 2 Tim. 3:11

20 ^aActs 11:26; 14:22, 28 ^bActs 14:6

21 ^aActs 14:7 ^bActs 2:47 ^cActs 14:6 ^dActs 13:51; 14:1, 19 ^eActs 13:14; Acts 14:19, 26

22 ^aActs 11:26; Acts 14:28 ^bActs 6:7 ^cJohn 16:33; 1 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 3:12; Mark 10:30; John 15:18, 20; 1 Pet. 2:21; Rev. 1:9; Acts 9:16

23 ^aTitus 1:5; 2 Cor. 8:19 ^bActs 11:30 ^cActs 13:3; 1:24 ^dActs 20:32

24 ^aActs 13:14 ^bActs 13:13

25 ^aActs 13:13

26 ¹Lit., fulfilled
^aActs 11:19 ^bActs 13:3 ^cActs 15:40; 11:23

27 ¹Lit., that
^aActs 15:4; 15:3, 12; 21:19 ^b1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:8

28 ¹Lit., not a little
^aActs 11:26; 14:22

1 ^aActs 15:24 ^bActs 1:15; 15:3, 22, 32 ^cActs 15:5; Gal. 5:2f.; 1 Cor. 7:18; Gal. 2:11, 14 ^dActs 6:14

2 ¹Lit., not a little ²Or, it was determined
^aActs 15:7 ^bGal. 2:2 ^cActs 15:4, 6, 22, 23; 16:4; 11:30

3 ^aActs 20:38; 21:5; Rom. 15:24; 1 Cor. 16:6, 11; 2 Cor. 1:16; Titus 3:13; 3 John 6 ^bActs 11:19 ^cActs 14:27; 15:4, 12 ^dActs 1:15; 15:22, 32

4 ^aActs 15:6, 22, 23; 16:4; 11:30 ^bActs 14:27; Acts 15:12

15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also ^amen of the same nature as you, and ^bpreach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these ¹vain things to a ^dliving God, ^cWHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

16 ¹"And in the generations gone by He ^apermitted all the ²nations to ^bgo their own ways;

17 and yet ^aHe did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and ^bgave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, ¹satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

18 And *even* saying these things, they with difficulty restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

19 But ^aJews came from ^bAntioch and ^cIconium, and having won over the multitudes, they ^dstoned Paul and ¹dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

20 But while ^athe disciples stood around him, he arose and entered the city. And the next day he went away with Barnabas to ^bDerbe.

21 And after they had ^apreached the gospel to that city and had ^bmade many disciples, they returned to ^cLystra and to ^dIconium and to ^eAntioch,

22 strengthening the souls of ^athe disciples, encouraging them to continue in ^bthe faith, and *saying*, "^cThrough many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

23 And when ^athey had appointed ^belders for them in every church, having ^cprayed with fasting, they ^dcommended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And they passed through ^aPisidia and came into ^bPamphylia.

25 And when they had spoken the word in ^aPerga, they went down to Attalia;

26 and from there they sailed to ^aAntioch, from ^bwhich they had been ^ccommended to the grace of God for the work that they had ¹accomplished.

27 And when they had arrived and gathered the church together, they *began* to ^areport all things that God had done with them and ¹how He had opened a ^bdoor of faith to the Gentiles.

28 And they spent ¹a long time with ^athe disciples.

CHAPTER 15

AND ^asome men came down from Judea and *began* teaching ^bthe brethren, "Unless you are ^ccircumcised according to ^dthe custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

2 And when Paul and Barnabas had ¹great dissension and ^adebate with them, ²*the brethren* determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them, should go up to Jerusalem to the ^capostles and elders concerning this issue.

3 Therefore, being ^asent on their way by the church, they were passing through both ^bPhoenicia and Samaria, ^cdescribing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all ^dthe brethren.

4 And when they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and ^athe apostles and the elders, and they ^breported all that God had done with them.

5 But certain ones of ^athe sect of the ^bPharisees who had believed, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to ^ccircumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

6 And ^athe apostles and the elders came together to ¹look into this ²matter.

7 And after there had been much ^adebate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that ¹in the early days ^bGod made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of ^cthe gospel and believe.

8 "And God, ^awho knows the heart, bore witness to them, ^bgiving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;

9 and ^aHe made no distinction between us and them, ^bcleansing their hearts by faith.

10 "Now therefore why do you ^aput God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which ^bneither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

11 "But we believe that we are saved through ^athe grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."

12 And all the multitude kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were ^arelating what ^bsigns and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

13 And after they had stopped speaking, ^{1a}James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me.

14 "^aSimcon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.

15 "And with this the words of ^athe Prophets agree, just as it is written,

16 ^aAFTER THESE THINGS ^bI WILL RETURN,

AND I WILL REBUILD THE ¹TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN,

AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS,

AND I WILL RESTORE IT,

17 ^aIN ORDER THAT THE REST OF ¹MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD,

AND ALL THE GENTILES ^{2b}WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,

18 ^aSAYS THE LORD, WHO ^{1b}MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM OF OLD.'

19 "Therefore it is ^amy judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles,

20 but that we write to them that they abstain from ^{1a}things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from ^bwhat is strangled and from blood.

21 "For ^aMoses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

22 Then it seemed good to ^athe apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to ^bAntioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and ^cSilas, leading men among ^dthe brethren,

23 and they ¹sent this letter by them,

"^aThe apostles and the brethren who are elders, to ^bthe brethren in ^cAntioch and ^dSyria and ^eCilicia who are from the Gentiles, ^fgreetings.

24 "Since we have heard that ^asome ¹of our number to

5 ^aActs 5:17; 24:5, 14; 26:5; 28:22 ^bMatt. 3:7; Acts 26:5 ^cGal. 5:21; 1 Cor. 7:18; Gal. 2:11, 14

6 ¹Lit., see about ²Lit., word ^aActs 15:4, 22, 23; 16:4; 11:30

7 ¹Lit., from days of old ^aActs 15:2 ^bActs 10:19f. ^cActs 20:24

8 ^aActs 1:24 ^bActs 10:47

9 ^aActs 10:28, 34; 11:12 ^bActs 10:43

10 ^aActs 5:9 ^bMatt. 23:4; Gal. 5:1

11 ^aRom. 5:15; 3:24; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:5-8

12 ^aActs 14:27; 15:3, 4 ^bJohn 4:48

13 ¹Or, Jacob ^aActs 12:17

14 ^a2 Pet. 1:1 marg.; Acts 15:7

15 ^aActs 13:40

16 ¹Or, tent ^aAmos 9:11 ^bJer. 12:15

17 ¹Lit., men ²Lit., upon whom My name is called ^aAmos 9:12 ^bJames 2:7 marg.; Sept. of Deut. 28:10; Is. 63:19; Jer. 14:9; Dan. 9:19.

18 ¹Or, does these things which were known ^aAmos 9:12 ^bIs. 45:21

19 ^aActs 15:28; 21:25

20 ¹Lit., the pollutions of ^aActs 15:29; Dan. 1:8; 1 Cor. 8:7-13; 10:7f.; 14-28; Rev. 2:14, 20 ^bGen. 9:4; Lev. 3:17; 7:26; 17:10, 14; 19:26; Deut. 12:16, 23; 15:23; 1 Sam. 14:33

21 ^aActs 13:15; 2 Cor. 3:14f.

22 ^aActs 15:2 ^bActs 11:20 [not 13:14] ^cActs 15:27, 32, 40, 16:19, 25, 29; 17:4, 10, 14f.; 18:5; 2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:12 ^dActs 15:1

23 ¹Lit., wrote by their hand ^aActs 15:2 ^bActs 15:1 ^cActs 11:20 ^dMatt. 4:24; Acts 15:41; Gal. 1:21 ^eActs 6:9 ^fActs 23:26; James 1:1; 2 John 10f.

24 ¹Lit., from us ^aActs 15:1

24 ^bGal. 1:7; 5:10

25 ¹Or, *met together*
^aActs 15:28

26 ¹Lit., *given over*
^aActs 9:23ff.; 14:19

27 ^aActs 15:22; 32 ^bActs 15:22

28 ^aActs 15:25 ^bActs 15:8; 5:32 ^cActs 15:19, 25

29 ¹Lit., *from which keeping yourselves free*
^aActs 15:20

30 ¹Or, *multitude*
^aActs 15:22f.

31 ¹Or, *exhortation*

32 ¹Or, *exhorted*
^aActs 15:22, 27 ^bActs 15:22 ^cActs 13:1 ^dActs 15:1

33 ^aMark 5:34; Acts 16:36; 1 Cor. 16:11; Heb. 11:31
^bActs 15:22

34 ¹Some mss. add verse 34. *But it seemed good to Silas to remain there.*

35 ^aActs 12:25 ^bActs 8:4
^cActs 13:12

36 ^aActs 13:4, 13, 14, 51; 14:6, 24f. ^bActs 13:12

37 ^aActs 12:12

38 ¹Lit., *from*
^aActs 13:13

39 ^aCol. 4:10; Acts 12:12; 15:37 ^bActs 4:36

40 ^aActs 15:22 ^bActs 14:26; 11:23

41 ^aMatt. 4:24; Acts 15:23
^bActs 6:9

1 ^aActs 14:6 ^bActs 17:14f.; 18:5; 19:22; 20:4; Rom. 16:21; 1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10; 2 Cor. 1:1, 19; Phil. 1:1; 2:19; Col. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:1; 3:2, 6; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18; 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:2; Philem. 1; Heb. 13:23 ^c2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15

2 ^aActs 16:40 ^bActs 14:6
^cActs 13:51

3 ¹Lit., *go out*
^aGal. 2:3

whom we gave no instruction have ^bdisturbed you with *their* words, unsettling your souls,

25 ^ait seemed good to us, having ¹become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 men who have ¹risksed their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 “Therefore we have sent ^aJudas and ^bSilas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of *mouth*.

28 “For ^ait seemed good to ^bthe Holy Spirit and to ^cus to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: that you abstain from ^athings sacrificed to idols and from ^ablood and from ^athings strangled and from ^afornication; ¹if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell.”

30 So, when they were sent away, ^athey went down to Antioch; and having gathered the ¹congregation together, they delivered the letter.

31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its ¹encouragement.

32 And ^aJudas and ^bSilas, also being ^cprophets themselves, ¹encouraged and strengthened ^dthe brethren with a lengthy message.

33 And after they had spent time *there*, they were sent away from the brethren ^ain peace to those who had ^bsent them out.

34 (See marginal note.¹)

35 But ^aPaul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and ^bpreaching with many others also ^cthe word of the Lord.

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brethren in ^aevery city in which we proclaimed ^bthe word of the Lord, *and see* how they are.”

37 And Barnabas was desirous of taking ^aJohn, called Mark, along with them also.

38 But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had ^adeserted them ¹in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

39 And there arose such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took ^aMark with him and sailed away to ^bCyprus.

40 But Paul chose ^aSilas and departed, being ^bcommitted by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

41 And he was traveling through ^aSyria and ^bCilicia, strengthening the churches.

CHAPTER 16

AND he came also to ^aDerbe and to ^aLystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named ^bTimothy, the son of a ^cJewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,

2 and he was well spoken of by ^athe brethren who were in ^bLystra and ^cIconium.

3 Paul wanted this man to ¹go with him; and he ^atook him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

4 Now while they were passing through the cities, they

were delivering ^athe decrees, which had been decided upon by ^bthe apostles and ^celders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe.

5 So ^athe churches were being strengthened ¹in the faith, and were ^bincreasing in number daily.

6 And they passed through the ^{1a}Phrygian and ^bGalatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in ^{2c}Asia;

7 and when they had come to ^aMysia, they were trying to go into ^bBithynia, and the ^cSpirit of Jesus did not permit them;

8 and passing ^{1b}y ^aMysia, they came down to ^bTroas.

9 And ^aa vision appeared to Paul in the night: ^{1A}A certain man of ^bMacedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 And when he had seen ^athe vision, immediately ^bwe sought to ^{1go}into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to ^cpreach the gospel to them.

11 ¹Therefore putting out to sea from ^aTroas, we ran ^{ba}straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis;

12 and from there to ^aPhilippi, which is a leading city of the district of ^bMacedonia, ^{ca} a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days.

13 And on ^athe Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a river side, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of ^aThyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, ^{ba} a worshiper of God, was listening; ^{1and} the Lord ^copened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and ^aher household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

16 And it happened that as we were going to ^athe place of prayer, a certain slave-girl having ^{ba} a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of ^athe Most High God, who are proclaiming to you ¹the way of salvation."

18 And she continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you ^ain the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very ¹moment.

19 But when her masters saw that their hope of ^aprofit was ¹gone, they seized ^bPaul and Silas and ^cdragged them into the market place before the authorities,

20 and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews,

21 and ^aare proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being ^bRomans."

22 And the crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their ¹robes off them, and proceeded to order ²them to be ^abeaten with rods.

⁴ Acts 15:28f. ^b Acts 15:2
^c Acts 11:30

⁵ ¹ Or, in faith
^a Acts 9:31 ^b Acts 2:47

⁶ ¹ Or, Phrygia and the Galatian region ² I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor
^a Acts 2:10; 18:23 ^b Acts 18:23; 1 Cor. 16:1; Gal. 1:2; 3:1; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Pet. 1:1 ^c Acts 2:9

⁷ ^a Acts 16:8 ^b 1 Pet. 1:1
^c Luke 24:49; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 4:6; Phil. 1:19; 1 Pet. 1:11; Acts 8:29

⁸ ¹ Or, through
^a Acts 16:7 ^b Acts 16:11; 20:5f.; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Tim. 4:13

⁹ ¹ Or, A man
^a Acts 9:10 ^b Acts 16:10, 12; 18:5; 19:21f., 29; 20:1, 3; 27:2; Rom. 15:26

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., go out
^a Acts 9:10 ^b [we] Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-28:16 ^c Acts 14:7

¹¹ ¹ Some ancient mss. read, and
^a Acts 16:8; 20:5f.; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Tim. 4:13 ^b Acts 21:1

¹² ^a Acts 20:6; Phil. 1:1; 1 Thess. 2:2 ^b Acts 16:9, 10; 18:5; 19:21f., 29; 20:1, 3; 27:2; Rom. 15:26 ^c Acts 16:21

¹³ ^a Acts 13:14

¹⁴ ¹ Lit., whose heart the Lord opened
^a Rev. 1:11; 2:18, 24 ^b Acts 18:7; 13:43 ^c Luke 24:45

¹⁵ ^a Acts 11:14

¹⁶ ^a Acts 16:13 ^b Lev. 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:11; 1 Sam. 28:3, 7; 2 Kin. 21:6; 1 Chr. 10:13; Is. 8:19

¹⁷ ¹ Lit., a way
^a Mark 5:7

¹⁸ ¹ Lit., hour
^a Mark 16:17

¹⁹ ¹ Lit., gone out
^a Acts 16:16; 19:25f. ^b Acts 15:40; 16:25, 29; Acts 15:22
^c Acts 17:6f.; 21:30; James 2:6; Acts 8:3

²¹ ^a Esther 3:8 ^b Acts 16:12

²² ¹ Or, outer garments
² Lit., to beat with rods
^a 2 Cor. 11:25; 1 Thess. 2:2

23 ^aActs 16:27, 36

24 ¹Lit., who, having received
^aJob 13:27; 33:11; Jer. 20:2f.; 29:26

25 ^aActs 16:19 ^bEph. 5:19

26 ^aActs 4:31 ^bActs 12:10
^cActs 12:7

27 ^aActs 16:23, 36 ^bActs 12:19

29 ^aActs 16:19

30 ^aActs 2:37; 22:10

31 ^aMark 16:16 ^bActs 11:14; 16:15

32 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *God*

33 ^aActs 16:25

34 ¹Lit., a table ²Or, greatly with his whole household, having believed in God
^aActs 11:14; 16:15

36 ^aActs 16:27 ^bActs 15:33

37 ^aActs 22:25-29

38 ^aActs 22:29

39 ^aMatt. 8:34

40 ¹Or, exhorted
^aActs 16:14 ^bActs 16:2; 1:15

1 ^aActs 17:11, 13; 27:2; Phil. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:10; Acts 20:4; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1

23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, commanding ^athe jailer to guard them securely;

24 ¹and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in ^athe stocks.

25 But about midnight ^aPaul and Silas were praying and ^bsinging hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

26 and suddenly ^athere came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison-house were shaken; and immediately ^ball the doors were opened, and everyone's ^cchains were unfastened.

27 And when ^athe jailer had been roused out of sleep and had seen the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about ^bto kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!"

29 And he called for lights and rushed in and trembling with fear, he fell down before ^aPaul and Silas,

30 and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, ^awhat must I do to be saved?"

31 And they said, "^aBelieve in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and ^byour household."

32 And they spoke the word of ¹the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

33 And he took them ^athat very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his *household*.

34 And he brought them into his house and set ¹food before them, and rejoiced ²greatly, having believed in God with ^ahis whole household.

35 Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their policemen, saying, "Release those men."

36 And ^athe jailer reported these words to Paul, *saying*, "The chief magistrates have sent to release you. Now therefore come out and go ^bin peace."

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial, ^amen who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out."

38 And the policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. And ^athey were afraid when they heard that they were Romans,

39 and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them ^ato leave the city.

40 And they went out of the prison and entered *the house* of ^aLydia, and when they saw ^bthe brethren, they ¹encouraged them and departed.

CHAPTER 17

NOW when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to ^aThessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2 And ^aaccording to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three ^bSabbaths reasoned with them from ^cthe Scriptures.

3 ¹explaining and ²giving evidence that the ³Christ ^ahad to suffer and ^brise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the ³Christ."

4 ^aAnd some of them were persuaded and joined ^bPaul and Silas, ¹along with a great multitude of the ^cGod-fearing ^dGreeks and ²a number of the ^eleading women.

5 But ^athe Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and coming upon the house of ^bJason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they did not find them, they *began* ^adragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset ^bthe world have come here also;

7 ¹and Jason ^ahas welcomed them, and they all act ^bcontrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

8 And they stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things.

9 And when they had received a ¹pledge from ^aJason and the others, they released them.

10 And ^athe brethren immediately sent ^bPaul and Silas away by night to ^cBerea; ¹and when they arrived, they went into ^dthe synagogue of the Jews.

11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in ^aThessalonica, ¹for they received the word with ²great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to *see* whether these things were so.

12 ^aMany of them therefore believed, ¹along with a number of ^bprominent Greek ^cwomen and men.

13 But when the Jews of ^aThessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in ^bBerea also, they came there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

14 And then immediately ^athe brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and ^bSilas and ^cTimothy remained there.

15 Now ^athose who conducted Paul brought him as far as ^bAthens; and receiving a command for ^cSilas and Timothy to ^dcome to him as soon as possible, they departed.

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at ^aAthens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was beholding the city full of idols.

17 So he was reasoning ^ain the synagogue with the Jews and ^bthe God-fearing *Gentiles*, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present.

18 And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were ¹conversing with him. And some were saying, "What would ^athis ²idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange ³deities,"—because he was preaching ^bJesus and the resurrection.

19 And they ^atook him and brought him ¹to the ²*Areopagus*, saying, "May we know what ^cthis new teaching is ³which you are proclaiming?"

20 "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; we want to know therefore what these things mean."

² Acts 9:20; 17:10, 17
^b Acts 13:14 ^c Acts 8:35

³ ¹ Lit., *opening* ² Lit., *placing before* ³ i.e., *Messiah*
^a Acts 3:18 ^b John 20:9 ^c Acts 9:22; 18:5, 28

⁴ ¹ Lit., *and a great* ² Lit., *not a few*
^a Acts 14:4 ^b Acts 17:10; 15:40; 15:22; 17:14f. ^c Acts 17:17; 13:43 ^d John 7:35 ^e Acts 13:50

⁵ ^a Acts 17:13; 1 Thess. 2:16 ^b Acts 17:6, 7, 9; Rom. 16:21

⁶ ¹ Lit., *the inhabited earth*
^a Acts 16:19f. ^b Acts 17:31; Matt. 24:14

⁷ ¹ Lit., *whom Jason has welcomed*
^a Luke 10:38; James 2:25
^b Luke 23:2

⁹ ¹ Or, *bond*
^a Acts 17:5

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., *who when ... arrived went*
^a Acts 17:6, 14f.; 1:15 ^b Acts 17:4 ^c Acts 17:13; 20:4 ^d Acts 17:2

¹¹ ¹ Lit., *who received* ² Lit., *all*
^a Acts 17:1

¹² ¹ Lit., *and not a few*
^a Acts 2:47 ^b Mark 15:43 ^c Acts 13:50

¹³ ^a Acts 17:1 ^b Acts 17:10; 20:4

¹⁴ ^a Acts 17:6, 10; 1:15 ^b Acts 17:4, 10; 15:22 ^c Acts 16:1

¹⁵ ^a Acts 15:3 ^b Acts 17:16, 21f.; 18:1; 1 Thess. 3:1 ^c Acts 17:14 ^d Acts 18:5

¹⁶ ^a Acts 17:15, 21f.; 18:1; 1 Thess. 3:1

¹⁷ ^a Acts 9:20; 17:2 ^b Acts 17:4

¹⁸ ¹ Or, *disputing* ² i.e., *one who makes his living by picking up scraps* ³ Lit., *demons*
^a 1 Cor. 4:10; 1:20 ^b Acts 4:2; 17:31f.

¹⁹ ¹ Or, *before* ² Or, *Hill of Ares, god of war* ³ Lit., *which is being spoken by you*
^a Acts 23:19 ^b Acts 17:22
^c Mark 1:27

21 ^aActs 2:1022 ¹Or possibly, the Council of the Areopagus
^aActs 17:15 ^bActs 25:1923 ^{a2} Thess. 2:4 marg.
^bJohn 4:2224 ¹Is. 42:5; Acts 14:15
^bMatt. 11:25; Deut. 10:14;
Ps. 115:16 ^cActs 7:4825 ^aPs. 50:10-12; Job 22:226 ¹Some later mss. read,
one blood
^aMal. 2:10 ^bDeut. 32:8; Job
12:2327 ¹Deut. 4:7; Jer. 23:23f.;
Acts 14:1728 ¹Lit., *are*
^aJob 12:10; Dan. 5:2329 ¹Is. 40:18ff.; Rom. 1:2330 ^aActs 14:16; Rom. 3:25
^bActs 17:23 ^cLuke 24:47;
Acts 26:20; Titus 2:11f.31 ¹Lit., *the inhabited earth*
²Or, *when He raised*
^aMatt. 10:15 ^bJohn 5:22, 27;
^cActs 10:42; Ps. 9:8; 96:13;
98:9 ^dMatt. 24:14; Acts 17:6
^eLuke 22:22 ^fActs 2:2432 ¹Lit., *also again*
^aActs 17:18, 3134 ^aActs 17:19, 221 ^aActs 17:15 ^bActs 19:1;
1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1, 23;
2 Tim. 4:20; Acts 18:8;
2 Cor. 6:112 ^aActs 18:18, 26; Rom.
16:3; 1 Cor. 16:19; 2 Tim.
4:19 ^bActs 2:9 ^cActs 27:1, 6;
Heb. 13:24 ^dActs 11:283 ^aActs 20:34; 1 Cor. 4:12;
1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8;
1 Cor. 9:15; 2 Cor. 11:7;
12:13; 1 Thess. 4:114 ^aActs 9:20; 18:19 ^bActs
13:14 ^cActs 14:15 ^aActs 17:14; 15:22; 16:1
^bActs 17:15 ^cActs 16:9

21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers ^avisiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)

22 And Paul stood in the midst of the ¹Areopagus and said, "Men of ^aAthens, I observe that you are very ^breligious in all respects.

23 "For while I was passing through and examining the ^aobjects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore ^byou worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is ^bLord of heaven and earth, does not ^cdwell in temples made with hands;

25 neither is He served by human hands, ^aas though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things;

26 and ^aHe made from ¹one every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having ^bdetermined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation,

27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, ^athough He is not far from each one of us;

28 for ^ain Him we live and move and ¹exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.'

29 "Being then the offspring of God, we ^aought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

30 "Therefore having ^aoverlooked ^bthe times of ignorance, God is ^cnow declaring to men that all everywhere should repent,

31 because He has fixed ^aa day in which ^bHe will judge ¹the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has ^dappointed, having furnished proof to all men ²by ^craising Him from the dead."

32 Now when they heard of ^athe resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you ¹again concerning this."

33 So Paul went out of their midst.

34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also was Dionysius the ^aAreopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

CHAPTER 18

AFTER these things he left ^aAthens and went to ^bCorinth.

2 And he found a certain Jew named ^aAquila, a native of ^bPontus, having recently come from ^cItaly with his wife ^aPriscilla, because ^dClaudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them,

3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and ^athey were working; for by trade they were tent-makers.

4 And he was reasoning ^ain the synagogue every ^bSabbath and trying to persuade ^cJews and Greeks.

5 But when ^aSilas and Timothy ^bcame down from ^cMace-

domia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly ^dtestifying to the Jews that ^cJesus was the ¹Christ.

6 And when they resisted and blasphemed, he ^ashook out his garments and said to them, “^bYour blood *be* upon your own heads, I am clean; from now on I shall go ^cto the Gentiles.”

7 And he departed from there and went to the house of a certain man named ¹Titus Justus, ^aa worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

8 And ^aCrispus, ^bthe leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord ^cwith all his household, and many of the ^dCorinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.

9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by ^aa vision, “Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent;

10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city.”

11 And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But while Gallio was ^aproconsul of ^bAchaia, ^cthe Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before ^dthe judgment-seat,

13 saying, “This man persuades men to worship God contrary to ^athe law.”

14 But when Paul was about to ^aopen his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you;

15 but if there are ^aquestions about words and names and your own Law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters.”

16 And he drove them away from ^athe judgment-seat.

17 And they all took hold of ^aSosthenes, ^bthe leader of the synagogue, and *began* beating him in front of ^cthe judgment-seat. And Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

18 And Paul, having remained many days longer, ^atook leave of ^bthe brethren and put out to sea for ^cSyria, and with him were ^dPriscilla and ^dAquila. In ^cCenchrea ¹he ^fhad his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.

19 And they came to ^aEphesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered ^bthe synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 And when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent,

21 but ^ataking leave of them and saying, “I will return to you again ^bif God wills,” he set sail from ^cEphesus.

22 And when he had landed at ^aCaesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to ^bAntioch.

23 And having spent some time *there*, he departed and passed successively through the ^aGalatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named ^aApollos, an ^bAlexandrian by birth, ¹an eloquent man, came to ^cEphesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

25 This man had been instructed in ^athe way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accu-

⁵ ¹I.e., Messiah
^dActs 20:21; Luke 16:28
^cActs 17:3; 18:28

⁶ ^aNeh. 5:13; Acts 13:51
^{b2} Sam. 1:16; 1 Kin. 2:33;
Ezek. 18:13; 33:4, 6, 8; Matt.
27:25; Acts 20:26 ^cActs 13:46

⁷ ¹Some ancient mss.
read, *Titus*, others omit it
altogether
^aActs 16:14; Acts 13:43

⁸ ^{a1} Cor. 1:14 ^bMark 5:22
^cActs 11:14 ^dActs 19:1;
1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1, 23;
2 Tim. 4:20; Acts 18:1;
2 Cor. 6:11

⁹ ^aActs 9:10

¹² ^aActs 13:7 ^bActs 18:27;
19:21; Rom. 15:26; 1 Cor.
16:15; 2 Cor. 1:1, 9, 2; 11:10.
1 Thess. 1:7; ^c1 Thess. 2:16
^dMatt. 27:19

¹³ ^aActs 18:15; John 19:7

¹⁴ ^aMatt. 5:2

¹⁵ ^aActs 23:29; 25:19

¹⁶ ^aMatt. 27:19

¹⁷ ^{a1} Cor. 1:1 ^bActs 18:8
^cMatt. 27:19

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *having his hair cut*
^aMark 6:46 ^bActs 1:15; 18:27
^cMatt. 4:24 ^dActs 18:2, 26
^eRom. 16:1 ^fNum. 6:2, 5, 9,
18; Acts 21:24

¹⁹ ^aActs 18:21, 24; 19:1, 17,
26 [28, 34f.]; 20:16f.; [21:29];
1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1;
1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12;
Rev. 1:11; 2:1 ^bActs 18:4

²¹ ^aMark 6:46 ^{b1} Cor. 4:19;
16:7; Heb. 6:3; James 4:15;
Rom. 1:10; 15:32; 1 Pet. 3:17
^cActs 18:19, 24; 19:1, 17, 26
[28, 34f.]; 20:16f.; [21:29];
1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1;
1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12;
Rev. 1:11; 2:1

²² ^aActs 8:40 ^bActs 11:19

²³ ^aActs 16:6

²⁴ ¹Or, *a learned man*
^aActs 19:1; 1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6,
22; 4:6; 16:12; Titus 3:13
^bActs 6:9 ^cActs 18:19

²⁵ ^aActs 9:2; 18:26

25 ^bLuke 7:29; Acts 19:3

26 ^aActs 18:2, 18 ^bActs 18:25

27 ¹Or, *helped greatly through grace those who had believed*
^aActs 18:12; 19:1 ^bActs 18:18
^cActs 11:26

28 ¹i.e., Messiah
^aActs 8:35 ^bActs 18:5

1 ^aActs 18:24; 1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6, 22; 4:6; 16:12; Titus 3:13 ^bActs 18:1 ^cActs 18:23
^dActs 18:21, 24; 19:1, 17, 26 [28, 34f.]; 20:16f.; [21:29]; 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12; Rev. 1:1; 2:1

2 ¹Or, *the Holy Spirit has been given*
^aActs 8:15f.; 11:16f. ^bJohn 7:39

3 ^aLuke 7:29; Acts 18:25

4 ^aActs 13:24 ^bJohn 1:7

5 ^aActs 8:12, 16; 10:48

6 ^aActs 6:6; 8:17 ^bActs 2:4; 10:46; Mark 16:17 ^cActs 13:1

8 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *persuading as to the things about*
^aActs 9:20; 18:26 ^bActs 1:3

9 ^aActs 14:4 ^bActs 9:2; 19:23 ^cActs 11:26; 19:30

10 ¹i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor
^aActs 19:8; 20:31 ^bActs 16:6; 19:22, 26, 27 ^cActs 13:12; 19:20

11 ¹Or, *works of power*
^aActs 8:13

12 ^aActs 5:15 ^bMark 16:17

13 ^aMatt. 12:27; Luke 11:19

rately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with ^bthe baptism of John;

26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when ^aPriscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him ^bthe way of God more accurately.

27 And when he wanted to go across to ^aAchaia, ^bthe brethren encouraged him and wrote to ^cthe disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he ¹helped greatly those who had believed through grace;

28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating ^aby the Scriptures that ^bJesus was the ¹Christ.

CHAPTER 19

AND it came about that while ^aApollos was at ^bCorinth, Paul having passed through the ^cupper country came to ^dEphesus, and found some disciples,

2 and he said to them, ^a“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “No, ^bwe have not even heard whether ¹there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, ^a“Into John’s baptism.”

4 And Paul said, ^a“John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people ^bto believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

5 And when they heard this, they were ^abaptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had ^alaid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* ^bspeaking with tongues and ^cprophesying.

7 And there were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered ^athe synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and ¹persuading *them* ^babout the kingdom of God.

9 But when ^asome were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of ^bthe Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away ^cthe disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 And this took place for ^atwo years, so that all who lived in ¹Asia heard ^cthe word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God was performing ^aextraordinary ¹miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 ^aso that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and ^bthe evil spirits went out.

13 But also some of the Jewish ^aexorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, “I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.”

14 And seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, “I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”

16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them and subdued both of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in ^aEphesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and *began* burning them in the sight of all; and they counted up the price of them and found it ¹fifty thousand ^apieces of silver.

20 So ^{1a}the word of the Lord ^bwas growing mightily and prevailing.

21 Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the ¹spirit to ^ago to Jerusalem ^bafter he had passed through ^cMacedonia and ^dAchaia, saying, "After I have been there, ^eI must also see Rome."

22 And having sent into ^aMacedonia two of ^bthose who ministered to him, ^cTimothy and ^dErastus, he himself stayed in ^{1c}Asia for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no small disturbance concerning ^athe Way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of ¹Artemis, ^awas bringing no little ²business to the craftsmen;

25 these he gathered together with the workmen of similar *trades*, and said, "Men, you know that our prosperity ¹depends upon this business.

26 "And you see and hear that not only in ^aEphesus, but in almost all of ^{1b}Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that ^cgods made with hands are no gods *at all*.

27 "And not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess ¹Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of ^{2a}Asia and ^bthe ³world worship should even be dethroned from her magnificence."

28 And when they heard *this* and were filled with rage, they *began* crying out, saying, "Great is ¹Artemis of the ^aEphesians!"

29 And the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, ¹dragging along ^aGaius and ^bAristarchus, Paul's traveling ^ccompanions from ^dMacedonia.

30 And when Paul wanted to go in to the ¹assembly, ^athe disciples would not let him.

31 And also some of the ¹Asiarchs who were friends of his sent to him and repeatedly urged him not to ²venture into the theater.

32 So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the ¹assembly was in confusion, and the majority did not know ²for what cause they had come together.

33 And some of the crowd ¹concluded *it was* Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having ^amotioned with his hand, Alexander was intending to make a defense to the ²assembly.

34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, a single

17 ^aActs 18:19

19 ¹Or probably, fifty thousand Greek drachmas. A drachma approximated a day's wage. ²Luke 15:8 and marg.

20 ¹Or, according to the power of the Lord the word was growing ²Acts 19:10 ^bActs 6:7; 12:24

21 ¹Or, Spirit ²Acts 20:16, 22; 21:15; Rom. 15:25; 2 Cor. 1:16 ^{b1} Cor. 19:29; 13:5; 20:34; 2 Cor. 8:19 ^cActs 16:1 ^dRom. 16:23; 1 Thess. 1:7; Acts 16:9; 19:22, 29 ^eActs 18:12 ^fRom. 15:24, 28; Acts 23:11

22 ¹i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor ²Acts 16:9; 19:21, 29 ^bActs 19:29; 13:5; 20:34; 2 Cor. 8:19 ^cActs 16:1 ^dRom. 16:23; 2 Tim. 4:20 ^eActs 19:10

23 ^aActs 19:9

24 ¹Latin, Diana ²Or, profit ³Acts 16:16, 19f.

25 ¹Lit., is from

26 ¹Note vs. 22 ²Acts 18:19 ^bActs 19:10 ^cActs 17:29; 1 Cor. 8:4; 10:19; Deut. 4:28; Ps. 115:4; Is. 44:10-20; Jer. 10:3ff.; Rev. 9:20

27 ¹Latin, Diana ²Note vs. 22 ³Lit., the inhabited earth ⁴Acts 19:10 ^bMatt. 24:14

28 ¹Latin, Diana ²Acts 18:19

29 ¹Lit., having dragged ²Acts 20:4 ^bActs 20:4; 27:2; Col. 4:10; Philem. 24 ^cActs 19:22; 13:5; 20:34; 2 Cor. 8:19 ^dActs 16:9; 19:22

30 ¹Lit., people ²Acts 19:9

31 ¹i.e., political or religious officials of the province of Asia ²Lit., give himself

32 ¹Gr., ekklesia ²Or, on whose account ³Acts 21:34

33 ¹Or, instructed Alexander ²Lit., people ³Acts 12:17

34 ¹Latin, *Diana*

35 ¹Latin, *Diana* ²Lit., *Zeus* or, *Jupiter*
^aActs 18:19

37 ^aRom. 2:22

38 ¹Or, *provincial governors*
^aActs 13:7

39 ¹Or, *regular* ²Gr., *ekklesia*

41 ¹Gr., *ekklesia*

1 ^aActs 11:26 ^bActs 19:21
^cActs 16:9; 20:3

3 ^aActs 9:24; Acts 20:19
^bMatt. 4:24 ^cActs 16:9; 20:1

4 ¹Lit., *there accompanied him* ²i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor
^aActs 17:10 ^bActs 19:29 ^cActs 17:1 ^dActs 19:29 ^eActs 14:6
^fActs 16:1 ^gEph. 6:21; Col. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:12; Titus 3:12
^hActs 21:29; 2 Tim. 4:20
ⁱActs 16:6; 20:16, 18

5 ^aActs 20:5-15; 16:10
^bActs 16:8

6 ^aActs 20:5-15; 16:10
^bActs 16:12 ^cActs 12:3 ^dActs 16:8

7 ¹Lit., *word, speech*
^a1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10 ^bActs 20:5-15; 16:10 ^cActs 2:42; 20:11

8 ^aMatt. 25:1 ^bActs 1:13

9 ¹Or, *at the window*

10 ¹Or, *Stop being troubled*
^a1 Kin. 17:21; 2 Kin. 4:34
^bMatt. 9:23f.; Mark 5:39

11 ^aActs 2:42; 20:7

outcry arose from them all as they shouted for about two hours, "Great is ¹Artemis of the Ephesians!"

35 And after quieting the multitude the townclerk ^asaid, "Men of ^aEphesus, what man is there after all who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great ¹Artemis, and of the *image* which fell down from ²heaven?"

36 "Since then these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash.

37 "For you have brought these men *here* who are neither ^arobbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess.

38 "So then, if Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a complaint against any man, the courts are in session and ^{1a}proconsuls are *available*; let them bring charges against one another.

39 "But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the ¹lawful ²assembly.

40 "For indeed we are in danger of being accused of a riot in connection with today's affair, since there is no *real* cause *for it*; and in this connection we shall be unable to account for this disorderly gathering."

41 And after saying this he dismissed the ¹assembly.

CHAPTER 20

AND after the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for ^athe disciples and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he departed ^bto go to ^cMacedonia.

2 And when he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece.

3 And *there* he spent three months, and when ^aa plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for ^bSyria, he determined to return through ^cMacedonia.

4 And ¹he was accompanied by Sopater of ^aBerea, *the* son of Pyrrhus; and by ^bAristarchus and Secundus of the ^cThessalonians; and ^dGaius of ^eDerbe, and ^fTimothy; and ^gTychicus and ^hTrophimus of ²Asia.

5 But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for ^aus at ^bTroas.

6 And ^awe sailed from ^bPhilippi after ^cthe days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at ^dTroas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

7 And on ^athe first day of the week, when ^bwe were gathered together to ^cbreak bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his ¹message until midnight.

8 And there were many ^alamps in the ^bupper room where we were gathered together.

9 And there was a certain young man named Eutychus sitting ¹on the window-sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor, and was picked up dead.

10 But Paul went down and ^afell upon him and after embracing him, he ^bsaid, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

11 And when he had gone *back* up, and had ^abroken the

bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.

12 And they took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.

13 But ^awc, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for thus he had arranged it, intending himself to go ¹by land.

14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

15 And sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and ¹the day following we came to ^aMiletus.

16 For Paul had decided to sail past ^aEphesus in order that he might not have to spend time in ^{1b}Asia; for he was hurrying ^cto be in Jerusalem, if possible, ^don the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to ^aEphesus and called to him ^bthe elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them,

“You yourselves know, ^afrom the first day that I set foot in ^{1a}Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through ^athe plots of the Jews;

20 how I ^adid not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and ¹from house to house,

21 solemnly ^atestifying to both Jews and Greeks of ^brepentance toward God and ^cfaith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 “And now, behold, bound in ¹spirit, ^aI am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

23 except that ^athe Holy Spirit solemnly ^btestifies to me in every city, saying that ^cbonds and afflictions await me.

24 “But ^aI do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may ^bfinish my course, and ^cthe ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to ^dtestify solemnly of the gospel of ^ethe grace of God.

25 “And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about ^apreaching the kingdom, will see my face no more.

26 “Therefore I ¹testify to you this day, that ^aI am ²innocent of the blood of all men.

27 “For I ^adid not shrink from declaring to you the whole ^bpurpose of God.

28 “Be on guard for yourselves and for all ^athe flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you ¹overseers, to shepherd ^bthe church of ²God which ^cHe ³purchased with His own blood. [God or Jehovah the Father of the world]

29 “I know that after my departure ^asavage wolves will come in among you, not sparing ^bthe flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away ^athe disciples after them.

31 “Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of ^athree years I did not cease to admonish each one ^bwith tears.

32 “And now I ^acommend you to ¹God and to ^bthe word of His grace, which is able to ^cbuild you up and to give you ^dthe inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33 “^aI have coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothes.

11 ¹Lit., *tasted*

12 ¹Lit., *not moderately*

13 ¹Or, *on foot*
^aActs 20:5-15; 16:10

15 ¹Later mss. add, *after staying at Trogyllium, the day following...*
^aActs 20:17; 2 Tim. 4:20

16 [I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor
^aActs 18:19 ^bActs 16:6; 20:4, 18 ^cActs 19:21; 20:22; 20:6; 1 Cor. 16:8 ^dActs 2:1

17 ^aActs 18:19 ^bActs 11:30

18 ¹Note vs. 16
^aActs 18:19; 19:1, 10; 20:4, 16

19 ^aActs 20:3

20 ¹Or, *in the various private homes*
^aActs 20:27

21 ^aActs 18:5; Luke 16:28; Acts 20:23, 24 ^bActs 2:38; 11:18; 26:20 ^cActs 24:24; 26:18; Eph. 1:15; Col. 2:5; Philem. 9

22 ¹Or, *the Spirit*
^aActs 20:16; 17:16

23 ^aActs 8:29 ^bActs 18:5; Luke 16:28; Acts 20:21, 24 ^cActs 9:16; 21:33

24 ^aActs 21:13 ^bActs 13:25 ^cActs 1:17 ^dActs 18:5; Luke 16:28; Acts 20:21 ^eActs 11:23; 20:32

25 ^aActs 28:31; Matt. 4:23

26 ¹Or, *call you to witness*
²Lit., *pure from*
^aActs 18:6

27 ^aActs 20:20 ^bActs 13:36

28 ¹Or, *bishops* ²Some ancient mss. read, *the Lord*
³Lit., *acquired*

^aActs 20:29; Luke 12:32; 1 Pet. 5:2f.; John 21:15-17
^bMatt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 10:32 ^cEph. 1:7, 14; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:19; 2:9; Rev. 5:9

29 ^aEzek. 22:27; Matt. 7:15
^bActs 20:28; Luke 12:32; 1 Pet. 5:2f.; John 21:15-17

30 ^aActs 11:26

31 ^aActs 19:1, 8, 10; 24:17
^bActs 20:19

32 ¹One ancient mss. reads, *the Lord*
^aActs 14:23 ^bActs 14:3; 20:24 ^cActs 9:31 ^dActs 26:18; Eph. 1:14; 5:5; Col. 1:12; 3:24; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 1:4

33 ¹1 Cor. 9:4-18; 2 Cor. 11:7-12; 12:14-18; 1 Thess. 2:5f.

34 ^aActs 18:3 ^bActs 19:22

36 ^aActs 9:40; 21:5; Luke 22:41

37 ¹Lit., a considerable weeping of all occurred
²Lit., fell on Paul's neck
^aLuke 15:20

38 ¹Lit., suffering pain
^aActs 20:25 ^bActs 15:3

1 ^a["we"] Acts 21:1-18; 16:10 ^bActs 16:11

2 ^aActs 11:19; 21:3

3 ^aActs 4:36; 21:16 ^bMatt. 4:24 ^cActs 12:20; 21:7 ^dActs 21:2

4 ¹i.e., because of impressions made by the Spirit
^aActs 21:16; 11:26 ^bActs 21:11; 20:23

5 ¹Lit., we had completed the days
^aActs 15:3 ^bActs 9:40; 20:36; Luke 22:41

6 ^aJohn 19:27

7 ^aActs 12:20; 21:3 ^bActs 1:15; 21:17

8 ^aActs 8:40; 21:16 ^bActs 6:5 ^cEph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5

9 ^aActs 13:1; Luke 2:36; 1 Cor. 11:5

10 ^aActs 11:28

11 ¹Kin. 22:11; Is. 20:2; Jer. 13:1-11; 19:1, 11; John 18, ^bActs 8:29 ^cActs 9:16; 21:33 ^dMatt. 20:19

12 ^aActs 21:15

13 ^aActs 20:24 ^bActs 5:41; 9:16 *ARRETORE*

14 ^aLuke 22:42

34 "You yourselves know that ^athese hands ministered to my own needs and to the ^bmen who were with me.

35 "In every thing I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

36 And when he had said these things, he ^aknelt down and prayed with them all.

37 And ¹they began to weep aloud and ²embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him,

38 grieving especially over ^athe word which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they were ^baccompanying him to the ship.

CHAPTER 21

AND when it came about that ^awe had parted from them and had set sail, we ran ^ba straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara;

2 and having found a ship crossing over to ^aPhoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

3 And when we had come in sight of ^aCyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to ^bSyria and landed at ^cTyre; for ^dthere the ship was to unload its cargo.

4 And after looking up ^athe disciples, we stayed there seven days; and ^bthey kept telling Paul ¹through the Spirit ²not to set foot in Jerusalem. *the will of God revealed*

5 And when it came about that ¹our days there were ended, we departed and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, ^aescorted us until we were out of the city. And after ^bkneceling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.

6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned ^ahome again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from ^aTyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and after greeting ^bthe brethren, we stayed with them for a day.

8 And on the next day we departed and came to ^aCaesarea; and entering the house of ^bPhilip the evangelist, who was ^bone of the seven, we stayed with him.

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were ^aprophetesses.

10 And as we were staying there for some days, a certain prophet named ^aAgabus came down from Judea.

11 And coming to us, he ^atook Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This ^bis what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will ^cbind the man who owns this belt and ^ddeliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

12 And when we had heard this, we as well as the local residents ^abegan begging him ^anot to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For ¹I am ready not only ²to be bound; but even ³to die at Jerusalem for ^bthe name of the Lord Jesus! "

14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done! "

15 And after these days we got ready and ^astarted on our way up to Jerusalem.

16 And *some* of ^athe disciples from ^bCaesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of ^cCyprus, a ^ddisciple of long standing with whom we were to lodge.

17 And when we had come to Jerusalem, ^athe brethren received us gladly.

18 And now the following day Paul went in with us to ^{1a}James, and all ^bthe elders were present.

19 And after he had greeted them, he ^abegan to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ^bministry.

20 And when they heard it they *began* ^aglorifying God; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many ¹thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all ^bzealous for the Law;

21 and they have been told about you, that you are ^ateaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them ^bnot to circumcise their children nor to walk according to ^cthe customs.

22 "What, then, is *to be done*? They will certainly hear that you have come.

23 "Therefore do this that we tell you: We have four men who ^{1a}are under a vow;

24 take them and ^apurify yourself along with them, and ¹pay their expenses in order that they may ^bshave their ²heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law.

25 "But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, ^ahaving decided that they should abstain from ¹meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication."

26 Then Paul ¹took the men, and the next day ^apurifying himself along with them ^bwent into the temple, giving notice of the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

27 And when ^athe seven days were almost over, ^bthe Jews from ^{1c}Asia, upon seeing him in the temple, *began* to stir up all the multitude and laid hands on him,

28 crying out, "Men of Israel, come to our aid! ^aThis is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people, and the Law, and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has ^bdefiled this ^aholy place."

29 For they had previously seen ^aTrophimus the ^bEphe-sian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.

30 And all the city was aroused, and ¹the people rushed together; and taking hold of Paul, they ^adragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.

31 And while they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the ¹commander of the ^aRoman ²Cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.

32 And at once he ^atook along *some* soldiers and centu- rions, and ran down to them; and then they saw the ¹command- er and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

15 ^aActs 21:1216 ^aActs 21:4 ^bActs 8:40
^cActs 4:36; 21:3 ^dActs 15:7
marg.17 ^aActs 1:15; 21:718 ¹Or, *Jacob*
^aActs 12:17 ^bActs 11:3019 ^aActs 14:27 ^bActs 1:1720 ¹Lit., *ten thousands*
^aMatt. 9:8 ^bActs 15:1; 22:3;
Rom. 10:2; Gal. 1:1421 ^aActs 21:28 ^bActs
15:19ff.; 1 Cor. 7:18f. ^cActs
6:1422 ¹Lit., *have a vow on
them*
^aActs 18:1823 ¹Lit., *spend on them*
²Lit., *head*
^aActs 21:26; 24:18; John
11:55 ^bActs 18:1825 ¹Lit., *the thing*
^aActs 15:19f., 2926 ¹Or, *took the men the
next day, and purifying
himself*
^aActs 21:24; 24:18; John
11:55 ^bNum. 6:13; Acts 24:1827 ¹i.e., west coast province
of Asia Minor
^aNum. 6:9, 13-20 ^bActs
24:18; 20:19 ^cActs 16:628 ^aActs 6:13 ^bActs 24:6;
Matt. 24:15; Acts 6:13f.29 ^aActs 20:4 ^bActs 18:1930 ¹Lit., *a running together
of the people occurred*
^aActs 26:21; 2 Kin. 11:15;
Acts 16:1931 ¹Lit., *chiliarch, in
command of one thousand
troops* ²Or, *Battalion*
^aActs 10:132 ¹Vs. 31 note
^aActs 23:27

33 ¹Vs. 31 note
^aActs 20:23; 21:11; 22:29;
 26:29; 28:20; 2 Tim. 1:16;
 2:9; Eph. 6:20 ^bActs 12:6

34 ¹Lit. *certainty*
^aActs 19:32 ^bActs 21:37;
 22:24; 23:10, 16, 32

35 ¹Or, *multitude*
^aActs 21:40

36 ^aActs 22:22; Luke 23:18;
 John 19:15

37 ¹Vs. 31 note
^aActs 21:34; 22:24; 23:10, 16,
 32

38 ¹Lit. *days*
^aActs 5:36 ^bMatt. 24:26

39 ^aActs 22:3; 9:11 ^bActs 6:9

40 ¹Lit. *occurred* ²L.e.,
 Jewish Aramaic
^aActs 21:35 ^bActs 12:17 ^cActs
 22:2; 26:14; 1:19; John 5:2

1 ^aActs 7:2

2 ¹L.e., Jewish Aramaic
^aActs 21:40

3 ¹Lit., *at the feet of* ²Lit.,
according to the strictness
of the ancestral law
^aActs 22:3-16; 9:1-22; 26:9-18
^bActs 21:39 ^cActs 9:11 ^dActs
 6:9 ^eDeut. 33:3; 2 Kin. 4:38;
 Luke 10:39 ^fActs 5:34 ^gActs
 26:5; Phil. 3:6; Acts 23:6
^hActs 21:20

4 ^aActs 8:3; 22:19f. ^bActs
 9:2

5 ¹Lit., *testifies for me*
²Lit., *having been bound*
^aActs 9:1; ^bLuke 22:66 [Gr.];
 1 Tim. 4:14 [Gr.]; Acts 5:21
 [Gr.]; ^cActs 9:2 ^dActs 2:29;
 3:17; 13:26; 23:1; 28:17, 21;
 Rom. 9:3 ^eActs 9:2

6 ^aActs 22:6-11; Acts 9:3-8;
 26:12-18

8 ^aActs 26:9

9 ¹Or, *hear* (with
 comprehension)
^aActs 26:13 ^bActs 9:7

10 ^aActs 16:30

33 Then the ¹commander came up and took hold of him, and ordered him to be ^abound with ^btwo chains; and he *begun* asking who he was and what he had done.

34 But among the crowd ^asome were shouting one thing *and* some another, and when he could not find out the ¹facts on account of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into ^bthe barracks.

35 And when he got to ^athe stairs, it so happened that he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the ¹mob;

36 for the multitude of the people kept following behind, crying out, "^aAway with him!"

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into ^athe barracks, he said to the ¹commander, "May I say something to you?" And he ^asaid, "Do you know Greek?"

38 "Then you are not ^athe Egyptian who some ¹time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out ^binto the wilderness?"

39 But Paul said, "^aI am a Jew of Tarsus in ^bCilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city; and I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."

40 And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on ^athe stairs, ^bmotioned to the people with his hand; and when there ¹was a great hush, he spoke to them in the ^{2c}Hebrew dialect, saying,

CHAPTER 22

"^a**BRETHREN** and fathers, hear my defense which I now *offer* to you."

2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the ^{1a}Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he ^asaid,

3 "^aI am ^aa Jew, born in ^cTarsus of ^dCilicia, but brought up in this city, ^eeducated ¹under ^fGamaliel, ²strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, just as ^byou all are today.

4 "And ^aI persecuted this ^bWay to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons,

5 as also ^athe high priest and all ^bthe Council of the elders ¹can testify. From them I also ^creceived letters to ^dthe brethren, and started off for ^cDamascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem ²as prisoners to be punished.

6 "^aAnd it came about that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,

7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'

8 "And I answered, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am ^aJesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'

9 "And those who were with me ^abeheld the light, to be sure, but ^bdid not ¹understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

10 "And I said, '^aWhat shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go on into Damascus; and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.'

11 "But since I ^acould not see because of the ¹brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

12 "And a certain ^aAnanias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and ^bwell spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

13 came to me, and standing near said to me, "^aBrother Saul, receive your sight!" And ¹that that very time I looked up at him.

14 "And he said, "^aThe God of our fathers has ^bappointed you to know His will, and to ^csee the ^dRighteous One, and to hear an ¹utterance from His mouth.

15 "For you will be ^aa witness for Him to all men of ^bwhat you have seen and heard.

16 "And now why do you delay? ^aArise, and be baptized, and ^bwash away your sins, ^ccalling on His name."

17 "And it came about that when I ^areturned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I ^bfell into a trance,

18 and I saw Him saying to me, "^aMake haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me."

19 "And I said, "Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another ^aI used to imprison and ^bbeat those who believed in Thee.

20 "And ^awhen the blood of Thy witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the cloaks of those who were slaying him."

21 "And He said to me, "Go! For I will send you far away ^ato the Gentiles."

22 And they listened to him up to this statement, and *then* they raised their voices and said, "^aAway with such a fellow from the earth, for ^bhe should not be allowed to live!"

23 And as they were crying out and ^athrowing off their cloaks and ^btossing dust into the air,

24 the ¹commander ordered him to be brought into ^athe barracks, stating that he should be ^bexamined by scourging so that he might find out the reason why they were shouting against him that way.

25 And when they stretched him out ¹with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge ^aa man who is a Roman and uncondemned?"

26 And when the centurion heard *this*, he went to the ¹commander and told him, saying, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman."

27 And the ¹commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

28 And the ¹commander answered, "I acquired this citizenship with a large sum of money." And Paul said, "But I was actually born *a citizen*."

29 Therefore those who were about to ^aexamine him immediately ¹let go of him; and the ²commander also ^bwas afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had ³put him in chains.

30 But on the next day, ^awishing to know for certain why he had been accused by the Jews, he ^breleased him and ordered

11 ¹Or, *glory*
^aActs 9:8

12 ^aActs 9:10 ^bActs 6:3;
10:22

13 ¹Or, *instantly*; lit., *at that very hour*
^aActs 9:17 ^bActs 9:18

14 ¹Or, *message*; lit., *voice*
^aActs 3:13 ^bActs 9:15; 26:16
^cActs 9:17; 26:16; 1 Cor. 9:1;
15:8 ^dActs 7:52

15 ^aActs 23:11; 26:16 ^bActs
22:14

16 ^aActs 9:18 ^{b1} Cor. 6:11;
Heb. 10:22; Acts 2:38; Eph.
5:26 ^bActs 7:59

17 ^aActs 9:26; 26:20 ^bActs
10:10

18 ^aActs 9:29

19 ^aActs 8:3; 22:4 ^bActs
26:11; Matt. 10:17

20 ^aActs 7:58f.; 8:1; 26:10

21 ^aActs 9:15

22 ^aActs 21:36; 1 Thess.
2:16 ^bActs 25:24

23 ^aActs 7:58 ^{b2} Sam. 16:13

24 ¹Lit., *chiliarch*, in
command of one thousand
troops
^aActs 21:34 ^bActs 22:29

25 ¹Lit., *for the thongs*
^aActs 16:37

26 ¹Vs. 24 note

27 ¹Vs. 24 note

28 ¹Vs. 24 note

29 ¹Or, *withdrew from* ²Vs.
24 note ³Lit., *bound him*
^aActs 22:24 ^bActs 16:38 ^cActs
22:24f.

30 ^aActs 23:28 ^bActs 21:33

30 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin*
^cMatt. 5:22

1 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin* ²Or,
conducted myself as a
citizen
^aActs 22:30; 23:6, 15, 20, 28
^bActs 22:5 ^cActs 24:16;
2 Cor. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:3

2 ^aActs 24:1 ^bJohn 18:22

3 ^aMatt. 23:27 ^bLev. 19:15;
Deut. 25:2; John 7:51

5 ^aEx. 22:28

6 ¹Or, *Sanhedrin*
^aMatt. 22:23; 3:7 ^bActs
22:30; 23:1, 15, 20, 28 ^cActs
22:5 ^dActs 26:5; Phil. 3:5
^eActs 24:15, 21; 26:8

8 ¹Lit., *both*
^aMatt. 22:23; Acts 3:7

9 ^aMark 2:16; Luke 5:30
^bActs 23:29 ^cActs 22:6ff.;
John 12:29

10 ¹Lit., *chiliarch*, in
command of one thousand
troops
^aActs 21:34; 23:16, 32

11 ^aActs 18:9 ^bMatt. 9:2
^cActs 19:21 ^dActs 28:23;
Luke 16:28

12 ¹Or, *mob*
^aActs 23:30; Acts 9:23;
1 Thess. 2:16 ^bActs 23:14, 21

14 ^aActs 23:12, 21

15 ¹Lit., with ²Or,
Sanhedrin ¹Vs. 10 note
^aActs 22:30; 23:1, 6, 20, 28

16 ¹Or, *having been*
present with them, and he
entered
^aActs 21:34; 23:10, 32

17 ¹Vs. 10 note

the chief priests and all ^cthe ¹Council to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

CHAPTER 23

AND Paul, looking intently at ^athe ¹Council, said, "^bBrethren, ^cI have ²lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day."

2 And the high priest ^aAnanias commanded those standing beside him ^bto strike him on the mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, ^ayou white-washed wall! And do you ^bsit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?"

4 But the bystanders said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

5 And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest; for it is written, ^aYOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE."

6 But perceiving that one party were ^aSadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul *began* crying out in ^bthe ¹Council, "^cBrethren, ^dI am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for ^ethe hope and resurrection of the dead!"

7 And as he said this, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly was divided.

8 For ^athe Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledged them ¹all.

9 And there arose a great uproar; and some of ^athe scribes of the Pharisaic party stood up and *began* to argue heatedly, saying, "^bWe find nothing wrong with this man; ^csuppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?"

10 And as a great dissension was developing, the ¹commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them and ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force, and bring him into ^athe barracks.

11 But on ^athe night *immediately* following, the Lord stood at his side and said, "^bTake courage; for ^cas you have ^dsolemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also."

12 And when it was day, ^athe Jews formed a ¹conspiracy and ^bbound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

13 And there were more than forty who formed this plot.

14 And they came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, "We have ^abound ourselves under a solemn oath to taste nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 "Now, therefore, you ¹and ^athe ²Council notify the ³commander to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case by a more thorough investigation; and we for our part are ready to slay him before he comes near *the place*."

16 But the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, ¹and he came and entered ^athe barracks and told Paul.

17 And Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Lead this young man to the ¹commander, for he has something to report to him."

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Letter of Claudius Lysias to Felix.**

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18 So he took him and led him to the ¹commander and ^asaid, "Paul ^athe prisoner called me to him and asked me to lead this young man to you since he has something to tell you."

18 1Vs. 10 note
^aEph. 3:1

19 And the ¹commander took him by the hand and stepping aside, *began* to inquire of him privately, "What is it that you have to report to me?"

19 1Vs. 10 note

20 And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down tomorrow to ^bthe ¹Council, as though you were going to inquire somewhat more thoroughly about him.

20 1Or, *Sanhedrin*
^aActs 23:14f. ^bActs 22:30; 23:1, 6, 15, 28

21 "So do not ¹listen to them, for more than forty of them are ^alying in wait for him who have ^bbound themselves under a curse not to eat or drink until they slay him; and now they are ready and waiting for the promise from you."

21 1Lit., *be persuaded by them*
^aLuke 11:54 ^bActs 23:12, 14

22 Therefore the ¹commander let the young man go, instructing him, "Tell no one that you have notified me of these things."

22 1Vs. 10 note

23 And he called to him two of the centurions, and said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready by ¹the third hour of the night to proceed to ^aCaesarea, ²with seventy horsemen and two hundred ³spearmen."

23 1i.e., 9 p.m. 2Lit., *and*
1Or, *slingers or bowmen*
^aActs 8:40; 23:33

24 *They were* also to provide mounts to put Paul on and bring him safely to ^aFelix the governor.

24 ^aActs 23:26, 33; 24:1, 3, 10; 25:14

25 And he wrote a letter having this form:

26 ^aActs 24:3; 26:25; Luke 1:3 ^bActs 15:23

26 "Claudius Lysias, to the ^amost excellent governor Felix, ^bgreetings,

27 ^aActs 21:32f. ^bActs 22:25-29

27 "When this man was arrested by the Jews and ^awas about to be slain by them, ^aI came upon them with the troops and rescued him, ^bhaving learned that he was a Roman.

28 1Or, *Sanhedrin*
^aActs 23:30 ^bActs 23:10 ^cActs 23:1

28 "And ^awanting to ascertain the charge for which they were accusing him, I ^bbrought him down to their ¹Council;

29 1Lit., *having* 2Lit., *bonds*
^aActs 18:15; Acts 25:19 ^bActs 25:25; 26:31; 28:18; 23:9

29 and I found him to be accused over ^aquestions about their Law, but ¹under ^bno accusation deserving death or ²imprisonment.

30 1Lit., *speak against him*
2Some mss. add, *Farewell*
^aActs 23:20f. ^bActs 23:12; 9:24 ^cActs 23:35; 24:19; 25:16

30 "And when I was ^ainformed that there would be ^ba plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, also instructing ^chis accusers to ¹bring charges against him before you.²"

32 ^aActs 23:23 ^bActs 23:10

31 So the soldiers, in accordance with their orders, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.

33 ^aActs 8:40; 23:23 ^bActs 23:24, 26; 24:1, 3, 10; 25:14

32 But the next day, leaving ^athe horsemen to go on with him, they returned to ^bthe barracks.

34 ^aActs 25:1 ^bActs 21:39; 6:9

33 And when these had come to ^aCaesarea and delivered the letter to ^bthe governor, they also presented Paul to him.

35 1Or, *governor's official residence*
^aActs 23:30; 24:19; 25:16
^bActs 24:27

34 And when he had read it, he asked from what ^aprovince he was; and when he learned that ^bhe was from Cilicia,

35 he said, "I will give you a hearing after your ^aaccusers arrive also," giving orders for him to be ^bkept in Herod's ¹Praetorium.

CHAPTER 24

AND after ^afive days the high priest ^bAnanias came down with some elders, ¹with a certain ²attorney *named* Tertullus; and they ³brought charges to ^cthe governor against Paul.

1 1Lit., *and* 2Lit., *orator*
1Or, *presented their evidence, or case*
^aActs 24:1 1 ^bActs 23:2 ^cActs 23:24

1 ^aActs 23:26; 26:25

4 ¹Lit., to hear. . . . briefly

5 ¹Lit., the inhabited earth
^aActs 15:5; 24:14

6 ¹Lit., also ²Some later mss. add, [And we wanted to judge him according to our own Law. 7 ¹But Lysias the commander came along, and with much violence took him out of our hands, & ordering his accusers to come before you.]
^aActs 21:28

9 ^{a1} Thess. 2:16

10 ^aActs 23:24

11 ^aActs 21:18, 27; 24:1

12 ¹Lit., an attack of a mob
^aActs 25:8 ^bActs 24:18

13 ^aActs 25:7

14 ¹Lit., the ancestral god
^aActs 24:22; 9:2 ^bActs 15:5; 24:5 ^cActs 3:13 ^dActs 25:8; 26:4ff., 22f.; 28:23

15 ^aDan. 12:2; John 5:28f.; 11:24; ^aActs 23:6

16 ¹Lit., practice myself
^aActs 23:1

17 ¹Or, gifts to charity
^aActs 20:31 ^bRom. 15:25-28; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-4; 9:1, 2, 12; Acts 11:29f.; Gal. 2:10

18 ¹E.g., west coast province of Asia Minor
^aActs 21:26 ^bActs 24:12 ^cActs 21:27

19 ^aActs 23:30

20 ¹Or, Sanhedrin
^aMatt. 5:22

21 ^aActs 23:6; 24:15

22 ¹Lit., chiliarch, in command of one thousand troops
^aActs 24:14

23 ^aActs 23:35

2 And after Paul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying to the governor,
"Since we have through you attained much peace, and since by your providence reforms are being carried out for this nation,
3 we acknowledge this in every way and everywhere, ^amost excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.
4 "But, that I may not weary you any further, I beg you ¹to grant us, by your kindness, a brief hearing.
5 "For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout ¹the world, and a ringleader of the ^asect of the Nazarenes.
6 "And he even tried to ^adesecrate the temple; and ¹then we arrested him.²
7 (See marginal note², vs. 6.)
8 "And by examining him yourself concerning all these matters, you will be able to ascertain the things of which we accuse him."
9 And ^athe Jews also joined in the attack, asserting that these things were so.
10 And when ^athe governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded:
"Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense,
11 since you can take note of the fact that no more than ^atwelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.
12 "And ^aneither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city itself did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or ^bcausing ¹a riot.
13 "^aNor can they prove to you the charges of which they now accuse me.
14 "But this I admit to you, that according to ^athe Way which they call a ^bsect I do serve ¹the God of our fathers, ^dbelieving everything that is in accordance with the Law, and that is written in the Prophets;
15 having a hope in God, which ^athese men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.
16 "In view of this, ^aI also ¹do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.
17 "Now ^aafter several years I ^bcame to bring ¹alms to my nation and to present offerings;
18 in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been ^apurified, without any ^bcrowd or uproar. But there were certain ^cJews from ¹Asia—
19 who ought to have been present before you, and to ^amake accusation, if they should have anything against me.
20 "Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before ^athe ¹Council.
21 other than for this one statement which ^aI shouted out while standing among them, 'For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.'
22 But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about ^athe Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the ¹commander comes down, I will decide your case."
23 And he gave orders to the centurion for him to be ^akept

**Paul Remains in Prison.
Paul Before Festus.**

Acts 24, 25

in custody and yet ^bhave some freedom, and not to prevent any of ^chis friends from ministering to him.

24 But some days later, Felix arrived with Drusilla, his ¹wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him *spe*ak about ^afaith in Christ Jesus.

25 And as he was discussing ^arighteousness, ^bself-control and ^cthe judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you."

26 At the same time too, he was hoping that ^amoney would be given him by Paul; therefore he also used to send for him quite often and converse with him.

27 But after two years had passed, Felix ¹was succeeded by Porcius ^aFestus; and ^bwishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul ^cimprisoned.

CHAPTER 25

FESTUS therefore, having arrived in ^athe province, three days later went up to Jerusalem from ^bCaesarea.

2 And the chief priests and the leading men of the Jews ^abrought charges against Paul; and they were urging him,

3 requesting a ¹concession against ²Paul, that he might ³have him brought to Jerusalem, (*at the same time*, ^asetting an ambush to kill him on the way).

4 Festus then ^aanswered that Paul ^bwas being kept in custody at ^cCaesarea and that he himself was about to leave shortly.

5 "Therefore," he ^asaid, "let the influential men among you ¹go there with me, and if there is anything wrong ²about the man, let them ³prosecute him."

6 And after he had spent not more than eight or ten days among them, he went down to ^aCaesarea; and on the next day he took his seat on ^bthe tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought.

7 And after he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing ^amany and serious charges against him ^bwhich they could not prove;

8 while Paul said in his own defense, "I have committed no offense either against the Law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar."

9 But Festus, ^awishing to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "^bAre you willing to go up to Jerusalem and ¹stand trial before me on these charges?"

10 But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's ^atribunal, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to *the* Jews, as you also very well know.

11 "If then I am a wrongdoer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is *true* of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them. I ^aappeal to Caesar."

12 Then when Festus had conferred with ^ahis council, he answered, "You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go."

13 Now when several days had elapsed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at ^aCaesarea, ¹and paid their respects to Festus.

^bActs 28:16 ^cActs 23:16; 27:3

24 ¹Lit., *own wife*
^aActs 20:21

25 ^aTitus 2:12 ^bGal. 5:23;
2 Pet. 1:6; Titus 1:8 ^cActs 10:42

26 ^aActs 24:17

27 ¹Lit., *received a successor, Porcius Festus*
^aActs 25:1, 4, 9, 12; 26:24f., 32 ^bActs 25:9; 12:3 ^cActs 23:5; 25:14

1 ^aActs 23:34 ^bActs 8:40; 25:4, 6, 13

2 ^aActs 24:1; 25:15

3 ¹Or, *favor* ²Lit., *him*
³Lit., *send for him to Jerusalem*
^aActs 9:24

4 ^aActs 25:16 ^bActs 24:23
^cActs 8:40; 25:1, 6, 13

5 ¹Lit., *go down* ²Lit., *in*
³Or, *accuse*

6 ^aActs 8:40; 25:1, 4, 13
^bMatt. 27:19; Acts 25:10, 17

7 ^aActs 24:5f. ^bActs 24:13

8 ^aActs 24:12; 28:17; 6:13

9 ¹Lit., *be judged*
^aActs 24:27; 12:3 ^bActs 25:20

10 ^aMatt. 27:19; Acts 25:10, 17

11 ^aActs 25:21, 25; 26:32; 28:19

12 ^aA different body from that mentioned Acts 4:15 and subsequently [e.g. Acts 24:20]

13 ¹Lit., *greeting Festus*
^aActs 8:40; 25:1, 4, 6

14 ^aActs 24:27

15 ^aActs 24:1; 25:2

16 ^aActs 25:4f. ^bActs 23:30

17 ^aMatt. 27:19; Acts 25:6, 10

19 ¹Or, *superstition*
^aActs 18:15; 23:29 ^bActs 17:22

20 ¹Lit., *these*
^aActs 25:9

21 ¹Lit., *the Augustus* (in this case Nero)
^aActs 25:11f.

22 ^aActs 9:15

23 ¹Lit., *and Bernice* ²Lit., *and with* ³Lit., *chiliarchs*, in command of one thousand troops
^aActs 25:13; 26:30

24 ^aActs 25:2, 7 ^bActs 22:22

25 ¹Note vs. 21
^aActs 23:29 ^bActs 25:11f.

26 ¹Lit., *About whom I have nothing definite*

1 ^aActs 9:15

³ ¹Or, *because you are especially expert* ²Or, *controversial issues*
^aActs 6:14; 25:19; 26:7

14 And while they were spending many days there, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a certain man ^aleft a prisoner by Felix;

15 and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews ^abrought charges against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation upon him.

16 "And I ^aanswered them that it is not the custom of the Romans to hand over any man before ^bthe accused meets his accusers face to face, and has an opportunity to make his defense against the charges.

17 "And so after they had assembled here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on ^athe tribunal, and ordered the man to be brought.

18 "And when the accusers stood up, they *began* bringing charges against him not of such crimes as I was expecting;

19 but they *simply* had some ^apoints of disagreement with him about their own ¹religion and about a certain dead man, Jesus, whom Paul asserted to be alive.

20 "And ^abeing at a loss how to investigate ¹such matters, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there stand trial on these matters.

21 "But when Paul ^aappealed to be held in custody for ¹the Emperor's decision, I ordered him to be kept in custody until I send him to Caesar."

22 And ^aAgrippa *said* to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he ^asaid, "you shall hear him."

23 And so, on the next day when ^aAgrippa had come ¹together with ^aBernice, amid great pomp, and had entered the auditorium ²accompanied by the ³commanders and the prominent men of the city, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.

24 And Festus ^asaid, "King Agrippa, and all you gentlemen here present with us, you behold this man about whom ^aall the people of the Jews appealed to me, both at Jerusalem and here, loudly declaring that ^bhe ought not to live any longer.

25 "But I found that he had committed ^anothing worthy of death; and since he himself ^bappealed to ¹the Emperor, I decided to send him.

26 "Yet I have nothing definite about him to write to my lord. Therefore I have brought him before you *all* and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the investigation has taken place, I may have something to write.

27 "For it seems absurd to me in sending a prisoner, not to indicate also the charges against him."

CHAPTER 26

AND ^aAgrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and *proceeded* to make his defense:

2 "In regard to all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that I am about to make my defense before you today;

3 ¹especially because you are an expert in all ^acustoms and ²questions among *the* Jews; therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 "So then, all Jews know ^amy manner of life from my youth up, which from the beginning was spent among my *own* nation and at Jerusalem;

5 since they have known about me for a long time previously, if they are willing to testify, that I lived *as* a ^aPharisee ^baccording to the strictest ^csect of our religion.

6 "And now I am ¹standing trial ^afor the hope of ^bthe promise made by God to our fathers;

7 *the promise* ^ato which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve *God* night and day. And for this ^bhope, O King, I am being ^caccused by Jews.

8 "Why is it considered incredible among you *people* ^aif God does raise the dead?

9 "So then, ^aI thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to ^bthe name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 "And this is ¹just what I ^adid in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the ²saints in prisons, having ^breceived authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I ^ccast my vote against them.

11 "And ^aas I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being ^bfuriously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them ^aeven to ¹foreign cities.

12 "¹While thus engaged ^aas I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,

13 at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, ¹brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.

14 "And when we had ^aall fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the ¹Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15 "And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'

16 "But arise, and ^astand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to ^bappoint you a ^cminister and ^da witness not only to the things which you have ¹seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;

17 ^adelivering you ^bfrom the *Jewish* people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,

18 to ^aopen their eyes so that they may turn from ^bdarkness to light and from the dominion of ^cSatan to God, in order that they may receive ^dforgiveness of sins and an ^einheritance among those who have been sanctified by ^ffaith in Me.'

19 "Consequently, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 but *kept* declaring both ^ato those of Damascus first, and *also* ^bat Jerusalem and *then* throughout all the region of Judea, and *even* ^cto the Gentiles, that they should ^drepent and turn to God, performing deeds ^eappropriate to repentance.

21 "For this reason *some* Jews ^aseized me in the temple and tried ^bto put me to death.

22 "And so, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day ^atestifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what ^bthe Prophets and Moses said was going to take place;

23 ¹that ²the Christ was ³to suffer, and ¹that ^bby reason of

⁴Gal. 1:13f.; Phil. 3:5

⁵Acts 23:6 ^bActs 22:3
^cActs 15:5

⁶Lit., *being tried*
^aActs 28:20; 24:15 ^bActs 13:32

⁷James 1:1 ^bActs 28:20;
24:15 ^cActs 26:2

⁸Acts 23:6

⁹1 Tim. 1:13; John 16:2
^bJohn 15:21

¹⁰Lit., *also* ²I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aActs 8:3; 9:13 ^bActs 9:1f.
^cActs 22:20

¹¹Or, *outlying*
^aActs 22:19; Matt. 10:17
^bActs 9:1 ^cActs 22:5

¹²Lit., *In which things*
^aActs 26:12-18; 9:3-8; 22:6-11

¹³Lit., *above the brightness of*

¹⁴I.e., Jewish Aramaic
^aActs 9:7 ^bActs 21:40

¹⁶Some early mss. read, *seen Me*
^aEzek. 2:1; Dan. 10:11 ^bActs 22:14
^cLuke 1:2 ^dActs 22:15

¹⁷Jer. 1:8, 19 ^b1 Chr. 16:35; Acts 9:15

¹⁸Is. 35:5; 42:7, 16; Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9
^bJohn 1:5; Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:12f.; 1 Thess. 5:5; 1 Pet. 2:9
^cMatt. 4:10 ^dLuke 24:47;
Acts 2:38 ^eActs 20:32 ^fActs 20:21

²⁰Acts 9:19ff. ^bActs 9:26-29; 22:17-20 ^cActs 13:46; 9:15
^dActs 3:19 ^eMatt. 3:8; Luke 3:8

²¹Acts 21:27, 30 ^bActs 21:31

²²Luke 16:28 ^bActs 10:43;
24:14

²³Lit., *whether* ²I.e., the Messiah ³Lit., *subject to suffering*
^aMatt. 26:24; Acts 3:18
^b1 Cor. 15:20, 23; Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5

Acts 26, 27

23 ^cLuke 2:32; 2 Cor. 4:4

24 ¹Lit., *The many letters*
²Lit., *turning you to madness*
^aJohn 7:15; 2 Tim. 3:15

25 ¹Lit., *of truth and rationality*
^aActs 23:26; 24:3

26 ¹Or., *understands* ²Or., *for*
^aActs 26:3

28 ¹Or., *with a little* ²Or., *try to convince* ³Lit., *make*
^aActs 11:26

29 ¹Lit., *I would pray to*
²Or., *with a little or with much*
^aActs 21:33

30 ^aActs 25:23

31 ¹Lit., *bonds*
^aActs 23:29

32 ^aActs 28:18 ^bActs 25:11

1 ¹Or., *Battalion*
^a[we] Acts 27:1-28; 16:10
^bActs 25:12, 25^cActs 18:2;
27:6 ^aActs 10:1

2 ¹Lit., *west coast province of Asia Minor*
^aActs 2:9 ^bActs 19:29 ^cActs 16:9 ^aActs 17:1

3 ^aMatt. 11:21 ^bActs 27:43
^cActs 24:23

4 ^aActs 4:36 ^bActs 27:7

5 ^aActs 6:9 ^bActs 13:13

6 ^aActs 28:11 ^bActs 18:2;
27:1

7 ^aActs 27:4 ^bActs 27:12f.;
21; Titus 1:5; Acts 2:11;
Titus 1:12

8 ^aActs 27:13 [Gr.]

9 ¹Lit., *the Day of Atonement in October*
^aLev. 16:29-31; 23:27-29;
Num. 29:7

10 ^aActs 27:21

His resurrection from the dead He should be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

24 And while Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus ^asaid in a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind! ¹Your great ^alearning is ²driving you mad.”

25 But Paul ^asaid, “I am not out of my mind, ^amost excellent Festus, but I utter words ¹of sober truth.

26 “For the king ^{1a}knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, ²since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner.

27 “King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do.”

28 And Agrippa *replied* to Paul, “¹In a short time you ²will persuade me to ³become a ^aChristian.”

29 And Paul *said*, “¹I would to God, that whether ²in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these ^achains.”

30 And ^athe king arose and the governor and Bernice, and those who were sitting with them,

31 and when they had drawn aside, they *began* talking to one another, saying, “^aThis man is not doing anything worthy of death or ¹imprisonment.”

32 And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been ^aset free if he had not ^bappealed to Caesar.”

CHAPTER 27

AND when it was decided that ^awe ^bshould sail for ^cItaly, they proceeded to deliver Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan ^{1d}Cohort named Julius.

2 And embarking in an Adramyttian ship, which was about to sail to the regions along the coast of ^{1a}Asia, we put out to sea, accompanied by ^bAristarchus, a ^cMacedonian of ^dThessalonica.

3 And the next day we put in at ^aSidon; and Julius ^btreated Paul with consideration and ^callowed him to go to his friends and receive care.

4 And from there we put out to sea and sailed under the shelter of ^aCyprus because ^bthe winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed through the sea along the coast of ^aCilicia and ^bPamphylia, we landed at Myra in Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found an ^aAlexandrian ship sailing for ^bItaly, and he put us aboard it.

7 And when we had sailed slowly for a good many days, and with difficulty had arrived off Cnidus, ^asince the wind did not permit us *to go* farther, we sailed under the shelter of ^bCrete, off Salmone;

8 and with difficulty ^asailing past it we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasca.

9 And when considerable time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, since even ^athe ¹Fast was already over, Paul *began* to admonish them,

10 and said to them, “Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be *attended* with ^adamage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.”

11 But the centurion was more persuaded by the ^apilot and the ¹captain of the ship, than by what was being said by Paul.

12 And because the harbor was not suitable for wintering, the majority reached a decision to put out to sea from there, if somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of ^aCrete, facing ¹northeast and southeast, and spend the winter *there*.

13 And ¹when a moderate south wind came up, supposing that they had gained their purpose, they weighed anchor and *began* ^asailing along ^bCrete, close *inshore*.

14 But before very long there ^arushed down from ¹the land a violent wind, called ²Euraquilo;

15 and when the ship was caught *in it*, and could not face the wind, we gave way *to it*, and let ourselves be driven along.

16 And running under the shelter of a small island called ¹Clauda, we were scarcely able to get the *ship's* boat under control.

17 And after they had hoisted it up, they used ¹supporting cables in undergirding the ship; and fearing that they might ^arun aground on *the shallows* of Syrtis, they let down the ²sea anchor, and so let themselves be driven along.

18 The next day as we were being violently storm-tossed, ¹they began to ^ajettison the cargo;

19 and on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands.

20 And since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.

21 And ¹when they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, "Men, you ought to have ²followed my advice and not to have set sail from ^bCrete, and ³incurred this ^adamage and loss.

22 "And yet now I urge you to ^akeep up your courage, for there shall be no loss of life among you, but *only* of the ship.

23 "For this very night ^aan angel of the God to whom I belong and ^bwhom I serve ^cstood before me,

24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you ^ball those who are sailing with you.'

25 "Therefore, ^akeep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that ¹it will turn out exactly as I have been told.

26 "But we must ^arun aground on a certain ^bisland."

27 But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors *began* to surmise that ¹they were approaching some land.

28 And they took soundings, and found *it to be* twenty fathoms; and a little farther on they took another sounding and found *it to be* fifteen fathoms.

29 And fearing that we might ^arun aground somewhere on the ¹rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and ²wished for daybreak.

30 And as the sailors were trying to escape from the ship, and had let down ^athe *ship's* boat into the sea, on the pretense of intending to lay out anchors from the bow,

11 ¹Or, *owner*
^aRev. 18:17

12 ¹Or possibly, *southwest and northwest*
^aActs 27:13, 21; Titus 1:5; Acts 2:11; Titus 1:12

13 ¹Lit., *a south wind having gently blown*
^aActs 27:8 [Cr.] ^bActs 27:12f., 21; Titus 1:5; Acts 2:11; Titus 1:12

14 ¹Lit., *it* ²i.e., a northeaster
^aMark 4:37

16 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *Cauda*

17 ¹Lit., *helps* ²Or possibly, *sail*
^aActs 27:26, 29

18 ¹Lit., *they were doing a throwing out*
^aActs 27:38; Jonah 1:5

21 ¹Lit., *there being much abstinence from food* ²Lit., *obeyed me* ³Lit., *gained*
^aActs 27:10 ^bActs 27:7

22 ^aActs 27:25, 36

23 ^aActs 5:19 ^bRom. 1:9
^cActs 23:11; 18:9; 2 Tim. 4:17

24 ^aActs 23:11 ^bActs 27:44; Acts 27:31, 42

25 ¹Lit., *it will be*
^aActs 27:22, 36

26 ^aActs 27:17, 29 ^bActs 28:1

27 ¹Lit., *some land was approaching them*

29 ¹Lit., *rough places* ²Lit., *they were praying for it to become day*
^aActs 27:17, 26

30 ^aActs 27:16

Acts 27, 28

32 ^aJohn 2:15 [Cr.]

34 ^aMatt. 10:30

35 ^aMatt. 14:19

36 ¹Lit., *became cheerful*
^aActs 27:22, 25

37 ¹Lit., *souls*
^aActs 2:41

38 ^aActs 27:18; Jonah 1:5

39 ¹Or, *were not recognizing* ²Or, *were observing* ³Or, *were resolving* ⁴Some ancient mss. read, *bring the ship safely ashore*
^aActs 28:1

40 ¹Or, *were leaving*
^aActs 27:29

41 ¹Lit., *place*

42 ^aActs 12:19

43 ¹Lit., *cast themselves*
^aActs 27:3

44 ^aActs 27:22, 31

¹ Or, *Melita*. Some mss. read, *Melitene*
^a"we": Acts 27:1 [16:10]
^bActs 27:39 ^cActs 27:26

² Lit., *barbarians*
^aRom. 1:14; 1 Cor. 14:11; Col. 3:11; Acts 28:4 ^bRom. 14:1

³ Or, *from the heat*

⁴ Lit., *barbarians* ²i.e., personification of a goddess
^aActs 28:2 ^bLuke 13:2, 4

⁵ ^aMark 16:18

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these men remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved."

32 Then the soldiers cut away the ^aropes of the *ship's* boat, and let it fall away.

33 And until the day was about to dawn, Paul was encouraging them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been constantly watching and going without eating, having taken nothing.

34 "Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your preservation; for ^anot a hair from the head of any of you shall perish."

35 And having said this, he took bread and ^agave thanks to God in the presence of all; and he broke it and began to eat.

36 And all ^aof them ¹were encouraged, and they themselves also took food.

37 And all of us in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six ^{1a}persons.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they *began* to lighten the ship by ^athrowing out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when day came, ^athey ¹could not recognize the land; but they ²did observe a certain bay with a beach, and they ³resolved to ⁴drive the ship onto it if they could.

40 And casting off ^athe anchors, they ¹left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders, and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they were heading for the beach.

41 But striking a ¹reef where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern *began* to be broken up by the force of *the waves*.

42 And the soldiers' plan was to ^akill the prisoners, that none of *them* should swim away and escape;

43 but the centurion, ^awanting to bring Paul safely through, kept them from their intention, and commanded that those who could swim should ¹jump overboard first and get to land,

44 and the rest *should follow*, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And thus it happened that ^athey all were brought safely to land.

CHAPTER 28

AND when ^athey had been brought safely through, ^bthen we found out that ^cthe island was called ¹Malta.

2 And ^athe ¹natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and ^breceived us all.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out ¹because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when ^athe ¹natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they *began* saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, ²justice has not allowed him to live."

5 However ^ahe shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.

**Publius Entertains. The Voyage Resumed.
Arrival at Rome.**

Acts 28

6 But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and ^abegan to say that he was a god.

6 ^aActs 14:11

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days.

8 ^aActs 9:40; James 5:14f.
^bMark 5:23

8 And it came about that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had ^aprayed, he ^blaid his hands on him and healed him.

10 ¹Lit., honors ²Or, put on board
³Lit., the things pertaining to the needs

9 And after this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.

11 ¹Gr., the Dioscuri, i.e., the twin sons of Zeus, Castor and Pollux
²Acts 27:6

10 And they also honored us with many ¹marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they ²supplied us with ³all we needed.

13 ¹Some early mss. read, weighed anchor

11 And at the end of three months we set sail on ^aan Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and which had ^bthe Twin Brothers for its figurehead.

14 ¹Lit., where
²Acts 1:15

12 And after we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days.

13 And from there we ¹sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli.

15 ¹Lat., Appii Forum, a station about 43 miles from Rome
²Lat., Tres Tabernae, a station about 33 miles from Rome
³Acts 1:15

14 ¹There we found ^asome ^bbrethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome.

15 And the ^abrethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the ¹Market of Appius and ²Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

16 ^aActs 24:23

16 And when we entered Rome, Paul was ^aallowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

17 ¹Or, forefathers
²Acts 13:50; 25:2
^bActs 22:5
^cActs 25:8
^dActs 6:14

17 And it happened that after three days he called together those who were ^athe leading men of the Jews, and when they had come together, he ^bbegan saying to them, "^cBrethren, though I had done nothing against our people, or ^dthe customs of our ¹fathers, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 ¹Lit., of death in me
²Acts 26:32
^bActs 23:29

18 "And when they had examined me, they ^awere willing to release me because there was ^bno ground ¹for putting me to death.

19 ¹Lit., spoke against it
²Acts 25:11

19 "But when the Jews ¹objected, I was forced to ^aappeal to Caesar; not that I had any accusation against my nation.

20 ¹Or, invited you to see me and speak with me
²Acts 21:33
³Acts 26:6f.

20 "For this reason therefore, I ¹requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing ^athis chain for ^bthe sake of the hope of Israel."

21 ^aActs 22:5

21 And they said to him, "We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of ^athe brethren come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you.

22 ¹Lit., you think
²Acts 24:14
¹Pet. 2:12;
3:16; 4:14, 16

22 "But we desire to hear from you what ¹your views are; for concerning this ^asect, it is known to us that ^bit is spoken against everywhere."

23 ^aPhilem. 22
^bLuke 16:28;
Acts 1:3; 23:11

23 And when they had set a day for him, they came to him at ^ahis lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly ^btestifying about the kingdom of God, and trying

23 ^cActs 8:35

24 ^aActs 14:4

26 ¹Lit., with a hearing
²Lit., and ³Lit., seeing you
will see
^aIs. 6:9 ^bActs 28:26, 27; Matt.
13:14f.

27 ^aIs. 6:10

28 ^aActs 13:26; Ps. 98:3;
Luke 2:30 ^bActs 13:46; 9:15

29 ¹Some mss. add vs. 29.
And when he had spoken
these words, the Jews
departed, having a great
dispute among themselves.

30 ¹Or, at his own expense

31 ¹Or, proclaiming
^aMatt. 4:23; Acts 20:25;
28:23 ^b2 Tim. 2:9

¹ ¹Lit., a called apostle
^a1 Cor. 1:1; 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:1
^bActs 9:15; 13:2; Gal. 1:15
^cMark 1:14; Rom. 15:16;
2 Cor. 11:7; 1 Thess. 2:2, 8, 9;
1 Pet. 4:17; 2 Cor. 2:12

² ^aTitus 1:2; ^bLuke 1:70;
Rom. 3:21; 16:26

³ ^aMatt. 1:1 ^bRom. 4:1;
9:3, 5; 1 Cor. 10:18; John
1:14

⁴ ¹Or, in an act of power
²Or, as a result of ³Or, spirit
^aMatt. 4:3

⁵ ¹Lit., for obedience
^aActs 1:25; Gal. 1:16 ^bRom.
16:26; Acts 6:7 ^cActs 9:15

⁶ ^aJude 1; Rev. 17:14

⁷ ¹I.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
^a1 Thess. 1:4; Rom. 5:5ff.;
8:39 ^b1 Cor. 1:2, 24; Rom.
8:28ff.; Acts 9:13 ^c1 Cor. 1:3;
2 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2;
Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; 1 Thess.
1:1; 2 Thess. 1:2; 1 Tim. 1:2;
2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4;
Philem. 3; 2 John 3; 2 Pet.
1:2; Num. 6:25f.

⁸ ^a1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:15f.;
Phil. 1:3f.; Col. 1:3f.;
1 Thess. 1:2; 2:13; 2 Thess.
1:3; 2:13; 2 Tim. 1:3; Philem.
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to persuade them concerning Jesus, ^cfrom both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 And ^asome were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.

25 And when they did not agree with one another, they *began* leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers,

26 saying,

^aGO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,

¹"YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, ²BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;

AND ³YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

27 ^aFOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL,

AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR,

AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES;

LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES,

AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,

AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND TURN AGAIN,

AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM."

28 "Let it be known to you therefore, that ^athis salvation of God has been sent ^bto the Gentiles; they will also listen."

29 (See marginal note.¹)

30 And he stayed two full years ¹in his own rented quarters, and was welcoming all who came to him,

31 ^{1a}preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ ^bwith all openness, unhindered.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Salutation. Personal Explanations. The Gospel.

PAUL, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, ^{1a}called ~~as~~ an apostle, ^bset apart for ^cthe gospel of God,

2 which He ^apromised beforehand through His ^bprophets in the holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son, who was born ^aof the seed of David ^baccording to the flesh,

4 who was declared ¹with power ~~to be~~ ^athe Son of God ²by the resurrection from the dead, according to the ³Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

5 through whom we have received grace and ^aapostleship ¹to bring about ^bthe ^bobedience of faith among ^call the Gentiles, for His name's sake,

6 among whom you also are the ^acalled of Jesus Christ;

7 to all who are ^abeloved of God in Rome, called ~~as~~ ^{1b}saints; ^cGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, ^aI thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all,

because by your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

9 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you,

10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

11 For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to every one who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire towards one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

8 Rom. 16:19; Acts 28:22

9 Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:23; 11:31; Phil. 1:8; 1 Thess. 2:5, 10 Acts 24:14; 2 Tim. 1:3 Eph. 1:16; Phil. 1:3f.; 1 Thess. 1:2f.; 2 Tim. 1:3; Philem. 4

10 Rom. 15:32; Acts 18:21

11 Rom. 15:23; Acts 19:21

13 Rom. 11:25; 1 Cor. 10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 4:13 Rom. 7:1; 1 Cor. 1:10; 14:20, 26; Gal. 3:15; Acts 1:15 Rom. 15:22f.; Acts 19:21 John 4:36; 15:16; Phil. 1:22; Col. 1:6

14 Lit., debtor
1 Cor. 9:16 Acts 28:2

15 Rom. 12:18 Rom. 15:20

16 2 Tim. 1:8, 12, 16
1 Cor. 1:18, 24 Acts 3:26; Rom. 2:9 John 7:35

17 Or, by Or. "But he who is righteous by faith shall live."
Rom. 3:21; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 9:30 Hab. 2:4; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38

18 Or, by
Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6; Rom. 5:9
2 Thess. 2:6f. [Gr.]

19 Or, among
Acts 14:17; 17:24ff.

20 Mark 10:6 Ps. 19:1-6; Job 12:7-9; Jer. 5:21f.

21 Lit., glorify
2 Kin. 17:15; Jer. 2:5; Eph. 4:17f.

22 Jer. 10:14; 1 Cor. 1:20

23 Or possibly, reptiles
Ps. 106:20; Jer. 2:11; Acts 17:29

24 Rom. 1:26, 28; Eph. 4:19 Eph. 2:3

25 Lit., the lie 2 Lit., unto the ages
Is. 44:20; Jer. 10:14; 13:25; 16:19 Rom. 9:5; 2 Cor. 11:31

26 Lit., against nature
Rom. 1:24 1 Thess. 4:5

27 Lit., the shameless deed
2 Lit., themselves
Lev. 18:22; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9

28 ¹Lit., *to have God in knowledge*
^aRom. 1:24

29 ²Cor. 12:20

30 ¹Or, *hateful to God*
^aPs. 5:5 ²Tim. 3:2

31 ²Tim. 3:3

32 ^aRom. 6:21 ^bLuke 11:48;
Acts 8:1; 22:20

1 ^aRom. 1:20 ^bRom. 2:3;
9:20; Luke 12:14 ^c2 Sam.
12:5-7; Matt. 7:1; Rom.
14:22

2 ¹Lit., *is according to truth against . . .*

3 ¹Lit., *who pass judgment*
^aRom. 2:1; 9:20; Luke 12:14

4 ^aRom. 9:23; 11:33;
2 Cor. 8:2; Eph. 1:7, 18; 2:7;
Phil. 4:19; Col. 1:27; 2:2;
Titus 3:6 ^bRom. 11:22
^cRom. 3:25 ^dRom. 9:22;
1 Tim. 1:16; 1 Pet. 3:20;
2 Pet. 3:15; Ex. 34:6 ^e2 Pet.
3:9

5 ¹Or, *in accordance with*
^aDeut. 32:34f.; Prov. 1:18
^bPs. 110:5; Jude 6; 2 Cor.
5:10; 2 Thess. 1:5

6 ^aPs. 62:12; Matt. 16:27

7 ^aLuke 8:15; Heb. 10:36
^bRom. 2:10; Heb. 2:7; 1 Pet.
1:7 ^c1 Cor. 15:42, 50, 53f.;
Eph. 6:24 marg.; 2 Tim. 1:10
marg. ^dMatt. 25:46

8 ^aPhil. 1:17 marg.; 2 Cor.
12:20; Gal. 5:20; Phil. 2:3;
James 3:14, 16 ^b2 Thess. 2:12

9 ¹Lit., *upon*
^aRom. 8:35 ^b1 Pet. 4:17; Acts
3:26; Rom. 1:16

10 ^aRom. 2:7; Heb. 2:7;
1 Pet. 1:7 ^bRom. 2:9

11 ^aActs 10:34

12 ¹Or, *without law* ²Or,
under law ³Or, *by law*
^a1 Cor. 9:21; Acts 2:23

13 ¹Or, *of law* ²Or,
righteous
^aJames 1:22f., 25; Matt. 7:21.
24f.; John 13:17

14 ¹Or, *law* ²Lit., *by nature*
^aRom. 2:15; Rom. 1:19; Acts
10:35

15 ^aRom. 2:14, 27

28 And just as they did not see fit ¹to acknowledge God any longer, [†]God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* ^agossips,

30 slanderers, ^{1a}haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, ^bdisobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy, ^aunloving, unmerciful;

32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of ^adeath, they not only do the same, but also ^bgive hearty approval to those who practice them.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE you are ^awithout excuse, ^bevery man of you who passes judgment, for in that ^cyou judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

2 And we know that the judgment of God ¹rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

3 And do you suppose this, ^aO man, ¹when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you think lightly of ^athe riches of His ^bkindness and ^cforbearance and ^dpatience, not knowing that ^ethe kindness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But ¹because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart ^ayou are storing up wrath for yourself ^bin the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God:

6 ^aWHO WILL RENDER TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

7 to those who by ^aperseverance in doing good seek for ^bglory and honor and ^cimmortality, ^deternal life;

8 but to those who are ^aselfishly ambitious and ^bdo not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9 *There will be* ^atribulation and distress ¹for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew ^bfirst and also of the Greek,

10 but ^aglory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew ^bfirst and also to the Greek.

11 For ^athere is no partiality with God.

12 For all who have sinned ^{1a}without the Law will also perish ¹without the Law; and all who have sinned ²under the Law will be judged ³by the Law;

13 for ^anot the hearers ¹of the Law are ²just before God, but the doers ¹of the Law will be justified.

14 For when Gentiles who do not have ¹the Law do ^{2a}instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having ¹the Law, are a law to themselves,

15 in that they show ^athe work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending themselves,

16 on the day when, ^aaccording to my gospel, ^bGod will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

17 But if you bear the name 'Jew,' and ^arely ¹upon the Law, and boast in God,

18 and know *His* will, and ^{1a}approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,

19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

20 ^a a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of ²the immature, having in the Law ^athe embodiment of knowledge and of the truth;

21 you therefore ^awho teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who ¹preach that one should not steal, do you steal?

22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you ^arob temples?

23 You who ^aboast ¹in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

24 For ^a"THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES ^bBECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

25 For indeed circumcision is of value, if you ^apractice ¹the Law; but if you are a transgressor ²of the Law, ^byour circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 ^aIf therefore ^bthe ¹uncircumcised man ^ckeep the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

27 And will not ^ahe who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not ^bjudge you who ¹though having the letter of *the Law* and circumcision are a transgressor ²of the Law?

28 For ^ahe is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;

29 but ^ahe is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the ^bSpirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

CHAPTER 3

THEN what ¹advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

2 Great in every respect. First of all, that ^athey were entrusted with the ^boracles of God.

3 What then? If ^asome ¹did not believe, their ²unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? ²

4 ^aMay it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man ^bbe found ^aliar, as it is written,

"^cTHAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED IN THY WORDS, AND MIGHTEST PREVAIL WHEN THOU ¹ART JUDGED."

5 But if our unrighteousness ^{1a}demonstrates the righteousness of God, ^bwhat shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (^cI am speaking in human terms.)

6 ^aMay it never be! For otherwise how will ^bGod judge the world?

¹⁶ ^aRom. 16:25; ² Tim. 2:8; ¹ Cor. 15:1; Gal. 1:11; ¹ Tim. 1:11; ^b Acts 10:42; 17:31; Rom. 3:6; 14:10

¹⁷ ¹ Or, upon law
^a Rom. 2:23; 9:4; Mic. 3:11; John 5:45

¹⁸ ¹ Or, distinguish between the things which differ
^a Phil. 1:10

²⁰ ¹ Or, instructor ² Lit., infants
^a 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 3:31

²¹ ¹ Or, proclaim
^a Matt. 23:3ff.

²² ^a Acts 19:37

²³ ¹ Or, in law
^a Rom. 2:17; 9:4; Mic. 3:11; John 5:45

²⁴ ^a Is. 52:5; ^b Ezek. 36:20ff.; ² Pet. 2:2

²⁵ ¹ Or, law ² Or, of law
^a Rom. 2:13f.; ²⁷ Jer. 4:4; 9:25f.

²⁶ ¹ Lit., uncircumcision
^a 1 Cor. 7:19; ^b Eph. 2:11; Rom. 3:30; ^c Rom. 8:4; 2:25, 27

²⁷ ¹ Lit., through the letter
² Or, of law
^a Eph. 2:11; Rom. 3:30
^b Matt. 12:41

²⁸ ^a Rom. 9:6; John 8:39; Gal. 6:15; Rom. 2:17

²⁹ ^a Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11
^b Rom. 7:6; ² Cor. 3:6; Rom. 2:27; ^c 1 Cor. 4:5; ² Cor. 10:18; John 5:44, 12:43

¹ ¹ Lit., is the advantage of the Jew

² ^a Deut. 4:8; Ps. 147:19; Rom. 9:4; ^b Acts 7:38

³ ¹ Or, were unfaithful
² Or, unfaithfulness
^a Rom. 10:16; Heb. 4:2

⁴ ¹ Or, dost enter into judgment
^a Luke 20:16; Rom. 3:6, 31
^b Rom. 3:7; Ps. 116:11; ^c Ps. 51:4

⁵ ¹ Or, commends
^a Rom. 5:8; ² Cor. 6:4; 7:11 [Gr.]; Gal. 2:18 [Gr.]; ^b Rom. 7:7; 8:31; 9:14, 30; 4:1; ^c Rom. 6:19; ¹ Cor. 9:8; Gal. 3:15; ¹ Cor. 15:32

⁶ ^a Luke 20:16; Rom. 3:4, 31; ^b Rom. 2:16

7^aRom. 3:4^bRom. 9:19

8¹Lit., *Whose*
^aRom. 6:1

^a9^{Or} possibly, *Are we worse*
^aRom. 3:1^bRom. 2:1-29
^aRom. 1:18-32^bRom. 3:19,
23; 11:32; Gal. 3:22

10^aPs. 14:1-3; 53:1-4

13^aPs. 5:9; Ps. 140:3

14^aPs. 10:7

15^aIs. 59:7f.

18^aPs. 36:1

19¹Lit., *in*
^aJohn 10:34^bRom. 2:12
^aRom. 3:9

20¹Or, *of law*²Or, *through law*
^aActs 13:39; Gal. 2:16; Ps.
143:2^bRom. 7:7; 4:15; 5:13,
20

21¹Or, *from law*
^aRom. 1:17; 9:30^bRom. 1:2;
Acts 10:43

22^aRom. 1:17; 9:30^bRom.
4:5^cActs 3:16; Gal. 2:16, 20;
3:22; Eph. 3:12^dRom. 4:11,
16; 10:4^eRom. 10:12; Gal.
3:28; Col. 3:11

23¹Or, *all sinned*
^aRom. 3:9

24^aRom. 4:4f. 16; Eph. 2:8
^bEph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb.
9:15; 1 Cor. 1:30

25¹Or, *a propitiatory sacrifice*²Or, by³Lit.,
because of the passing over of the sins previously committed in the forbearance of God
^a1 John 2:2; 4:10^b1 Cor. 5:7;
Heb. 9:14, 28; 1 Pet. 1:19;
Rev. 1:5^cRom. 2:4^dActs
17:30; 14:16

26¹Lit., *is of the faith of Jesus*.

27^aRom. 2:17, 23; 4:2;
1 Cor. 1:29 f. ^bRom. 9:31

28¹Some ancient mss. read, *Therefore*²Or, *of law*
^aRom. 3:20, 21; Acts 13:39;
Eph. 2:9; James 2:20, 24, 26

29^aRom. 9:24; 10:12; 15:9;
Gal. 3:28; Acts 10:34f.

30¹Lit., *circumcision*²Lit.,
*out of*³Lit., *uncircumcision*
^aRom. 10:12^bRom. 4:11f.,
16; Gal. 3:8; Rom. 3:22

31¹Or, *law*
^aLuke 20:16; Rom. 3:4
^bRom. 4:3; 8:4; Matt. 5:17

7 But if through my lie ^athe truth of God abounded to His glory, ^bwhy am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say), "^aLet us do evil that good may come"? ¹Their condemnation is just.

9 What then? ^{1a}Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both ^bJews and ^cGreeks are ^dall under sin;

10 as it is written,

"^aTHERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;

THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

13 "^aTHEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,
WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,"

"THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS;"

14 "^aWHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS;"

15 "^aTHEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,

16 DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,

17 AND THE PATH OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN,"

18 "^aTHERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

19 Now we know that whatever the ^aLaw says, it speaks to ^bthose who are ¹under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and ^call the world may become accountable to God;

20 because ^aby the works ¹of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for ^{2b}through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

21 But now apart ¹from the Law ^athe righteousness of God has been manifested, being ^blawed by the Law and the Prophets;

22 even *the* ^arighteousness of God through ^bfaith ^cin Jesus Christ for ^dall those who believe; for ^ethere is no distinction;

23 for ¹all ^ahave sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

24 being justified as a gift ^aby His grace through ^bthe redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as ^aa ¹propitiation ²in His blood through faith. *This* was to demonstrate His righteousness, ³because in the ^cforbearance of God He ^dpassed over the sins previously committed;

26 for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who ¹has faith in Jesus.

27 Where then is ^aboasting? It is excluded. By ^bwhat kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

28 ¹For ^awe maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works ²of the Law.

29 Or ^ais God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also—

30 if indeed ^aGod is one—and ^bHe will justify the ¹circumcised ²by faith and the ³uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then nullify ¹the Law through faith? ^aMay it never be! On the contrary, we ^bestablish the Law.

CHAPTER 4

WHAT then shall we say that Abraham, ¹our forefather ^aaccording to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but ^anot ¹before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? ^a“AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

4 Now to the one who ^aworks, his wage is not reckoned as a favor but as what is due.

5 But to the one who does not work, but ^abelieves in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

6 Just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

7 ^a“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,

^b AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. *Επιστολή*

8 ^a“BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT ¹TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.”

9 Is this blessing then upon ^{1a}the circumcised, or upon the ²uncircumcised also? For ^bwe say, ^c“FAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

10 How then was it reckoned? While he was ¹circumcised, or ²uncircumcised? Not while ¹circumcised, but while ²uncircumcised;

11 and he ^areceived the sign of circumcision, ^{ba} a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be ^cthe father of ^{da}all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them,

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

13 For ^athe promise to Abraham or to his ¹descendants ^bthat he would be heir of the world was not ²through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For ^aif those who are ¹of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

15 for ^athe Law brings about wrath, but ^bwhere there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason *it is* ¹by faith, that *it might be* in accordance with ^agrace, in order that the promise may be certain to ^{ball} the ²descendants, not only to ³those who are of the Law, but also to ³those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is ^cthe father of us all,

17 (as it is written, ^a“A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the sight of Him whom he believed, *even* God, ^bwho gives life to the dead and ^{1c}calls into being ^dthat which does not exist.

18 In hope ^aagainst hope he believed, in order that he might become ^aa father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, ^b“SO SHALL YOUR ¹DESCENDANTS BE.”

19 And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now ^aas good as dead since ^bhe was about a hundred years old, and ^cthe deadness of Sarah’s womb;

¹ Or, *our forefather, has found according to the flesh* ^aRom. 1:3

² Lit., *toward* ^a1 Cor. 1:31

³ Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:9, 22; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23

⁴ Rom. 11:6

⁵ Rom. 3:22; John 6:29

⁷ Ps. 32:1
289, 127, 21 - 2 2

⁸ Or, *reckon* ^aPs. 32:2 ^b2 Cor. 5:19

⁹ Lit., *circumcision* ²Lit., *uncircumcision* ^aRom. 3:30 ^bRom. 4:3 ^cGen. 15:6

¹⁰ Lit., *in circumcision* ²Lit., *in uncircumcision*

¹¹ Gen. 17:10f. ^bJohn 3:33 ^cRom. 4:16f.; Luke 19:9 ^aRom. 3:22; 4:16

¹³ Lit., *seed* ²Or, *through law* ^aRom. 9:8; Gal. 3:16 ^bGen. 17:4-6; 22:17f.

¹⁴ Or, *of law* ^aGal. 3:18

¹⁵ Rom. 7:7, 10-25; 1 Cor. 15:56; Gal. 3:10 ^bRom. 3:20

¹⁶ Or, *of 2* Lit., *seed* ³Lit., *that which is* ^aRom. 3:24 ^bRom. 4:11; 9:8; 15:8 ^cRom. 4:11; Luke 19:9

¹⁷ Lit., *calls the things which do not exist as existing* ^aGen. 17:5 ^bJohn 5:21 ^cIs. 48:13; 51:2 ^d1 Cor. 1:28

¹⁸ Lit., *seed* ^aRom. 4:17 ^bGen. 15:5

¹⁹ Heb. 11:12 ^bGen. 17:17 ^cGen. 18:11

20 *Matt. 9:8
21 *Rom. 14:5 *Gen. 18:14; Heb. 11:19
22 *Rom. 4:3
23 *Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 9:9f.; 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16f.
24 *Rom. 10:9; 1 Pet. 1:21 *Acts 2:24
25 *Rom. 5:6, 8; 8:32; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2 *1 Cor. 15:17; 2 Cor. 5:15; Rom. 5:18
1 Some ancient mss. read, let us have
*Rom. 3:28 *Rom. 5:11
2 1 Or. let us exult
*Eph. 2:18; 3:12; Heb. 10:19f.; 1 Pet. 3:18 *1 Cor. 15:1:
3 1 Or. let us also exult —
*Rom. 5:11; 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor. 8:19 *Matt. 5:12; James 1:2f. *Luke 21:19
4 *Luke 21:19 *Phil. 2:22; James 1:12
5 *Ps. 119:116; Rom. 9:33; Heb. 6:18f. *Acts 2:33; 10:45; Titus 3:6; Gal. 4:6
6 *Rom. 5:8, 10 *Gal. 4:4 *Rom. 4:25; 5:8; 8:32; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2
8 *Rom. 3:5 *Rom. 8:39; John 3:16; 15:13 *Rom. 4:25; 5:6; 8:32; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2
9 1 Or. in
*Rom. 3:25 *1 Thess. 1:10; Rom. 1:18
10 1 Or. in
*Rom. 11:28; Eph. 2:3; Col. 3:11; 2 Cor. 5:18f. *Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1
11 *Lit., but also exulting
*Rom. 5:3; 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor. 8:19 *Rom. 5:10; 11:15; 2 Cor. 5:18f.
12 *Gen. 2:17; 3:6, 19; 1 Cor. 15:21f.; Rom. 5:15, 16, 17 *Rom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:56; James 1:15 *Rom. 5:14, 19, 21; 1 Cor. 15:22
13 1 Or. until law
*Rom. 4:15
14 1 Or. foreshadowing
*Hos. 6:7 *1 Cor. 15:45
15 1 Lit., not as the trespass, so also is the free gift
*Rom. 5:12, 18 *Rom. 5:19; Rom. 5:18 *Acts 15:11

20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

22 Therefore also it was reckoned to him as righteousness.

23 Now not for his sake only was it written, that "it was reckoned to him,"

24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 Him who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

CHAPTER 5

1 THEREFORE having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations; knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

5 and hope does not disappoint; because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

13 for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of Adam's offense, who is a type of Him who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

16 And the gift is not like that which came through the

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one who sinned; for on the one hand ^athe judgment *arose* from one *transgression* ¹resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions ²resulting in justification.

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned ^athrough the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will ^breign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through ^aone transgression ¹there resulted condemnation to all men; even so through one ^bact of righteousness ²there resulted ^cjustification of life to all men.

19 For as through the one man's disobedience ^athe many ^bwere made sinners, even so through ^cthe obedience of the One ^athe many will be made righteous.

20 And ^{1a}the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, ^bgrace abounded all the more,

21 that, as ^asin reigned in death, even so ^bgrace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

^a**W**HAT shall we say then? Are we to ^bcontinuc in sin that grace might increase?

2 ^aMay it never be! How shall we who ^bdied to sin still live in it?

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been ^abaptized into ^bChrist Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been ^aburied with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was ^braised from the dead through the ^cglory of the Father, so we too might walk in ^dnewness of life.

5 For ^aif we have become ¹united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also ²in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our ^aold ¹self was ^bcrucified with *Him*, that our ^cbody of sin might be ²done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

7 for ^ahe who died is ¹freed from sin.

8 Now ^aif we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been ^araised from the dead, is never to die again; ^bdeath no longer is master over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Even so consider yourselves to be ^adead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do not let sin ^areign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts,

13 and do not go on ^apresenting ¹the members of your body to sin *as* ²instruments of unrighteousness; but ^bpresent yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* ²instruments of righteousness to God.

¹⁶ ¹Lit., to condemnation
²Lit., to an act of righteousness
^a1 Cor. 11:32 [Cr.]

¹⁷ ^aGen. 2:17; 3:6, 19; 1 Cor. 15:21f.; Rom. 5:12, 15, 16 ^b2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 22:5

¹⁸ ¹Lit., to condemnation
²Lit., to justification
^aRom. 5:12, 15 ^bRom. 3:25
^cRom. 4:25

¹⁹ ^aRom. 5:15, 18 ^bRom. 5:12; 11:32 ^cPhil. 2:8

²⁰ ¹Or, law
^aGal. 3:19; Rom. 3:20; 7:7f.
^bRom. 6:1; 1 Tim. 1:14

²¹ ^aRom. 5:12, 14 ^bJohn 1:17; Rom. 6:23

¹ ^aRom. 3:5 ^bRom. 6:15; 3:8

² ^aLuke 20:16; Rom. 6:15
^bRom. 6:11; 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24

³ ^aMatt. 28:19 ^bActs 2:38; 8:16; 19:5; Gal. 3:27

⁴ ^aCol. 2:12 ^bActs 2:24; Rom. 6:9 ^cJohn 11:40; 2 Cor. 13:4 ^dRom. 7:6; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:23f.; Col. 3:10

⁵ ¹Or, united with the likeness ²Or, with
^a2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10f.; Col. 2:12; 3:1

⁶ ¹Lit., man ²Or, made powerless
^aEph. 4:22; Col. 3:9 ^bGal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14 ^cRom. 7:24

⁷ ¹Or, acquitted
^a1 Pet. 4:1

⁸ ^a2 Tim. 2:11; 2 Cor. 4:10; Rom. 6:4

⁹ ^aActs 2:24; Rom. 6:4
^bRev. 1:18

¹¹ ^aRom. 6:2; 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24

¹² ^aRom. 6:14
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¹³ ¹Lit., your members to sin ²Or, weapons
^aRom. 7:5; Col. 3:5; Rom. 6:16, 19 ^bRom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 5:14f.; 1 Pet. 2:24

14 *Rom. 8:2, 12 ^bRom. 6:12 ^cRom. 7:4, 6; Gal. 4:21; Rom. 5:18 ^dRom. 5:17, 21

15 *Rom. 6:1 ^bLuke 20:16; Rom. 6:2

16 ¹Lit., to death ²Lit., to righteousness
*Rom. 11:2; 1 Cor. 3:16; 5:6; 6:2, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19; 9:13, 24
^bJohn 8:34; 2 Pet. 2:19
^cRom. 6:21, 23

17 ¹Lit., you were slaves . . . but you became
*Rom. 1:8; 2 Cor. 2:14
^{b2}Tim. 1:13

18 *Rom. 8:2; John 8:32; Rom. 6:22

19 ¹Lit., to lawlessness
²Lit., to sanctification
*Rom. 3:5 ^bRom. 6:13

20 *Rom. 6:16; Matt. 6:24

21 ¹Lit., fruit ²Lit., having
³Lit., in
*Rom. 7:5; Jer. 12:13; Ezek. 16:63 ^bRom. 6:16, 23; 1:32; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8; Rom. 5:12

22 ¹Lit., have ²Lit., fruit
³Lit., to sanctification
*Rom. 8:2; John 8:32; Rom. 6:18 ^{b1}Cor. 7:22; 1 Pet. 2:16
^cRom. 7:4 ^{d1}Pet. 1:9

23 *Rom. 6:16, 21; 1:32; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8; Rom. 5:12
^bRom. 5:21; 8:39; Matt. 25:46

1 *Rom. 1:13

2 ¹Cor. 7:39

4 *Rom. 7:6; 6:2 ^bGal. 2:19; 5:18; Rom. 8:2 ^cCol. 1:22

5 ¹Lit., our members to bear
*Rom. 8:8; 2 Cor. 10:3
^bRom. 7:7; ^cRom. 6:13, 21, 23

6 ¹Or, spirit
*Rom. 7:2 ^bRom. 6:2 ^cRom. 6:4 ^dRom. 2:29

7 ¹Or, through law ²Or, just ³Or, LUST
*Rom. 3:5 ^bLuke 20:16
^cRom. 3:20; 4:15; 5:20 ^dEx. 20:17; Deut. 5:21

8 *Rom. 7:11 ^bRom. 3:20; 7:11

14 For ^asin shall not ^bbe master over you, for ^cyou are not under law, but ^dunder grace.

15 What then? ^aShall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? ^bMay it never be!

16 Do you not ^aknow that when you present yourselves to someone ^as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of ^csin ¹resulting in death, or of obedience ²resulting in righteousness?

17 But ^athanks be to God that ¹though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that ^bform of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been ^afreed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19 ^aI am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just ^bas you presented your members ^as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, ¹resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members ^as slaves to righteousness, ²resulting in sanctification.

20 For ^awhen you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 Therefore what ¹benefit were you then ²deriving ³from the things of which you are now ^aashamed? For the outcome of those things is ^bdeath.

22 But now having been ^afreed from sin and ^benslaved to God, you ¹derive your ²benefit, ³resulting in sanctification, and ^dthe outcome, eternal life.

23 For the wages of ^asin is death, but the free gift of God is ^beternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

OR do you not know, ^abrethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?

2 For ^athe married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

3 So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were ^amade to die ^bto the Law ^cthrough the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

5 For while we were ^ain the flesh, the sinful passions, which were ^baroused by the Law, were at work ^cin ¹the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

6 But now we have been ^areleased from the Law, having ^bdied to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in ^cnewness of ^dthe ¹Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. (Rom. 7:6)

7 ^aWhat shall we say then? Is the Law sin? ^bMay it never be! On the contrary, ^cI would not have come to know sin except ¹through the Law; for I would not have known about ²coveting if the Law had not said, "^dYOU SHALL NOT ³COVET."

8 But sin, ^ataking opportunity ^bthrough the command-

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ment, produced in me ¹coveting of every kind; for ^capart ²from the Law sin is dead.

9 And I was once alive apart ¹from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died;

10 and this commandment, which was ^{1a}to result in life, proved ²to result in death for me;

11 for sin, ^ataking opportunity ^bthrough the commandment, ^cdeceived me, and through it killed me.

12 ^aSo then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13 Therefore did that which is good become *a cause of death* for me? ^aMay it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

14 For we know that the Law is ^aspiritual; but I am ^aof flesh, ^bsold ^{1c}into bondage to sin.

15 For that which I am doing, ^aI do not understand; for I am not practicing ^bwhat I *would* like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

16 But if I do the very thing I do not wish to do, I agree with ^athe Law, *confessing* that it is good.

17 So now, ^ano longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me.

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my ^aflesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

19 For ^athe good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, ^aI am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

21 I find then ^athe ¹principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good.

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God ¹ⁱⁿ ^athe inner man,

23 but I see ^aa different law in ¹the members of my body, waging war against the ^blaw of my mind, and making me a prisoner ²of ^cthe law of sin which is in my members.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from ^{1a}the body of this ^bdeath?

25 ^aThanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh ^bthe law of sin.

CHAPTER 8

THERE is therefore now no condemnation for those who are ¹ⁱⁿ ^cChrist Jesus.

2 For ^athe law of the Spirit of life ¹ⁱⁿ ^bChrist Jesus ^chas set ²you free from the law of sin and of death.

→ 3 For ^awhat the Law could not do, ^bweak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in ^cthe likeness of ²sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh. Ad Rom 7-8:17

4 in order that the ^arequirement of the Law might be *the righteous ground provided by Christ in the*

⁸ ¹Or, *lust* ²Or, *from law*
^c1 Cor. 15:56

⁹ ¹Or, *from law*

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *to life* ²Lit., *to death*
^aLev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:12; Luke 10:28

¹¹ ^aRom. 7:8 ^bRom. 3:20; ⁷8 ^cGen. 3:13

¹² ^aRom. 7:16; 1 Tim. 1:8

¹³ ¹Luke 20:16

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *under sin*
^a1 Cor. 3:1; ^b1 Kin. 21:20, 25; 2 Kin. 17:17; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 4:3 ^cRom. 3:9

¹⁵ ^aJohn 15:15 ^bGal. 5:17; Rom. 7:19

¹⁶ ^aRom. 7:12; 1 Tim. 1:8

¹⁷ ^aRom. 7:20

¹⁸ ^aRom. 7:25; 8:3; John 3:6

¹⁹ ^aRom. 7:15

²⁰ ^aRom. 7:17

²¹ ¹Lit., *law*
^aRom. 7:23, 25; 8:2

²² ¹Or, *concerning*
^a2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16; 1 Pet. 3:4

²³ ¹Lit., *my members* ²Lit., *in*
^aGal. 5:17; James 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:11; Rom. 6:19 ^bRom. 7:25 ^cRom. 7:21, 25; 8:2

²⁴ ¹Or, *this body of death*
^aRom. 6:6; Col. 2:11 ^bRom. 8:2

²⁵ ^a1 Cor. 15:57 ^bRom. 7:21, 23; 8:2

¹ ^aRom. 8:34; 5:16 ^bRom. 8:9f. ^cRom. 8:2, 11, 39; 16:3

² ¹Or, *has set you free in Christ Jesus* ²Some ancient mss. read, *me*
^a1 Cor. 15:45 ^bRom. 8:1, 11, 39; 16:3 ^cRom 6:14, 18; 7:4; John 8:32, 36

³ ¹Lit., *wherein it was weak* ²Lit., *flesh of sin*
^aHeb. 10:1ff.; Acts 13:39 ^bHeb. 7:18; Rom. 7:18f. ^cPhil. 2:7; Heb. 2:14, 17; 4:15

⁴ ^aLuke 1:6; Rom. 2:26

4^bGal. 5:16, 25

5^aGal. 5:19-21 ^bGal. 5:22-25

6^aGal. 6:8 ^bRom. 6:21; 8:13

7^aJames 4:4

8^aRom. 7:5

9^aRom. 7:5 ^bRom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; 2 Tim. 1:14; John 14:23
^cJohn 14:17; Gal. 4:6; Phil. 1:19; 1 John 4:13

10¹Lit., *life*
^aGal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:27; John 17:23

11¹Some ancient mss. read, *because of*
^aActs 2:24; Rom. 6:4 ^bJohn 5:21 ^cRom. 8:1, 2, 39; 16:3

13¹Or, *are about to*
^aRom. 8:6 ^bCol. 3:5

14^aGal. 5:18 ^bHos. 1:10; [Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9; John 1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 3:26; 1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7; Rom. 8:16, 19; 9:8

15¹Lit., *for fear again* ²Or, *the Spirit*
^a2 Tim. 1:7; Heb. 2:15 ^bGal. 4:5f.; Rom. 8:23 ^cMark 14:36; Gal. 4:6

16^aActs 5:32 ^bHos. 1:10; [Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9; John 1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 3:26; 1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7; Rom. 8:14, 19; 9:8

17^aGal. 4:7; Acts. 20:32; Gal. 3:29; Eph. 3:6; Titus 3:7; Heb. 1:14; Rev. 21:7
^b2 Cor. 1:5; 7; Phil. 3:10
^c2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Pet. 4:13; Col. 1:24

18^a2 Cor. 4:17; 1 Pet. 4:13
^bCol. 3:4; Titus 2:13; 1 Pet. 5:1; 1:5

19^aPhil. 1:20 ^b1 Cor. 1:7f.; Col. 3:4; 1 Pet. 1:7, 13; 1 John 3:2; Rom. 8:18 ^cHos. 1:10; [Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9; John 1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 3:26; 1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7; Rom. 8:14, 16; 9:8

20¹Some ancient mss. read, *in hope; because the creation*
^aGen. 3:17-19 ^bPs. 39:5f.; Eccl. 1:2 ^cGen. 3:17; 5:29

21^aActs. 3:21; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1

22^aJer. 12:4, 11

23^aRom. 5:3 ^b2 Cor. 1:22; Rom. 8:16 ^c2 Cor. 5:2, 4
^dRom. 8:19, 25; 8:15; Gal. 5:5 ^eRom. 7:24

24¹Some ancient mss. read, *who hopes for what he sees?*

^aRom. 8:20; 1 Thess. 5:8; Titus 3:7 ^b2 Cor. 5:7 [cf. Rom. 4:18]; Heb. 11:1

25^a1 Thess. 1:3

fulfilled ⁱⁿ us, who ^bdo not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on ^athe things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, ^bthe things of the Spirit.

6 ^aFor the mind set on the flesh is ^bdeath, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace;

7 because the mind set on the flesh is ^ahostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the Law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*;

8 and those who are ^ain the flesh cannot please God.

9 However you are not ^ain the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God ^bdwells in you. But ^cif anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

10 And ^aif Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is ¹alive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who ^araised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, ^bHe who raised ^cChrist Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies ¹through His Spirit who indwells you.

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

13 for ^aif you are living according to the flesh, you ¹must die; but if by the Spirit you are ^bputting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are ^abeing led by the Spirit of God, these are ^bsons of God.

15 For you ^ahave not received a spirit of slavery ¹leading to fear again, but you ^bhave received ^{2a}a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “^cAbba! Father!”

16 The Spirit Himself ^abears witness with our spirit that we are ^bchildren of God,

17 and if children, ^aheirs also, heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ, ^bif indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time ^aare not worthy to be compared with the ^bglory that is to be revealed to us.

19 For the ^aanxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for ^bthe revealing of the ^csons of God.

20 For the creation ^awas subjected to ^bfutility, not of its own will, but ^cbecause of Him who subjected it, ¹in hope

21 that ^athe creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation ^agroans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23 ^aAnd not only this, but also we ourselves, having ^bthe first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves ^cgroan within ourselves, ^dwaiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, ^ethe redemption of our body.

24 For ^ain hope we have been saved, but ^bhope that is seen is not hope; for ¹why does one also hope for what he sees?

25 But ^aif we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness;

for ^awe do not know how to pray as we should, but ^bthe Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and ^aHe who searches the hearts, knows what ^bthe mind of the Spirit is, because He ^cintercedes for the ¹saints according to *the will of God*.

28 And we know that ¹God causes ^aall things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are ^bcalled according to *His purpose*.

29 For whom He ^aforeknew, He also ^bpredestined to become ^cconformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the ^dfirst-born among many brethren;

^b30 and whom He ^apredestined, these He also ^bcalled; and whom He called, these He also ^cjustified, and whom He justified, these He also ^dglorified.

31 ^aWhat then shall we say to these things? ^bIf ¹God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who ^adid not spare His own Son, but ^bdelivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

^b33 Who will bring a charge against ^aGod's elect? ^bGod is the one who ^cjustifies —

34 who is the one who ^acondemns? Christ Jesus is He who ^bdied, yes, rather who was ¹raised; who is ^dat the right hand of God, who also ^cintercedes for us.

35 Who shall separate us from ^athe love of ¹Christ? Shall ^btribulation, or distress, or ^cpersecution, or ^dfamine, or ^enakedness, or ^fperil, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,
"FOR THY SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;

WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly ^aconquer through ^bHim who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither ^adeath, nor life, nor ^bangels, nor principalities, nor ^cthings present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall ^bbe able to separate us from ^athe love of God, which is ^bin Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 9 ISRAEL'S LOT

^a I AM telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

3 For ^aI could wish that I myself were ^baccursed, *separated* for Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen ^caccording to the flesh,

4 who are ^aIsraelites, to whom belongs ^bthe adoption as sons and ^cthe glory and ^dthe covenants and ^ethe giving of the Law and ^fthe temple service and ^gthe promises,

5 whose are ^athe fathers, and ^bfrom whom is ¹the Christ according to the flesh, ^cwho is over all, ^dGod ^eblessed ^fforever. Amen.

26 ^aMatt. 20:22; 2 Cor. 12:8
^bJohn 14:16; Eph. 6:18;
Rom. 8:15f. 77

27 ¹I.e., true believers, lit. holy ones
^aPs. 139:1f.; Luke 16:15; Rev. 2:23; Acts 1:24
^bRom. 8:6
^cRom. 8:34

28 ¹Some ancient mss. read, all things work together for good
^aRom. 8:32
^bRom. 8:30; 9:24; 1 Cor. 1:9; Gal. 1:6, 15; 5:8; Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 2:9; 3:9; Rom. 11:29

29 ^aRom. 11:2; 1 Pet. 1:2; 20; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Cor. 8:3
^b1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11; Rom. 9:23
^c1 Cor. 15:49; Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:10; 1 John 3:2
^dCol. 1:18; Heb. 1:6

30 ^a1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11; Rom. 9:23
^bRom. 8:28; 9:24; 1 Cor. 1:9; Gal. 1:6, 15; 5:8; Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 2:9; 3:9; Rom. 11:29
^c1 Cor. 6:11
^dJohn 17:22; 1 Cor. 2:7; Rom. 8:21; 9:23

31 ^aRom. 3:5; 4:1 bPs. 118:6; Matt. 1:23

32 ^aJohn 3:16; Rom. 5:8
^bRom. 4:25

33 ^aLuke 18:7 bIs. 50:8f.

34 ¹Some ancient mss. read, raised from the dead
^aRom. 8:1
^bRom. 5:6f.
^cActs 2:24
^dMark 16:19
^eHeb. 7:25; Rom. 8:27; Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1

35 ¹Some ancient mss. read, God
^aRom. 8:37f.
^bRom. 2:9; 2 Cor. 4:8
^c1 Cor. 4:11; 2 Cor. 11:26f.

36 ^aPs. 44:22; 1 Cor. 4:9; 15:30f.; 2 Cor. 1:9; 4:10f.; 6:9; 11:23; Acts 20:24

37 ^a1 Cor. 15:57; John 16:33
^bGal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2; Rev. 1:5

38 ^a1 Cor. 3:22
^b1 Cor. 15:24; Eph. 1:21; 1 Pet. 3:22
^c1 Cor. 3:22

39 ^aRom. 5:8
^bRom. 8:1
¹2 Cor. 11:10; Gal. 1:20; 1 Tim. 2:7; Rom. 1:9

3 ¹Lit., pray
^aEx. 32:32
^b1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22; Gal. 1:8f.
^cRom. 11:14; Eph. 6:5; Rom. 1:3

4 ^aRom. 9:6
^bEx. 4:22; Rom. 8:15
^cEx. 40:34; 1 Kin. 8:11; Ezek. 1:28; Heb. 9:5
^dGen. 17:2; Deut. 29:14; Eph. 2:12; Luke 1:72; Acts 3:25
^eDeut. 4:13f.; Ps. 147:19
^fHeb. 9:1, 6; Deut. 7:6; 14:1f.
^gActs 2:39; 13:32; Eph. 2:12

5 ¹I.e., the Messiah
²Lit., unto the ages
^aRom. 11:28; Acts 3:13
^bMatt. 1:1-16; Rom. 1:3
^cCol. 1:16-19
^dJohn 1:1; Col. 2:9
^eRom. 1:25

6 ^aNum. 23:19 ^bRom. 2:28f.; Gal. 6:16; John 1:47

7 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aGal. 4:23; John 8:33, 39
^bGen. 21:12; Heb. 11:18

8 ¹Lit., *seed*
^aRom. 8:14 ^bRom. 4:13, 16;
Gal. 3:29; 4:28; Heb. 11:11

9 ^aGen. 18:10

10 ^aRom. 5:3 ^bGen. 25:21

11 ^aRom. 8:28; 4:17

12 ^aGen. 25:23

13 ^aMal. 1:2f.

14 ^aRom. 3:5 ^{b2}Chr. 19:7;
Rom. 2:11 ^cLuke 20:16

15 ^aEx. 33:19

16 ^aGal. 2:2 ^bEph. 2:8

17 ¹Lit., *in*
^aEx. 9:16

18 ^aEx. 4:21; 7:3; 9:12;
10:20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 17;
Deut. 2:30; Josh. 11:20; John
12:40; Rom. 11:7, 25

19 ^aRom. 11:19; 1 Cor.
15:35; James 2:18 ^bRom. 3:7
^{c2}Chr. 20:6; Job 9:12; Dan.
4:35

20 ^aRom. 2:1 ^bJob. 33:13
^{c1s}. 29:16; 45:9; 64:8; Jer.
18:6; 2 Tim. 2:20; Rom.
9:22f.

21 ¹Lit., *for honor* ²Lit., *for
dishonor*

22 ^aRom. 2:4 ^bProv. 16:4;
1 Pet. 2:8

23 ^aRom. 2:4; Eph. 3:16
^bActs 9:15 ^cRom. 8:29f.

24 ^aRom. 8:28 ^bRom. 3:29

25 ^aHos. 2:23; 1 Pet. 2:10

26 ^aHos. 1:10

6 But it is not as though ^athe word of God has failed.
^bFor they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel;

7 neither are they all children ^abecause they are Abraham's ¹descendants, but: "^bTHROUGH ISAAC YOUR ¹DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are ^achildren of God, but the ^bchildren of the promise are regarded as ¹descendants.

9 For this is a word of promise: "^aAT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

10 ^aAnd not only this, but there was ^bRebekah also, when she had conceived *twins* by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for though *the twins* were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that ^aGod's purpose according to *His* choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls,

12 it was said to her, "^aTHE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

13 Just as it is written, "^aJACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

14 ^aWhat shall we say then? ^bThere is no injustice with God, is there? ^cMay it never be!

15 For He says to Moses, "^aI WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

16 So then it *does not depend* on the man who wills or the man who ^aruns, but on ^bGod who has mercy.

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "^aFOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED ¹THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He ^ahardens whom He desires.

19 ^aYou will say to me then, "^bWhy does He still find fault? For ^cwho resists His will?"

20 On the contrary, who are you, ^aO man, who ^banswers back to God? ^cThe thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel ¹for honorable use, and another ²for common use?

22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much ^apatience vessels of wrath ^bprepared for destruction?

23 And *He did so* in order that He might make known ^athe riches of His glory upon ^bvessels of mercy, which He ^cprepared beforehand for glory,

24 *even us*, whom He also ^acalled, ^bnot from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

25 As He says also in Hosea,

"^aI WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,'

AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'"

26 "^aAND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE.'

THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF ^bTHE LIVING GOD."

27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "a**THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE ^bAS THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS ^cTHE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;**

28 **aFOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD UPON THE EARTH, ¹THOROUGHLY AND ²QUICKLY."**

29 And just as Isaiah foretold,

"**aEXCEPT ^bTHE LORD OF ¹SABAOOTH HAD LEFT TO US A ²POSTERITY,**

cWE WOULD HAVE BECOME AS SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE ³RESEMBLED GOMORRAH."

30 **aWhat shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even ^bthe righteousness which is ¹by faith;**

31 **but Israel, ^apursuing a law of righteousness, did not ^barrive at *that* law.**

32 **Why? Because *they did not pursue it* ¹by faith, but as though *it were* ¹by works. They stumbled over ^aTHE STUMBLING-STONE,**

33 just as it is written,

"**aBEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE,**

bAND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM ^cWILL NOT BE ¹DISAPPOINTED."

CHAPTER 10. *THE*

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.

2 For I bear them witness that they have ^aa zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

3 For not knowing about ^aGod's righteousness, and ^bseeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For ^aChrist is the ¹end of the law for righteousness to ^beveryone who believes.

5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is ¹based on law ^ashall live ²by that righteousness.

6 But ^athe righteousness ¹based on faith speaks thus, "**bDO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down),**

7 **or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ^aABYSS?' (that is, to ^bbring Christ up from the dead)."**

8 But what does it say? "**aTHE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART**"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

9 ¹that ^aif you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and ^bbelieve in your heart that ^cGod raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

10 for with the heart man believes, ¹resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, ²resulting in salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "**aWHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE ¹DISAPPOINTED."**

12 For ^athere is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for

26 ^bMatt. 16:16

27 ^aIs. 10:22 ^bGen. 22:17; Hos. 1:10 ^cRom. 11:5

28 ¹Lit., *finishing it* ²Lit., *cutting it short* ^aIs. 10:23

29 ¹i.e., *Hosts* ²Lit., *seed* ³Lit., *been made like* ^aIs. 1:9 ^bJames 5:4 ^cDeut. 29:23; Is. 13:19; Jer. 49:18; 50:40; Amos 4:11

30 ¹Lit., *out of* ^aRom. 9:14 ^bRom. 10:6; Gal. 2:16; 3:24; Phil. 3:9; Heb. 11:7; Rom. 1:17; 3:21f.

31 ^aIs. 51:1; Rom. 10:2f.; 11:7; 9:30; 10:20 ^bGal. 5:4

32 ¹Lit., *out of* ^aIs. 8:14; 1 Pet. 2:6, 8

33 ¹Lit., *put to shame* ^aIs. 28:16 ^bRom. 10:11 ^cRom. 5:5

2 ^aActs 21:20

3 ^aRom. 1:17 ^bIs. 51:1; Rom. 10:2f.; 11:7; 8:30; 10:20

4 ¹Or, *goal* ^aCal. 3:24; 4:5; Rom. 7:1-4 ^bRom. 3:22

5 ¹Lit., *out of, from* ²Lit., *by it* ^aLev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:11, 13, 21; Rom. 7:10

6 ¹Lit., *out of, from* ^aRom. 9:30 ^bDeut. 30:12f.

7 ^aLuke 8:31 ^bHeb. 13:20

8 ^aDeut. 30:14

9 ¹Or, *because* ^aMatt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; Rom. 14:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11 ^bRom. 4:24; Acts 16:31 ^cActs 2:24

10 ¹Lit., *to righteousness* ²Lit., *to salvation*

11 ¹Lit., *put to shame* ^aIs. 28:16; Rom. 9:33

12 ^aRom. 3:22, 29

12 ^bActs 10:36 ^cRom. 3:29

13 ^aJoel 2:32; Acts 2:21

14 ^aEph. 2:17; 4:21 ^bActs 8:31; Titus 1:3

15 ¹Or, *preach the gospel*
^aIs. 52:7 ^bRom. 1:15; 15:20

16 ¹Lit., *gospel*
^aRom. 3:3 ^bIs. 53:1; John 12:38

17 ¹Or, *concerning Christ*
^aGal. 3:2, 5 ^bCol. 3:16

18 ¹Or, *inhabited earth*
^aPs. 19:4; Col. 1:6, 23;
1 Thess. 1:8; Rom. 1:8

19 ^aDeut. 32:21 ^bRom. 11:11, 14

20 ^aIs. 65:1; Rom. 9:30

21 ^aIs. 65:2

1 ¹Lit., *of the seed of Abraham*
^a1 Sam. 12:22; Jer. 31:37;
33:24-26 ^bLuke 20:16 ^c2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:5

2 ^aPs. 94:14 ^bRom. 8:29
^cRom. 6:16

3 ¹Gr., *soul-life*
^a1 Kin. 19:10

4 ¹Lit., *says*
^a1 Kin. 19:18

5 ¹Lit., *choice of grace*
^aRom. 9:27; 2 Kin. 19:4

6 ^aRom. 4:4

7 ¹Lit., *the election*
^aRom. 9:31 ^bMark 6:52;
2 Cor. 3:14; Rom. 11:25; 9:18

8 ^aIs. 29:10; Deut. 29:4;
Matt. 13:13f. 15 69: 22

the same *Lord* is ^bLord of ^call, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;

13 for ^a"WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him ^awhom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without ^ba preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, ^a"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO ^bBRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"

16 However, they ^adid not all heed the ^bglad tidings; for Isaiah says, ^b"LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

17 So faith *comes* from ^ahearing, and hearing by ^bthe word ^cof Christ.

18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have:

^a"THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH,
AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE ^bWORLD."

19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? At the first Moses says,

^a"I WILL ^bMAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION,
BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."

20 And Isaiah is very bold and says,

^a"I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT,
I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME."

21 But as for Israel he says, ^a"ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."

CHAPTER 11

I SAY then, God has not ^arejected His people, has He? ^bMay it never be! For ^cI too am an Israelite, ^da descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God ^ahas not rejected His people whom He ^bforeknew. ^cOr do you not know what the Scripture says in *the passage about Elijah*, how he pleads with God against Israel?

3 "Lord, ^aTHEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY ^bLIFE."

4 But what ^bis the divine response to him? ^a"I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL."

5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time ^aa remnant according to *God's* ^bgracious choice.

6 But ^aif it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

7 What then? That which ^aIsrael is seeking for, it has not obtained, but ^bthose who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were ^bhardened;

8 just as it is written,

^a"GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."

9 And David says,

^aLET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE and a trap,
AND A STUMBLING-BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO
THEM.

10 ^aLET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,
AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."

11 ^aI say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they?
^bMay it never be! But by their transgression ^csalvation *has*
come to the Gentiles, to ^dmake them jealous.

12 Now if their transgression be riches for the world and
their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will
their ^{1a}fulfillment be!

13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch
then as ^aI am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

14 if somehow I might ^amove to jealousy ^bmy ¹fellow-
countrymen and ^csave some of them.

15 For if their rejection be the ^areconciliation of the
world, what will *their* acceptance be but ^blife from the dead?

16 And if the ^afirst piece of *dough* be holy, the lump is
also; and if the root be holy, the branches are too.

17 But if some of the ^abranches were broken off, and ^byou,
being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became
partaker with them of the ¹rich root of the olive tree,

18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are
arrogant, *remember that* ^ait is not you who supports the root,
but the root *supports* you.

19 ^aYou will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I
might be grafted in."

20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief,
and you ^astand *only* by your faith. ^bDo not be conceited, but
fear;

21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither
will He spare you.

22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those
who fell, severity, but to you, God's ^akindness, ^bif you continue
in His kindness; otherwise you also ^cwill be cut off.

23 And they also, ^aif they do not continue in their unbel-
ief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild
olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated
olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural
branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For ^aI do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of
this ^bmystery, lest you be ^cwise in your own estimation, that a
partial ^dhardening has happened to Israel until the ^efulness of
the Gentiles has come in;

26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

"^aTHE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

27 "^aAND THIS IS ¹MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

28 ¹From the standpoint of the gospel they are ^aenemies
for your sake, but ²from the standpoint of God's choice they
are beloved for ^bthe sake of the fathers;

29 for the gifts and the ^acalling of God ^bare irrevocable;

30 For just as you once were disobedient to God but now
have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

9 ^aPs. 69:22f.

10 ^aPs. 69:23

11 ^aRom. 11:1 ^bLuke 20:16
^cActs 28:28 ^dRom. 11:14

12 ¹Or, *fulness*
^aRom. 11:25

13 ^aActs 9:15

14 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aRom. 11:11 ^bRom. 9:3;
Gen. 29:14; 2 Sam. 19:12f.
^c1 Cor. 7:16; 9:22; 1 Tim.
1:5; 2:4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus
3:5; 1 Cor. 1:21

15 ^aRom. 5:11 ^bLuke 15:24,
32 *καρπὸν ἐστὶν*
τῆς ἁγίας ἐκκλησίας
16 ^aNum. 15:18ff.; Neh.
10:37; Ezek. 44:30

17 ¹Lit., *root of the fatness*
^aJer. 11:16; John 15:2 ^bEph.
2:11f.

18 ^aJohn 4:22

19 ^aRom. 9:19

20 ^a2 Cor. 1:24; 1 Cor.
10:12; Rom. 5:2 ^bRom.
12:16; 1 Tim. 6:17; 1 Pet.
1:17

22 ^aRom. 2:4 ^b1 Cor. 15:2;
Heb. 3:6, 14 ^cJohn 15:2

23 ^a2 Cor. 3:16

25 ^aRom. 1:13 ^bRom.
16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7-10; Eph.
3:3-5, 9; Matt. 13:11 ^cRom.
12:16 ^dRom. 11:7 ^eRom.
11:12; Luke 21:24; John
10:16

26 ^aIs. 59:20, 21

27 ¹Lit., *the covenant from*
Me
^aIs. 27:9; Heb. 8:10, 12

28 ¹Lit., *according to the*
gospel ²Lit., *according to*
the election
^aRom. 5:10 ^bRom. 9:5; Deut.
7:8; 10:15

29 ^a1 Cor. 1:26; Eph. 1:18;
4:1, 4; Phil. 3:14; 2 Thess.
1:11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Heb. 3:1;
2 Pet. 1:10; Rom. 8:28 ^bHeb.
7:21

32 *Gal. 3:22f.; Rom. 3:9

33 ¹Or, and the wisdom
*Eph. 3:8; Rom. 2:4 ^bCol.
2:3; Eph. 3:10 ^cJob 5:9; 11:7;
15:8

34 *Is. 40:13f.; 1 Cor. 2:16

35 ¹Lit., and it will be paid
back
²Job 37:7; 41:11

36 ¹Lit., to the ages
*1 Cor. 8:6; 11:12; Col. 1:16;
*Heb. 2:10 ^bRom. 16:27; Eph.
3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17;
2 Tim. 4:18; 1 Pet. 4:11;
5:11; 2 Pet. 3:18; Jude 25;
Rev. 1:6; 5:13; 7:12

¹Or, well-pleasing ²Or,
rational
*1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:2;
Eph. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:11 ^bRom.
6:13, 16, 19; 1 Cor. 6:20;
Heb. 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:5

²Or, age ²Or, well-
pleasing
*1 Pet. 1:14 ^bMatt. 13:22;
Gal. 1:4; 1 John 2:15 ^cTitus
3:5; Eph. 4:23 ^dEph. 5:10, 17;
Col. 1:9

³*Rom. 15:15; 1 Cor.
3:10; 15:10; Gal. 2:9; Eph.
3:7f.; Rom. 1:5 ^bRom. 11:20;
12:16; ^c1 Cor. 7:17; 2 Cor.
10:13; Eph. 4:7; 1 Pet. 4:11

⁴*1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph.
4:4, 16

⁵*1 Cor. 10:17; 33 ^b1 Cor.
12:20, 27; Eph. 4:12, 25

⁶*1 Cor. 7:7; 12:4-1 Pet.
4:10f.; Rom. 12:3 ^b1 Cor.
12:10; Acts 13:1

⁷Or, office of service
*1 Cor. 12:5, 28; Acts 6:1
^b1 Cor. 12:28; 14:26; Acts
13:1

⁸Or, simplicity ²Or,
gives aid
^aActs 4:36; 11:23; 13:15
^b2 Cor. 8:2; 9:11, 13 ^c1 Tim.
5:17; 1 Cor. 12:28 ^d2 Cor. 9:7

⁹*2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5
^b1 Thess. 5:21f.

¹⁰Or, outdo one another
in showing honor

*1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1;
2 Pet. 1:7; John 13:34 ^bPhil.
2:3; Rom. 13:7; 1 Pet. 2:17

¹¹*Acts 18:25 ^bActs 20:19

¹²*Rom. 5:2 ^bHeb. 10:32,
36 ^cActs 1:14

¹³¹I.e., true believers; lit.,
holies ²Lit., pursuing
*Rom. 15:25; 1 Cor. 16:15;
2 Cor. 9:1; Heb. 6:10
^b1 Tim. 3:2; Matt. 25:35

¹⁴Some ancient mss.
omit you
*Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:28;
1 Cor. 4:12

¹⁵*Job 30:25; Heb. 13:3

¹⁶Or, accommodate
yourself to lowly things
*Rom. 15:5; 2 Cor. 13:11;
Phil. 2:2; 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:8
^bRom. 12:3; Rom. 11:20
^cRom. 11:25; Prov. 3:7

31 so these also now have been disobedient, in order that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.

32 For ^aGod has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.

33 Oh the depth of ^athe riches ¹both of the ^bwisdom and knowledge of God! ^cHow unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

34 FOR ^aWHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

35 OR ^aWHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM ¹THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

36 For ^afrom Him and through Him and to Him are all things. ^bTo Him be the glory ¹forever. Amen.

CHAPTER 12

^a**I** URGE you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to ^bpresent your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, ¹acceptable to God, *which* is your ²spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not ^abe conformed to ^bthis ¹world, but be transformed by the ^crenewing of your mind, that you may ^dprove what the will of God is, that which is good and ²acceptable and perfect.

3 For through ^athe grace given to me I say to every man among you ^bnot to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to ^ceach a measure of faith.

4 For ^ajust as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,

5 so we, ^awho are many, are ^bone body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 And since we have gifts that ^adiffer according to the grace given to us, *let each exercise them according to*: if ^bprophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

7 if ¹service, in his serving; or he who ^bteaches, in his teaching;

8 or he who ^aexhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with ^bliberality; ^che who ²leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with ^dcheerfulness.

9 Let ^alove be without hypocrisy. ^bAbhor what is evil; cleave to what is good.

10 Be ^adevoted to one another in brotherly love; ¹give preference to one another ^bin honor;

11 not lagging behind in diligence, ^afervent in spirit, ^bserving the Lord;

12 ^arejoicing in hope, ^bpersevering in tribulation, ^cdevoted to prayer,

13 ^acontributing to the needs of the ¹saints, ²practicing hospitality.

14 ^aBless those who persecute ¹you; bless and curse not.

15 ^aRejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

16 ^aBe of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, ^bbut ¹associate with the lowly. ^cDo not be wise in your own estimation.

17 ^aNever pay back evil for evil to anyone. ^bRespect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, ^aso far as it depends on you, ^bbe at peace with all men.

19 ^aNever take your own revenge, beloved, but ¹leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, ^b"VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAYS THE LORD."

20 ^a"BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR ^bIN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHAPTER 13

LET every ^{1a}person be in ^bsubjection to the governing authorities. For ^cthere is no authority except ²from God, and those which exist are established by God.

2 Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

3 For ^arulers are not a cause of fear for ¹good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an ^aavenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

5 Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also ^afor conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

7 ^aRender to all what is due them: ^btax to whom tax is due; ^ccustom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 OWE nothing to anyone except to love one another; for ^ahe who loves ¹his neighbor has fulfilled *the law*.

9 For this, ^a"YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVEY," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, ^b"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

10 Love ^{1a}does no wrong to a neighbor; ^alove therefore is the fulfillment of *the law*.

11 And this *do*, knowing the time, that it is ^aalready the hour for you to ^bawaken from sleep; for now ¹salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

12 ^aThe night is almost gone, and ^bthe day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside ^cthe deeds of darkness and put on ^dthe armor of light.

13 Let us ^{1a}behave properly as in the day, ^bnot in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

14 But ^aput on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh ^bin regard to its lusts.

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *take thought for* ^aProv. 20:22; 24:29; Rom. 12:19 ^{b2} Cor. 8:21

¹⁸ ^aRom. 1:15 ^bMark 9:50; Rom. 14:19

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *give a place* ^aProv. 20:22; 24:29; Rom. 12:17 ^bDeut. 32:35; Heb. 10:30; 1 Thess. 4:6; Ps. 94:1

²⁰ ^aProv. 25:21f.; Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27 ^{b2} Kin. 6:22

¹ ¹Lit., *soul* ²Lit., *by* ^aActs 2:41 ^bTitus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13f. ^c[John 19:11; Dan. 2:21; 4:17

³ ¹Lit., *the good work* ^{a1} Pet. 2:14

⁴ ^{a1} Thess. 4:6

⁵ ^{a1} Pet. 2:19; 1 Pet. 2:13; Eccl. 8

⁷ ^aMatt. 22:21 ^bLuke 20:22; 23:2 ^cMatt. 17:25

⁸ ¹Lit., *the other* ^aMatt. 22:39f.; Gal. 5:14; Rom. 13:10; Matt. 7:12; John 13:34; James 2:8

⁹ ^aEx. 20:13ff.; Deut. 5:17f. ^bLev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *works no evil* ^aMatt. 22:39f.; Gal. 5:14; Rom. 13:8; Matt. 7:12; John 13:34; James 2:8

¹¹ ¹Or, *our salvation is nearer than when ...* ^{a1} Cor. 7:29f.; 10:11; James 5:8; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:9, 11; 1 John 2:18; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 ^{b1} John 2:18; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 ^cEph. 5:11 ^{d2} Cor. 6:7; 10:4; Eph. 6:11, 13; 1 Thess. 5:8

¹² ^{a1} Cor. 7:29f.; 10:11; James 5:8; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:9, 11; 1 John 2:18; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 ^bHeb. 10:25; 1 John 2:8; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 ^cEph. 5:11 ^{d2} Cor. 6:7; 10:4; Eph. 6:11, 13; 1 Thess. 5:8

¹³ ¹Lit., *walk* ^{a1} Thess. 4:12 ^bLuke 21:34; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet. 4:3

¹⁴ ^aGal. 3:27; Job 29:14; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10, 12 ^bGal. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11

CHAPTER 14

1 ^aRom. 14:3; 15:7; Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15 ^bRom. 14:2; Rom. 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff.; 9:22

2 ^aRom. 14:14 ^bRom. 14:1; 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff.; 9:22

3 ^aRom. 14:10; Luke 18:9 ^bCol. 2:16; Rom. 14:10, 13 ^cRom. 14:1; 15:7; Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15

4 ¹Or, *house-servant* ²Lit., *lord*
^aJames 4:12; Rom. 9:20

5 ¹Lit., *judges*
^aGal. 4:10 ^bRom. 4:21; Luke 1:1; Rom. 14:23

6 ¹Lit., *eats*
^a1 Cor. 10:30; 1 Tim. 4:3f.; Matt. 14:19

7 ^a2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20f.; Rom. 8:38

8 ^aPhil. 1:20; 1 Thess. 5:10; Rev. 14:13; Luke 20:38

9 ^aRev. 1:18; 2:8 ^bPhil. 2:11; Matt. 28:18; John 12:24; 1 Thess. 5:10

10 ^aRom. 14:3; Luke 18:9 ^bRom. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:10

11 ¹Or, *confess*
^aIs. 45:23 ^bPhil. 2:10f.

12 ^aMatt. 12:36; 1 Pet. 4:5; Matt. 16:27

13 ^aRom. 14:3; Matt. 7:1 ^b1 Cor. 8:13

14 ^aRom. 14:2, 20; Acts 10:15 ^b1 Cor. 8:7

15 ^aEph. 5:2 ^b1 Cor. 8:11; Rom. 14:20

16 ¹Lit., *blasphemed*
^a1 Cor. 10:30; Titus 2:5

17 ^a1 Cor. 8:8 ^bGal. 5:22; Rom. 15:13

18 ^aRom. 16:18 ^b2 Cor. 8:21; Phil. 4:8; 1 Pet. 2:12

19 ¹Many ancient mss. read, *we pursue*
^aPs. 34:14; 1 Cor. 7:15; 2 Tim. 2:22; Heb. 12:14; Rom. 12:18 ^bRom. 15:2; 1 Cor. 10:23; 14:3f., 26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12, 29

20 ¹Lit., *with offense*
^aRom. 14:15 ^bRom. 14:2, 14; Acts 10:15 ^c1 Cor. 8:9-12

NOW accept the one who is ^bweak in faith, *but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.*

2 ^aOne man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is ^bweak eats vegetables *only*.

3 Let not him who eats ^aregard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat ^bjudge him who eats, for God has ^caccepted him.

4 ^aWho are you to judge the ¹servant of another? To his own ²master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 ^aOne man ¹regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Let each man be ^bfully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, ¹does so for the Lord, for he ^agives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

7 For not one of us ^alives for himself, and not one dies for himself;

8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore ^awhether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end ^aChrist died and lived *again*, that He might be ^bLord both of the dead and of the living.

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you ^aregard your brother with contempt? For ^bwe shall all stand before the judgment-seat of God.

11 For it is written,

“^aAS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, ^bEVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,

AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL ¹GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.”

12 So then ^aeach one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Therefore let us not ^ajudge one another any more, but rather determine this — ^bnot to put an obstacle or a stumbling-block in a brother's way.

14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that ^anothing is unclean in itself; but to him who ^bthinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer ^awalking according to love. ^bDo not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.

16 Therefore ^ado not let what is for you a good thing be ¹spoken of as evil;

17 for the kingdom of God ^ais not eating and drinking, but righteousness and ^bpeace and ^cjoy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who in this way ^aserves Christ is ^bacceptable to God and approved by men.

19 So then ¹let us ^apursue the things which make for peace and the ^bbuilding up of one another.

20 ^aDo not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. ^bAll things indeed are clean, but ^cthey are evil for the man who eats ¹and gives offense.

21 ^aIt is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles.

22 The faith which you have, have ¹as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who ^adoes not condemn himself in what he approves.

23 But ^ahe who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

CHAPTER 15

NOW we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of ^athose without strength and not just please ourselves.

2 Let each of us ^aplease his neighbor ¹for his good, to his edification.

3 For even ^aChrist did not please Himself; but as it is written, ^b"THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED THEM FELL UPON ME."

4 ¹For ^awhatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 Now may the ^aGod ¹who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you ^bto be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;

6 that with one accord you may with one ¹voice glorify ^athe God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore, ¹accept one another, just as Christ also accepted ¹us to the glory of God.

8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to ^athe circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm ^bthe promises given to the fathers,

9 and for ^athe Gentiles to ^bglorify God for His mercy; as it is written,

"^cTHEREFORE I WILL ¹GIVE PRAISE TO THEE AMONG THE GENTILES,
AND I WILL SING TO THY NAME."

10 And again he says,

"^aREJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE."

11 And again,

"^aPRaise THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES,
AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM."

12 And again Isaiah says,

"^aTHERE SHALL COME ^bTHE ROOT OF JESSE,
AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES;
IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE."

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all ^ajoy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope ^bby the power of the Holy Spirit.

14 And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of ^agoodness, filled with ^ball knowledge, and able also to admonish one another,

15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points, so as to remind you again, because of ^athe grace that was given me ¹from God,

16 to be ^aa minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the ^bgospel of God, that my ^coffering of the

21 ^a1 Cor. 8:13

22 ¹Lit., according to yourself
^a1 John 3:21

23 ^aRom. 14:5

¹Rom. 14:1; Gal. 6:2;
¹Thess. 5:14

²Lit., for what is good to edification
^a1 Cor. 10:33; 1 Cor. 9:22; 10:24; 2 Cor. 13:9
^bRom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 10:23; 14:3f., 26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12, 29

³2 Cor. 8:9
^bPs. 69:9

⁴Rom. 4:23f.; 2 Tim. 3:16

⁵Lit., of perseverance
^a2 Cor. 1:3
^bRom. 12:16

⁶Lit., mouth
^aRev. 1:6

⁷Some mss. read, you
^aRom. 14:1

⁸Matt. 15:24; Acts 3:26
^bRom. 4:16; 2 Cor. 1:20

⁹Or, confess
^aRom. 3:29; 11:30
^bMatt. 9:8
^cPc. 18:49 [or 2 Sam. 22:50]

¹⁰Deut. 32:43

¹¹Ps. 117:1

¹²Is. 11:10
^bRev. 5:5; 22:16
^cMatt. 12:21

¹³Rom. 14:17
^bRom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 24; 1 Thess. 1:5

¹⁴Eph. 5:9; 2 Thess. 1:11
^b1 Cor. 1:5; 13:2; 1 Cor. 8:1, 7, 10; 12:8

¹⁵Some mss. read, by God
^aRom. 12:3

¹⁶Rom. 11:13; Acts 9:15
^bRom. 15:19, 20; 1:1
^cEph. 5:2; Phil. 2:17; Rom. 12:1

17 ^aPhil. 3:3 ^bHeb. 2:17; 5:1

18 ¹Or, which Christ has not accomplished ²Lit., to the obedience
^aActs 15:12; 21:19; Rom. 1:5; 2 Cor. 3:5

19 ¹Or, attesting miracles ²Lit., fulfilled
^aJohn 4:48 ^bRom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5 ^cActs 22:17-21 ^dActs 20:1f.

20 ^aRom. 1:15; 10:15; 15:16
^b2 Cor. 10:15f.; 1 Cor. 3:10

21 ^aIs. 52:15

22 ^aRom. 1:13; 1 Thess. 2:18

23 ^aActs 19:21; Rom. 1:10f.; 15:29, 32

24 ¹Lit., in part
^aRom. 1:15; 28 ^bActs 15:3
^cRom. 1:12

25 ¹E., true believers; lit., holy ones
^aActs 19:21 ^bActs 24:17

26 ¹Note vs. 25
^a1 Cor. 16:5; 2 Cor. 1:16; 2:13; 7:5; 8:1; 9:2, 4; 11:9; Phil. 4:15; 1 Thess. 1:7f.; 4:10; 1 Tim. 1:3; Acts 16:9
^bActs 18:12; 19:21

27 ^a1 Cor. 9:11

28 ¹Lit., sealed to them this fruit
^aJohn 3:33
^bRom. 15:24

29 ^aActs 19:21; Rom. 1:10f.; Rom. 15:23, 32

30 ^aGal. 5:22; Col. 1:8 ^bCol. 4:12; 2 Cor. 1:11

31 ¹Note vs. 25
^a2 Cor. 1:10; 2 Thess. 3:2; 2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17
^bRom. 15:25f.; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1 ^cActs 9:13, 15

32 ^aRom. 15:23 ^bRom. 1:10; Acts 18:21

33 ^aRom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20; 2 Thess. 3:16

¹Or, deaconess
^a2 Cor. 3:1 ^bActs 18:18

²E., true believers; lit., holy ones ²Lit., and of me, myself
^aPhil. 2:29 ^bActs 9:13, 15

³Acts 18:2 ^b2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:7, 9, 10; 8:1ff. ^cRom. 8:1

Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found ^areason for boasting in ^bthings pertaining to God.

18 For I will not presume to speak of anything ¹except what ^aChrist has accomplished through me, ²resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

19 in the power of ¹signs and ^awonders, ^bin the power of the Spirit; so that ^cfrom Jerusalem and round about as ^dfar as Illyricum I have ²fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And thus I aspired to ^apreach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, ^bthat I might not build upon another man's foundation;

21 but as it is written,

"^aTHEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,

AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."

22 For this reason ^aI have often been hindered from coming to you;

23 but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I ^ahave had for many years a longing to come to you

24 whenever I ^ago to Spain — for I hope to see you in passing, and to be ^bhelped on my way there by you, when I have first ^cenjoyed your company ¹for awhile —

25 but now, ^aI am going to Jerusalem ^bservicing the ¹saints.

26 For ^aMacedonia and ^bAchaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the ¹saints in Jerusalem.

27 Yes, they were pleased to *do so*, and they are indebted to them. For ^aif the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.

28 Therefore, when I have finished this, and ^ahave ¹put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will ^bgo on by way of you to Spain.

29 And I know that when ^aI come to you, I will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by ^athe love of the Spirit to ^bstrive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

31 that I may be ^adelivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that my* ^bservice for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the ¹saints;

32 so that ^aI may come to you in joy by ^bthe will of God and find *refreshing* rest in your company.

33 Now ^athe God of peace be with you all. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

I ^aCOMMEND to you our sister Phoebe, who is a ¹servant of the church which is at ^bCenchrea;

2 that you ^areceive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the ¹saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, ²and of myself as well.

3 Greet ^aPrisca and ^aAquila my fellow-workers ^bin ^cChrist Jesus,

4 who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

5 also greet ^athe church that is in their house. Greet Epacnetus my beloved, who is the ^bfirst convert to Christ from ^{1c}Asia.

6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.

7 Greet Andronicus and ¹Junias, my ^akinsmen, and my ^bfellow-prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were ^cin Christ before me.

8 Greet Ampliatus my beloved in the Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus our fellow-worker ^ain Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles the approved ^ain Christ. Greet ^bthose who are of the *household* of Aristobulus.

11 Greet Herodion my ^akinsman. ^bGreet those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.

13 Greet ^aRufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them.

15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all ^athe ¹saints who are with them.

16 ^aGreet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and ¹hindrances ^acontrary to the teaching which you learned, and ^bturn away from them.

18 For such men are ^aslaves not of our Lord Christ but of ^btheir own ¹appetites; and by their ^csmooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19 For the report of your obedience ^ahas reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but ^{b1} I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil.

20 And ^athe God of peace will soon crush ^bSatan under your feet.

^cThe grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

21 ^aTimothy my fellow-worker greets you; and so do ^bLucius and ^cJason and ^dSosipater, my ^ekinsmen.

22 I Tertius, who ^awrite this letter, greet you in the Lord.

23 ^aGaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. ^bErastus, the city treasurer greets you, and ²Quartus, the brother.

24 (See marginal note.¹)

25 ^aNow to Him who is able to establish you ^baccording to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of ^cthe mystery which has been kept secret for ^dlong ages past,

26 but now is manifested, and by ^athe Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to ^bobedience of faith;

27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, ^ato whom be the glory forever. Amen.

⁵ I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor
^{a1} Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philem. 2 ^{b1} Cor. 16:15
^cActs 16:6

⁷ ¹Or, *Junia* (fem.)
^aRom. 16:11, 21; 9:3 ^bCol. 4:10; Philem. 23 ^{c2} Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 9, 10; 8:11ff.

⁹ ² Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 7, 10; 8:11ff.

¹⁰ ² Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 7, 9; 8:11ff.
^{b1} Cor. 1:11

¹¹ ^aRom. 16:7, 21; 9:3
^{b1} Cor. 1:11

¹³ ^aMark 15:21

¹⁵ ¹Note 1, vs. 2
^aRom. 16:2, 14

¹⁶ ^{a1} Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26; 1 Pet. 5:14

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *occasions of stumbling*
^{a1} Tim. 1:3; 6:3 ^bGal. 1:8f.; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14; Titus 3:10; 2 John 10; Matt. 7:15

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *belly*
^aRom. 14:18 ^bPhil. 3:19
^cCol. 2:4; 2 Pet. 2:3

¹⁹ ^aRom. 1:8 ^{b1} Cor. 14:20; Matt. 10:16; Jer. 4:22

²⁰ ^aRom. 15:33 ^bMatt. 4:10
^{c1} Cor. 16:23; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; 1 Thess. 5:28; 2 Thess. 3:18; Rev. 22:21

²¹ ^aActs 16:1 ^bActs 13:1 [?]
^cActs 17:5 [?] ^dActs 20:4 [?]
^eRom. 16:7, 11; 9:3

²² ^{a1} Cor. 16:21; Gal. 6:11; Col. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17; Philem. 19

²³ ^{a1} Cor. 1:14; Acts 20:4
[?] ^bActs 19:22

²⁴ ¹Some ancient mss. add vs. 24, *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

²⁵ ^aEph. 3:20; Jude 24
^bRom. 2:16 ^{c1} Cor. 2:1, 7; 4:1; Eph. 1:9; 3:3, 9; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 2:2; 4:3; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 11:25; Matt. 13:35 ^{d2} Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2

²⁶ ^aRom. 1:2 ^bRom. 1:5

²⁷ ^aRom. 11:36

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE
CORINTHIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving. Exhortation to Unity.

PAUL, ^acalled as an apostle of Jesus Christ ^{1b}by ^bthe will of God, and ^cSosthenes our ^dbrother,

2 to ^athe church of God which is at ^bCorinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, ^{1a}saints ^bby calling, with all who in every place ^dcall upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

3 aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Grace comes before peace. Always.*

4 ^aI thank ^{1my} God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in everything you were ^aenriched in Him, in all ^bspeech and ^{all} knowledge,

6 even as ^athe testimony concerning Christ was confirmed ¹ⁱⁿ you,

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, ^aawaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 ^awho shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in ^bthe day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, through whom you were ^bcalled into ^cfellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now ^aI exhort you, ^bbrethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all ^{1a}agree, and there be no ^{2c}divisions among you, but you be ³made complete in ^dthe same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by ^aChloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you.

12 Now I mean this, that ^aeach one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of ^bApollos," and "I of ^cCephas," and "I of Christ."

13 ¹Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you ^abaptized in the name of Paul?

14 ¹I thank God that I ^abaptized none of you, except ^aCrispus and ^bGaius,

15 that no man should say you were baptized in my name.

16 Now I did baptize also the ^ahousehold of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 ^aFor Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, ^bnot in ^{1c}cleverness of speech, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.

18 For the word of the cross is to ^athose who ^{1a}are perishing ^bfoolishness, but to us who ^{2a}are being saved it is ^cthe power of God.

19 For it is written,

"^aI WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE,

AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

20 ^aWhere is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of ^bthis age? Has not God ^cmade foolish the wisdom of ^dthe world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God ^athe world through its

¹ Lit., through

^aRom. 1:1 ^bRom. 15:32;
² Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1;
² Tim. 1:1; Rom. 1:10;
² Cor. 8:5 ^cActs 18:17 ^dActs 1:15

² I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones

^a1 Cor. 10:32 ^bActs 18:1
^cRom. 1:7; 8:28 ^dActs 7:59

³ Rom. 1:7

⁴ Some ancient mss. omit my

^aRom. 1:8

⁵ ^a2 Cor. 9:11 ^b2 Cor. 8:7;
Rom. 15:14

⁶ Or, among

^a2 Tim. 1:8; 2 Thess. 1:10;
1 Tim. 2:6; Rev. 1:2

⁷ ^aRom. 8:19, 23; Phil.
3:20; Luke 17:30; 2 Pet. 3:12

⁸ ^aPhil. 1:6; Col. 2:7;
1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23; Rom.
8:19 ^b1 Cor. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14;
Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16; 1 Thess.
5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2; Luke 17:24,
30

⁹ ^aDeut. 7:9; Is. 49:7;
1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:18;
1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess. 3:3
^bRom. 8:28 ^c1 John 1:3

¹⁰ Lit., speak the same thing ² Lit., schisms ³ Or, united

^aRom. 12:1 ^bRom. 1:13
^c1 Cor. 11:18 ^dRom. 12:16;
Phil. 1:27

¹¹ ^aRom. 16:10f.

¹² ^a1 Cor. 3:4; Matt. 23:8-
10 ^bActs 18:24; 1 Cor. 3:22
^cJohn 1:42; 1 Cor. 3:22; 9:5;
15:5

¹³ Or, Christ has been divided; or, Christ is divided!

^aMatt. 28:19; Acts 2:38

¹⁴ Some ancient mss. read, I give thanks that ^aActs 18:8 ^bRom. 16:23

¹⁶ ^a1 Cor. 16:15 [17]

¹⁷ Lit., wisdom
^aJohn 4:2; Acts 10:48 ^b1 Cor.
2:1, 4, 13; 2 Cor. 10:10; 11:6

¹⁸ Or, perish ² Or, are saved

^a2 Cor. 2:15; 4:3; 2 Thess.
2:10; Acts 2:47 ^b1 Cor. 1:21,
23, 25; 2:14; 4:10 ^c1 Cor.
1:24; Rom. 1:16

¹⁹ ^aIs. 29:14

²⁰ ^aJob 12:17; Is. 19:11f.;
33:18 marg. ^bMatt. 13:22;
1 Cor. 2:6, 8; 3:18, 19 ^cRom.
1:20f. ^d1 Cor. 1:27f.; 6:2;
11:32; John 12:31; James 4:4

²¹ ^a1 Cor. 1:27f.; 6:2; 11:32;
John 12:31; James 4:4

wisdom did not *come* to know God, ^bGod was well pleased through the ^cfoolishness of the ¹message preached to ^dsave those who believe.

22 For indeed ^aJews ask for ¹signs, and Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but we preach ^{1a}Christ crucified, ^bto Jews a stumbling-block, and to Gentiles ^cfoolishness,

24 but to those who are ^athe called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ ^bthe power of God and ^cthe wisdom of God.

25 Because the ^afoolishness of God is wiser than men, and ^bthe weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ¹consider your ^acall, brethren, that there were ^bnot many wise according to ²the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

27 but ^aGod has chosen the foolish things of ^bthe world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of ^bthe world to shame the things which are strong,

28 and the base things of ^athe world and the despised, God has chosen, ^bthe things that are not, that He might ^cnullify the things that are,

29 that ^ano ¹man should boast before God.

30 But ¹by His doing you are in ^aChrist Jesus, who became to us ^bwisdom from God, ²and ^crighteousness and ^dsanctification, and ^eredemption,

31 that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

CHAPTER 2

AND when I came to you, brethren, I ^adid not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you ^bthe ¹testimony of God.

2 For I determined to know nothing among you except ^aJesus Christ, and Him crucified.

3 And I ^awas with you in ^bweakness and in ^cfear and in much trembling.

4 And my ¹message and my preaching were ^anot in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of ^bthe Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith should not ¹rest on the wisdom of men, but on ^athe power of God.

6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are ^aamature; a wisdom; however, not of ^bthis age, nor of the rulers of ^bthis age, who are ^cpassing away;

7 but we speak God's wisdom in a ^amystery, the hidden wisdom, which God ^bpredestined before the ^cages to our glory;

8 the wisdom ^awhich none of the rulers of ^bthis age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified ^cthe Lord of glory;

9 but just as it is written,

"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, [without man] ¹NEITHER ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN; ²ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

21 ¹Lit., *preaching*
^aGal. 1:15; Col. 1:19; Luke 12:32 ¹ Cor. 1:18, 23, 25; 2:14; 4:10 ¹ Tim. 4:16;
² Tim. 2:10; 3:15; 4:18; Heb. 7:25; James 3:20; Rom. 11:14

22 ¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aMatt. 12:38

23 ¹i.e., Messiah
^a1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 3:1; 5:11
^bLuke 2:34; 1 Pet. 2:8 ¹ Cor. 1:18, 21, 25; 2:14; 4:10

24 ^aRom. 8:28 ^b1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 1:16 ^cLuke 11:49; 1 Cor. 1:30

25 ^a1 Cor. 1:18, 21, 23; 2:14; 1 Cor. 4:10 ^b2 Cor. 13:4

26 ¹Lit., *see* ²Or, *human standards*
^aRom. 11:29 ^b1 Cor. 2:8; 1:20; Matt. 11:25

27 ^aJames 2:5 ^b1 Cor. 1:20

28 ^a1 Cor. 1:20 ^bRom. 4:17 ^c1 Cor. 2:6; Job 34:19; 2 Thess. 2:8; Heb. 2:14

29 ¹Lit., *flesh*
^aEph. 2:9

30 ¹Lit., *of Him* ²Or, *both*
^a1 Cor. 4:15; Rom. 8:1
^b1 Cor. 1:24 ^c2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9; Jer. 23:5f.; 33:16
^d1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11; 1 Thess. 5:23 ^eEph. 1:7, 14; Col. 1:4; Rom. 3:24

31 ^aJer. 9:23f.; 2 Cor. 10:17

1 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *mystery*
^a1 Cor. 2:4, 13; 1:17 ^b1 Cor. 2:7

2 ^aGal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:23

3 ^aActs 18:1, 6, 12 ^b1 Cor. 4:10; 2 Cor. 11:30; 12:5, 9f.; 13:9 ^cIs. 19:16; Eph. 6:5; 2 Cor. 7:15

4 ¹Lit., *word*
^a1 Cor. 2:1, 13; 1:17 ^bRom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 4:20

5 ¹Lit., *be*
^a2 Cor. 4:7; 6:7; 2 Cor. 12:9

6 ^aEph. 4:13; Phil. 3:15
margin; Heb. 5:14; 6:1 ^b1 Cor. 1:20; Matt. 13:22 ^c1 Cor. 1:28

7 ^a1 Cor. 2:1; Rom. 11:25; 16:25f. ^bRom. 8:29f. ^cHeb. 12; 11:3

8 ^a1 Cor. 2:6; 1:26 ^b1 Cor. 1:20; Matt. 13:22 ^cActs 7:2; James 2:1

9 ^aIs. 64:4; 65:17

10 ¹Some ancient mss. use. But ²for 164 of 170.
^aMatt. 11:25; 13:11; 16:17;
 Gal. 1:12; Eph. 3:3, 5 ^bJohn
 14:26 ^cRom. 11:33ff.

11 ^aProv. 20:27

12 ^aRom. 8:15 ^b1 Cor. 1:27

13 ¹Or, interpreting
 spiritual things to spiritual
 men

^a1 Cor. 1:17; 1 Cor. 2:1, 4

14 ¹Or, unspiritual ²Or,
 examined

^a1 Cor. 15:44, 46; James 3:15
 marg.; Jude 19 marg. ^bJohn
 14:17 ^c1 Cor. 1:18

15 ^a1 Cor. 3:1; 14:37; Gal.
 6:1

16 ^aIs. 40:13; Rom. 11:34
^bJohn 15:15

1 ^a1 Cor. 2:15; 14:37; Gal.
 6:1 ^bRom. 7:14; 1 Cor. 2:14
^cEph. 5:13; 1 Cor. 2:6; Eph.
 4:14

2 ^aHeb. 5:12f.; 1 Pet. 2:2
^bJohn 16:12

3 ¹Lit., according to man
^aRom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 1:10f.;
 11:18 ^b1 Cor. 3:4

4 ^a1 Cor. 1:12 ^b1 Cor. 3:3

5 ^a2 Cor. 6:4; Eph. 3:7;
 Col. 1:25; Rom. 15:16;
 2 Cor. 3:3, 6; 4:1; 5:18;
 1 Tim. 1:12 ^bRom. 12:6;
 1 Cor. 3:10

6 ^aActs 18:4-11, 18; 1 Cor.
 4:15, 9:1; 15:1; 2 Cor. 10:14f.
^bActs 18:27; 1 Cor. 1:12
^c1 Cor. 15:10

8 ¹Or, wages
^a1 Cor. 3:14; 1 Cor. 4:5; 9:17;
 Gal. 6:4

9 ¹Or, cultivated land
^aMark 16:20; 2 Cor. 6:1 ^bIs.
 61:3; Matt. 15:13 ^cEph. 2:20-
 22; Col. 2:7; 1 Pet. 2:5;
 1 Cor. 3:16

10 ^aRom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 15:10
^bRom. 15:20; 1 Cor. 3:11f.
^c1 Thess. 3:2

11 ^aIs. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:4ff.;
 Eph. 2:20

12 ¹Or, costly

13 ¹Lit., of what sort each
 man's work is
^a1 Cor. 4:5 ^b2 Thess. 1:7-10;
 2 Tim. 1:12, 18; 4:8; 1 Cor.
 1:8; Matt. 10:15; 1 Cor. 4:3
 marg.

14 ^a1 Cor. 3:8; 4:5; 9:17;
 Gal. 6:4

10 ^{1a}For to us God revealed *them* ^bthrough the Spirit; for
 the Spirit ^csearches all things, even the ^ddepths of God.

11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man
 except the ^aspirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the
thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we ^ahave received, not the spirit of ^bthe world, but
 the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things
 freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, ^anot in ^bwords taught by
 human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, ^ccombining
 spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual ^dwords.

14 But a ^anatural man ^bdoes not accept the things of the
 Spirit of God; for they are ^cfoolishness to him, and he cannot
 understand them, because they are ^dspiritually ^eappraised.

15 But he who is ^aspiritual appraises all things, yet he him-
 self is appraised by no man.

16 For ^aWHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE
 SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM? But ^bwe have the mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

AND I, brethren, could not speak to you as to ^aspiritual men,
 but as to ^bmen of flesh, as to ^cbabes in Christ.

2 I gave you ^amilk to drink, not solid food; for you ^bwere
 not yet able to *receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet
 able,

3 for you are still *fleshy*. For since there is ^ajealousy and
 strife among you, are you not ^bfleshy, and are you not walking
^blike mere men?

4 For when ^aone says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am
 of Apollos," are you not *mere* ^bmen?

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? ^aServants
 through whom you believed, even ^bas the Lord gave *opportu-
 nity* to each one.

6 ^aI planted, ^bApollos watered, but ^cGod was causing the
 growth.

7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who
 waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but
 each will ^areceive his own ^breward according to his own labor.

9 For we are God's ^afellow-workers; you are God's ^bfield,
 God's ^cbuilding.

10 According to ^athe grace of God which was given to me,
 as a wise masterbuilder ^bI laid a foundation, and ^canother is
 building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds
 upon it.

11 For no man can lay a ^afoundation other than the one
 which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if ^aany man builds upon the foundation with gold,
 silver, ^bprecious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 ^aeach man's work will become evident; for ^bthe day will
 show it, because it is ^cto be revealed with fire; and the fire itself
 will test ^dthe quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains,
 he shall ^areceive a reward.

15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet ^aso as through fire.

16 ^aDo you not know that ^byou are ^atemple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If any man destroys the ¹temple of God, God will destroy him, for the ¹temple of God is holy, and ²that is what you are.

18 ^aLet no man deceive himself. ^bIf any man among you thinks that he is wise in ^cthis age, let him become foolish that he may become wise.

19 For ^athe wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "^bHe is ^bTHE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS";

20 and again, "^aTHE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS."

21 So then ^alet no one boast in men. For ^ball things belong to you,

22 ^awhether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or ^blife or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,

23 and ^ayou belong to Christ; and ^bChrist belongs to God.

CHAPTER 4

LET a man regard us in this manner, as ^aservants of Christ, and ^bstewards of ^cthe mysteries of God.

2 In this case, moreover, it is required ¹of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

3 But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by *any* human ¹court; in fact, I do not even examine myself.

4 I ¹am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this ²acquitted; but the one who examines me is ³the Lord;

5 Therefore ^ado not go on ^bpassing judgment before ²the time, *but wait* ^buntil the Lord comes who will both ^cbring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's ^dpraise will come to him from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed ^awhat is written, in order that no one of you might ^bbecome ¹arrogant ^cin behalf of one against the other.

7 For who regards you as superior? And ^awhat do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are ^aalready filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and would indeed that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men ^acondemned to death; because we ^bhave become a spectacle to the world, ¹both to angels and to men.

10 We are ^afools for Christ's sake, but ^byou are prudent in Christ; ^cwe are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

11 To this present hour we are both ^ahungry and thirsty,

15 ^aJob 23:10; Ps. 66:10, 12; Jude 23

16 ¹Or, *sanctuary*
^aRom. 6:16 ^b1 Cor. 6:19;
²2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21f.;
Rom. 8:9

17 ¹Or, *sanctuary* ²Lit.,
which you are

18 ^aIs. 5:21 ^b1 Cor. 8:2; Gal.
6:3 ^c1 Cor. 1:20

19 ^a1 Cor. 1:20 ^bJob 5:13

20 ^aPs. 94:11

21 ^a1 Cor. 4:6 ^bRom. 8:32

22 ^a1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6
^bRom. 8:38

23 ^a1 Cor. 15:23; 2 Cor.
10:7; Gal. 3:29 ^b1 Cor. 11:3;
15:28

1 ^aLuke 1:2 ^b1 Cor. 9:17;
Titus 1:7; 1 Pet. 4:10 ^cRom.
11:25; 16:25

2 ¹Lit., *in*

3 ¹Lit., *day*

4 ^a2 Cor. 1:12; Acts 23:1
^bPs. 143:2; Rom. 2:13

5 ¹Lit., *judging anything*
i.e., the appointed time of
judgment
^aMatt. 7:1; Rom. 2:1 ^bRom.
2:16; John 21:22 ^c1 Cor. 3:13
^d2 Cor. 10:18; Rom. 2:29;
1 Cor. 3:8

6 ¹Lit., *puffed up*
^a1 Cor. 1:19, 31; 3:19f.
^b1 Cor. 4:18f.; 1 Cor. 8:1;
13:4 ^c1 Cor. 1:12; 3:4

7 ^aJohn 3:27; Rom. 12:3, 6;
1 Pet. 4:10

8 ^aRev. 3:17f.

9 ¹Or, *and to angels and
to men*
^a1 Cor. 15:31; 2 Cor. 11:23;
Rom. 8:36 ^bHeb. 10:33

10 ^a1 Cor. 1:18; Acts 17:18;
26:24 ^b2 Cor. 11:19; 1 Cor.
1:19f.; 3:18 ^c2 Cor. 13:9;
1 Cor. 2:3

11 ^aRom. 8:35; 2 Cor.
11:23-27

12 ^aActs 18:3 ^{b1} Pet. 3:9
^cJohn 15:20; Rom. 8:35

13 ¹Or, *console*
^aLam. 3:45

14 ^{a1} Cor. 6:5; 15:34
^{b2} Cor. 6:13; 12:14; 1 Thess.
 2:11; 1 John 2:1; 3 John 4

15 ^aGal. 3:24f. ^{b1} Cor. 1:30;
^cPhilom. 10; Gal. 4:19;
¹ Cor. 3:8; Num. 11:12
^{d1} Cor. 9:12, 14, 18, 23; 15:1

16 ^{a1} Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17;
 4:9; 1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Thess. 3:9

17 ^{a1} Cor. 16:10 ^bActs 16:1
^{c1} Tim. 1:2, 18; 2 Tim. 1:2;
¹ Cor. 4:14 ^{d1} Cor. 7:17;
 11:34; 14:33; 16:1; Titus 1:5

18 ¹Lit., *puffed up*
^{a1} Cor. 4:6 ^{b1} Cor. 4:21

19 ¹Lit., *word*
^{a1} Cor. 11:34; 16:5f.; 1 Cor.
 16:8; 2 Cor. 1:15f.; Acts
 19:21; 20:2 ^bActs 18:21
^{c1} Cor. 4:6

20 ¹Lit., *word*
^{a1} Cor. 2:4

21 ^{a2} Cor. 1:23; 2:1, 3;
 12:20; 13:2, 10

1 ^aLev. 18:8; Deut. 22:30;
 27:20

2 ¹Or, *have you ...* ²Lit.,
puffed up ³Or, *have*
you ... ⁴
^{a1} Cor. 4:6 ^{b2} Cor. 7:7-10
^{c1} Cor. 5:13

3 ^aCol. 2:5; 1 Thess. 2:17

4 ¹Lit., *my spirit, with the*
power
^{a2} Thess. 3:6 ^bJohn 20:23;
 2 Cor. 2:6, 10; 13:3, 10;
 1 Tim. 5:20

5 ¹Some ancient mss.
 omit, *Jesus*
^aLuke 22:31; 1 Tim. 1:20;
 Prov. 23:14 ^bMatt. 4:10
^{c1} Cor. 1:8

6 ^aJames 4:16; 1 Cor. 5:2
^bRom. 6:16 ^cGal. 5:9; Matt.
 16:6, 12; Hos. 7:4

7 ^aMark 14:12; 1 Pet. 1:19

8 ^aEx. 12:19; 13:7; Deut.
 16:3

9 ^{a2} Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11;
 2 Thess. 3:6

and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;

12 and we toil, ^aworking with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are ^cpersecuted, we endure;

13 when we are slandered, we try to ¹conciliate; we have ^abecome as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, *even* until now.

14 I do not write these things to ^ashame you, but to admonish you as my beloved ^bchildren.

15 For if you were to have countless ^atutors in Christ, yet you *would* not *have* many fathers; for in ^bChrist Jesus I ^cbecame your father through the ^dgospel.

16 I exhort you therefore, be ^aimitators of me.

17 For this reason I ^ahave sent to you ^bTimothy, who is my ^cbeloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, ^djust as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some have become ¹arrogant, as though I were not ^bcoming to you.

19 But I ^awill come to you soon, ^bif the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the ¹words of those who are ^carrogant, but their power.

20 For the kingdom of God does ^anot consist in ¹words, but in power.

21 What do you desire? ^aShall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

CHAPTER 5

IT is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has ^ahis father's wife.

2 And ¹you ^ahave become ²arrogant, and ³have not ^bmourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be ^cremoved from your midst.

3 For I, on my part, though ^aabsent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

4 ^aIn the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and ¹I with you in spirit, ^bwith the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 ~~I have decided to~~ ^adeliver such a one to ^bSatan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in ^cthe day of the Lord ¹Jesus.

6 ^aYour boasting is not good. ^bDo you not know that ^ca little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

7 Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our ^aPassover also has been sacrificed.

8 Let us therefore celebrate the feast, ^anot with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter ^anot to associate with immoral people;

10 I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this

world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with ^aidolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

11 But ¹actually, I wrote to you not to associate ²with any so-called ^abrother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or ^ban idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

12 For what have I to do with judging ^aoutsiders? ^bDo you not judge those who are within *the church*?

13 But those who are outside God ¹judges. ^aRemove the wicked man from among yourselves.

CHAPTER 6

DOES any one of you, when he has a ¹case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and ^anot before the ²saints?

2 Or ^ado you not know that ^bthe ¹saints will judge ^cthe world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to ²constitute the smallest law courts?

3 ^aDo you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

4 If then you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, ¹do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

5 ^aI say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his ^bbrethren,

6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before ^aunbelievers?

7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. ^aWhy not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

8 On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that *your* ^abrethren.

9 Or ^ado you not know that the unrighteous shall not ^binherit the kingdom of God? ^cDo not be deceived; ^dneither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor ¹effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall ^ainherit the kingdom of God.

11 And ^asuch were some of you; but you were ^bwashed, but you were ^csanctified, but you were ^djustified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 ^aAll things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

13 ^aFood is for the ¹stomach, and the ¹stomach is for food; but God will ^bdo away with both ²of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but ^cfor the Lord; and ^dthe Lord is for the body.

14 Now God has not only ^araised the Lord, but ^bwill also raise us up through His power.

15 ^aDo you not know that ^byour bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? ^cMay it never be!

16 Or ^ado you not know that the one who joins himself to

10 ^a1 Cor. 10:27

11 ¹Or, now I write ²Lit., together if any man called a brother should be
^a2 Thess. 3:6; Acts 1:15
^b1 Cor. 10:7, 14, 20f.

12 ^aMark 4:11 ^bCor. 5:3-5; 6:1-4

13 ¹Or, will judge
^a1 Cor. 5:2; Deut. 13:5; 17:7, 12; 21:21; 22:21

1 ¹Lit., matter ²I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones
^aMatt. 18:17

2 ¹Note 2, vs. 1 ²Or, try the trivial cases?
^aRom. 6:16 ^bMatt. 19:28; Dan. 7:18, 22, 27 ^c1 Cor. 1:20

3 ^aRom. 6:16

4 ¹Or, appoint them . . . church.

5 ^a1 Cor. 15:34; 4:14 ^bActs 1:15; 1 Cor. 6:1 and Acts 9:13

6 ^a2 Cor. 6:14f.; 1 Tim. 5:8

7 ^aMatt. 5:39f.

8 ^a1 Thess. 4:6

9 ¹I.e., effeminate, by perversion
^aRom. 6:16 ^b1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Acts 20:32 ^c1 Cor. 15:33; Gal. 6:7; James 1:16; Luke 21:8; 1 John 3:7 ^dRom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:10; Rev. 21:8; 22:15

10 ^a1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Acts 20:32

11 ^a1 Cor. 12:2; Eph. 2:2f.; Col. 3:5-7; Titus 3:3-7 ^bActs 22:16; Eph. 5:26 ^c1 Cor. 1:2, 30 ^dRom. 8:30

12 ^a1 Cor. 10:23

13 ¹Lit., belly ²Lit., it and them
^aMatt. 15:17 ^bCol. 2:22
^c1 Cor. 6:15, 19 ^dGal. 5:24; Eph. 5:23

14 ^aActs 2:24 ^b1 Cor. 15:23; John 6:39f.

15 ^a1 Cor. 6:3 ^b1 Cor. 6:13; Rom. 12:5; 12:27; Eph. 5:30
^cLuke 20:16

16 ^a1 Cor. 6:3

16 ^bGen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:8; Eph. 5:31

17 ^aJohn 17:21-23; Rom. 8:9-11; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 6:15

18 ¹Or, *one who practices immorality*
²2 Cor. 12:21; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9

19 ¹Or, *sanctuary* ²Or, *God? And you . . . own*
¹1 Cor. 6:3 ^bJohn 2:21 ^aRom. 14:7f.

20 ¹1 Cor. 7:23; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18f.; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rev. 5:9 ^bRom. 12:1; Phil. 1:20

1 ¹1 Cor. 7:8, 26

3 ¹Lit., *render*

5 ¹Lit., *be*
^aEx. 19:15; 1 Sam. 21:5
^bMatt. 4:10

6 ²2 Cor. 8:8

7 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *For*
¹1 Cor. 7:8; 9:5 ^b1 Cor. 12:4, 11; Rom. 12:6; Matt. 19:11f.

8 ¹1 Cor. 7:1, 26 ^b1 Cor. 7:7; 9:5

9 ¹i.e., *burn with passion*
¹1 Tim. 5:14

10 ¹Lit., *depart from*
¹1 Cor. 7:6; Mal. 2:16; Matt. 5:32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18

11 ¹Or, *leave his wife*

12 ¹Or, *leave her*
¹1 Cor. 7:6; 2 Cor. 11:17

13 ¹Or, *leave her husband*

14 ¹Lit., *the brother*
^aEzra 9:2; Mal. 2:15

15 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *you* ²Lit., *in*
^aRom. 14:19

16 ¹1 Pet. 3:1; Rom. 11:14

a harlot is one body *with her*? For He says, "bTHE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH."

17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is ^aone spirit *with Him*.

18 ^aFlee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the ¹immoral man sins against his own body.

19 Or ^ado you not know that ^byour body is a ¹temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from ²God, and that ^cyou are not your own?

20 For ^ayou have been ^{bought} with a price: therefore glorify God in ^byour body.

CHAPTER 7

NOW concerning the things about which you wrote, it is ^agood for a man not to touch a woman.

2 But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband ¹fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

5 ^aStop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and ¹come together again lest ^bSatan tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 But this I say by way of concession, ^anot of command.

7 Yet I wish that all men were ^aeven as I myself am. However, ^beach man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is ^agood for them if they remain ^aeven as I.

9 But if they do not have self-control, ^alet them marry; for it is better to marry than to ¹burn.

10 But to the married I give instructions, ^anot I, but the Lord, that the wife should not ¹leave her husband

11 (but if she does leave, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not ¹send his wife away.

12 But to the rest ^aI say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, let him not ¹send her away.

13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not ¹send her husband away.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through ¹her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are ^aholy.

15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called ¹us ^{2a}to peace.

16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will ^asave your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

17 Only, ^aas the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And ^bthus I direct in ^call the churches.

18 Was any man called *already* circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? ^aLet him not be circumcised.

19 ^aCircumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but *what matters* is ^bthe keeping of the commandments of God.

20 ^aLet each man remain in that ¹condition in which he was called.

21 Were you called while a slave? ¹Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather ²do that.

22 For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is ^athe Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is ^bChrist's slave.

23 ^aYou were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Brethren, ^alet each man remain with God in that *condition* in which he was called.

25 Now concerning virgins I have ^ano command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who ¹by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.

26 I think then that this is good in view of the ¹present ^adistress, that ^bit is good for a man ²to remain as he is.

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But if you should marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin should marry, she has not sinned. Yet such will have ¹trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, ^athe time has been shortened, so that from now on both those who have wives should be as though they had none;

30 and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess;

31 and those who use the world, as though they did not ^amake full use of it; for ^bthe form of this world is passing away.

32 But I want you to be free from ^cconcern! One who is ^aunmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his ¹wife,

34 and *his interests* are divided. And the woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but ¹to promote what is seemly, and *to secure* undistracted devotion to the Lord.

36 But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly toward his virgin *daughter*, if she should be of full age, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes, he does not sin; let ¹her marry.

37 But he who stands firm in his heart, ¹being under no

17 ^aRom. 12:3 ^{b1} Cor. 4:17
^{c1} Cor. 14:33; 11:16; 2 Cor.
8:18; 11:28; Gal. 1:22;
1 Thess. 2:14; 2 Thess. 1:4

18 ^aActs 15:1ff.

19 ^aGal. 5:6; 6:15; Col. 3:11;
Rom. 2:27; 29; Gal. 3:28
^bRom. 2:25

20 ¹Lit., *calling*
^{a1} Cor. 7:24

21 ¹Lit., *Let it not be a care*
to you ²Lit., *use*

22 ^aJohn 8:32, 36; Philem.
16 ^bEph. 6:6; Col. 3:24;
1 Pet. 2:16

23 ^{a1} Cor. 6:20

24 ^{a1} Cor. 7:20

25 ¹Lit., *has had mercy*
shown on him by the Lord to
be trustworthy
^{a1} Cor. 7:6 ^{b2} Cor. 4:1;
1 Tim. 1:13, 16

26 ¹Or, *impending* ²Lit., *so*
to be
^aLuke 21:23; 2 Thess. 2:2
^{b1} Cor. 7:1, 8

28 ¹Lit., *tribulation in the*
flesh

29 ^aRom. 13:11f.; 1 Cor.
7:31

31 ^{a1} Cor. 9:18 ^{b1} Cor.
7:29; 1 John 2:17

32 ^{a1} Tim. 5:5

33 ¹Some mss. read, *wife*.
And there is a difference
also between the wife and
the virgin. One who is
unmarried is concerned . . .

35 ¹Lit., *for what is seemly*

36 ¹Lit., *them*

37 ¹Lit., *having no*
necessity

37 ²Lit., *pertaining to* ¹Or. *virgin*

39 ¹Lit., *has fallen asleep*
^aRom. 7:2 ^{b2} Cor. 6:14

40 ¹ Cor. 7:6, 25

1 ¹Lit., *puffs up*
^{a1} Cor. 8:4, 7, 10; Acts 15:20
^{b1} Cor. 8:7, 10; 10:15; Rom.
15:14 ^{c1} Cor. 4:6 ^aRom.
14:19

2 ^{a1} Cor. 3:18 ^{b1} Cor.
13:8, 9, 12; 1 Tim. 6:4

3 ^aGal. 4:9; Rom. 8:29;
11:2; Ps. 1:6; Jer. 1:5; Amos
3:2

4 ¹i.e., *has no real*
existence
^{a1} Cor. 8:1, 7, 10; Acts 15:20
^{b1} Cor. 10:19; Acts 14:15;
Gal. 4:8 ^{c1} Cor. 8:6; Deut.
4:35, 39; 6:4

5 ² Thess. 2:4

6 ^{a1} Cor. 8:4; Deut. 4:35,
39; 6:4 ^bMal. 2:10; Eph. 4:6
^cRom. 11:36 ^{d1} Cor. 1:2;
Eph. 4:5; John 13:13; 1 Tim.
2:5 ^eJohn 1:3; Col. 1:16

7 ^{a1} Cor. 8:4ff. ^bRom.
14:14, 22f.

8 ¹Or., *present* ²Lit.,
lacking ³Lit., *abounding*
^aRom. 14:17

9 ¹Lit., *right*
^aRom. 14:13, 21; 1 Cor.
10:28; Gal. 5:13 ^{b1} Cor.
8:10f.; Rom. 14:1

10 ^{a1} Cor. 8:4ff. ^{b1} Cor. 8:1,
4, 7; Acts 15:20

11 ^{a1} Cor. 8:4ff. ^bRom.
14:15, 20

12 ^aMatt. 18:6; Rom. 14:20
^bMatt. 25:45

13 ^aRom. 14:21; 1 Cor.
10:32; 2 Cor. 6:3; 11:29

1 ^{a1} Cor. 9:19; 10:29 ^bActs
14:14; 2 Cor. 12:12; 1 Thess.
2:6; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11;
Rom. 1:1 ^cActs 9:3, 17; 18:9;
22:14, 18; 23:11; 1 Cor. 15:8
^{d1} Cor. 3:6; 4:15

2 ^aJohn 3:33; 2 Cor. 3:2f.
^bActs 1:25

4 ¹Lit., *It is not that we*
have no right to eat and
drink, is it?
^{a1} Cor. 9:14; 1 Thess. 2:6, 9;
2 Thess. 3:8f.

constraint, but has authority ²over his own will, and has de-
cided this in his own heart, to keep his own ³virgin daughter,
he will do well.

38 So then both he who gives his own virgin daughter in
marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage
will do better.

39 ^aA wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her
husband ^bis dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes,
only ^bin the Lord.

40 But ^ain my opinion she is happier if she remains as she
is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 8

NOW concerning ^athings sacrificed to idols, we know that
we all have ^bknowledge. Knowledge ¹makes arrogant, but love
^dedifies.

2 ^aIf any one supposes that he knows anything, he has not
yet ^bknown as he ought to know;

3 but if any one loves God, he ^ais known by Him.

4 Therefore concerning the eating of ^athings sacrificed to
idols, we know that ¹there is ^bno such thing as an idol in the
world, and that ^cthere is no God but one.

5 For even if ^athere are so-called gods whether in heaven
or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,

6 yet for us ^athere is *but* one God, ^bthe Father, ^cfrom
whom are all things, and we *exist* for Him; and ^done Lord,
Jesus Christ, ^ethrough whom are all things, and we *exist*
through Him.

7 However not all men ^ahave this knowledge; but ^bsome,
being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were
sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is
defiled.

8 But ^afood will not ¹commend us to God; we are neither
²the worse if we do not eat, nor ³the better if we do eat.

9 But ^atake care lest this ¹liberty of yours somehow be-
come a stumbling-block to the ^bweak.

10 For if someone sees you who have ^aknowledge dining in
an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be
strengthened to eat ^bthings sacrificed to idols?

11 For through ^ayour knowledge he who is weak ^bis ruined,
the brother for whose sake Christ died.

12 ^aAnd thus, by sinning against the brethren and wound-
ing their conscience when it is weak, you sin ^bagainst Christ.

13 Therefore, ^aif food causes my brother to stumble, I will
never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to
stumble.

CHAPTER 9

AM I not ^afree? Am I not an ^bapostle? Have I not ^cseen Jesus
our Lord? Are you not ^dmy work in the Lord?

2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you;
for you are the ^aseal of my ^bapostleship in the Lord.

3 My defense to those who examine me is this:

4 ^{1a}Do we not have a right to eat and drink?

5 ^{1a}Do we not have a right to take along a ²believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the ^bbrothers of the Lord, and ^cCephas?

6 Or do only ^{1a}Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

7 Who at any time serves ^aas a soldier/at his own expense? Who ^bplants a vineyard, and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not ¹use the milk of the flock?

8 I am not speaking these things ^aaccording to ¹human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, ^a"YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING." God is not concerned about ^boxen, is He?

10 Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, ^afor our sake it was written, because ^bthe plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ^{to thresh} in hope of sharing ^{the crops}.

11 ^aIf we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?

12 If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we ^adid not use this right, but we endure all things, ^bthat we may cause no hindrance to the ^cgospel of Christ.

13 ^aDo you not know that those who ^bperform sacred services eat the ^{food} of the temple, ^{and} those who attend regularly to the altar have their share with the altar?

14 So also ^athe Lord directed those who proclaim the ^bgospel to ^cget their living from the gospel.

15 But I have ^aused none of these things. And I am not writing these things that it may be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make ^bmy boast an empty one.

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for ^aI am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach ^bthe gospel.

17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a ^areward; but if against my will, I have a ^bstewardship entrusted to me.

18 What then is my ^areward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel ^bwithout charge, so as ^cnot to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am ^afree from all ^{men}, I have made myself ^aslave to all, that I might ^cwin the more.

20 And ^ato the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under ^{the} Law, as under ¹the Law, though ^bnot being myself under ¹the Law, that I might win those who are under ¹the Law;

21 to those who are ^awithout law, ^{as} without law, though not being without the law of God but ^cunder the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

22 To the ^aweak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become ^aall things to all men, ^cthat I may by all means save some.

23 And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow-partaker of it.

24 ^aDo you not know that those who run in a race all run,

⁵ Lit., *It is not that we have no right to take along... Cephas, is it?* ² Lit., *sister, as wife*
¹ 1 Cor. 7:7. ^b Matt. 12:46
^c Matt. 9:14; John 1:42
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⁶ Lit., *I and Barnabas*
^a Acts 4:36

⁷ Lit., *eat of*
² 2 Cor. 10:4; 1 Tim. 1:18;
² Tim. 2:3f. ¹ 1 Cor. 3:6, 8; Deut. 20:6; Prov. 27:18
11:15; 12:10

⁸ Lit., *man*
^a Rom. 3:5

⁹ Deut. 25:4; 1 Tim. 5:18
¹ [Deut. 22:1-4; Prov. 12:10]

¹⁰ Rom. 4:23f. ^{b2} Tim. 2:6

¹¹ Rom. 15:27; 1 Cor. 9:14

¹² 1 Cor. 9:15, 18; Acts 18:3; Acts 20:33 ^{b2} Cor. 6:3; 11:12 ^{c1} Cor. 4:15; 9:14; 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12

¹³ Rom. 6:16 ^b Lev. 6:16, 26; 7:6, 31f.; Num. 5:9f.; 18:8-20, 31; Deut. 18:1

¹⁴ Matt. 10:10; Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18 ¹ 1 Cor. 4:15; 9:12, 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12 ^{c1} 1 Cor. 9:4; Luke 10:8

¹⁵ 1 Cor. 9:12, 18; Acts 18:3; Acts 20:33 ^{b2} Cor. 11:10

¹⁶ Rom. 1:14; Acts 9:15
¹ 1 Cor. 4:15; 9:12, 14, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12

¹⁷ 1 Cor. 9:18; John 4:36 [Cr.]; 1 Cor. 3:8 ¹ 1 Cor. 4:1; Gal. 2:7; Eph. 3:2 marg.; Phil. 1:16; Col. 1:25 marg.

¹⁸ 1 Cor. 9:17; John 4:36 [Cr.]; 1 Cor. 3:8 ² Cor. 11:7; 12:13; Acts 18:3 ^{c1} Cor. 7:31; 9:12
11:15; 12:10

¹⁹ 1 Cor. 9:1 ^{b2} Cor. 4:5 marg.; Gal. 5:13 ^c Matt. 18:15; 1 Pet. 3:1

²⁰ Or, *law*
^a Acts 16:3; 21:23-26; Rom. 11; 14 ^b Gal. 2:19

²¹ Rom. 2:12, 14 ^b Gal. 2:3; 3:2 ^c Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 7:22
11:15

²² 2 Cor. 11:29; Rom. 14:1; 15:1 ¹ 1 Cor. 10:33
^c Rom. 11:14

²⁴ 1 Cor. 9:13

24 ^bPhil. 3:14; Col. 2:18
^cHeb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7; Gal. 2:2

25 ^{a1} Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:5;
 4:7; Eph. 6:12 ^{b2} Tim. 4:8;
 James 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev.
 2:10; 3:11

26 ^aHeb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7;
 Gal. 2:2 ^{b1} Cor. 14:9

27 ¹Lit., *bruise*
^aRom. 8:13

1 ^aRom. 1:13 ^bEx. 13:21;
 Ps. 105:39 ^cEx. 14:22, 29; Ps.
 66:6

2 ¹Some ancient mss.
 read, *received baptism*
^aRom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor.
 1:13

3 ^aEx. 16:4, 35; Deut. 8:3;
 Neh. 9:15, 20; Ps. 78:24f.;
 John 6:31

4 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps.
 78:15

5 ^aNum. 14:29ff., 37;
 26:65; Heb. 3:17; Jude 5

6 ^{a1} Cor. 10:11 ^bNum.
 11:4, 34; Ps. 106:14

7 ^aEx. 32:4; 1 Cor. 10:14;
 5:11 ^bEx. 32:6 ^cEx. 32:19

8 ¹Lit., *acted immorally*
^aNum. 25:1f. ^bNum. 25:9

9 ¹Lit., *made trial*
^aNum. 21:5f.

10 ¹Lit., *grumbled* ²Lit.,
being destroyed
^aNum. 16:41; 17:5, 10 ^bNum.
 16:49 ^cEx. 12:23; 2 Sam.
 24:16; 1 Chr. 21:15; Heb.
 11:28

11 ^{a1} Cor. 10:6 ^bRom. 4:23
^cRom. 13:11

12 ^aRom. 11:20; 2 Pet. 3:17

13 ^{a1} Cor. 1:9 ^{b2} Pet. 2:9

14 ^aHeb. 6:9 ^{b1} Cor. 10:7;
 1 Cor. 10:19f.; 1 John 5:21

16 ¹Lit., *loaf*
^aMatt. 26:27f.; 1 Cor. 11:25
^bMatt. 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:32f.;
 Acts 2:42

17 ¹Lit., *loaf*
^aRom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12f.,
 27; Eph. 4:4, 16; Col. 3:15

18 ¹Lit., *Israel according to
 the flesh*
^aRom. 1:3 ^bLev. 7:6, 14f.;
 Deut. 12:17f.

19 ^{a1} Cor. 8:4

but *only* one receives ^bthe prize? ^cRun in such a way that you may win.

25 And everyone who ^acompetes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable ^bwreath, but we an imperishable.

26 Therefore I ^arun in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not ^bbeating the air;

27 but I ^bbuffet ^amy body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.
αδοκίμος [δοκίμος] = APPROVED in 1 Tim 2:15
 Eph 1:6 & Rom 8:1

CHAPTER 10

FOR ^{a1} I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all ^bunder ^cthe cloud, and all ^dpassed through the sea;

2 and all ¹were ^abaptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 and all ^aate the same spiritual food;

4 and all ^adrank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was ¹Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well pleased; for ^athey were laid low in the wilderness.

6 Now these things happened as ^aexamples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as ^bthey also craved.

7 And do not be ^aidolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, ^b"THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO ^cPLAY."

8 Nor let us act immorally, as ^asome of them ¹did, and ^btwenty-three thousand fell in one day.

9 Nor let us try the Lord, as ^asome of them ¹did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

10 Nor grumble, ^aas some of them ¹did, and ^bwere ²destroyed by the ^cdestroyer.

11 Now these things happened to them as an ^aexample, and ^bthey were written for our instruction, upon whom ^cthe ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who ^athinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and ^aGod is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able; but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

14 Therefore, my ^abeloved, flee from ^bidolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.
 16 Is not the ^acup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the ^bbread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

17 Since there is one ¹bread, we ^awho are many are one body; for we all partake of the one ¹bread.

18 Look at ¹the nation ^aIsrael; are not those who ^beat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?

19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or ^athat an idol is anything?

20 No; but *I say* that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they ^asacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

21 ^aYou cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and ^bthe table of demons.

22 Or do we ^aprovoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not ^bstronger than He, are we?

23 ^aAll things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things ^bedify.

24 Let no one ^aseek his own good, but that of his ¹neighbor.

25 ^aEat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake;

26 ^aFOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN IT.

27 If ^aone of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, ^beat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake.

28 But ^aif anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake;

29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other *man's*; for ^awhy is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

30 If I partake with thankfulness, ^awhy am I slandered concerning that for which I ^bgive thanks?

31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or ^awhatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

32 ^aGive no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to ^bthe church of God;

33 just as I also ^aplease all men in all things, ^bnot seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, ^cthat they may be saved.

CHAPTER 11

^aBE imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

2 Now ^aI praise you because you ^bremember me in everything, and ^chold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

3 But I want you to understand that ¹Christ is the ^ahead of every man, and ^bthe man is the head of a woman, and God is the ^chead of ¹Christ.

4 Every man who has *something* on his head while praying or ^aprophesying, disgraces his head.

5 But every ^awoman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; for she is one and the same with her ¹whose head is ^bshaved.

6 For if a woman does not cover ¹her head, let her also ²have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to ²have her hair cut off or ¹her head shaved, let her cover ¹her head.

7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the ^aimage and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

20 ^aDeut. 32:17; Ps. 106:37; Rev. 9:20; Gal. 4:8

21 ^a2 Cor. 6:16 ^bIs. 65:11

22 ^aDeut. 32:21 ^bEcc. 6:10; Is. 45:9

23 ^a1 Cor. 6:12 ^bRom. 14:19

24 ¹Or, *the other*
^a1 Cor. 10:33; 13:5; Phil. 2:21; 2 Cor. 12:14; Rom. 15:2

25 ^aActs 10:15; 1 Cor. 8:7

26 ^aPs. 24:1; Ps. 50:12; 1 Tim. 4:4

27 ^a1 Cor. 5:10 ^bLuke 10:8

28 ^a1 Cor. 8:7, 10-12

29 ^a1 Cor. 9:19; Rom. 14:16

30 ^a1 Cor. 9:1 ^bRom. 14:6

31 ^aCol. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11

32 ^a1 Cor. 8:13; Acts 24:16
^bActs 20:28 marg.; 1 Cor. 1:2; 11:22; 15:9; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Tim. 3:5, 15; 1 Cor. 7:17; Phil. 3:6

33 ^a1 Cor. 9:22; Rom. 15:2; Gal. 1:10 ^b1 Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:21; 2 Cor. 12:14; Rom. 15:2
^c1 Thess. 2:16; Rom. 11:14

1 ^a1 Cor. 4:16

2 ^a1 Cor. 11:17; 22 ^b1 Cor. 4:17; 15:2; 1 Thess. 1:6; 3:6
^c2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6

3 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aEph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Col. 1:18; 2:19 ^bEph. 5:23; Gen. 3:16 ^c1 Cor. 3:23

4 ^aActs 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:20

5 ¹Lit., *who is shaved*
^aLuke 2:36; Acts 21:9; 1 Cor. 14:34 ^bDeut. 21:12

6 ¹Lit., *herself* ²Lit., *shear herself*

7 ^aJames 3:9; Gen. 1:26; 5:1; 9:6

⁸ ¹Lit., is not from
^aGen. 2:1-23; ¹Tim. 2:13

⁹ ^aGen. 2:18

¹¹ ¹Lit., without

¹² ¹Lit., is ²Lit., are
^a2 Cor. 5:18 ^bRom. 11:36

¹³ ¹Lit., in
^aLuke 12:57

¹⁶ ¹Lit., such
^a1 Cor. 9:1-3, 6; 4:5 ^b1 Cor.
 7:17

¹⁷ ^a1 Cor. 11:2, 22

¹⁸ ¹Lit., in church ²Lit.,
 schisms
^a1 Cor. 1:10; 3:3

¹⁹ ¹Or., manifest
^aMatt. 18:7; Luke 17:1;
¹Tim. 4:1; 2 Pet. 2:1 ^b1 John
 2:19; Deut. 13:3

²¹ ^aJude 12

²² ^a1 Cor. 10:32 ^bJames 2:6
^c1 Cor. 11:2, 17

²³ ^a1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 1:12;
 Col. 3:24 ^b1 Cor. 11:23-25;
 Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-
 24; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor.
 10:16

²⁴ ¹Some ancient mss.
 read, is broken

²⁵ ^a1 Cor. 10:16 ^b2 Cor.
 3:6; Luke 22:20

²⁶ ^a1 Cor. 4:5; John 21:22

²⁷ ^aHeb. 10:29

²⁸ ^a2 Cor. 13:5; Gal. 6:4;
 Matt. 26:22

³⁰ ^aActs 7:60

⁸ For ^aman ¹does not originate from woman, but woman from man;

⁹ for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but ^awoman for the man's sake.

¹⁰ Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

¹¹ However, in the Lord, neither is woman ¹independent of man, nor is man ¹independent of woman.

¹² For as the woman ¹originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and ^aall things ²originate ^bfrom God.

¹³ ^aJudge ¹for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with head uncovered?

¹⁴ Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,

¹⁵ but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

¹⁶ But if one is inclined to be contentious, ^awe have no ¹other practice, nor have ^bthe churches of God.

¹⁷ But in giving this instruction, ^aI do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse.

¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together ¹as a church, I hear that ²divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it.

¹⁹ For there ^amust also be factions among you, ^bin order that those who are approved may have become ¹evident among you.

²⁰ Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

²¹ for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and ^aanother is drunk.

²² What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the ^achurch of God, and ^bshame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall ^cI praise you? In this I will not praise you.

²³ For ^aI received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that ^bthe Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which ¹is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way ^athe cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the ^bnew covenant in My blood; do this; as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death ^auntil He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be ^aguilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man ^aexamine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number ^asleep.

31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are ^adisciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with ^bthe world.

33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

34 If anyone is ^ahungry, let him eat ^{bat} home, so that you may not come together for judgment. And the remaining matters I shall ^carrange ^dwhen I come.

CHAPTER 12 [IN THE BODY]

NOW concerning ^aspiritual ~~gifts~~, brethren, ^bI do not want you to be unaware.

^c2 You know that ^dwhen you were pagans, ~~you were~~ ^ebled astray to the ^fdumb idols, ^ghowever you were led- [^hspiritual]

3 Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking ^{la}by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is ^{2b}accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is ^cLord," except ^{la}by the ^hHoly Spirit;

4 Now there are ^avarieties of ~~gifts~~, but the ^bsame Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the ^bsame Lord.

6 And there are varieties of ^{le}effects, but the ^bsame ^aGod who works all things in all ^{persons}.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit ^afor the common good.

8 For to one is given the word of ^awisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of ^bknowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another ^afaith ^{1b}by the same Spirit, and to another ^bgifts of ²healing ^{1b}by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the ^{le}effecting of ^{2a}miracles, and to another ^bprophecy, and to another the ^{3c}distinguishing of spirits, to another ^{various} ^dkinds of tongues, and to another the ^einterpretation of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit ^{works} all these things, ^adistributing to each one individually just as He wills.

12 For even ^aas the body is one and ^{yet} has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, ^{so} also is Christ.

13 For ^{la}by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether ^bJews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to ^ddrink of one Spirit.

14 For ^athe body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not ^apart of the body," it is not for this reason ^{1a}any the less ^apart of the body.

16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not ^apart of the body," it is not for this reason ^{1a}any the less ^apart of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But now God has ^aplaced the members, each one of them, in the body, ^bjust as He desired.

32 ^a2 Sam. 7:14; Ps. 94:12; Heb. 12:7-10; Rev. 3:19
^b1 Cor. 1:20

34 ^a1 Cor. 11:21 ^b1 Cor. 11:22 ^c1 Cor. 7:17; 16:1; 4:17
^d1 Cor. 4:19

1-1 Cor. 14:1; 12:4 ^bRom. 1:13
Spiritual Ability

2 ^aEph. 2:11f.; 1 Pet. 4:3; 1 Cor. 6:11 ^b1 Thess. 1:9
^cHab. 2:18f.; Ps. 115:5; Is. 46:7; Jer. 10:5

AS OFTEN AS
3 ^aOr, in ²Cor. anathema

^a1 John 4:2f.; Matt. 22:43; Rev. 1:10; ^bRom. 9:3 ^cJohn 13:13; Rom. 10:9

4 ^aRom. 12:6f.; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 4:4f.; 11; Heb. 2:4
SPIRITUAL GIFTS
Gifts

6 ^a1 Cor. 15:28; Eph. 1:23; 4:6

7 ^aEph. 4:12; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; 14:26

8 ^a1 Cor. 2:6; 2 Cor. 1:12
^bRom. 15:14; 1 Cor. 2:11, 16; 2 Cor. 2:14; 4:6; 8:7; 11:6

9 ^aOr, in ²Lit., healings
^a1 Cor. 13:2; 2 Cor. 4:13
^b1 Cor. 12:28, 30

10 ^aLit., effects ²Or, works of power ³Lit., distinguishings
^a1 Cor. 12:28f.; Gal. 3:5
^b1 Cor. 11:4; 13:2, 8 ^c1 Cor. 14:29; 1 John 4:1 ^d1 Cor. 12:28, 30; 13:1; 14:2ff.; Mark 16:17 ^e1 Cor. 12:30; 14:26

11 ^a1 Cor. 12:4 and ref.

12 ^aRom. 12:4; 1 Cor. 10:17
^b1 Cor. 12:27

13 ^aOr, in ²Eph. 2:18 ^bCal. 3:28; Col. 3:11; Eph. 2:13-18; Rom. 3:22 ^cJohn 7:37-39

14 ^a1 Cor. 12:20

15 ^aLit., not a part

16 ^aLit., not a part

18 ^a1 Cor. 12:28 ^b1 Cor. 12:11; Rom. 12:6

20¹ Cor. 12:14; 12:12

22 ¹Lit., to a much greater degree the members

23 ¹Or, think to be ²Or, these we clothe with

25 ¹Lit., schism

26 ¹Lit., glorified

27¹ Cor. 12:12; 1:2; Eph. 1:23; 4:12; Col. 1:18, 24; 2:19
^bEph. 5:30; Rom. 12:5

28 ¹Lit., set some in ²Or, works of power
^a1 Cor. 12:18^b 1 Cor. 10:32
^cEph. 4:11^dEph. 2:20; 3:5;
Acts 13:1^eActs 13:1^f 1 Cor.
12:10, 29^g 1 Cor. 12:9, 30
^hRom. 12:8ⁱ 1 Cor. 12:10

29 ¹Or, works of power

30¹ Cor. 12:10

31¹ Cor. 14:1, 39

1¹ Cor. 12:10^b 2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 14:2^cPs. 150:5
Sept.

2^aActs 13:1; 1 Cor. 11:4;
13:8, 14:1, 39; Matt. 7:22
^b1 Cor. 14:2; 15:51^cRom.
15:14^d 1 Cor. 12:9^eMatt.
17:20; 21:21

3 ¹Some ancient mss. read, that I may boast
^aMatt. 6:2^bDan. 3:28

4 ^aProv. 10:12; 17:9;
1 Thess. 5:14; 1 Pet. 4:8
^bActs 7:9^c 1 Cor. 4:6

5¹ Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:21
^b2 Cor. 5:19

6² Thess. 2:12^b 2 John 4;
3 John 3f.

7 ¹Or, covers
^a1 Cor. 9:12

8 ¹Lit., prophecies
^a1 Cor. 13:2^b 1 Cor. 13:1

9¹ Cor. 13:12; 8:2

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19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

20 But now ^athere are many members, but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, ¹it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

23 and those *members* of the body, which we ¹deem less honorable, ²on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly *members come* to have more abundant seemliness,

24 whereas our seemly *members* have no need of it. But **God** has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

25 that there should be no ¹division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is ¹honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are ^a**Christ's body**; and ^bindividually members of it.

28 And **God** has ^{1a}appointed in ^bthe church, first ^capostles, second ^dprophets, third ^eteachers, then ^{2f}miracles, then ^ggifts of healings, helps, ^hadministrations, ~~various~~ ⁱvarious kinds of tongues.

29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* ¹miracles, are they?

30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not ^ainterpret, do they?

31 But ^aearnestly desire the greater gifts.

And I show you a still more excellent way:

CHAPTER 13

IF I speak with the ^atongues of men and of ^bangels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a ^cclanging cymbal.

2 And if I have *the gift of* ^aprophecy, and know all ^bmysteries and all ^cknowledge; and if I have ^dall faith, so as to ^eremove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I ^agive all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I ^bdeliver my body ¹to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love ^ais patient, love is kind, and ^bis not jealous; love does not brag and is not ^carrogant,

5 ¹does not act unbecomingly; it ^adoes not seek its own, is ^bnot provoked; ^bdoes not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

6 ^adoes not rejoice in unrighteousness; but ^brejoices with the truth;

7 ^{1b}bears all things, ^bbelieves all things, ^bhopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love ^bnever fails; but if *there are gifts of* ^{1a}prophecy, they will be done away; if *there are* ^btongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away.

9 For we ^aknow in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the perfect comes, ^bthe partial will be done away;

11 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as

a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

12 For now we ^asee in a mirror dimly, but then ^bface to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also ^chave been fully known.

13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the ¹greatest of these is ²love.

CHAPTER 14 in the following

PURSU^aE love, yet ^bdesire earnestly ^cspiritual gifts, but especially that you may ^dprophesy.

2 For one who ^aspeaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one ¹understands, but ²in ~~his~~ spirit he speaks ^bmysteries.

3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for ^aedification and ^bexhortation and consolation.

4 One who ^aspeaks in a tongue ^bedifies himself; but one who ^cprophesies ^bedifies the church.

5 Now I wish that you all ^aspoke in tongues, but ^beven more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who ^aspeaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive ^cedifying.

6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of ^arevelation or of ^bknowledge or of ^cprophecy or of ^dteaching?

7 Yet ^aeven lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?

8 For if ^athe ¹bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle?

9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be ^aspeaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of ¹languages in the world, and no *kind* is without meaning.

11 If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be to the one who speaks a ^{1a}barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a ^{1b}barbarian ²to me.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of ¹spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the ^aedification of the church

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

15 ^aWhat is *the outcome* then? I shall pray with the spirit and I shall pray with the mind also; I shall ^bsing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also.

16 Otherwise if you bless ¹in the spirit *only*, how will the one who fills the place of the ²ungifted say ^athe "Amen" at your ^bgiving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not ^aedified.

¹² Lit., in a riddle
² Cor. 5:7; Phil. 3:12; James 1:23
³ Cen. 32:30; Num. 12:8;
 1 John 3:2 ^{c1} Cor. 8:3

¹³ Lit., greater
^a Gal. 5:6

1 ¹ Cor. 16:14 ^{b1} Cor. 12:31; 14:39 ^{c1} Cor. 12:1
^{d1} Cor. 13:2

² Lit., hear ² Or, by the Spirit
¹ Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff.; Mark 16:17 ^{b1} Cor. 13:2

3 ¹ Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19 ^b Acts 4:36

4 ¹ Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff., 26f.; Mark 16:17 ^{b1} Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19 ^{c1} Cor. 13:2

5 ¹ Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff., 26f.; Mark 16:17 ^b Num. 11:29 ^{c1} Cor. 14:4, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19

6 ¹ Cor. 14:26; Eph. 1:17 ^{b1} Cor. 12:8 ^{c1} Cor. 13:2
^{d1} Cor. 14:26; Acts 2:42; Rom. 6:17

⁸ Lit., trumpet
^a Num. 10:9; Jer. 4:19; Ezek. 33:3-6; Joel 2:1

9 ¹ Cor. 9:26

¹⁰ Lit., voices

¹¹ ¹ Or, foreigner ² Or, in my estimation
^a Acts 28:2

¹² Lit., spirits
¹ Cor. 14:4, 5, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19

¹⁵ ¹ Cor. 14:26; Acts 21:22
^b Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

¹⁶ ¹ Or, with the ² i.e., unversed in spiritual gifts
^a Deut. 27:15-26; 1 Chr. 16:36 [Ps. 106:48]; Neh. 5:13; 8:6; Jer. 11:5, 28:6; Rev. 5:14; 7:12 ^b Matt. 15:36

¹⁷ ¹ Cor. 14:4, 5, 12, 26; Rom. 14:19

20 ^aRom. 1:13 ^bEph. 4:14; Heb. 5:12f. ^cPs. 131:2; Rom. 16:19; 1 Pet. 2:2; Matt. 18:3

21 ^aJohn 10:34; 1 Cor. 14:34 ^bIs. 28:11f.

22 ^a1 Cor. 14:1

23 ¹Note 2, vs. 16
^aActs 2:13

24 ¹Note 2, vs. 16
^a1 Cor. 14:1 ^bJohn 16:8

25 ^aJohn 4:19 ^bLuke 17:16
^cIs. 45:14; Zech. 8:23; Dan. 2:47; Acts 4:13

26 ^a1 Cor. 14:15 ^bRom. 1:13 ^c1 Cor. 12:8-10 ^dEph. 5:19 ^e1 Cor. 14:6 ^f1 Cor. 14:8 ^g1 Cor. 14:5, 13, 27f.; 12:10 ^hRom. 14:19

27 ^a1 Cor. 14:2 ^b1 Cor. 14:5, 13, 26ff.; 12:10

29 ^a1 Cor. 14:32, 37; 13:2
^b1 Cor. 12:10

33 ¹Or, *peace. As in all... saints, let...*
^a1 Cor. 14:40 ^b1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17 ^cActs 9:13

34 ^a1 Cor. 11:5, 13 ^b1 Tim. 2:11f.; 1 Pet. 3:1 ^c1 Cor. 14:21

35 ¹Or, *disgraceful*

36 ¹Lit., *Or was*

37 ^a2 Cor. 10:7 ^b1 Cor. 2:15
^c1 Cor. 7:40; 1 John 4:6
^d1 Cor. 14:21

38 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *is ignorant, let him be ignorant*

39 ^a1 Cor. 12:31 ^b1 Cor. 14:1; 13:2

40 ^a1 Cor. 14:33

18 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;
19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 ^aBrethren, ^bdo not be children in your thinking; yet in evil ^cbe babes, but in your thinking be mature.

21 In ^athe Law it is written, "^bBY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord.

22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but ^aprophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.

23 If therefore the whole church should assemble together and all speak in tongues, and ¹ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that ^ayou are mad?

24 But if all ^aprophecy, and an unbeliever or an ¹ungifted man enters, he is ^bconvicted by all, he is called to account by all;

25 ^athe secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will ^bfall on his face and worship God, ^cdeclaring that God is certainly among you.

26 ^aWhat is *the outcome* then, ^bbrethren? When you assemble, ^ceach one has a ^dpsalm, has a ^eteaching, has a ^frevelation, has a ^gtongue, has an ^hinterpretation. Let ^ball things be done for ⁱedification!

27 If any one speaks in a ^atongue, *it should be* by two or at the most three, and *each* in turn, and let one ^binterpret;

28 but if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 And let two or three ^aprophets speak, and let the others ^bpass judgment.

30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, let the first keep silent.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;

33 for God is not a *God of* ^aconfusion but of ¹peace, as in ^ball the churches of the ^csaints.

34 Let the women ^akeep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but ^blet them subject themselves, just as ^cthe Law also says.

35 And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is ¹improper for a woman to speak in church.

36 ¹Was it from you that the word of God *first* went forth? Or has it come to you only?

37 ^aIf any one thinks he is a prophet or ^bspiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you ^care the Lord's commandment.

38 But if any one ¹does not recognize *this*, he is not recognized.

39 Therefore, my brethren, ^adesire earnestly to ^bprophecy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

40 But ^alet all things be done properly and in an orderly manner;

CHAPTER 15

NOW ^aI make known to you, brethren, the ^bgospel which I preached to you, which also you received, ^cin which also you stand,

² by which also you are saved, ^aif you hold fast ¹the word which I preached to you, ^bunless you believed in vain.

³ For ^aI delivered to you ¹as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died ^bfor our sins ^caccording to the Scriptures,

⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was ^araised on the third day ^baccording to the Scriptures,

⁵ and that ^aHe appeared to ^bCephas, then ^cto the twelve.

⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some ^ahave fallen asleep;

⁷ then He appeared to ^{1a}James, then to ^ball the apostles;

⁸ and last of all, as it were ¹to one untimely born, ^aHe appeared to me also.

⁹ For I am ^athe least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I ^bpersecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by ^athe grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I ^blabored even more than all of them, yet ^cnot I, but the grace of God with me.

¹¹ Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there ^ais no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

¹⁴ and ^aif Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

¹⁵ Moreover we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we witnessed ¹against God that He ^araised ²Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

¹⁷ and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; ^ayou are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who ^ahave fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are ^aof all men most to be pitied.

²⁰ But now Christ ^ahas been raised from the dead, the ^bfirst fruits of those who ^care asleep.

²¹ For since ^aby a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

²² For ^aas in Adam all die, so also in ¹Christ all shall be made alive.

²³ But each in his own order: Christ ^athe first fruits, after that ^bthose who are Christ's at ^cHis coming,

²⁴ then *comes* the end, when He delivers up ^athe kingdom to the ^bGod and Father, when He has abolished ^call rule and all authority and power.

¹ Gal. 1:11; Rom. 2:16
^{b1} Cor. 3:6; 4:15; Rom. 2:16
^c Rom. 5:2; 11:20; 2 Cor. 1:24

² ¹ Lit., *to what word I*
^a Rom. 11:22 ^b Gal. 3:4

³ ¹ Lit., *among the first*
^{a1} Cor. 11:23 ^b John 1:29;
Gal. 1:4; Heb. 5:1, 3; 1 Pet.
2:24 ^{c1s.} 5:3; 5:12; Matt. 26:24;
Luke 24:25-27; Acts 8:32f.;
17:2f.; 26:22

⁴ ^a Matt. 16:21; John
2:21f.; Acts 2:24 ^{bPs.} 16:8ff.;
Acts 2:31; 26:22f.

⁵ ^a Luke 24:34 ^{b1} Cor. 1:12
^c Mark 16:14

⁶ ^a Acts 7:60; 1 Cor. 15:18,
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⁷ ¹ Lit., *Jacob* ^a Acts 12:17
^b Luke 24:33, 36f.; Acts 1:3f.

⁸ ¹ Lit., *to an untimely
birth*
^{a1} Cor. 9:1; Acts 9:3-8; 22:6-
11; 26:12-18

⁹ ^a Eph. 3:8; 2 Cor. 12:11;
1 Tim. 1:15 ^b Acts 8:3

¹⁰ ^a Rom. 12:3 ^{b2} Cor.
11:23; Col. 1:29; 1 Tim. 4:10
^{c1} Cor. 3:6; 2 Cor. 3:5; Phil.
2:13

¹² ^a Acts 17:32; 23:8; 2 Tim.
2:18

¹⁴ ^{a1} Thess. 4:14

¹⁵ ¹ Or, *concerning* ² *i.e.,
the Messiah*
^a Acts 2:24

¹⁷ ^a Rom. 4:25

¹⁸ ^{a1} Thess. 4:16; Rev.
14:13; 1 Cor. 15:6

¹⁹ ^{a1} Cor. 4:9; 2 Tim. 3:12

²⁰ ^{a1} Pet. 1:3; Acts 2:24
^b Cor. 15:23; Acts 26:23; Rev.
1:5 ^{c1} Thess. 4:16; Rev.
14:13; 1 Cor. 15:6

²¹ ^a Rom. 5:12

²² ¹ *i.e., the Messiah*
^a Rom. 5:14-18

²³ ^{a1} Cor. 15:20; Acts
26:23; Rev. 1:5 ^{b1} Cor. 15:52;
6:14; 1 Thess. 4:16 ^{c1} Thess.
2:19

²⁴ ^a Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 27;
2 Pet. 1:11 ^b Eph. 5:20 ^c Rom.
8:38

25 ^aPs. 110:1; Matt. 22:44

26 ^{a2} Tim. 1:10; Rev. 20:14; 21:4

27 ^aPs. 8:7 ^bEph. 1:22; Heb. 2:8; Matt. 11:27; 28:18

28 ^aPhil. 3:21 ^{b1} Cor. 12:6; 3:23

30 ^{a2} Cor. 11:26

31 ^aRom. 8:36

32 ¹Lit., *according to man*
^{a2} Cor. 1:8? ^{b1} Cor. 16:8f.; Acts 18:19 ^{c1s.} 22:13; 56:12; Luke 12:19

33 ^{a1} Cor. 6:9

34 ¹Lit., *righteously*
^aRom. 13:11 ^bMatt. 22:29; Acts 26:8 ^{c1} Cor. 6:5

35 ^aRom. 9:19 ^bEzek. 37:3

36 ^aLuke 11:40 ^bJohn 12:24

37 ¹Lit., *some of the rest*

38 ^aGen. 1:11

42 ¹Lit., *in corruption* ²Lit., *in incorruption*
^aDan. 12:3; Matt. 13:43
^{b1} Cor. 15:50; Rom. 8:21; Gal. 6:8 ^cRom. 2:7

43 ^aPhil. 3:21; Col. 3:4

44 ^{a1} Cor. 2:14 ^{b1} Cor. 15:50

45 ^aGen. 2:7 ^bRom. 5:14
^cJohn 5:21; 6:57f.; Rom. 8:2

47 ¹Lit., *made of dust*
^aJohn 3:31 ^bGen. 2:7; 3:19

48 ^aPhil. 3:20f.

25 For He must reign ^auntil He has put all His enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy that will be ^aabolished is death.

27 For ^aHE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "^bAll things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 And when ^aall things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the one who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all.

29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

30 Why are we also ^ain danger every hour?

31 I protest, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, ^aI die daily.

32 If ¹from human motives I ¹fought with wild beasts at ^bEphesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, ^cLET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

33 ^aDo not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

34 ^aBecome sober-minded ¹as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have ^bno knowledge of God. ^cI speak *this* to your shame.

35 But ^asome one will say, "How are ^bthe dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"

36 ^aYou fool! That which you ^bsow does not come to life unless it dies;

37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of ¹something else.

38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and ^ato each of the seeds a body of its own.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is *one flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in *glory*.

42 ^aSo also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown ¹ba perishable *body*, it is raised ²can imperishable *body*;

43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in ^aglory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44 it is sown a ^anatural body, it is raised a ^bspiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.

45 So also it is written, "The first ^aMAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a ^clife-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

47 The first man is ^afrom the earth, ¹bearthy; the second man is from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, ^aso also are those who are heavenly.

49 And just as we have ^aborne the image of the earthy, ¹we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now I say this, brethren, that ^aflesh and blood cannot ^binherit the kingdom of God; nor does ¹the perishable inherit ^{2c}the imperishable.

51 Behold, I tell you a ^amystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be ^bchanged,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for ^athe trumpet will sound, and ^bthe dead will be raised ¹imperishable, and ^cwe shall be changed.

53 For this ¹perishable must put on ^{2a}the imperishable, and this ^bmortal must put on immortality.

54 But when this ¹perishable will have put on ¹the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "^aDEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

55 "^aO DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

56 The sting of ^adeath is sin, and ^bthe power of sin is the law;

57 but ^athanks be to God, who gives us the ^bvictory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 ^aTherefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in ^bthe work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

CHAPTER 16

NOW concerning ^athe collection for ^bthe saints, as ^cI directed the churches of ^aGalatia, so do you also.

2 On ^athe first day of every week let each one of you ¹put aside and save, as he may prosper, that ^bno collections be made when I come.

3 And when I arrive, ^awhomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

4 and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

5 But I ^ashall come to you after I go through ^bMacedonia, for I ^cam going through Macedonia;

6 and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may ^asend me on my way wherever I may go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now ^ajust in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, ^bif the Lord permits.

8 But I shall remain in ^aEphesus until ^bPentecost;

9 for a ^awide door ¹for effective service has opened to me, and ^bthere are many adversaries.

10 Now if ^aTimothy comes, see that he is with you without ¹cause to be afraid; for he is doing ^bthe Lord's work, as I also am.

11 ^aLet no one therefore despise him. But ^bsend him on his way ^cin peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

12 But concerning ^aApollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

49 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *let us also*
^aGen. 5:3 ^bRom. 8:29

50 ¹Lit., *corruption* ²Lit., *incorruption*
^aMatt. 16:17; John 3:5f.
^b1 Cor. 6:9 ^cRom. 2:7

51 ^a1 Cor. 13:2 ^b2 Cor. 5:2, 4

52 ¹Lit., *incorruptible*
^aMatt. 24:31 ^bJohn 5:28
^c1 Thess. 4:15, 17

53 ¹Lit., *corruptible* ²Lit., *incorruption*
^aRom. 2:7 ^b2 Cor. 5:4

54 ¹Note vs. 53 ^aIs. 25:8

55 ^aHos. 13:14

56 ^aRom. 5:12 ^bRom. 3:20; 4:15; 7:8

57 ^a2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 7:25 marg. ^bRom. 8:37; Heb. 2:14f.; 1 John 5:4; Rev. 21:4

58 ^a2 Pet. 3:14 ^b1 Cor. 16:10

1 ^aActs 24:17 ^bActs 9:13
^c1 Cor. 4:17 ^dActs 16:6

2 ¹Lit., *put by himself*
^aActs 20:7 ^b2 Cor. 9:4f.

3 ^a2 Cor. 8:18f.; 3:1

5 ^a1 Cor. 4:19 ^bRom. 15:26 ^cActs 19:21

6 ^a1 Cor. 16:11; Acts 15:3

7 ^a2 Cor. 1:15f. ^bActs 18:21

8 ^aActs 18:19 ^bActs 2:1

9 ¹Lit., *and*
^aActs 14:27 ^bActs 19:9

10 ¹Lit., *fear*; for
^aActs 16:1; 1 Cor. 4:17;
2 Cor. 1:1 ^b1 Cor. 15:58

11 ^a1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:15
^b1 Cor. 16:6; Acts 15:3 ^cActs 15:33

12 ^aActs 18:24 [1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5f.]

13^a Matt. 24:42^b Gal. 5:1; Phil. 1:27; 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Cor. 15:1
 14^a Sam. 4:9; 2 Sam. 10:12; 1s. 46:8^d Ps. 31:24; Eph. 6:10; 3:16; Col. 1:11

14^a 1 Cor. 14:1

15¹ Lit., *it was*
 16^a 1 Cor. 1:16^b Rom. 16:5
 17^a Acts 18:12^d Rom. 15:31
 18¹ Cor. 16:1

16^a 1 Thess. 5:12; Heb. 13:17

17¹ Or, *presence* 2 Or, *made up for your absence*
 18^a 2 Cor. 7:6^b Phil. 2:30; 2 Cor. 11:9

19^a 2 Cor. 7:13; Philem. 7, 20^b Phil. 2:29; 1 Thess. 5:12

19^a Acts 16:6^b Acts 18:2
 20^a Rom. 16:16

21¹ Lit., *Paul's*
 22^a Col. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17; Rom. 16:22; Gal. 6:11; Philem. 19

22¹ Gr., *anathema* 2 I.e., O [our] Lord come!
 23^a Rom. 9:3^b Rev. 22:20; Phil. 4:5

23^a Rom. 16:20

13^a Be on the alert, bstand firm in the faith, cact like men, dbe strong.

14 Let all that you do be done a in love.

15 Now I urge you, brethren (you know the ahousehold of Stephanas, that 1they were the bfirstfruits of cAchaia, and that they have devoted themselves for dministry to e the saints),

16 that yyou also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.

17 And I rejoice over the 1acoming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; because they have 2supplied bwhat was lacking on your part.

18 For they ahave refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore backnowledge such men.

19 The churches of aAsia greet you. bAquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with cthe church that is in their house.

20 All the brethren greet you. aGreet one another with a holy kiss.

21 The greeting is in a my own hand—1 Paul.

22 If any one does not love the Lord, let him be 1acursed. 2bMaranatha.

23 aThe grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

54-10

Salutation. The Divine Comfort &

PAUL, an apostle of bChrist Jesus cby the will of God, and dTimothy our brother, to e the church of God which is at fCorinth with all the 1saints who are throughout gAchaia:

2 aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 aBlessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and bGod of all comfort;

4 who ccomforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted d by God.

5 For just aas the sufferings of Christ are 1ours in abundance, so also our ccomfort is abundant through Christ.

6 But if we are afflicted, it is afor your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort; which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that aas you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort:

8 For a we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our baffliction which came to us in 1cAsia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; [LIVING]

1 I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*

2 Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:1; Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:1^b Cal. 3:26^c 1 Cor. 1:1^d 2 Cor. 3:19; 1 Cor. 16:10; Acts 16:1^e 1 Cor. 10:32^f Acts 18:1^g Acts 18:12

2^a Rom. 1:7

3^a Eph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3
 b Rom. 15:5^c

4^a 2 Cor. 7:6, 7, 13; 1s. 51:12; 66:13

5¹ Lit., *to us*
 2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24

6^a 2 Tim. 2:10; 2 Cor. 4:15; 12:15; Eph. 3:1, 13

7^a Rom. 8:17

8 I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor
 a Rom. 1:13^b Acts 19:23;
 1 Cor. 15:32^c Acts 16:6

9 ¹indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

10 who ^adelivered us from so great a *peril* of death, and will deliver us, ¹He ^bon whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

11 you also joining in ¹helping us through your prayers; that thanks may be given by ^bmany persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through *the prayers of many*.

12 For our ¹proud confidence is this, the testimony of ^aour conscience that in holiness and ^bgodly sincerity, ^cnot in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

13 For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand ^auntil the end;

14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in ^athe day of our Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I ^{intended} at first to ^acome to you, that you might ¹twice receive a ²blessing;

16 ¹that is, to ^apass ²your way into ^bMacedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be ^chelped on my journey ^dto Judea.

17 Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or that which I purpose, do I purpose ^aaccording to the flesh, that with me there should be yes, yes and no, *no at the same time?*

18 But as ^aGod is faithful, ^bour word to you is not yes and no.

19 For ^athe Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us,—by me and ^bSilvanus and ^cTimothy—was not yes and no, but is yes ^din Him. *- appointed the life of Jesus*

20 For ^aas many as may be the promises of God, ^bin Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is ^cour Amen to the glory of God through us.

21 Now He who ^aestablishes us with you in Christ and ^banointed us is God,

22 who also ^asealed us and ^bgave us the Spirit in our hearts as a ¹pledge.

23 But ^aI call God as witness ¹to my soul, that ^bto spare you I came no more to ^cCorinth.

24 ¹Not that we ^alord it over your faith, but are ^bworkers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are ^bstanding firm.

CHAPTER 2

BUT I determined this ¹for my own sake, that I ^awould not come to you in sorrow again.

2 For if I ^acause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful?

3 And this is the very thing I ^awrote you, lest, ^bwhen I came, I should have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having ^cconfidence in you all, that my joy would be *the joy of you all*.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I ^awrote to you with many tears; not that you should be made

9 ¹Lit., *but we ourselves*
for the purposes

10 ¹Or, *on whom we have set our hope that He will also...*
^aRom. 15:31 ^b1 Tim. 4:10

11 ^aRom. 15:30; Phil. 1:19; Philem. 22 ^b2 Cor. 4:15; 9:11f.

12 ¹Lit., *boasting*
^aActs 23:1; 1 Thess. 2:10; Heb. 13:18 ^b2 Cor. 2:17
^c1 Cor. 1:17; James 3:15

13 ^a1 Cor. 1:8

- *Reps between the lines*

14 ^a1 Cor. 1:8

15 ¹Lit., *have a second grace*
^aSome ancient mss. read, *joy*
^a1 Cor. 4:19 ^bRom. 1:11; 15:29 *was written*
state of mind

16 ¹Lit., *and* ²Lit., *through you into*
^aActs 19:21 ¹1 Cor. 16:5-7
^bRom. 15:26 ^cActs 15:3;
¹1 Cor. 16:6, 11 ^aActs 19:21
indicating the presence
¹⁷2 Cor. 10:2f.; 11:18
negative admission

18 ^a1 Cor. 1:9 ^b2 Cor. 2:17

19 ^aMatt. 16:16; 26:63, 64; 3
^b1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1;
¹1 Pet. 5:12; Acts 15:22
^c2 Cor. 1:1 ^dHeb. 13:8

20 ^aRom. 15:8 ^bHeb. 13:8
^c1 Cor. 14:16; Rev. 3:14

21 ^a1 Cor. 1:8 ^b1 John 2:20, 27

22 ¹Or, *down payment*
^aJohn 3:33 ^b2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:14; Rom. 8:16

23 ¹Lit., *upon*
^aRom. 1:9; Gal. 1:20 ^b1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 2:1, 3 ^c2 Cor. 1:1

24 ^a1 Pet. 5:3; 2 Cor. 4:5; 11:20 ^bRom 11:20; 1 Cor. 15:1
Palace of the Holy Spirit
indicated to us

1 ¹Or, *as far as I am concerned*
^a1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 12:21

2 ^a2 Cor. 7:8

3 ^a2 Cor. 2:9; 7:8, 12
^b1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 12:21
^cGal. 5:10; 2 Thess. 3:4; Philem. 21

4 ^a2 Cor. 2:9; 7:8, 12

⁵ Lit., *that I be not burdensome*
¹ 1 Cor. 5:1f.

⁶ 1 Cor. 5:4f.; 2 Cor. 7:11

⁷ Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:32

⁹ Lit., *know the proof of you*
² 2 Cor. 2:3f.; Phil. 2:22;
 2 Cor. 8:2; 2 Cor. 7:15; 10:6

¹⁰ 1 Cor. 5:4; 2 Cor. 4:6

¹¹ Matt. 4:10; Luke 22:31;
 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Pet. 5:8

¹² Acts 16:8; 2 Cor. 4:3, 4;
 8:18; 9:13; 10:14; 11:4, 7;
 1 Thess. 3:2; Rom. 1:1; Acts
 14:27

¹³ 2 Cor. 7:5; 2 Cor. 7:6,
 13f.; 8:6, 16, 23; 12:18; Gal.
 2:1, 3, 2 Tim. 4:10; Titus 1:4
^c Mark 6:46; Rom. 15:26

¹⁴ Rom. 1:8; 6:17; 1 Cor.
 15:57; 2 Cor. 8:16; 9:15; Col.
 2:15 [Gr.]; Eph. 5:2; Phil.
 4:18; Song of Sol. 1:3; Ezek.
 20:41; 1 Cor. 12:8

¹⁵ Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:18;
 Song of Sol. 1:3; Ezek. 20:41
^b 1 Cor. 1:18

¹⁶ Luke 2:34; John 9:39;
 1 Pet. 2:7f.; 2 Cor. 3:5f.

¹⁷ Or, *corrupting*
² 2 Cor. 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9
^b 2 Cor. 1:12; 1 Cor. 5:8;
 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Pet. 4:11
^c 2 Cor. 12:19

¹ 2 Cor. 5:12; 10:12, 18;
 12:11; Acts 18:27; Rom.
 16:1; 1 Cor. 16:3

conservation of phrase

² 1 Cor. 9:2

³ Lit., *served*; Lit., *hearts of flesh*
² 2 Cor. 3:6; Matt. 16:16
^c 2 Cor. 3:7; Ex. 24:12; 31:18;
 32:15f.; Prov. 3:3; 7:3; Jer.
 17:1; Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 11:19

⁴ Eph. 3:12

⁵ 1 Cor. 15:10

⁶ 1 Cor. 3:5; Luke 22:20
^c Rom. 2:29; John 6:63;
 Rom. 7:6

⁷ Or, *in glory*
² 2 Cor. 3:9; Rom. 7:5f.; Gal.
 3:10, 21f.; Rom. 4:15; 5:20
^b 2 Cor. 3:3; Ex. 24:12; 31:18;
 32:15f.; 2 Cor. 3:13; Ex.
 34:29-35

sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

⁵ But ^aif any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree—¹in order not to say too much—to all of you.

⁶ Sufficient for such a one is ^athis punishment which was *inflicted by the majority*,

⁷ so that on the contrary you should rather ^aforgive and comfort *him*, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

⁸ Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your love* for him.

⁹ For to this end also ^aI wrote that I might ^{1b}put you to the test, whether you are ^cobedient in all things.

¹⁰ But whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did it* for your sakes ^ain the presence of Christ,

¹¹ in order that ^ano advantage be taken of us by ^aSatan; for ^bwe are not ignorant of his schemes.

¹² Now when I came to ^aTroas for the ^bgospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord,

¹³ I ^ahad no rest for my spirit, not finding ^bTitus my brother; but ^ataking my leave of them, I went on to ^dMacedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always ^bleads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the ^csweet aroma of the ^dknowledge of Him in every place.

¹⁵ For we are a ^afragrance of Christ to God among ^bthose who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

¹⁶ ^ato the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is ^badequate for these things?—None in his self.

¹⁷ For we are not like many, ^{1a}peddling the word of God, but ^{as} from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ ^cin the sight of God.

CHAPTER 3

ARE we beginning to ^acommend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, ^bletters of commendation to you or from you?

² ^aYou are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

³ being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, ^{1a}cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of ^bthe living God, not on ^ctablets of stone, but on ^dtablets of ^{2c}human hearts.

⁴ And such ^aconfidence we have through Christ toward God.

⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but ^aour adequacy is from God.

⁶ who also made us adequate *as* ^aservants of a ^bnew covenant, not of ^cthe letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but ^dthe Spirit gives life.

⁷ But if the ^aministry of death, ^bin letters engraved on stones, came ¹with glory, ^cso that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading *as it was*,

8 how shall the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? *not limited to the same*

9 For if ^athe ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ^bministry of righteousness abound in glory!

10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory on account of the glory that surpasses it. *Christ & Moses.*

11 For if that which fades away was ^awith glory, much more that which remains is ^bin glory!

12 ^aHaving therefore such a hope, ^bwe use great boldness in our speech, — *independent claim of boldness*

13 and ~~are~~ not as Moses, ^awho used to put a veil over his face that the sons of Israel might not look intently at the end of what was fading away.

14 But their minds were ^ahardened; for until this very day at the ^breading of ^cthe old covenant the same veil ¹remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. *Moses' veil*

15 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

16 ^aBUT WHENEVER A MAN TURNS TO THE LORD, THE VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY. — *limited access to veil*

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where ^athe Spirit of the Lord is, ^bthere is liberty. — *freedom, no more without fear*

18 But we all, with unveiled face ^abeholding as in a mirror the ^bglory of the Lord, are being ^ctransformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from ^dthe Lord, the Spirit.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE since we have this ^aministry, as we ^breceived mercy, we ^cdo not lose heart,

2 but we have renounced the ^athings hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or ^badulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth ^ccommending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 And even if our ^agospel is ^bveiled, it is veiled ¹to ^cthose who are perishing,

4 in whose case ^athe god of ^bthis ¹world has ^cblinded the minds of the unbelieving, ²that they might not see the ^dlight of the gospel of the ^eglory of Christ, who is the ^fimage of God.

5 For we ^ado not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants {for Jesus' sake.}

6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has ^bshone in our hearts to give the ^clight of the knowledge of the glory of God in (the face of Christ). *2:14-15*

7 But we have this {treasure} in ^aearthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of ^bthe power may be of God and not from ourselves; — *and is the dynamic that men*

8 we are ^aafflicted in every way, but not ^bcrushed; {perplexed, but not despairing} *not lost, but not lost and!*

9 ^apersecuted, but not ^bforsaken; ^cstruck down, but not destroyed;

10 ^aalways carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that ^bthe life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to

9 ^a2 Cor. 3:7; Deut. 27:26; Heb. 12:18-21 ^bRom. 1:17; 3:21f.

11 ¹Lit., through

12 ^a2 Cor. 7:4 ^b2 Cor. 7:4; Eph. 6:19; Acts 4:13, 29; 1 Thess. 2:2

13 ²2 Cor. 3:7

14 ¹Or, remains, it not being revealed that it is done away in Christ. ^aRom. 11:7; 2 Cor. 4:4 ^bActs 13:15 ^c2 Cor. 3:6 *thee*

16 ¹Ex. 34:34; Rom. 11:23

17 ^aGal. 4:6; Is. 61:1f. ^bJohn 8:32; Gal. 5:1, 13

18 ¹1 Cor. 13:12 ²2 Cor. 4:4, 6; John 17:22, 24 ^aRom. 8:29 ²2 Cor. 3:17

1 ^a1 Cor. 3:5 ^b1 Cor. 7:25 ^c2 Cor. 4:16; Luke 18:1; Gal. 6:9; Eph. 3:13; 2 Thess. 3:13

2 ^aRom. 6:21; 1 Cor. 4:5 ^b2 Cor. 2:17 ^c2 Cor. 5:11f. ¹

3 ¹Lit., in ^a2 Cor. 2:12 ^b2 Cor. 3:14; 1 Cor. 2:6ff. ¹1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 2:15

4 ¹Lit., age ²Or, that the light ... image of God, should not dawn upon them ^aJohn 12:31 ^bMatt. 13:22 ^c2 Cor. 3:14 ^d2 Cor. 4:6; Acts 26:18 ^e2 Cor. 3:18; 4:6 ^fCol. 1:15; Phil. 2:6; Heb. 1:3; John 1:18

5 ¹Or, through Jesus ^a1 Thess. 2:6f. [1 Cor. 4:15f.]

6 ^aGen. 1:3 ^b2 Pet. 1:19 ^c2 Cor. 4:4; Acts 26:18

7 ^a2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Tim. 2:20; Job 4:19; 10:9; 33:6; Lam. 4:2 ^b1 Cor. 2:5; Judg. 7:2

8 ^a2 Cor. 7:5; 1:8 ^b2 Cor. 6:12 ^cGal. 4:20

9 ^aJohn 15:20; Rom. 8:35f. ^bHeb. 13:5; Ps. 129:2 ^cPs. 37:24; Prov. 24:16; Mic. 7:8

10 ^aRom. 6:5; 8:36; Gal. 6:17 ^bRom. 6:8

13 ^a1 Cor. 12:9 ^bPs. 116:10

14 ^aActs 2:24 ^b1 Thess. 4:14
^cEph. 5:27; Col. 1:22; Jude
24; Luke 21:36

15 ¹Lit., *being multiplied
through the many*
^a2 Cor. 1:6; Rom. 8:28
^b2 Cor. 1:11; 1 Cor. 9:19

16 ^a2 Cor. 4:1 ^bRom. 7:22
^cCol. 3:10; Is. 40:29, 31

17 ^aRom. 8:18

18 ^a2 Cor. 5:7; Rom. 8:24;
Heb. 11:1, 13

1 ¹Lit., *our earthly house
of the tent*
^a1 Cor. 15:47; 2 Cor. 4:7; Job
4:19 ^b2 Pet. 1:13f. ^cMark
14:58; Acts 7:48; Heb. 9:11,
24

2 ^aRom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:4
^b1 Cor. 15:53f.; 2 Cor. 5:4

4 ^a2 Cor. 5:2 ^b1 Cor.
15:53f.; 2 Cor. 5:2 ^a1 Cor.
15:54

5 ¹Or, *down payment*
^a2 Cor. 1:22; Rom. 8:23

6 ^aHeb. 11:13f.

7 ¹Or, *appearance*
^a2 Cor. 4:16; 1 Cor. 13:12

8 ^aPhil. 1:23 ^bJohn 12:26;
Phil. 1:23

9 ^aRom. 14:18; Col. 1:10;
1 Thess. 4:1

10 ¹Lit., *the things through
the body*
^aMatt. 16:27; Acts 10:42;
Rom. 2:16; 14:10, 12; Eph.
6:8

11 ^aHeb. 10:31; 12:29; Jude
23 ^b2 Cor. 4:2

12 ^a2 Cor. 3:1 ^b2 Cor. 1:14;
Phil. 1:26

13 ¹Lit., *were*
^a2 Cor. 11:1, 16ff.; 12:11;
Mark 3:21

death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So death works in us, but life in you. - *Parade*

13 But having the same ^aspirit of faith, according to what is written, "^bI BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore also we speak;

14 knowing that He who ^araised the Lord Jesus ^bwill raise us also with Jesus and will ^cpresent us with you.

15 For all things *are* ^afor your sakes, that the grace which is ^bspreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we ^ado not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our ^binner man is ^cbeing renewed day by day. *For within of us, I*

17 For ^amomentary, ^blight affliction is producing for us an ^ceternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, *for*

18 while we ^alook not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

CHAPTER 5

FOR we know that if ¹the ^aearthly ^btent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house ^cnot made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For indeed in this *house* we ^agroan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven;

3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked.

4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we ^agroan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is ^cmortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who ^agave to us the Spirit as a ^bpledge.

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that ^awhile we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

7 for ^awe walk by faith, ^bnot by ^csight—

8 we are of good courage, I say, and ^aprefer rather to be absent from the body and ^bto be at home with the Lord.

9 Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be ^apleasing to Him.

10 For we must all appear before ^athe judgment-seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for ^bhis deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

11 Therefore knowing the ^afear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are ^bmade manifest also in your consciences.

12 We are not ^aagain commending ourselves to you but *are* giving you an ^boccasion to be proud of us, that you may have *an answer* for those who take pride in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For if we ¹are ^abeside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

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Reconciliation in All Experiences.**

14 For the love of Christ ^acontrols us, having concluded this, that ^bone died for all, therefore all died;

15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer ^alive for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no man ^{1a}according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ ^{1a}according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

17 Therefore if any man is ^ain Christ, ^{1b}he is ^aa new creature; ^cthe old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

18 Now ^aall *these* things are from God, ^bwho reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ^cministry of reconciliation,

19 namely, that ^aGod was in Christ ^{reconciling the world} to Himself, ^bnot counting their trespasses against them, and ^{1c}He has ²committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore, we are ^aambassadors for Christ, ^bas though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, ^{be reconciled to God}, ^{salvation}

21 He made Him who ^aknew no sin ^{to be} ^bsin on our behalf, that we might become the ^crighteousness of God in Him.

CHAPTER 6

AND ^aworking together *with Him*, ^bwe also urge you not to receive ^cthe grace of God in vain;—

2 for He says,

*"AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU,
AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU";*

behold, now is *"THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,"* behold, now is *"THE DAY OF SALVATION";*—

3 ^agiving no cause for offense in anything, in order that the ministry be not discredited,

4 but in everything ^acommending ourselves as ^{1b}servants of God, ^cin much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

5 in ^astripes, in ^aimprisonments, in ^btumults, in labors, in watchings, in ^cfastings,

6 in purity, in ^aknowledge, in ^bpatience, in kindness, in the ^cHoly Spirit, in ^dgenuine love,

7 in ^athe word of truth, in ^bthe power of God; by ^cthe weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

8 by glory and ^adishonor, by ^bevil report and good report; *regarded as* ^cdeceivers and yet ^dtrue;

9 as unknown yet well-known, as ^adying yet behold, ^bwe live; as ^{1b}punished yet not put to death,

10 as ^asorrowful yet always ^arejoicing, as ^bpoor yet making many rich, as ^chaving nothing yet possessing ^dall things.

11 ^aOur mouth ^{1b}has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our ^bheart is opened wide.

12 You are not restrained ^{1b}by us, but ^ayou are restrained in your own ²affections.

13 Now in a like ^aexchange—I speak as to ^bchildren,—open wide *to us* also.

2 Corinthians 5, 6

¹⁴Acts 18:5 ^bRom. 5:15; 6:6f.; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3

¹⁵Rom. 14:7-9

¹⁶11.c. by what he is in the flesh ²Col. 11:18; Phil. 3:4; John 8:15

¹⁷1Or, *there is a new creation*
^aRom. 16:7 ^bGal. 6:15; John 3:3; Rom. 6:4 ^cIs. 43:18f.; 65:17; Eph. 4:24; Rev. 21:4f.

¹⁸1Cor. 11:12 ^bCol. 1:20; Rom. 5:10 ^c1Cor. 3:5

¹⁹1Lit., *having committed*
²Lit., *placed in us*
^aCol. 2:9 ^bRom. 4:8; 1Cor. 13:5

²⁰aEph. 6:20; Mal. 2:7
^b2Cor. 6:1 ^cCol. 1:20; Rom. 5:10

²¹aHeb. 4:15; 7:26; 1Pet. 2:22; 1John 3:5; Acts 3:14; ^bRom. 8:3; Gal. 3:13; Rom. 3:25; 4:25 ^cRom. 1:17; 3:21f.; 1Cor. 1:30

¹1Cor. 3:9 ^b2Cor. 5:20
^cActs 11:23

²Is. 49:8

³1Cor. 8:9, 13; 9:12

⁴1Or, *ministers*
^aRom. 3:5 ^b1Cor. 3:5;
²Tim. 2:24f. ^c2Cor. 6:4ff.; 4:8-11; 11:23-27; 12:10; Acts 9:16

⁵aActs 16:23 ^bActs 19:23ff. ^c1Cor. 4:11

⁶2Cor. 11:6; 1Cor. 12:8
^b2Cor. 1:23; 2:10; 13:10
^c1Thess. 1:5; 1Cor. 2:4
^dRom. 12:9

⁷2Cor. 2:17; 4:2 ^b1Cor. 2:5 ^c2Cor. 10:4; Rom. 13:12; Eph. 6:11ff.

⁸1Cor. 4:10 ^b1Cor. 4:13; Rom. 3:8; 2Cor. 12:16
^cMatt. 27:63 ^d2Cor. 1:18; 4:2; 1Thess. 2:3f.

⁹1Or, *disciplined*
^aRom. 8:36 ^b2Cor. 1:8, 10; 4:11

¹⁰2Cor. 7:4; 1Thess. 1:6; Phil. 2:17; 4:4; Col. 1:24; John 16:22 ^b2Cor. 8:9; 1Cor. 1:5 ^cActs 3:6 ^dRom. 8:32; 1Cor. 3:21

¹¹1Lit., *is open to you*
^aEzek. 33:22; Eph. 6:19
^b2Cor. 7:3; Is. 60:5

¹²1Or, *in us* ²Lit., *inward parts*
^a2Cor. 7:2

¹³aGal. 4:12 ^b1Cor. 4:14

14 ¹Lit., *unequally yoked*
²Deut. 22:10; 1 Cor. 5:9f.
³1 Cor. 6:6 ⁴Eph. 5:7, 11;
 1 John 1:6

15 ¹Gr., *Beliar* ²Lit., *what part has a believer with an unbeliever*
³1 Cor. 10:21 ⁴Acts 5:14;
 1 Pet. 1:21 ⁵1 Cor. 6:6

16 ¹1 Cor. 10:21 ²1 Cor.
 3:16 ³Matt. 16:16 ⁴Lev.
 26:12; Ex. 29:45; Ezek. 37:27;
 Jer. 31:1 ⁵Ex. 25:8; John
 14:23 ⁶Rev. 2:1

17 ¹Is. 52:11 ²Rev. 18:4

18 ¹Hos. 1:10; Is. 43:6
²Rom. 8:14

1 ¹Heb. 6:9 ²1 Pet. 1:15f.

2 ²2 Cor. 6:12f.; 12:15

3 ²2 Cor. 6:11f. ³Phil. 1:7

4 ¹Lit., *to*
²2 Cor. 3:12 ³2 Cor. 7:14;
 8:24; 9:2f.; 10:8; 2 Thess. 1:4;
 Phil. 1:26 ⁴2 Cor. 1:4 ⁵2 Cor.
 6:10

5 ²2 Cor. 2:13; Rom. 15:26
³2 Cor. 4:8 ⁴Deut. 32:25

6 ¹Or, *humble*
²2 Cor. 1:3f. ³2 Cor. 7:13
⁴2 Cor. 2:13; 7:13f.

8 ²2 Cor. 2:2

10 ¹Or, *leading to a salvation without regret*
²Acts 11:18

11 ¹Lit., *sorrow according to God*
²2 Cor. 7:7 ³2 Cor. 2:6
⁴Rom. 3:5

12 ²2 Cor. 7:8; 2:3, 9 ³1 Cor.
 5:1f.

14 ²Do not be ¹bound together with ^bunbelievers; for what ^cpartnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

15 Or what ^aharmony has Christ with ¹Belial, or ²what has a ^bbeliever in common with an ^cunbeliever?

16 Or ^awhat agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are ^bthe temple of ^cthe living God; just as God said,

“^dI WILL DWELL IN THEM AND ^fWALK AMONG THEM;

AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

17 “^aTherefore, ^bCOME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE, says the Lord.

AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN;

AND I WILL WELCOME YOU.

18 ^aAND I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU.

AND YOU SHALL BE ^bSONS and daughters to ME, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY.”

CHAPTER 7

THEFORE, having these promises, ^abeloved, ^blet us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 ^aMake room for us *in your hearts*; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.

3 I do not speak to condemn you; for I have said ^abefore that you are ^bin our hearts to die together and to live together.

4 Great is my ^aconfidence ¹in you, great is my ^bboasting on your behalf; I am filled with ^ccomfort. I am overflowing with ^djoy in all our affliction.

5 For even when we came into ^aMacedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were ^bafflicted on every side: ^cconflicts without, fears within.

6 But ^aGod, who comforts the ¹depressed, ^bcomforted us by the coming of ^cTitus;

7 and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.

8 For though I ^acaused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it,—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of repentance*; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of God*, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a ^arepentance ¹without regret, *leading* to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this ¹godly sorrow, has produced in you, what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what ^alonging, what zeal, what ^bavenging of wrong! In everything you ^cdemonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

12 So although ^aI wrote to you *it was not for the sake of* ^bthe offender, nor for the sake of the one offended, but that

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Rich in Christ.**

your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God.

13 For this reason we have been ^acomforted.

And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of ^bTitus, because his ^cspirit has been refreshed by you all.

14 For if in anything I have ^aboasted to him about you, I was not put to shame; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, so also our boasting before ^bTitus proved to be *the* truth.

15 And his ¹affection abounds all the more toward you, as he remembers the ^obedience of you all, how you received him with ^bfear and trembling.

16 I rejoice that in everything ^aI have confidence in you.

CHAPTER 8

NOW, brethren, we *wish* to make known to you the grace of God which has been ^agiven in the churches of ^bMacedonia,

2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the ^awealth of their liberality.

3 For I testify that ^aaccording to their ability, and beyond their ability *they gave* of their own accord,

4 begging us with much entreaty for the ^afavor of participation in the ^{1b}support of the ²saints,

5 and *this*, not as we had ¹expected, but they first ^agave themselves to the Lord and to us by ^bthe will of God.

6 Consequently we ^aurged ^bTitus that as he had previously ^cmade a beginning, so he would also complete in you ^dthis gracious work as well.

7 But just as you ^aabound ^bin everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the ¹love we inspired in you, *see* that you ^aabound in this gracious work also.

8 I ^aam not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

9 For you know ^athe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ^bthough He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

10 And I ^agive *my* opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin ^aa year ago not only to do *this*, but also to desire *to do it*.

11 But now finish ¹doing it also; that just as *there was* the ^areadiness to desire it, so *there may be* also the completion of it by your ability.

12 For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable ^aaccording to what *a man* has, not according to what he does not have.

13 For *this* is not for the ease of others *and* for your affliction, but by way of equality—

14 at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for ^atheir want, that their abundance also may become *a supply* for ^ayour want, that there may be equality;

2 Corinthians 7, 8

13 ^{a2} Cor. 7:6 ^{b2} Cor. 2:13; 7:6, 14 ^{c1} Cor. 16:18

14 ^{a2} Cor. 7:4; 8:24; 9:2f.; 10:8; 2 Thess. 1:4; Phil. 1:26 ^{b2} Cor. 2:13; 7:6, 13

15 ¹Lit., *inward parts* ^{a2} Cor. 2:9 ^bPhil. 2:12; 1 Cor. 2:3

16 ^{a2} Cor. 2:3

1 ^{a2} Cor. 8:5 ^bActs 16:9

2 ^aRom. 2:4

3 ^{a2} Cor. 8:11; 1 Cor. 16:2

4 ¹Lit., *service to the saints* ²Lit., true believers; lit., *holy ones* ^aRom. 15:25f.; Acts 24:17 ^{b2} Cor. 8:19f.; 9:1, 12f.; Rom. 15:31

5 ¹Lit., *hoped* ^{a2} Cor. 8:1 ^{b1} Cor. 1:1

6 ^{a2} Cor. 8:17; 12:18 ^{b2} Cor. 8:16, 23; 2:13 ^{c2} Cor. 8:10 ^dRom. 15:25f.; Acts 24:17

7 ¹Lit., *love from us in you; some ancient mss. read, your love for us* ^{a2} Cor. 9:8 ^{b1} Cor. 1:5; 12:8; Rom. 15:14

8 ^{a1} Cor. 7:6

9 ^{a2} Cor. 13:14 ^bPhil. 2:6f.; Matt. 20:28; 2 Cor. 6:10

10 ^{a1} Cor. 7:25, 40 ^{b2} Cor. 9:2; 1 Cor. 16:2f.

11 ¹Lit., *the doing* ^{a2} Cor. 8:12, 19; 9:2

12 ^aMark 12:43f.; Luke 21:3; 2 Cor. 9:7

14 ^{a2} Cor. 9:12; Acts 4:34

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15 ^aEx. 16:18

16 ^a2 Cor. 2:14 ^bRev. 17:17
^c2 Cor. 8:6, 23; 2:13

17 ^a2 Cor. 8:6; 12:18

18 ^a2 Cor. 12:18; 1 Cor.
16:3 ^b2 Cor. 2:12 ^c1 Cor.
7:17; 4:17

19 ^aRom. 5:3 ^b1 Cor. 16:3f.;
Acts 14:23 ^c2 Cor. 8:4, 6
^d2 Cor. 8:11, 12; 9:2

20 ¹Lit., *avoiding this*

21 ^aRom. 12:17 ^bRom.
14:18

23 ¹Lit., *for you* ²Lit.,
apostles
^a2 Cor. 8:6 ^bPhilem. 17
^c2 Cor. 8:18, 22 ^dPhil. 2:25;
John 13:16 ^e1 Cor. 11:7

24 ¹Lit., *in the face of the
churches* ²Or, *show the
proof... for boasting to
them about you*
^a2 Cor. 7:4

1 ¹L.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
^a1 Thess. 4:9 ^b2 Cor. 8:4

2 ^a2 Cor. 7:4 ^bRom. 15:26
^cActs 18:12 ^d2 Cor. 8:10

3 ^a2 Cor. 7:4 ^b1 Cor. 16:2

4 ^aRom. 15:26

5 ¹Gr., *blessing* ²Lit., as
covetousness
^a2 Cor. 9:3 ^bGen. 33:11;
Judg. 1:15; 2 Cor. 9:6 ^cPhil.
4:17 ^d2 Cor. 12:17f.

6 ¹Lit., *with blessings*
^aProv. 11:24f.; 22:9; Gal. 6:7,
9

7 ^aDeut. 15:10; 1 Chr.
29:17; Rom. 12:8; 2 Cor. 8:12
^bProv. 22:8 [Sept.]; Ex. 25:2;
2 Cor. 8:12

8 ^aEph. 3:20

9 ^aPs. 112:9

10 ^aIs. 55:10

15 as it is written, "A HE WHO *gathered* MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO *gathered* LITTLE HAD NO LACK."

16 But ^athanks be to God, who ^bputs the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of ^cTitus.

17 For he not only accepted our ^aappeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.

18 And we have sent along with him ^athe brother whose fame in *the things of the* ^bgospel *has spread* through ^call the churches;

19 ^aand not only *this*, but he has also been ^bappointed by the churches to travel with us in ^cthis gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to *show* our ^dreadiness,

20 ¹taking precaution that no one should discredit us in our administration of this generous gift;

21 for we ^ahave regard for what is honorable, not only in ^bthe sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and found diligent in many things, but now even more diligent, because of *his* great confidence in you.

23 As for ^aTitus, *he is* my ^bpartner and fellow-worker ¹among you; as for our ^cbrethren, *they are* ²messengers of the churches, ^aa glory to Christ.

24 Therefore ¹openly before the churches ²show them the proof of your love and of our ^areason for boasting about you.

CHAPTER 9

FOR ^ait is superfluous for me to write to you about this ^bministry to the ¹saints;

2 for I know your readiness, of which I ^aboast about you to the ^bMacedonians, *namely*, that ^cAchaia has been prepared since ^dlast year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

3 But I have sent the brethren, that our ^aboasting about you may not be made empty in this case, that, ^bas I was saying, you may be prepared;

4 lest if any ^aMacedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to speak of you) should be put to shame by this confidence.

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the ^abrethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised ^bbountiful gift, that the same might be ready as a ¹bountiful gift, and not ²affected by covetousness.

6 Now *this I say*, ^ahe who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows ¹bountifully shall also reap ¹bountifully.

7 Let each one *do* just as he has purposed in his heart; not ^agrudgingly or under compulsion; for ^bGod loves a cheerful giver.

8 And ^aGod is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

9 as it is written,

"A HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR,
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ABIDES FOREVER."

10 Now He who supplies ^aseed to the sower and bread for

food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

11 you will be ^aenriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing ^bthanksgiving to God.

12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying ^athe needs of the ¹saints, but is also overflowing ^bthrough many thanksgivings to God.

13 Because of the proof given by this ^aministry they will glorify God for your obedience to your ^aconfession of the ^dgospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your ¹contribution to them and to all,

14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

15 ^aThanks be to God for His indescribable ^bgift!

CHAPTER 10

NOW ^aI Paul myself ^burge you by the ^cmeekness and gentleness of Christ,—I who ^dam ¹meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!—

2 I ask that ^awhen I am present I may not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against ^bsome, who regard us as if we walked ^caccording to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war ^aaccording to the flesh,

4 for the ^aweapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but ¹divinely powerful ^cfor the destruction of fortresses.

5 We *are* destroying speculations and every ^alofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we *are* taking every thought captive to the ^bobedience of Christ,

6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever ^ayour obedience is complete.

7 ^{1a}You are looking at ²things as they are outwardly. ^bIf any one is confident in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again within himself, that just as he is Christ's, ^cso also are we.

8 For even if ^aI should boast somewhat ¹further about our ^bauthority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I shall not be put to shame,

9 ¹for I do not wish to seem as if I would terrify you by my letters.

10 For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his ¹personal presence is ^aunimpressive, and ^bhis speech contemptible."

11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons *we are* also in deed when present.

12 For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with ¹some of those who ^acommend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

13 But we will not boast ^abeyond *our* measure, but ^{1b}within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.

14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not

10 ^bHos. 10:12

11 ^{a1} Cor. 1:5 ^{b2} Cor. 1:11

12 ¹e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^{a2} Cor. 8:14 ^{b2} Cor. 1:11

13 ¹Or, *sharing with them*
^{a2} Cor. 8:4; Rom. 15:31
^bMatt. 9:8 ^{c1} Tim. 6:12f.; Heb. 3:1; 4:14; 10:23 ^{d2} Cor. 2:12

15 ^{a2} Cor. 2:14 ^bRom. 5:15f.

¹ Lit., *lowly*
^aCal. 5:2; Eph. 3:1; Col. 1:23
^bRom. 12:1 ^cMatt. 11:29; 1 Cor. 4:21; Phil. 4:5 ^{d2} Cor. 10:10; 1 Cor. 2:3f.

2 ^{a2} Cor. 13:2, 10; 1 Cor. 4:21 ^{b1} Cor. 4:18f. ^{c2} Cor. 1:17; Rom. 8:4

3 ^{a2} Cor. 1:17; Rom. 8:4

4 ¹Or, *mighty before God*
^{a2} Cor. 6:7; 1 Cor. 9:7;
1 Tim. 1:18 ^bActs 7:20 *mag.*
^cJer. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10

5 ^aIs. 2:11f. ^{b2} Cor. 9:13

6 ^{a2} Cor. 2:9

7 ¹Or, *Look at . . . or, Do you look at . . . ?* ²Lit., *what is before your face*
^aJohn 7:24; 2 Cor. 5:12
^{b1} Cor. 1:12; 14:37 ^{c2} Cor. 11:23; 1 Cor. 9:1; Gal. 1:12

8 ¹Or, *more abundantly*
^{a2} Cor. 7:4 ^{b2} Cor. 13:10

9 ¹Lit., *that I may not seem . . .*

10 ¹Lit., *bodily presence is weak*
^{a1} Cor. 2:3; 2 Cor. 12:7; Gal. 4:13f. ^{b1} Cor. 1:17; 2 Cor. 11:6

12 ¹Or, *any*
^{a2} Cor. 10:18; 3:1

13 ¹Lit., *according to the measure*
^{a2} Cor. 10:15 ^bRom. 12:3; 2 Cor. 10:15f.

14¹ 1 Cor. 3:6^{b2} 2 Cor. 2:12
 15¹ Lit., according to our sphere
^{a2} 2 Cor. 10:13^b Rom. 15:20
^{c2} Thess. 1:3^d Acts 5:13
 16¹ Lit., to the things prepared in the . . .
^{a2} 2 Cor. 11:7^b Acts 19:21
^c Rom. 15:20
 17¹ Jer. 9:24; 1 Cor. 1:31
 18^{a2} 2 Cor. 10:12^b Rom. 2:29; 1 Cor. 4:5
 1¹ Or, do indeed bear with me
^{a2} 2 Cor. 11:4, 19f.; Matt. 17:17; 2 Cor. 11:16^{b2} 2 Cor. 11:17, 21; 5:13
 2^a Hos. 2:19f.; Eph. 5:26f.
^{b2} 2 Cor. 4:14
 3^a Gen. 3:4, 13; 1 Tim. 2:14; Rev. 12:9, 15; Jobn 8:44; 1 Thess. 3:5
 4^{a1} 1 Cor. 3:11^b Rom. 8:15
^c Gal. 1:6^{d2} 2 Cor. 11:1^e Mark 7:9
 5¹ Or, super-apostles
^{a2} 2 Cor. 12:11; Gal. 2:6
 6^{a1} 1 Cor. 1:17^{b1} 1 Cor. 12:8; Eph. 3:4^{c2} 2 Cor. 4:2
 7^{a2} 2 Cor. 12:13^b Rom. 1:1; 2 Cor. 2:12^{c1} 1 Cor. 9:18; Acts 18:3
 8^a Phil. 4:15, 18; 1 Cor. 4:12; 9:6
 9¹ Lit., and I will keep
^{a2} 2 Cor. 12:13f., 16^b Acts 18:5
^c Rom. 15:26
 10^a Rom. 9:1; 1:9; 2 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 2:20^{b1} 1 Cor. 9:15
^c Acts 18:12
 11^{a2} 2 Cor. 12:15^{b2} 2 Cor. 11:31; 2 Cor. 12:2f.; Rom. 1:9; 2 Cor. 2:17
 12¹ Lit., found
^{a1} 1 Cor. 9:12
 13^a Rev. 2:2; Acts 20:30; Gal. 1:7; 2:4; Phil. 1:15; Titus 1:10f.; 2 Pet. 2:1^b Phil. 3:2
 14^a Matt. 4:10; Eph. 6:12; Col. 1:13^b Col. 1:12
 15^a Rom. 2:6; 3:8

reach to you, for ^awe were the first to come even as far as you in the ^bgospel of Christ;
 15 not boasting ^abeyond our measure, that is, in ^bother men's labors, but with the hope that as ^cyour faith grows, we shall be, ¹within our sphere, ^denlarged even more by you,
 16 so as to ^apreach the gospel even to ^bthe regions beyond you, and not to boast ^{1c}in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.
 17 But ^aHE WHO BOASTS, LET HIM BOAST IN THE LORD.
 18 For not he who ^acommends himself is approved, but ^bwhom the Lord commends.

CHAPTER 11

I WISH that you would ^abear with me in a little ^bfoolishness; but ¹indeed you are bearing with me.
 2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I ^abetrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might ^bpresent you ^aas a pure virgin.
 3 But I am afraid, lest as the ^aserpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be ^{led} astray from the simplicity and purity ^{of devotion} to Christ.
 4 For if one comes and preaches ^aanother Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive ^aa ^bdifferent spirit which you have not received, or a ^cdifferent gospel which you have not accepted, you ^dbear ^{this} ^ebeautifully.
 5 For I consider myself ^anot in the least inferior to the ¹most eminent apostles.
 6 But even if I am ^aunskilled in speech, yet I am not so in ^bknowledge; in fact, in every way we have ^cmade ^{this} evident to you in all things.
 7 Or ^adid I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the ^bgospel of God to you ^cwithout charge?
 8 I robbed other churches, ^ataking wages ^{from them} to serve you;
 9 and when I was present with you and was in need, I was ^anot a burden to anyone; for when ^bthe brethren came from ^cMacedonia, they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from ^abeing a burden to you, ¹and will continue to do so.
 10 ^aAs the truth of Christ is in me, ^bthis boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of ^cAchaia.
 11 Why? ^aBecause I do not love you? ^bGod knows I do!
 12 But what I am doing, I will continue to do, ^athat I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be ¹regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting.
 13 For such men are ^afalse apostles, ^bdeceitful workers, ^{disguising} themselves as apostles of Christ.
 14 And no wonder, for even ^aSatan ^{disguises} himself as an ^bangel of light.
 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; ^awhose end shall be according to their deeds.

16 ^aAgain I say, let no one think me foolish; but if *you do*, receive me even as foolish, that I also may boast a little.

17 That which I am speaking, I am not speaking ^{1a}as the Lord would, but as ^bin foolishness, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Since ^amany boast ^baccording to the flesh, I will boast also.

19 For you, ^abeing so wise, bear with the foolish gladly.

20 For you bear with anyone if he ^aenslaves you, if he ^bdevours you, if he ^ctakes advantage of you, if he ^dexalts himself, if he ^ehits you in the face.

21 To my ^ashame I *must* say that we have been ^bweak by comparison. But in whatever respect anyone *else* ^cis bold (I ^dspeak in foolishness), I *am* just as bold myself.

22 Are they ^aHebrews? ^bSo am I. Are they ^cIsraelites? ^eSo am I. Are they ^{1d}descendants of Abraham? ^eSo am I.

23 Are they ^aservants of Christ? (I speak as if insane) I more so; in ^{1b}far more labors, in ^{1c}far more imprisonments, ^{2d}beaten times without number, often in ^cdanger of death.

24 Five times I received from the Jews ^athirty-nine lashes.

25 Three times I was ^abeaten with rods, once I was ^bstoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

26 *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers on rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my ^acountrymen, dangers from the ^bGentiles, dangers in the ^ccity, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among ^dfalse brethren;

27 *I have been* in ^alabor and hardship, ¹through many sleepless nights, in ^bhunger and thirst, often ^cwithout food, in cold and ^{2d}exposure.

28 Apart from *such* ¹external things, there is the daily pressure upon me of concern for ^aall the churches.

29 Who is ^aweak without my being weak? Who is ¹led into sin ²without my intense concern?

30 If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my ^aweakness.

31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, ^aHe who is blessed forever, ^bknows that I am not lying.

32 In ^aDamascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was ^bguarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,

33 and I was let down in a basket ^athrough a window ¹in the wall, and so escaped his hands.

16 ^{a2} Cor. 11:1

17 ¹Lit., *in accordance with the Lord*
¹1 Cor. 7:12, 25 ^{b2} Cor. 11:21

18 ^aPhil. 3:3f. ^{b2} Cor. 5:16

19 ^{a1} Cor. 4:10

20 ^{a2}Gal. 2:4; 2 Cor. 1:24; Gal. 4:3; 9; 5:1 ^bMark 12:40
^cLuke 5:5; 2 Cor. 11:3; 12:16
^{d2} Cor. 10:5 ^{e1} Cor. 4:11

21 ^{a2} Cor. 6:8 ^{b2} Cor. 10:10
^{c2} Cor. 10:2 ^{d2} Cor. 11:17

22 ²Lit., *seer*
^aActs 6:1 ^bPhil. 3:5 ^cRom. 9:4
^dGal. 3:16 ^eRom. 11:1

23 ²Lit., *more abundantly*
²Lit., *exceedingly in stripes*
^{a2} Cor. 3:6; 1 Cor. 3:5;
2 Cor. 10:7 ^{b1} Cor. 15:10
^{c2} Cor. 6:5 ^dActs 16:23;
2 Cor. 6:5 ^eRom. 8:36

24 ^aDeut. 25:3

25 ^aActs 16:22 ^bActs 14:19

26 ^aActs 9:23; 13:45; 50; 14:5; 17:5; 13; 18:12; 20:3; 19; 21:27; 23:10; 12; 25:3;
1 Thess. 2:15 ^bActs 14:5; 19; 19:23ff.; 27:42 ^cActs 21:31
^dGal. 2:4

27 ²Lit., *often in wakefulness*
²Lit., *lack of clothing*
^{a1} Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8
^{b1} Cor. 4:11; Phil. 4:12
^{c2} Cor. 6:5 ^{d1} Cor. 4:11

28 ¹Or, *the things unmentioned*
^{a1} Cor. 7:17

29 ¹Lit., *made to stumble*
²Lit., *and I do not burn*
^{a1} Cor. 9:22; 1 Cor. 8:9; 13

30 ^{a1} Cor. 2:3

31 ^aRom. 1:25 ^{b2} Cor. 11:11

32 ^aActs 9:2 ^bActs 9:24

33 ¹Lit., *through*
^aActs 9:25

¹ Or possibly, *from*
^{a2} Cor. 11:30; 11:16; 18; 12:5; 9 ^{b2} Cor. 12:7; Gal. 1:12; 2:2; Eph. 3:3; 1 Cor. 14:6

² Rom. 16:7 ^{b2} Cor. 11:11 ^{c2} Cor. 12:4; 1 Thess. 4:17; Rev. 12:5; Acts 8:39; Ezek. 8:3 ^dDeut. 10:14; Ps. 148:4; Eph. 4:10; Heb. 4:14

3 ^{a2} Cor. 11:11

4 ^{a2} Cor. 12:2; 1 Thess. 4:17; Rev. 12:5; Acts 8:39; Ezek. 8:3 ^bLuke 23:43

CHAPTER 12

^a**BOASTING** is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and ^brevelations ¹of the Lord.

2 I know a man ^ain Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, ^bGod knows—such a man was ^ccaught up to the ^dthird heaven.

3 And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, ^aGod knows—

4 was ^acaught up into ^bParadise, and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

5^a 2 Cor. 12:1^b 1 Cor. 2:3;
2 Cor. 12:9f.

6^a 2 Cor. 11:16f.; 2 Cor.
12:11; 2 Cor. 5:13^b 2 Cor.
7:14

7^a 2 Cor. 12:1^b Num.
33:55; Ezek. 28:24; Hos. 2:6
Job 2:6; 1 Cor. 5:5; Matt.
4:10

8^a Matt. 26:44

9¹ Later mss. read, My
power
² Phil. 4:13; 1 Cor. 2:5; Eph.
3:16^b 1 Cor. 2:3; 2 Cor. 12:5

10¹ Or, mistreatment
^a Rom. 5:3; 8:35^b 2 Cor. 6:4
^c 2 Thess. 1:4; 2 Tim. 3:11
^d 2 Cor. 5:15; 20^c 2 Cor. 13:4

11¹ Or, super-apostles
^a 2 Cor. 11:16f.; 12:6; 5:13
^b 2 Cor. 11:5; 1 Cor. 15:10
^c 1 Cor. 3:7; 13:2; 15:9

12¹ Or, attesting miracles
² Lit., of the apostle³ Or,
works of power
^a 1 Cor. 9:1; Rom. 15:19; esp.
John 4:48

13^a 1 Cor. 9:12, 18; 2 Cor.
11:9; 12:14^b 2 Cor. 11:7

14^a 2 Cor. 13:1; 1:15; 13:2
^b 1 Cor. 9:12, 18; 2 Cor. 11:9;
12:13^c 1 Cor. 10:24, 33
^d 1 Cor. 9:19^e 1 Cor. 4:14f.;
Gal. 4:14^f Prov. 19:14; Ezek.
34:4

15^a 2 Cor. 1:6; Rom. 9:3;
Phil. 2:17; Col. 1:24; 1 Thess.
2:8; 2 Tim. 2:10^b 2 Cor.
11:11

16^a 2 Cor. 11:9^b 2 Cor.
11:20

17^a 2 Cor. 9:5

18¹ Lit., walk² Or, by the
same Spirit
^a 2 Cor. 8:6^b 2 Cor. 2:13
^c 2 Cor. 8:18^d 1 Cor. 4:21
^e Rom. 4:12

19¹ Or, have you been
thinking . . . ?
^a 2 Cor. 2:17; Rom. 9:1
^b 2 Cor. 10:8; Rom. 14:19;
1 Thess. 5:11^c Heb. 6:9

20^a 2 Cor. 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 4:21
^b 1 Cor. 1:11; 3:3^c Gal. 5:20
^d Rom. 2:8; 1 Cor. 11:19
^e Rom. 1:30; James 4:11;
1 Pet. 2:1^f Rom. 1:29^g 1 Cor.
4:6, 18; 5:2^h 1 Cor. 14:33

21¹ I.e., sexual immorality
^a 2 Cor. 13:2^b Gal. 5:19;
1 Cor. 6:9, 18; Col. 3:5

5^a On behalf of such a man will I boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my^b weaknesses.

6 For if I do wish to boast I shall not be^a foolish, ^bfor I shall be speaking the truth; but I refrain from this, so that no one may credit me with more than he sees in me or hears from me.

7 And because of the surpassing greatness of the^a revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a^b thorn in the flesh, a^c messenger of Satan to buffet me—to keep me from exalting myself!

8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord^a three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He has said to me, "My^a grace is sufficient for you, for^{1a} power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather^b boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore^a I am well content with weaknesses, with¹ insults, with^b distresses, with^c persecutions, with^d difficulties, ^dfor Christ's sake; for^e when I am weak, then I am strong,

11 I have become^a foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for^b in no respect was I inferior to the¹ most eminent apostles, even though^c I am a nobody.

12 The^{1a} signs² of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by¹ signs and wonders and³ miracles.

13 For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that^a I myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me^b this wrong!

14 Here^a for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I^b will not be a burden to you; for I^c do not seek what is yours, but^d you; for^e children are not responsible to save up for their parents, but^f parents for their children.

15 And I will^a most gladly spend and be expended for your souls. If^b I love you the more, am I to be loved the less?

16 But be that as it may, I^a did not burden you myself; nevertheless, crafty fellow that I am, I^b took you in by deceit.

17^a Certainly I have not taken advantage of you through any of those whom I have sent to you, have I?

18 I^a urged^b Titus to go, and sent^c the brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not¹ conduct ourselves² in the same^d spirit and walk^e in the same steps?

19 All this time¹ you have been thinking that we are defending ourselves to you. Actually, ^ait is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ; and^b all for your upbuilding, ^cbeloved.

20 For I am afraid that perhaps^a when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps there may be^b strife, jealousy, ^cangry tempers, ^ddisputes, ^eslanders, ^fgossip, ^garrogance, ^hdisturbances;

21 I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have^a sinned in the past and not repented of the^b impurity, ¹immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

CHAPTER 13

^aTHIS is the third time I am coming to you. ^bEVERY ¹FACT ²IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE ³TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

² I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have ^asinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that ^bif I come again, I will not ^cspare *anyone*,—

³ since you are ^aseeking for proof of the ^bChrist who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but ^cmighty in you.

⁴ For indeed He was ^acrucified because of weakness, yet He lives ^bbecause of the power of God. For we also are ^cweak ¹in Him, yet ^dwe shall live with Him because of the power of God *directed* toward you.

⁵ ^aTest yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; ^bexamine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you ¹fail the test?

⁶ But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves ¹do not fail the test.

⁷ Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we should ¹appear unapproved.

⁸ For we can do nothing against the truth, but *only* for the truth.

⁹ For we rejoice when we ourselves are ^aweak but you are strong; this we also pray for, ¹that you be ^bmade complete.

¹⁰ For this reason I am writing these things while absent, in order that when present ^aI may not use ^bseverity in accordance with the ^cauthority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

¹¹ ^aFinally, brethren, ¹rejoice, ²^bbe made complete, be comforted, ^cbe like-minded, ^dlive in peace; and ^ethe God of love and peace shall be with you.

¹² ^aGreet one another with a holy kiss.

¹³ ^aAll the ¹saints greet you.

¹⁴ ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the ^blove of God, and the ^cfellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

¹ Lit., *word* ² Lit., *will be*
¹ Lit., *mouth*
² Cor. 12:14 ^b Deut. 19:15;
Matt. 18:16

² ² Cor. 12:21 ^b ² Cor.
13:10; 1 Cor. 4:21 ^c ² Cor.
1:23; 10:11

³ ² Cor. 10:1; 10 ^b ¹ Cor.
5:4; 7:40; Matt. 10:20 ^c ² Cor.
9:8; 10:4

⁴ Some early mss. read,
with Him
^a Phil. 2:7; 1 Pet. 3:18
^b Rom. 1:4; 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:14
^c 1 Cor. 2:3; 2 Cor. 13:19
^d Rom. 6:8

⁵ Lit., *are unapproved*
^a John 6:6 ^b 1 Cor. 11:28
^c 1 Cor. 9:27

⁶ Lit., *are not*
unapproved

⁷ Lit., *be as*

⁹ Lit., *your completion*
^a 2 Cor. 13:4; 12:10 ^b 1 Cor.
1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:12;
1 Thess. 3:10

¹⁰ ² Cor. 2:3 ^b Titus 1:13
^c 2 Cor. 10:8; 1 Cor. 5:4

¹¹ ¹ Or possibly, *farewell*
² Or, *put yourselves in order*
^a 1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 3:1,
^b 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:9;
Eph. 4:12; 1 Thess. 3:10
^c Rom. 12:16 ^d Mark 9:50
^e Rom. 15:33; Eph. 6:23

¹² ^a Rom. 16:16

¹³ I.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
^a Phil. 4:22

¹⁴ ^a Rom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 8:9
^b Rom. 5:5; Jude 21 ^c Phil. 2:1

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE
GALATIANS ANAL. 1911

Salutation. The Galatians' Falling Away.
The Gospel I Preach Came from Christ.
Visit to Jerusalem.

PAUL, ^aan apostle (^bnot *sent* from men, nor through the agency of man, but ^cthrough Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who ^draised Him from the dead),

2 and all ^athe brethren who are with me, to ^bthe churches of Galatia:

3 ^aGrace to you and peace from ¹God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who ^agave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us out of ^bthis present evil ¹age, according to the will of ^cour God and Father,

5 ^ato whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen.

6 I am amazed that you are ^aso quickly deserting ^bHim who called you ¹by the grace of Christ, for a ^cdifferent gospel;

7 which is *really* not another; only there are some who are ^adisturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

8 But even though we, or ^aan angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel ¹contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be ^{2b}accursed.

9 As we ^ahave said before, so I say again now, ^bif any man is preaching to you a gospel ¹contrary to that which you received, let him be ^{2c}accursed.

10 For am I now ^aseeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a ^bbond-servant of Christ.

11 For ^aI would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is ^bnot according to man.

12 For ^aI neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it* through a ^brevelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of ^amy former manner of life in Judaism, how I ^bused to persecute ^cthe church of God beyond measure, and ^dtried to destroy it;

14 and I ^awas advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my ¹countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ^bancestral traditions.

15 But when He who had set me apart, *even* from my mother's womb, and ^acalled me through His grace, was ^bpleased

16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might ^apreach Him among the Gentiles, ^bI did not immediately consult with ^{1c}flesh and blood,

17 ^anor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to ^bDamascus.

18 Then ^athree years later I went up ^bto Jerusalem to ¹become acquainted with ^cCephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.

¹ ^a2 Cor. 1:1 ^bGal. 1:11f.
^cActs 20:24; 9:15; Gal. 1:15f.
^dActs 2:24

² ^aPhil. 4:21 ^b1 Cor. 16:1;
Acts 16:6

³ ¹Some early mss. read,
*God the Father, and our
Lord Jesus Christ*
^aRom. 1:7

⁴ ¹Or, *world*
^aMatt. 20:28; Rom. 4:25;
1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 2:20 ^bMatt.
13:22; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:4
^cPhil. 4:20; 1 Thess. 1:3; 3:11;
13

⁵ ^aRom. 11:36

⁶ ¹Lit., *in*
^aActs 16:6; 18:23; Gal. 4:13
^bGal. 5:8; 1:15; Rom. 8:28
^c2 Cor. 11:4; 1 Tim. 1:3; Gal.
1:7, 11; 2:2, 7; Gal. 5:14

⁷ ^aActs 15:24; Gal. 5:10

⁸ ¹Or, *other than, more
than* ²Gr., *anathema*
^a2 Cor. 11:14 ^bRom. 9:3

⁹ ¹Or, *other than, more
than* ²Gr., *anathema*
^aActs 18:23 ^bRom. 16:17
^cRom. 9:3

¹⁰ ^a1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Cor.
10:33 ^bRom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1

¹¹ ^a1 Cor. 15:1; Rom. 2:16
^b1 Cor. 9:8; 3:4

¹² ^aGal. 1:1; 1 Cor. 11:23
^bGal. 1:16; 1 Cor. 2:10;
2 Cor. 12:1; Gal. 2:2

¹³ ^aActs 26:4f. ^bActs 8:3
^c1 Cor. 10:32 ^dActs 9:21

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *race*
^aActs 22:3 ^bMatt. 15:2; Mark
7:3; Col. 2:8; Jer. 9:14

¹⁵ ^aGal. 1:6 ^bActs 9:15;
Rom. 1:1; Is. 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5

¹⁶ ¹I.e., human beings
^aGal. 2:9; Acts 9:15 ^bActs
9:20 ^cMatt. 16:17

¹⁷ ^aActs 9:19-22 ^bActs 9:2

¹⁸ ¹Or, *visit Cephas*
^aActs 9:22f. ^bActs 9:26f.
^cJohn 1:42; Gal. 2:9, 11, 14

19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except
^{1a}James the Lord's brother.
20 (Now in what I am writing to you, ¹I assure you ^abefore
God *that* I am not lying.)
21 Then ^aI went into the regions of ^bSyria and ^cCilicia.
22 And I was *still* unknown by ¹sight to ^athe churches of
Judea which were ^bin Christ;
23 but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted
us is now preaching ^athe faith which he once ^btried to destroy."
24 And they ^awere glorifying God ^bbecause of me.

CHAPTER 2

THEN after an interval of fourteen years I ^awent up again to
Jerusalem with ^bBarnabas, taking ^cTitus along also.
2 And ¹it was because of a ^arevelation that I went up; and
I submitted to them the ^bgospel which I preach among the
Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputa-
tion, for fear that I might be ^crunning, or had run, in vain.
3 But not even ^aTitus who was with me, though he was a
Greek, was ^bcompelled to be circumcised.
4 But *it* was because of the ^afalse brethren who ^bhad
sneaked in to spy out our ¹liberty which we have in Christ
Jesus, in order to ^dbring us into bondage.
5 But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an
hour, so that ^athe truth of the gospel might remain with you.
6 But from those who ¹were of high ^areputation (what
they were makes no difference to me; ^bGod ²shows no partial-
ity)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing
to me.
7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been ^aentrusted
with the ^bgospel ¹to the uncircumcised, just as ^cPeter with *the*
gospel ²to the circumcised
8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter in *his* ^aapostle-
ship ¹to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to
the Gentiles),
9 and recognizing ^athe grace that had been given to me,
^{1b}James and ^cCephas and John, who were ^dreputed to be ^cpil-
lars, gave to me and ^fBarnabas the ^eright ²hand of fellowship,
that we might ^bgo to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.
10 *They only asked* us to remember the poor—^athe very
thing I also was eager to do.
11 But when ^aCephas came to ^bAntioch, I opposed him to
his face, because he ¹stood condemned.
12 For prior to the coming of certain men from ^{1a}James,
he used to ^beat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he
began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, ^cfearing the ²party
of the circumcision.
13 And the rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with
the result that even ^aBarnabas was carried away by their
hypocrisy.
14 But when I saw that they ^awere not ¹straightforward
about ^bthe truth of the gospel, I said to ^cCephas in the pres-
ence of all, "If you, being a Jew, ^dlive like the Gentiles and
not like the Jews, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live
like Jews?"

¹⁹ ¹Or, *Jacob*
²⁰ ¹Matt. 12:46; Acts 12:17
²⁰ ¹Lit., *behold before God*
²Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:23; 11:31
²¹ ^aActs 9:30 ^bActs 15:23,
41 ^cActs 6:9
²² ¹Lit., *face*
²¹ ¹Thess. 2:14; 1 Cor. 7:17
²Rom. 16:7
²³ ^aActs 6:7; Gal. 6:10 ^bActs
9:21
²⁴ ¹Lit., *in me*
²Matt. 9:8

¹ ^aActs 15:2 ^bActs 4:36;
Gal. 2:9, 13 ² Cor. 2:13;
Gal. 2:3

² ¹Lit., *according to
revelation I went up*
²Acts 15:2; Gal. 1:12 ^bGal.
1:6 ^cGal. 5:7; Phil. 2:16;
Rom. 9:16; 1 Cor. 9:24ff.;
Heb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7

³ ² Cor. 2:13; Gal. 2:1
^bActs 16:3; 1 Cor. 9:21

⁴ ^aGal. 1:7; Acts 15:1, 24;
2 Cor. 11:13, 26 ^b2 Pet. 2:1;
Jude 4 ^cGal. 5:1, 13; James
1:25 ^d2 Cor. 11:20; Rom.
8:15

⁵ ^aGal. 2:14; Col. 1:5; Gal.
1:6

⁶ ¹Lit., *seemed to be
something* ²Lit., *does not
receive a face*
²Gal. 2:9; Gal. 6:3; 2 Cor.
11:5; 12:11 ^bActs 10:34

⁷ ¹Lit., *of the
uncircumcision* ²Lit., *of the
circumcision*
²¹ ¹Thess. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:11;
1 Cor. 9:17 ^bGal. 1:16; Acts
9:15 ^cGal. 2:9, 11, 14; Gal.
1:18

⁸ ¹Lit., *of the
circumcision* ²Lit., *of the
circumcision*
²Acts 1:25

⁹ ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Lit., *hands*
²Rom. 12:3 ^bActs 12:17; Gal.
2:12 ^cGal. 2:7, 11, 14; 1:18;
Luke 22:8 ^dGal. 2:2, 6; 6:3;
2 Cor. 11:5; 12:11 ^eRev. 3:12;
1 Tim. 3:15 ^fActs 4:36; Gal.
2:1, 13 ² Kin. 10:15; Ezra
10:19 ^bGal. 1:16

¹⁰ ^aActs 24:17

¹¹ ¹Or, *was to be
condemned*; lit., *was one
who was condemned*, or, *was
self condemned*
²Gal. 2:6, 9, 14; Gal. 1:18
^bActs 11:19; Acts 15:1

¹² ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Or, *converts
from the circumcised*; lit.,
those from the circumcision
²Acts 12:17; Gal. 2:9 ^bActs
11:3 ^cActs 11:2

¹³ ^aActs 4:36; Gal. 2:1, 9

¹⁴ ¹Or, *progressing toward*;
lit., *walking straightly*
²Some close the direct
quotation here, others
extend it through vs. 21.
²Heb. 12:13 ^bGal. 2:5; Col.
1:5; Gal. 1:6 ^cGal. 2:7, 9, 11;
1:18 ^dGal. 2:12; Acts 10:28

15 ^aPhil. 3:4f. ^{b1} Sam. 15:18; Luke 24:7; 1 Cor. 6:1

16 ¹Or, law ²Or, mortal man
^aGal. 3:11; Acts 13:39 ^bRom. 9:30 ^cRom. 3:20; Ps. 143:2

17 ^aGal. 2:15 ^bGal. 3:21; Luke 20:16

18 ^aRom. 3:5 [Gr.]

19 ¹Or, law
^aRom. 7:4; 6:2; 1 Cor. 9:20

20 ¹Or, insofar as I
^aRom. 6:6; Gal. 5:24; 6:14
^bRom. 8:10 ^cMatt. 4:3
^dRom. 8:37 ^eGal. 1:4

21 ¹Or, law
^aGal. 3:21

1 ¹Lit., O
^aGal. 1:2 ^{b1} 1 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 5:11

2 ¹Or, law ²Lit., the hearing of faith
^aRom. 10:17

3 ¹Or, with ²Or, ending with

4 ¹ 1 Cor. 15:2

5 ¹Or, works of power ²Or, law ¹Lit., the hearing of faith
^aPhil. 1:19; 2 Cor. 9:10
^{b1} 1 Cor. 12:10 ^bRom. 10:17

6 ¹Lit., just as
^aRom. 4:3 ^bGen. 15:6

7 ¹Lit., know
^aGal. 3:9 ^bLuke 19:9; Gal. 6:16

8 ¹Lit., justifies ²Lit., nations
^aGen. 12:3

9 ¹Lit., the believing Abraham
^aGal. 3:7

10 ¹Or, law
^aDeut. 27:26

11 ¹Or, in ²Or, law ³Or, "But he who is righteous by faith shall live."
^aGal. 2:16 ^bHab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:38

12 ¹Or, and ²Or, based on ³Or, in
^aLev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5

13 ¹Or, cross; lit., wood
^aGal. 4:5 ^bDeut. 21:23 ^cActs 5:30

14 ^aRom. 4:9, 16; Gal. 3:28

15 "We are ^aJews by nature, and not ^bsinners from among the Gentiles;

16 nevertheless knowing that ^aa man is not justified by the works of ¹the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by ^bfaith in Christ, and not by the works of ¹the Law; since ^cby the works of ¹the Law shall no ²flesh be justified.

17 "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found ^asinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? ^bMay it never be!

18 "For if I rebuild what I have *once* destroyed, I ^aprove myself to be a transgressor.

19 "For through ¹the Law I ^adied to ¹the Law, that I might live to God.

20 "I have been ^acrucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but ^bChrist lives in me; and ¹the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in ^cthe Son of God, who ^dloved me, and ^edelivered Himself up for me.

21 "I do not nullify the grace of God; for ^aif righteousness comes through ¹the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

CHAPTER 3

YOU foolish ^aGalatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ ^bwas publicly portrayed as crucified?

2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of ¹the Law, or by ^{2a}hearing with faith?

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun ¹by the Spirit, are you now ²being perfected by the flesh?

4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—^aif indeed it was in vain?

5 Does He then who ^aprovides you with the Spirit and ^bworks ¹miracles among you, do it by the works of ²the Law, or by ³hearing with faith?

6 ¹Even so ^aAbraham ^bBELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, ¹be sure that ^ait is those who are of faith that are ^bsons of Abraham.

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God ¹would justify the ²Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "^aALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

9 So then ^athose who are of faith are blessed with ¹Abraham, the believer.

10 For as many as are of the works of ¹the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "^aCURSED IS EVERY ONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

11 Now that ^ano one is justified ¹by ²the Law before God is evident; for, "^bTHE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

12 ¹However, the Law is not ²of faith; on the contrary, "^aHE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE ³BY THEM."

13 Christ ^aredeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "^bCURSED IS EVERY ONE WHO HANGS ON ^aA TREE"—

14 in order that ^ain Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham

might ¹come to the Gentiles, so that we ^bmight receive ^cthe promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 ^aBrethren, ^bI speak ¹in terms of human relations: ^ceven though it is *only* a man's ²covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds ³conditions to it.

16 Now the promises were spoken ^ato Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "^bAND TO SEEDS," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "^cAND TO YOUR SEED," that is, Christ.

17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came ^afour hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

18 For ^aif the inheritance is ¹based on law, it is no longer ¹based on a promise; but ^bGod has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

19 ^aWhy the Law then? It was added ¹because of transgressions, having been ^bordained through angels ^cby the ^dagency of a mediator, until ^ethe seed should come to whom the promise had been made.

20 Now ^aa mediator is not ¹for one *party only*; whereas God is *only* one.

21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? ^aMay it never be! For ^bif a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness ¹would indeed have been ²based on law.

22 But the Scripture has ^ashut up all ^bmen under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, ^abeing shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

24 Therefore the Law has become our ¹tutor to *lead us* to Christ, that ^bwe may be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a ¹tutor.

26 For you are all ^asons of God through faith in ^bChrist Jesus.

27 For all of you who were ^abaptized into Christ have ^bclothed yourselves with Christ.

28 ^aThere is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is ¹neither male nor female; for ^byou are all one in ^cChrist Jesus.

29 And if ^ayou ¹belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's ²offspring, heirs according to ^bpromise.

CHAPTER 4

NOW I say, as long as the heir is a ¹child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is ²owner of everything,

2 but he is under guardians and ¹managers until the date set by the father.

3 So also we, while we were children, were held ^ain bondage under the ^belemental things of the world.

4 But when ^athe fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, ^bborn of a woman, born ^cunder ¹the Law,

5 in order that He might redeem those who were under ¹the Law, that we might receive the adoption as ^asons.

14 ¹Or, occur
^bGal. 3:2 ^cActs 2:33; Eph. 1:13

15 ¹Lit., according to man
²Or, will, or, testament ³Or, a codicil
^aGal. 6:18; Rom. 1:13; Acts 1:15 ^bRom. 3:5 ^cHeb. 6:16

16 ^aLuke 1:55; Rom. 4:13, 16; 9:4 ^bGen. 13:15 ^cGen. 17:8; Acts 3:25

17 ^aEx. 12:40; Gen. 15:13f.; Acts 7:6

18 ¹Lit., out of, from
^aRom. 4:14 ^bHeb. 6:14

19 ¹Or, for the sake of defining
²Lit., hand
^aRom. 5:20 ^bActs 7:53 ^cEx. 20:19; Deut. 5:5 ^dGal. 3:16

20 ¹Lit., of one
^a1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24

21 ¹Or, would indeed be
²Lit., out of, from
^aLuke 20:16; Gal. 2:17 ^bGal. 2:21

22 ¹Lit., things
^aRom. 11:32 ^b1 Cor. 1:27

23 ^aRom. 11:32

24 ¹Lit., a child-conductor
^a1 Cor. 4:15 ^bGal. 2:16

25 ¹Lit., a child-conductor
^a1 Cor. 4:15

26 ^aGal. 4:5 Rom. 8:14
^bGal. 3:28; 4:14; 5:6, 24; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:4; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:4

27 ^aMatt. 28:19; Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 10:2 ^bRom. 13:14

28 ¹Lit., not male and female
^a1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:11; Rom. 3:22 ^bJohn 17:11; Eph. 2:15 ^cGal. 3:26; 4:14; 5:6, 24; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:4; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:4

29 ¹Lit., are Christ's ²Lit., seed
^a1 Cor. 3:23 ^bGal. 3:18; 4:28; Rom. 9:8

1 ¹Or, minor ²Lit., lord

2 ¹Or, stewards

3 ¹Or, rudimentary teachings, or, principles
^aGal. 4:8f.; 4:24f.; 2:4 ^bCol. 2:8, 20; Heb. 5:12; Gal. 4:9

4 ¹Or, law
^aMark 1:15 ^bJohn 1:14; Rom. 1:3; 8:3; Phil. 2:7
^cLuke 2:21f., 27

5 ¹Or, law
^aGal. 3:26; Rom. 8:14

6 ^aRom. 5:5; 8:9, 16;
2 Cor. 3:17; Acts 16:7 ^bMark
14:36; Rom. 8:15

7 ¹i.e., through the
gracious act of
^aRom. 8:17

8 ^a1 Cor. 1:21; 1 Thess.
4:5; 2 Thess. 1:8; Eph. 2:12
^bGal. 4:3 ^c2 Chr. 13:9; Is.
37:19; Jer. 2:11; 1 Cor. 8:4f.;
1 Cor. 10:20

9 ¹Or, rudimentary
teachings, or principles
^a1 Cor. 8:3 ^bCol. 2:20 ^cGal.
4:3 and marg.

10 ^aRom. 14:5; Col. 2:16

11 ¹Or, for

12 ^aGal. 6:18 ^b2 Cor. 6:11,
13

13 ¹Lit., weakness of the
flesh ²Or, former

14 ¹Or, temptation ²Lit.,
flesh ³Lit., spit out at
^aMatt. 10:40; 1 Thess. 2:13
^bGal. 3:26

15 ¹Lit., the
congratulation of yourselves

16 ¹Or, dealing truthfully
with you
^aAmos 5:10

18 ^aGal. 4:13f.

19 ^a1 John 2:1 ^b1 Cor. 4:15
^cEph. 4:13

20 ^a2 Cor. 4:8

21 ^aLuke 16:29

22 ^aGal. 4:29; Rom. 9:7
^bGal. 4:28; Gen. 17:16ff.;
18:10ff.; 21:1; Heb. 11:11

24 ¹Lit., which things are
allegorical utterances ²Lit.,
into slavery ³Lit., which
^a1 Cor. 10:11 ^bDeut. 33:2
^cGal. 4:3

26 ¹Lit., which
^aHeb. 12:22; Rev. 3:12; 21:2,
10

27 ^aIs. 54:1

28 ^aGal. 4:23 ^bGal. 3:29;
Rom. 9:7f.

29 ^aGal. 4:23 ^bGen. 21:9
^cGal. 5:11

6 And because you are sons, ^aGod has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "bAbba! Father!"

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and ^aif a son, then an heir ¹through God.

8 However at that time, ^awhen you did not know God, you were ^bslaves to ^cthose which by nature are no gods.

9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be ^aknown by God, ^bhow is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless ¹elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

10 You ^aobserve days and months and seasons and years.

11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored ¹over you in vain.

12 I beg of you, ^abrethren, ^bbecome as *I am*, for I also *have become* as you *are*. You have done me no wrong;

13 but you know that it was because of a ¹bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the ²first time;

14 and that which was a ¹trial to you in my ²bodily condition you did not despise or ³loathe, but ^ayou received me as an angel of God, as ^bChrist Jesus *Himself*.

15 Where then is ¹that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

16 Have I therefore become your enemy ^aby ¹telling you the truth?

17 They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out, in order that you may seek them.

18 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and ^anot only when I am present with you.

19 ^aMy children, with whom ^bI am again in labor until ^cChrist is formed in you —

20 but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for ^aI am perplexed about you.

21 Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not ^alisten to the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman.

23 But ^athe son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and ^bthe son by the free woman through the promise.

24 ^{1a}This contains an allegory; for these *women* are two covenants, one *proceeding* from ^bMount Sinai bearing children ²who are to be ^cslaves; ³she is Hagar.

25 Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

26 But ^athe Jerusalem above is free; ¹she is our mother.

27 For it is written,

“^aREJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR;

BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR;

FOR MORE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE

THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.”

28 And you brethren, ^alike Isaac, are ^bchildren of promise.

29 But as at that time ^ahe who was born according to the flesh ^bpersecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, ^cso it is now also.

**Serve One Another.
Exhortation to Helpfulness.**

30 But what does the Scripture say?
"CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON,
FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN
HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN."

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman,
but of the free woman.

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CHAPTER 5

IT was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep
standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.)

2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision,
Christ will be of no benefit to you.

3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision,
that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.

4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking
to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the
hope of righteousness.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision
means anything, but faith working through love.

7 You were running well; who hindered you from
obeying the truth?

8 This persuasion did not come from Him who calls
you.

9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

10 I have confidence in you in the Lord, that you will
adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you shall
bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I
still persecuted? Then the stumbling-block of the cross has
been abolished.

12 Would that those who are troubling you would even
mutilate themselves.

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do
not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but
through love serve one another.

14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the
statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest
you be consumed by one another.

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out
the desire of the flesh.

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the
Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one
another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the
Law.

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are:
immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts
of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

21 envyings, drunkenness, carousings, and things like
these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you
that those who practice such things shall not inherit the king-
dom of God.

30 *Gen. 21:10, 12 ^bJohn 8:35

31 ¹Note next vs., 5:1

¹ Some authorities prefer to join with 4:31 and render, but with the freedom of the free woman Christ set us free

^aGal. 2:4; 5:13; John 8:32, 36; Rom. 8:15; 2 Cor. 3:17

^{b1} 1 Cor. 16:13 ^aActs 15:10; Gal. 2:4

² 2 Cor. 10:1 ^bActs 15:1; Gal. 5:3, 6, 11

³ Luke 16:28 ^bActs 15:1; Gal. 5:2, 6, 11 ^cRom. 2:25

⁴ Or, would be
^{a2} Pet. 3:17; Heb. 12:15
marg. return to normal system

⁵ Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 1:7

⁶ Gal. 3:26 ^{b1} Cor. 7:19; Gal. 6:15 ^cCol. 1:4f.; 1 Thess. 1:3; James 2:18, 20, 22

⁷ Gal. 2:2

⁸ Rom. 8:28; Gal. 1:6

⁹ 1 Cor. 5:6

¹⁰ Lit., toward
^{a2} Pet. 2:3 ^bPhil. 3:15; Gal. 5:7 ^cGal. 1:7; 5:12

¹¹ Gal. 4:29; 6:12 ^{b1} Cor. 1:23; Rom. 9:33

¹² Or, cut themselves off
^aGal. 5:10; 2:4 ^bDeut. 23:1

¹³ Gal. 5:1 ^{b1} Cor. 8:9; 1 Pet. 2:16 ^{c1} Cor. 9:19; Eph. 5:21

¹⁴ Matt. 7:12; 22:40; Rom. 13:8, 10; Gal. 6:2 ^bLev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19; John 13:34

¹⁵ Phil. 3:2; Gal. 5:20

¹⁶ Rom. 8:4; 13:14; Gal. 5:24f. ^bEph. 2:3; Rom. 13:14

¹⁷ Lit., lusts against
²Lit., wish
^aRom. 7:18, 23; 8:5ff. ^bRom. 7:15ff.

¹⁸ Rom. 8:14 ^bRom. 6:14; 7:4; 1 Tim. 1:9

¹⁹ I.e., sexual immorality
^{a1} Cor. 6:9, 18; 2 Cor. 12:21

²⁰ Or, heresies
^aRev. 21:8 ^{b2} Cor. 12:20
^cRom. 2:8; James 3:14ff.
^{d1} Cor. 11:19

²¹ Rom. 13:13 ^{b1} Cor. 6:9

Galatians 5, 6

22 ^aMatt. 7:16ff.; Rom. 6:21; Eph. 5:9 ^{b1} Cor. 13:4; Rom. 5:1-5; Col. 3:12-15

23 ^aActs 24:25 ^bGal. 5:18

24 ¹Lit., are of Christ Jesus ^aGal. 3:26 ^{b1}Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; 6:14 ^cGal. 5:16f.

25 ¹Or, follow the Spirit ^aGal. 5:16

26 ^aPhil. 2:3

1 ^aGal. 6:18; 1 Thess. 4:1
^{b1} Cor. 2:15 ^{c2} Cor. 2:7;
2 Thess. 3:15; Heb. 12:13;
James 5:19f. ^{d1} Cor. 4:21

2 ^aRom. 15:1 ^{b1} Cor. 9:21;
James 1:25; 2:12; Rom. 8:2;
2 Pet. 3:2

3 ^{a1} Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor.
12:11; Acts 5:36

4 ^{a1} Cor. 11:28 ^bPhil. 1:26

5 ^aProv. 9:12; Rom. 14:12;
1 Cor. 3:8

6 ^{a1} Cor. 9:11, 14 ^{b2} Tim.
4:2

7 ^{a1} Cor. 6:9 ^bJob 13:9
^{c2} Cor. 9:6

8 ^aJob 4:8; Hos. 8:7; Rom.
6:21 ^{b1} Cor. 15:42 ^cJames
3:18; Rom. 8:11

9 ^{a2} Cor. 4:1; 1 Cor. 15:58
^bHeb. 12:3, 5; James 5:7f.;
Matt. 10:22

10 ¹Or, as
^aProv. 3:27; John 12:35
^bEph. 2:19; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet.
2:5; 4:17 ^cActs 6:7; Gal. 1:23

11 ¹Or, have written
^{a1} Cor. 16:21

12 ¹Or, because of
^aMatt. 23:27f. ^bActs 15:1
^cGal. 5:11

13 ¹Some ancient mss.
read, have been ²Or, law
^aRom. 2:25 ^bPhil. 3:3

14 ¹Or, whom
^aGal. 2:17; 3:21; Luke 20:16
[in the Gr.] ^{b1} Cor. 2:2 ^cGal.
2:20; Col. 2:20 ^dRom. 6:2, 6;
Gal. 2:19f.; 5:24

15 ¹Or, creature
^aGal. 5:6; 1 Cor. 7:19; Rom.
2:26, 28 ^{b2} Cor. 5:17; Eph.
2:10, 15; 4:24; Col. 3:10

16 ¹Or, follow this rule
^aRom. 9:6; Gal. 3:7, 29; Phil.
3:3

17 ¹Is. 44:5 marg.; Ezek. 9:4;
Rev. 13:16; 2 Cor. 4:10;
11:23

18 ^aRom. 16:20 ^{b2} Tim.
4:22 ^cGal. 3:15; 4:12, 28, 31;
Rom. 1:13; Acts 1:15

22 But ^athe fruit of the Spirit is ^blove, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, ^aself-control; against such things ^bthere is no law.

24 Now those who ¹belong to ^aChrist Jesus have ^bcrucified the flesh with its passions and ^cdesires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also ¹walk ^aby the Spirit.

26 Let us not become ^aboastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

BRETHREN, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are ^bspiritual, ^crestore such a one ^din a spirit of gentleness; looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

2 ^aBear one another's burdens, and thus fulfil ^bthe law of Christ.

3 For ^aif anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But let each one ^aexamine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* ^bboasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

5 For ^aeach one shall bear his own load.

6 And ^alet the one who is taught ^bthe word share all good things with him who teaches.

7 ^aDo not be deceived, ^bGod is not mocked; for ^cwhatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

8 ^aFor the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap ^bcorruption, but ^cthe one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 And ^alet us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we ^bdo not grow weary.

10 So then, ^{1a}while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the ^bhousehold of ^cthe faith.

11 See with what large letters I ^{1a}am writing to you ^awith my own hand.

12 Those who desire ^ato make a good showing in the flesh try to ^bcompel you to be circumcised, simply that they ^cmay not be persecuted ¹for the cross of Christ.

13 For those who ^{1a}are circumcised do not even ^akeep ²the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may ^bboast in your flesh.

14 But ^amay it never be that I should boast, ^bexcept in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^cthrough ¹which the world has been crucified to me, and ^{d1}to the world.

15 For ^aneither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a ^bnew ¹creation.

16 And those who will ^{1a}walk by this rule, peace and mercy ^bbe upon them, and upon the ¹Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the ^abrand-marks of Jesus.

18 ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be ^bwith your spirit, ^cbrethren. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE
EPHESIANS A.D. 61-63

Salutation. The Blessings of Redemption.
Prayer.

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^{1c}by the will of God, to the ^{2d}saints who are ^{3at} ^eEphesus, and ^fwho are faithful in ^bChrist Jesus:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ^aBlessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in ^bthe heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as ^aHe chose us in Him before ^bthe foundation of the world, that we should be ^choly and blameless before ¹Him. ^dIn love

5 ¹He ^apredestined us to ^badoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, ^caccording to the ²kind intention of His will,

6 ^ato the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in ^bthe Beloved.

7 ^aIn ¹Him we have ^bredemption ^cthrough His blood, the ^dforgiveness of our trespasses, according to ^ethe riches of His grace,

8 which He ¹lavished upon ²us. In all wisdom and insight

9 He ^{1a}made known to us ^{the} mystery of His will, ^baccording to His ²kind intention which He ^cpurposed in Him

10 with a view to an administration ¹suitable to ^{the} fullness of the times, ^{that is,} ^bthe summing up of all things in Christ, things ²in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him

11 ¹also we ^{2a}have obtained an inheritance, having been ^bpredestined ^caccording to His purpose who works all things ^dafter the counsel of His will,

12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in ¹Christ should be ^ato the praise of His glory.

13 In ¹Him, you also, after listening to ^athe message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also ²believed, you were ^bsealed in ¹Him with ^cthe Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is ^{1a}given as a pledge of ^bour inheritance, with a view to the ^credemption of ^dGod's own possession, ^eto the praise of His glory.

15 For this reason I too, ^ahaving heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which ^{exists} among you, and ¹your love for ^ball the ²saints,

16 ^ado not cease giving thanks for you, ^bwhile making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the ^aGod of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^bthe Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of ^cwisdom and of ^drevelation in the ^eknowledge of Him. FULL EXPLANATION

18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart ¹may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the ^bhope of His ^ccalling, what are ^dthe riches of the glory of ^eHis inheritance in ^fthe ²saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power

¹Lit., through ²i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones
³Some ancient mss. omit, at Ephesus

^a2 Cor. 1:1 ^bEph. 2:6, 7, 10, 13, 20; 3:1, 6, 11, 21; Col. 1:4; 2:6; 4:12; Rom. 8:1; Gal. 3:26
^c1 Cor. 1:1 ^dActs 9:13; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1 ^eActs 18:19
^fCol. 1:2

²Rom. 1:7
³2 Cor. 1:3 ^bEph. 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12; Phil. 3:20
⁴Or, Him, in love
^a2 Thess. 2:13f.; Eph. 2:10
^bMatt. 25:34 ^cEph. 5:27; Col. 1:22; 2 Tim. 1:9 ^dEph. 4:2, 15, 16; 5:2

⁵Lit., having predestined ²Lit., good pleasure
^aEph. 1:11; Rom. 8:29f.; Acts 13:48 ^bRom. 8:14ff.; Gal. 4:5
^cLuke 12:32; 1 Cor. 1:21; Gal. 1:15; Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:19
^dEph. 1:12, 14 ^bMatt. 3:17

⁷Lit., whom
^aCol. 1:14 ^bEph. 1:14; 1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 3:24 ^cActs 20:28; Rom. 3:25 ^dActs 2:38 ^eRom. 2:4; Eph. 1:18; 2:7; 3:8, 16; Col. 1:27

⁸Lit., made abundant toward ²Or, us, in all wisdom and insight

⁹Lit., making known
²Lit., good pleasure
^aRom. 11:25; 16:25; Eph. 3:3
^bLuke 12:32; 1 Cor. 1:21; Gal. 1:15; Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:19 ^cEph. 1:11; Rom. 8:28
¹⁰Lit., of ²Lit., upon
^aMark 1:15 ^bCol. 1:16, 20; Eph. 3:15; Phil. 2:9f.

¹¹Lit., in whom also ²Or, were made a heritage
^aEph. 1:14, 18; Titus 2:14; Deut. 4:20; 9:26, 29; 32:9
^bEph. 1:5 ^cEph. 3:11; Rom. 8:28f. ^dRom. 9:11; Heb. 6:17

¹²i.e., the Messiah
¹³Lit., whom ²Or, believed in Him, you were sealed

^aCol. 1:5; Acts 13:26; Eph. 4:21 ^bEph. 4:30; John 3:33
^cActs 1:4f.; 2:33

¹⁴Or, down payment
^a2 Cor. 1:22 ^bActs 20:32
^cEph. 1:7 ^dEph. 1:11 ^eEph. 1:6, 12

¹⁵Many ancient mss. omit, your love ²Note 2, vs. 1
^aCol. 1:4; Philen. 5; Rom. 1:8 ^bEph. 3:18; Eph. 1:1
¹⁶^aCol. 1:9; Rom. 1:8f. ^bRom. 1:9

¹⁷Or, true knowledge
^aJohn 20:17; Rom. 15:6
^bActs 7:2; 1 Cor. 2:8 ^cCol. 1:9
^d1 Cor. 14:6

¹⁸Lit., being ²i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones
^aActs 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:6; Heb. 6:4 ^bEph. 4:4 ^cRom. 11:29
^dEph. 1:7 ^eEph. 1:11 ^fCol. 1:12; Acts 9:13

19 Eph. 3:7; Phil. 3:21;
Col. 1:29 bEph. 6:10
20 Acts 2:24 bMark 16:19
cEph. 1:3
21 Col. 1:16; Eph. 3:10;
Rom. 8:38; Matt. 28:18
bPhil. 2:9; Heb. 1:4; Rev.
19:12; John 17:11 cEph. 2:2;
Matt. 12:32
22 1 Cor. 15:27 [fr. Ps. 8:6]
bEph. 4:15; 5:23; Col. 1:18;
2:19; 1 Cor. 11:3 fEph. 2:
23 Eph. 4:12; 5:30; Col.
1:18, 24; 2:19; 1 Cor. 12:27
bJohn 1:16; Eph. 3:19 cEph.
4:10 dCol. 3:1

1 Lit. being 2 Or, by
reason of
aEph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; Luke
15:24, 32

2 Lit. age
aEph. 2:3, 11, 13; 5:8; Col.
3:7; Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 6:11;
1 Pet. 4:3 bEph. 1:21 cEph.
6:12; John 12:31 dEph. 5:6

3 Lit. doing 2 Lit.
thoughts
aEph. 2:2 bGal. 5:16f. cRom.
2:14; Gal. 2:15 dRom. 5:10;
Col. 1:21; 2 Pet. 2:14 eRom.
5:16; 1 Thess. 4:13; 5:2
4 Eph. 1:7 bJohn 3:16

5 Or, by reason of 3 Some
ancient mss. read, in Christ
aEph. 2:1 bEph. 2:8; Acts
15:11

6 Col. 2:12 bEph. 1:20
cEph. 1:3 dEph. 1:1; 2:10, 13
7 Rom. 2:4; Eph. 1:7
bTitus 3:4

8 I.e., that salvation
aEph. 2:5; Acts 15:11 b1 Pet.
1:5 cJohn 4:10; Heb. 6:4

9 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5;
Rom. 3:28 b1 Cor. 1:29
10 Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col.
3:10 bEph. 1:1; 2:6, 13 cTitus
2:14 dEph. 1:4 eEph. 4:1

11 Eph. 2:2, 3, 13; 5:8; Col.
3:7; Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 6:11;
1 Pet. 4:3 b1 Cor. 12:2; Eph.
5:8 cCol. 2:11, 13; Rom.
2:28f.

12 Or, alienated
aRom. 9:4; Col. 1:21 bGal.
3:17; Heb. 8:6 c1 Thess. 4:13
dGal. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:5; Eph.
4:18

13 Lit. became, or, were
made 2 Or, in
aEph. 1:1; 2:6, 10 bEph. 2:2,
3, 11; 5:8; Col. 3:7; Rom.
13:13; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pet. 4:3
cEph. 2:17; Acts 2:39; Is.
57:19 dCol. 1:20; Rom. 3:25

14 Lit. the dividing wall
of the barrier
aEph. 2:15; Col. 3:15; Gal.
3:28; Col. 3:11; Is. 9:6
b1 Cor. 12:13

15 Or, the enmity, by
abolishing in His flesh the
Law 2 Lit. create
aEph. 2:16; Col. 1:21f. bCol.
2:14; 2:20 cEph. 2:10; 4:24;
Col. 3:10 dGal. 3:28; Col.
3:10f. eEph. 2:14; Col. 3:15;
Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11; Is. 9:6

16 Or, in Himself
aCol. 1:20, 22; 2 Cor. 5:18
bEph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 10:17 cEph.
2:15

toward us who believe. ^aThese are in accordance with the working of the ^bstrength of His might

²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He ^araised Him from the dead, and ^bseated Him at His right hand in ^cthe heavenly ^{places},

²¹ far above ^aall rule and authority and power and dominion, and every ^bname that is named, not only in ^cthis age, but also in the one to come.

²² And He ^aput all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as ^bhead over all things to the church,

²³ which is His ^abody, the ^bfulness of Him who ^cfills ^dall in all.

CHAPTER 2

AND you ¹were ^adead ²in your trespasses and sins,

² in which you ^aformerly walked according to the ¹course of ^bthis world, according to ^cthe prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in ^dthe sons of disobedience.

³ Among them we too ^aformerly lived in ^bthe lusts of our flesh, ¹indulging the desires of the flesh and of the ²mind, and were ^cby nature ^dchildren of wrath, ^eeven as the rest.

⁴ But God, being ^arich in mercy, because of ^bHis great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were ^adead ¹in our transgressions, ²made us alive together ³with Christ (^bby grace you have been saved),

⁶ and ^araised us up with Him, and ^bseated us with Him in ^cthe heavenly ^{places}, in ^dChrist Jesus,

⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing ^ariches of His grace in ^bkindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For ^aby grace you have been saved ^bthrough faith; and ¹that ²not of yourselves, ³it is ^cthe gift of God;

⁹ ^anot as a result of works, that ^bno one should boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, ^acreated in ^bChrist Jesus for ^cgood works, which God ^dprepared beforehand, that we should ^ewalk in them.

¹¹ Therefore remember, that ^aformerly ^byou, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called ^c“Uncircumcision” by the so-called ^d“Circumcision,” ¹which is performed in the flesh by human hands—

¹² ^aremember that you were at that time separate from Christ, ¹excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to ^bthe covenants of promise, having ^cno hope and ^dwithout God in the world.

¹³ But now in ^aChrist Jesus you who ^bformerly were ^cfar off ¹have been brought near ²by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For He Himself is ^aour peace, ^bwho made both ^{groups} ¹into one, and broke down the ²barrier of the dividing wall,

¹⁵ ¹by ^aabolishing in His flesh the enmity, ²which is ^bthe Law of commandments ³contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might ⁴make the two into ^done new man, ¹thus establishing ^cpeace,

¹⁶ and might ^areconcile them both in ^bone body to God through the cross, ¹by it having ^cput to death the enmity.

17 AND ^aHE CAME AND PREACHED ^bPEACE TO YOU WHO WERE ^cFAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE ^cNEAR;

18 for through Him we both have ^aour access in ^bone Spirit to ^cthe Father.

19 So then you are no longer ^astrangers and aliens, but you are ^bfellow-citizens with the ¹saints, and are of ^cGod's household,

20 having been ^abuilt upon ^bthe foundation of ^cthe apostles and prophets, ^dChrist Jesus Himself being the ^ecornerstone,

21 ^ain whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into ^ba holy ¹temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are being ^abuilt together into a ^bdwelling of God in the Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

FOR this reason I Paul, ^athe prisoner of ^bChrist Jesus ^cfor the sake of you ^dGentiles—

2 if indeed you have heard of the ^astewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

3 ^athat ^bby revelation there was ^cmade known to me ^dthe mystery, ^eas I wrote before in brief.

4 ¹And by referring to this, when you read you can understand ^amy insight ²into the ^bmystery of Christ;

5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy ^aapostles and prophets ¹in the Spirit;

6 ^ato be specific, that the Gentiles are ^afellow-heirs and ^bfellow-members of the body, and ^cfellow-partakers of the promise in ^dChrist Jesus through the gospel,

7 ^aof which I was made a ^bminister, according to the gift of ^cGod's grace which was given to me ^daccording to the working of His power.

8 To me, ^athe very least of all ¹saints, this grace was given, to ^bpreach to the Gentiles the unfathomable ^criches of Christ,

9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the ^amystery which for ages has been ^bhidden in God, ^cwho created all things;

10 in order that the manifold ^awisdom of God might now be ^bmade known through the church to the ^crulers and the authorities in ^dthe heavenly ^eplaces.

11 This was in ^aaccordance with the ¹eternal purpose which He ²carried out in ^bChrist Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have ^aboldness and ¹confident ^aaccess through faith ²in Him.

13 Therefore I ask ¹you not ^ato lose heart at my tribulations ^bon your behalf, ²for they are your glory.

14 For this reason, I ^abow my knees before the Father,

15 from whom ¹every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

16 that He would grant you, according to ^athe riches of His glory, to be ^bstrengthened with power through His Spirit in ^cthe inner man;

17 ¹Is. 57:19; Rom. 10:14; Eph. 4:21 ^bActs 10:36; Eph. 2:14 ^cEph. 2:13; Acts 2:39; Is. 57:19

18 ^aEph. 3:12; Rom. 5:2 ^bEph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:13 ^cCol. 1:12

19 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* ^aEph. 2:12; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11 ^bPhil. 20:17; Heb. 12:22f. ^cGal. 6:10

20 ¹1 Cor. 3:9 ^bMatt. 16:18; Rev. 21:14; 1 Cor. 3:10 ^c1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 3:5 ^d1 Cor. 3:11 ^eLuke 20:17 [Ps. 118:22]; 1 Pet. 2:6 [Is. 28:16]

21 ¹Or, *sanctuary* ^aEph. 4:15f.; Col. 2:19 ^b1 Cor. 3:16f.

22 ¹1 Cor. 3:9, 16; 2 Cor. 6:16 ^bEph. 3:17

1 ^aActs 23:18; Eph. 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:8; Philem. 1, 9; 23 ^bGal. 5:24 ^cEph. 3:13; 2 Cor. 1:6 ^dEph. 3:8

2 ^aCol. 1:25; 1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10; 3:9

3 ^aActs 22:17, 21; 26:16ff. ^bGal. 1:12 ^cEph. 1:9; 3:4, 9 ^dEph. 3:4, 9; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 4:3; Rom. 11:25; 16:25 ^eEph. 1:9f. [Heb. 13:22; 1 Pet. 5:12]

4 ¹Lit., *to which, when you read* ²Lit., *in*

2 ^aCor. 11:6 ^bEph. 3:3, 9; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 4:3; Rom. 11:25; 16:25

5 ¹Or, *by* ^a1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 2:20

6 ^aGal. 3:29 ^bEph. 2:16 ^cEph. 5:7 ^dGal. 5:24

7 ^aCol. 1:23, 25 ^b1 Cor. 3:5 ^cEph. 3:2; Rom. 12:3; Acts 9:15 ^dEph. 1:19; 3:20

8 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* ^a1 Cor. 15:9 ^bEph. 3:1f.; Acts 9:15 ^cEph. 3:16; 1:7; Rom. 2:4

9 ^aEph. 3:3, 4; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 4:3; Rom. 11:25; 16:25 ^bCol. 3:3 ^cRev. 4:11

10 ^aRom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 2:7 ^b1 Pet. 1:12; Eph. 1:23 ^cEph. 1:21; 6:12; Col. 2:10, 15 ^dEph. 1:3

11 ¹Lit., *purpose of the ages* ²Or, *formed* ^aEph. 1:11 ^bGal. 5:24; Eph. 3:1

12 ¹Lit., *access in confidence* ²Lit., *of Him* ^aHeb. 4:16; 10:19, 35; 1 John 2:28; 3:21 ^b2 Cor. 3:4 ^cEph. 2:18

13 ¹Or, *that I may not lose* ²Lit., *which are* ^a2 Cor. 4:1 ^bEph. 3:1

14 ^aPhil. 2:10

15 ¹Or, *the whole*

16 ^aEph. 3:8; 1:18 ^bPhil. 4:13; Col. 1:11; 1 Cor. 16:13 ^cRom. 7:22

17 ¹John 14:23; Rom. 8:9f.;
2 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 2:22 ^bCol.
2:7; 1 Cor. 3:16 ^cCol. 1:23

18 ¹Note vs. 8
^aEph. 1:15 ^bJob 11:8f.

19 ^aRom. 8:39; 8:35 ^bPhil.
4:7 ^cCol. 2:10 ^dEph. 1:23

20 ^aRom. 16:25 ^b2 Cor. 9:8
^cEph. 3:7

21 ¹Lit., of the age of the
ages
^aRom. 11:36

1 ^aEph. 3:1 ^bRom. 12:1
^cCol. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12;
Eph. 2:10; Col. 2:6 ^dRom.
11:29 ^eRom. 8:28f.

2 ^aCol. 3:12f. ^bEph. 1:4

3 ^aCol. 3:14f.

4 ^aEph. 2:16, 18; 1 Cor.
12:4ff. ^bEph. 1:18

5 ^a1 Cor. 8:6

6 ^aRom. 11:36; Col. 1:16

7 ^a1 Cor. 12:7, 11 ^bEph.
3:2 ^cRom. 12:3

8 ¹Or. He
^aPs. 68:18 ^bJudg. 5:12; Col.
2:15

9 ¹Lit., is it except ²Some
ancient mss. read, had first
descended
^aJohn 3:13 ^bIs. 44:23; Ps. 63:9

10 ^aHeb. 4:14; 7:26; 9:24;
Eph. 1:20f. ^bEph. 1:23

11 ^aEph. 4:8 ^b1 Cor. 12:28;
Acts 13:1 ^cActs 21:8 ^dActs
13:1

12 ¹I.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
^a2 Cor. 13:9 ^bEph. 1:23;
1 Cor. 12:27

13 ¹Or. true knowledge
²Lit., of the fulness
^aEph. 4:3, 5 ^bEph. 1:17; Phil.
3:10; John 6:69 ^cHeb. 5:14;
1 Cor. 14:20; Col. 1:28 ^dJohn
1:16; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 1:23

14 ¹Lit., that we may no
longer be ²Lit., with regard
to the scheming of deceit
^a1 Cor. 14:20 ^bJames 1:6;
Jude 12 ^c1 Cor. 3:19; 2 Cor.
4:2; 11:3 ^dEph. 6:11

15 ¹Or, holding to, or,
walking in ²Lit., may grow
up
^aEph. 1:4 ^bEph. 2:21 ^cEph.
1:22

16 ¹Lit., through every
joint of the supply ²Lit.,
working in measure
^aCol. 2:19; Rom. 12:4f.;
1 Cor. 10:17 ^bEph. 1:4

17 ^aCol. 2:4 ^bLuke 16:28

17 so that ^aChrist may dwell in your hearts through faith;
and that you, being ^brooted and ^cgrounded in love,

18 may be able to comprehend with ^aall the ¹saints what is
^bthe breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know ^athe love of Christ which ^bsurpasses knowl-
edge, that you may be ^cfilled up to all the ^dfulness of God.

20 ^aNow to Him who is ^bable to do exceeding abundantly
beyond all that we ask or think, ^caccording to the power that
works within us,

21 ^ato Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations ¹forever and ever. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

I, THEREFORE, ^athe prisoner of the Lord, ^btreat you to
^cwalk in a manner worthy of the ^dcalling with which you have
been ^ecalled,

2 with all ¹humility and gentleness, with ²patience, show-
ing ³forbearance to one another ⁴in love,

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the
^abond of peace.

4 *There is* ^aone body and ^bone Spirit, just as also you were
called in ^cone ^dhope of your calling;

5 ^aone Lord, ^bone faith, ^cone baptism,

6 ^aone God and Father of all ^awho is over all and through
all and in all.

7 But ^ato each one of us ^bgrace was given ^caccording to
the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore ¹it says,

*"A WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,
HE ^bLED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."*

9 (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what ¹does it
mean except that He also ²had descended into ^bthe lower parts
of the earth? *All in the same way.*)

10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended
^afar above all the heavens, that He might ^bfill all things.)

11 And He ^agave ^bsome ~~as~~ apostles, and some ~~as~~ prophets,
and some ~~as~~ evangelists, and some ~~as~~ pastors and ^dteachers,

12 ^afor the equipping of the ¹saints for the work of service;
to the building up of ^bthe body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to ^athe unity of the faith, and of the
^{1b}knowledge of the Son of God, to a ^cmature man, to the
measure of the stature ²which belongs to the ^dfulness of Christ.

14 ¹As a result, we are ^ano longer to be children, ^btossed
here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of
doctrine, by the trickery of men, by ^ccraftiness ²in ^ddeceitful
scheming;

15 but ¹speaking the truth ^ain love, we ²are to ^bgrow up in
all ^aaspects into Him, who is the ^chead, *even* Christ,

16 from whom ^athe whole body, being fitted and held
together ^{1b}by that which every ^cjoint supplies, according to the
²proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of
the body for the building up of itself ⁴in love.

17 ^aThis I say therefore, and ^baffirm together with the

Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the ^afutility of their mind,

18 being ^adarkened in their understanding, ¹excluded from ^bthe life of God, because of the ^cignorance that is in them, because of the ^dhardness of their heart;

19 and they, having ^abecome callous, ^bhave given themselves over to ^csensuality, ¹for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

20 But you did not ^alearn ¹Christ in this way,

21 if indeed you ^ahave heard Him and have ^bbeen taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you ^alay aside the ^bold ¹self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the ^clusts of deceit,

23 and that you be ^arenewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and ^aput on the ^bnew ¹self, which ²in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

25 Therefore, ^alaying aside falsehood, ^bSPEAK TRUTH; EACH ONE OF YOU, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are ^cmembers of one another.

26 ^aBE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let ^bthe sun go down on your anger,

27 and do not ^agive the devil an ¹opportunity.

28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather ^alet him labor, ^bperforming with his own hands what is good, ^cin order that he may have *something* to share with him who has need.

29 Let no ¹unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for ^bedification ²according to the need of *the moment*, that it may give grace to those who hear.

30 And ^ado not ^bgrieve the Holy Spirit of God, ¹by whom you were ^bsealed for the day of redemption.

31 ^aLet all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be ^bput away from you, along with all ^cmalice.

32 And ^abe kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, ^bjust as God in Christ also has forgiven ¹you.

CHAPTER 5

^a**T**HEREFORE be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and ^awalk in love, just as Christ also ^bloved ¹you, and ^cgave Himself up for us, an ^doffering and a sacrifice to God ²as a ^cfragrant aroma.

3 But do not let ^aimmorality ¹or any impurity ^bor greed even be named among you, as is proper among ²saints;

4 and *there must be no* ^afilthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which ^bare not fitting, but rather ^cgiving of thanks.

5 For this you know with certainty, that ^ano ¹immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom ^bof Christ and God.

6 ^aLet no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things ^bthe wrath of God comes upon ^cthe sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not be ^apartakers with them;

¹⁷ Eph. 2:2; 4:22 ^aRom. 1:21; Col. 2:18; 1 Pet. 1:18; 2 Pet. 2:18

¹⁸ ¹Or, alienated

^aRom. 1:21 ^bEph. 2:1, 12; ^cActs 17:30; Heb. 5:2; 9:7; 1 Pet. 1:14; Acts 3:17; 1 Cor. 2:8 ^dMark 3:5; Rom. 11:7, 25; 2 Cor. 3:14

¹⁹ ¹Or, greedy for the practice of every kind of impurity

^a1 Tim. 4:2 ^bRom. 1:24 ^cCol. 3:5

²⁰ ¹I.e., the Messiah ^aMatt. 11:29

²¹ ^aRom. 10:14; Eph. 1:13; 2:17; Col. 1:5 ^bCol. 2:7

²² ¹Lit., man

^aEph. 4:25, 31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 12:1 [Gr.]; James 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:1 ^bRom. 6:6 ^c2 Cor. 11:3; Heb. 3:13

²³ ^aRom. 12:2

²⁴ ¹Lit., man ²Lit., according to God

^aRom. 13:14 ^bCol. 3:10; Rom. 6:4; 7:6, 12; 2 Cor. 5:17 ^cEph. 2:10

²⁵ ^aEph. 4:22, 31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 12:1 [Gr.]; James 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:1 ^bZech. 8:16; Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:15 ^cRom. 12:5

²⁶ ^aPs. 4:4 ^bDeut. 24:15

²⁷ ¹Lit., place

^aJames 4:7; Rom. 12:19

²⁸ ^aActs 20:35; 1 Cor. 4:12; Gal. 6:10 ^b1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:8, 11f.; Titus 3:8, 14 ^cLuke 3:11; 1 Thess. 4:12

²⁹ ¹Lit., rotten ²Lit., of the need

^aEph. 5:4; Col. 3:8; Matt. 12:34 ^bRom. 14:19; Col. 4:6; Eccl. 10:12

³⁰ ¹Lit., in *cal*

^aIs. 63:10; 1 Thess. 5:19

^bEph. 1:13; John 3:33

³¹ ^aCol. 3:8, 19; Rom. 8:14

^bEph. 4:22 ^c1 Pet. 2:1

³² ¹Some ancient mss.

read, *us*

^aCol. 3:12; 1 Cor. 13:4;

1 Pet. 3:8 ^bMatt. 6:14f.;

2 Cor. 2:10

¹ Eph. 4:32; Luke 6:36;

Matt. 5:48

² Some ancient mss.

read, *us*

² Lit., for an odor of

fragrance

^aRom. 14:15; Col. 3:14

^bJohn 13:34; Rom. 8:37

^cEph. 5:25; Gal. 2:20; Rom.

4:25; John 6:51 ^dHeb. 7:27;

9:14; 10:10, 12 ^e2 Cor. 2:14;

Ex. 29:18, 25

³ ¹Lit., and ²I.e., true

believers; lit., holy ones

^aCol. 3:5

⁴ ^aEph. 4:29; Col. 3:8;

Matt. 12:34 ^bRom. 1:28

^cEph. 5:20

⁵ ¹I.e., one who commits

sexual immorality

^a1 Cor. 6:9; Col. 3:5 ^bCol.

1:13

⁶ ^aCol. 2:8 ^bRom. 1:18;

Col. 3:6 ^cEph. 2:2; Col. 3:6

⁷ ^aEph. 3:6

8 ^aEph. 2:2 ^bActs 26:18;
Col. 1:12f. ^cLuke 16:8; John
12:36; Rom. 13:12

9 ^aGal. 5:22 ^bRom. 15:14.

10 ¹Lit., *proving what*
^aRom. 12:2

11 ¹Or, *reprove*
^a1 Cor. 5:9; 2 Cor. 6:14
^bRom. 13:12 ^cActs 26:18;
Col. 1:12f. ^d1 Tim. 5:20

13 ¹Or, *reproved*
^aJohn 3:20f.

14 ¹Or, *He*
^aIs. 26:19; Is. 51:17; 52:1; 60:1
^bRom. 13:11 ^cEph. 2:1
^dLuke 1:78f.

15 ¹Lit., *look carefully*
^aEph. 5:2 ^bCol. 4:5

16 ¹Lit., *redeeming the*
time
^aCol. 4:5 ^bEph. 6:13; Gal. 1:4

17 ^aRom. 12:2; Col. 1:9;
1 Thess. 4:3

18 ¹Lit., *in which is*
^aProv. 20:1; 23:31f.; Rom.
13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; 1 Thess.
5:7 ^bTitus 1:6; 1 Pet. 4:4
^cLuke 1:15

19 ¹Or, *yourself*
^aCol. 3:16; James 5:13
^b1 Cor. 14:26 ^cActs 16:25
^dRev. 5:9 ^e1 Cor. 14:15

20 ¹Lit., *the God and*
Father
^aEph. 5:4; Col. 3:17; Rom.
1:8 ^b1 Cor. 15:24

21 ¹Lit., *being subject* ²Or,
reverence
^aGal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 5:5; Phil.
2:3 ^b2 Cor. 5:11

22 ^aEph. 5:22 to Eph. 6:9;
Col. 3:18 to 4:1 ^b1 Cor.
14:34f.; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1
^cEph. 6:5

23 ^a1 Cor. 11:3 ^bEph. 1:22
^c1 Cor. 6:13

25 ^aEph. 5:28, 33; 1 Pet. 3:7
^bEph. 5:2

26 ^aHeb. 10:10, 14, 29;
13:12; Titus 2:14 ^b2 Pet. 1:9
^cTitus 3:5; Acts 22:16; 1 Cor.
6:11 ^dJohn 15:3; 17:17; Eph.
6:17; Rom. 10:8f.

27 ¹Lit., *glorious*
^a2 Cor. 11:2; Col. 1:22;
2 Cor. 4:14 ^bEph. 1:4

28 ^aEph. 5:25, 33; 1 Pet. 3:7

30 ^a1 Cor. 6:15; 12:27 ^bEph.
1:23

31 ^aGen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5;
Mark 10:7f.

33 ¹Lit., *fear*
^aEph. 5:25, 28; 1 Pet. 3:7
^b1 Pet. 3:2, 5f.

8 for ^ayou were formerly ^bdarkness, but now you are light
in the Lord; walk as ^cchildren of light

9 (for ^athe fruit of the light *consists in* all ^bgoodness and
righteousness and truth),

10 ^{1a}trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And ^ado not participate in the unfruitful ^bdeeds of ^cdark-
ness, but instead even ^dexpose them;

12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which
are done by them in secret.

13 But all things become visible ^awhen they are ¹exposed
by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

14 For this reason ^{1a}it says,

“^bAWAKE, SLEEPER,

AND ARISE FROM ^cTHE DEAD,

AND CHRIST ^dWILL SHINE ON YOU.”

15 Therefore ^{1b}be careful how you ^awalk, not ^bas unwise
men, but as wise,

16 ^{1a}making the most of your time, because ^bthe days are
evil.

17 So then do not be foolish, but ^aunderstand what the
will of the Lord is.

18 And ^ado not get drunk with wine, ¹for that is ^bdissipa-
tion, but be ^cfilled with the Spirit,

19 ^aspeaking to ¹one another in ^bpsalms and ^chymns and
spiritual ^dsongs, ^esinging and making melody with your heart to
the Lord;

20 ^aalways giving thanks for all things in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to ^{1b}God, even the Father;

21 ^{1a}and be subject to one another in the ^{2b}fear of Christ.

22 ^aWives, ^bbe *subject* to your own husbands, ^cas to the
Lord.

23 For ^athe husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also
is the ^bhead of the church, He Himself ^cbeing the Savior of the
body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives
ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 ^aHusbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the
church and ^bgave Himself up for her;

26 ^athat He might sanctify her, having ^bcleansed her by
the ^cwashing of water with ^dthe word, ^eLev 11:4

27 that He might ^apresent to Himself the church ¹in all
her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that
she should be ^bholy and blameless.

28 So husbands ought also to ^alove their own wives as their
own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and
cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

30 because we are ^amembers of His ^bbody.

31 ^aFOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND
MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL
BECOME ONE FLESH.

32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference
to Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let each individual among you also ^alove
his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see to it* that she
^{1b}respect her husband.

CHAPTER 6

CHILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 ^aHONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 ^aTHAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

4 And, ^afathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but ^bbring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5 ^aSlaves, be obedient to those who are your ¹masters according to the flesh, with ^bfear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, ^cas to Christ;

6 ^anot ¹by way of eyeservice, as ^bmen-pleasers, but as ^cslaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the ²heart.

7 With good will ¹render service, ^aas to the Lord, and not to men,

8 ^aknowing that ^bwhatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, ^cwhether slave or free.

9 And, masters, do the same things to them, and ^agive up threatening, knowing that ^bboth their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is ^cno partiality with Him.

10 Finally, ^abe strong in the Lord, and in ^bthe strength of His might.

11 ^aPut on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the ^bschemes of the devil.

12 For our ^astruggle is not against ¹ flesh and blood, but ^cagainst the rulers, against the powers, against the ^dworld-forces of this ^cdarkness, against the ^sspiritual forces of wickedness in ^ethe heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up ^athe full armor of God, that you may be able to ^bresist in ^cthe evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand firm therefore, ^aHAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, AND HAVING ^bPUT ON THE ^cBREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

15 and having ^ashod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; *between idea & fact*

16 ¹in addition to all, taking up the ^ashield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the ^bflaming missiles of ^cthe evil one.

17 And take the ^ahelmet of salvation, and the ^bsword of the Spirit, which is ^cthe word of God. *Use*

18 With all ^aprayer and petition ¹pray at all times ^cin the Spirit, and with this in view, ²be on the alert with all ^cperseverance and ^dpetition for all the saints,

19 and ^apray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me ¹in the opening of my mouth, to make known with ^cboldness ^dthe mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ^aambassador ¹in ¹chains; that ²in proclaiming it I may speak ^cboldly, ^das I ought to speak.

21 ^aBut that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, ^bTychicus, ^cthe beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you.

22 ¹And ^aI have sent him to you for this very purpose, so

¹Col. 3:20; Prov. 6:20; 23:22

²Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16

³Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16

⁴Col. 3:21 ^bGen. 18:19; Deut. 6:7; 11:19; Ps. 78:4; Prov. 22:6; 2 Tim. 3:15

⁵1.e., earthly masters, with fear ^aCol. 3:22; 1 Tim. 6:1; Titus 2:9 ¹Cor. 2:3 ^cEph. 5:22

⁶1Lit., according to ²Lit., soul ^aCol. 3:22 ^bGal. 1:10 ^c1 Cor. 7:22

⁷1Lit., rendering ^aCol. 3:23

⁸aCol. 3:24 ^bMatt. 16:27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:24f. ^c1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:11

⁹aLev. 25:43 ^bJob 31:13ff.; John 13:13 ^cActs 10:34; Col. 3:25

¹⁰a1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1 ^bEph. 1:19

¹¹aEph. 6:13; Rom. 13:12 ^bEph. 4:14

¹²1Lit., blood and flesh ^a1 Cor. 9:25 ^bMatt. 16:17 ^cEph. 1:21; 2:2; 3:10 ^dJohn 12:31 ^eActs 26:18; Col. 1:13 ^fEph. 3:10 ^gEph. 1:3

¹³aEph. 6:11 ^bJames 4:7 ^cEph. 5:16

¹⁴aIs. 11:5; Luke 12:35; 1 Pet. 1:13 ^bEph. 6:13; Rom. 13:12 ^cIs. 59:17; 1 Thess. 5:8

¹⁵aIs. 52:7; Rom. 10:15

¹⁶1Lit., in all ^a1 Thess. 5:8 ^bPs. 7:13; 120:4 ^cMatt. 5:37

¹⁷aIs. 59:17 ^bHeb. 4:12; Is. 49:2; Hos. 6:5 ^cHeb. 6:5; Eph. 5:26

¹⁸1Lit., praying ²Lit., being ^aPhil. 4:6 ^bLuke 18:1; Col. 1:3; 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17 ^cRom. 8:26f. ^dMark 13:33 ^eActs 1:14 [Gr.] ^f1 Tim. 2:1

¹⁹aCol. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:25 ^b2 Cor. 6:11 ^c2 Cor. 3:12 ^dEph. 3:3

²⁰1Lit., a chain ²Some ancient mss. read, I may speak it boldly ^a2 Cor. 5:20; Philem. 9 marg. ^bActs 21:33; 28:20; Col. 4:3; Eph. 3:1; Phil. 1:7 ^c2 Cor. 3:12 ^dCol 4:4

²¹aEph. 6:21, 22; Col. 4:7-9 ^bActs 20:4 ^cCol. 4:7

²²1Lit., whom I have sent to you ^aCol. 4:8

22 ²Lit., *the things about us*
^bCol. 2:2; 4:8
²³*Gal. 6:16; 2 Thess. 3:16;
 1 Pet. 5:14; Rom. 15:33 ^bGal.
 5:6; 1 Thess. 5:8
 24 ¹Lit., *in incorruption*

that you may know ²about us, and that he may ^bcomfort your hearts.

23 ^aPeace be to the brethren, and ^blove with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ ¹with a *love* incorruptible.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving and Supplication.

¹ ¹I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
² Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1; Philem. 1:1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1
^bActs 16:1 ^aRom. 1:1; Gal. 1:10 ^dPhil. 1:8; 2:5; 3:3, 8, 12, 14; 4:7, 19, 21; Gal. 3:26
^c2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:2 ^fActs 9:13 ^eActs 16:12 ^bActs 20:28;
 1 Tim. 3:1f.; Titus 1:7
¹ Tim. 3:8ff.
²*Rom. 1:7
³*Rom. 1:8
⁴*Rom. 1:9
⁵ ¹Or, *sharing in the preaching of the gospel*
^aActs 2:42; Phil. 4:15 ^bPhil. 1:7, 12, 16, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15
^cPhil. 2:12; 4:15; Acts 16:12-40
⁶ ¹ Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:10; 2:16
⁷ ¹Lit., *just as it is right*
²Lit., *bonds*
^a2 Pet. 1:13 ^b2 Cor. 7:3 ^cPhil. 1:13f.; 17; Acts 21:33; Eph. 6:20 ^dPhil. 1:16 ^ePhil. 1:5, 12, 16, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15
⁸ ¹Lit., *inward parts*
^aRom. 1:9 ^bPhil. 1:1; 2:5; 3:3, 8, 12, 14; 4:7, 19, 21; Gal. 3:26
⁹ ¹ Thess. 3:12 ^bCol. 1:9
¹⁰ ¹Or, *distinguish between the things which differ* ²Lit., *for*
^aRom. 2:18 ^b1 Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:6; 2:16
¹¹ ¹James 3:18
¹² ^aLuke 21:13 ^bPhil. 1:5, 7, 16, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15
¹³ ¹Lit., *bonds* ²Or, *governor's palace*
^aPhil. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:9 ^bActs 28:30
¹⁴ ¹Or, *brethren in the Lord, trusting because of my bonds* ²Lit., *bonds*
^aPhil. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:9 ^bPhil. 1:20; 2 Cor. 3:12; 7:4; Acts 4:31
¹⁵ ² Cor. 11:13
¹⁶ ¹Some later mss. reverse the order of vss. 16 and 17
¹ Cor. 9:17 ^bPhil. 1:5, 7, 12, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15
¹⁷ ¹Lit., *not sincerely* ²Lit., *bonds*
^aPhil. 2:3; Rom. 2:8 ^bPhil. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:9

^a Paul and ^bTimothy, ^cbond-servants of ^dChrist Jesus, to ^eall the ^fsaints in Christ Jesus who are in ^gPhilippi, including the ^boverseers and ^ddeacons:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ^aI thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

4 always offering prayer with joy in ^amy every prayer for you all,

5 in view of your ^{1a}participation in the ^bgospel ^cfrom the first day until now.

6 *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until ^athe day of Christ Jesus.

7 ¹For ^ait is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I ^bhave you in my heart, since both in my ^{2c}imprisonment and in the ^ddefense and confirmation of the ^egospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

8 For ^aGod is my witness, how I long for you all with the ^{1a}affection of ^bChrist Jesus.

9 And this I pray, that ^ayour love may abound still more and more in ^breal knowledge and all discernment,

10 so that you may ^{1a}approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless ²until ^bthe day of Christ;

11 having been filled with the ^afruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances ^ahave turned out for the greater progress of the ^bgospel,

13 so that my ^{1a}imprisonment *in the cause of* Christ has become well-known throughout the whole ²praetorian guard and to ^beveryone else,

14 and that most of the ¹brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my ^{2a}imprisonment, have ^bfar more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

15 ^aSome, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

16 ¹the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am ^aappointed for the defense of the ^bgospel;

17 the former proclaim Christ ^aout of selfish ambition, ¹rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my ^{2b}imprisonment.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pre-
tense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes,
and I will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn out for my ¹deliverance
^athrough your ²prayers and the provision of ^bthe Spirit of Jesus
Christ,

20 according to my ^aearnest expectation and ^bhope, that I
shall not be ^bput to shame in anything, but *that* with ^call
boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be ^dexalted in my
body, ^ewhether by life or by death.

21 For to me, ^ato live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 ¹But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean*
^afruitful labor for me; and I do not know ²which to choose.

23 But I am hard pressed from both *directions*, having the
^adesire to depart and ^bbe with Christ, for *that* is very much
better;

24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your
sake.

25 And ^aconvinced of this, I know that I shall remain and
continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that your ^aproud confidence in me may abound in
Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner ^aworthy of the
^bgospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or
remain absent, I may hear of you that you are ^cstanding firm
in ^done spirit, with one ¹mind ^estriving together for the faith
of the gospel;

28 in no way alarmed by *your* opponents—which is a ^asign
of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too,
from God.

29 For to you ^ait has been granted for Christ's sake, not
only to believe in Him, but also to ^bsuffer for His sake,

30 experiencing the same ^aconflict which ^byou saw in me,
and now hear *to be* in me.

CHAPTER 2

IF therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is
any consolation of love, if there is any ^afellowship of the Spirit,
if any ¹affection and compassion,

2 ^amake my joy complete ¹by ^bbeing of the same mind,
maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one
purpose.

3 Do nothing from ¹selfishness or ^bempty conceit, but
with humility of mind let ^ceach of you regard one another as
more important than himself;

4 ^ado not *merely* look out for your own personal inter-
ests, but also for the interests of others.

5 ^aHave this attitude ¹in yourselves which was also in
^bChrist Jesus,

6 who, although He ^aexisted in the ^bform of God, ^cdid
not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but ¹emptied Himself, taking the form of a ^bbond-
servant, *and* ^cbeing made in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, ^aHe humbled

19 ¹Or, *salvation* ²Lit.,
supplication
²2 Cor. 1:11 ^bActs 16:7

20 ^aRom. 8:19 ^bRom. 5:5;
1 Pet. 4:16 ^cPhil. 1:14; 2 Cor.
3:12; 7:4; Acts 4:31 ^d1 Cor.
6:20 ^eRom. 14:8

21 ^aGal. 2:20

22 ¹Or, *But if to live in the
flesh, this will be fruitful
labor for me, then I . . .* ²Lit.,
what I shall choose
^aRom. 1:13

23 ^a2 Cor. 5:8; 2 Tim. 4:6
^bJohn 12:26

25 ^aPhil. 2:24

26 ^a2 Cor. 5:12; 7:4; Phil.
2:16

27 ¹Lit., *soul*
^aEph. 4:1 ^bPhil. 1:5 ^cPhil.
4:1; 1 Cor. 16:13 ^dActs 4:32
^eJude 3

28 ^a2 Thess. 1:5

29 ^aMatt. 5:12 ^bActs 14:22

30 ^a1 Thess. 2:2; Heb.
10:32; also Col. 1:29; 2:1;
1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7;
Heb. 12:1. [*Gr.*] ^bActs 16:19-
40; Phil. 1:13

1 ¹Lit., *inward parts*
^a2 Cor. 13:14 [*Gr.*] ^bCol.
3:12

2 ¹Lit., *that you be*
^aJohn 3:29 ^bRom. 12:16;
Phil. 4:2

3 ¹Or, *contentiousness*
^aPhil. 1:17 marg.; Rom. 2:8
^bGal. 5:26 ^cRom. 12:10; Eph.
5:21

4 ^aRom. 15:1f.

5 ¹Or, *among*
^aMatt. 11:29; Rom. 15:3
^bPhil. 1:1

6 ^aJohn 1:1 ^b2 Cor. 4:4
^cJohn 5:18; 10:33; 14:28

7 ¹i.e., *laid aside His
privileges*
^a2 Cor. 8:9 ^bMatt. 20:28
^cJohn 1:14; Rom. 8:3; Gal.
4:4; Heb. 2:17

8 ^a2 Cor. 8:9

⁸ ¹Lit. of
^bHeb. 5:8; Matt. 26:39; John
 10:18; Rom. 5:19 ^cHeb. 12:2

⁹ ^aHeb. 1:9 ^bMatt. 28:18;
 Acts 2:33; Heb. 2:9 ^cEph.
 1:21

¹⁰ ^aRom. 14:11 ^bEph. 1:10

¹¹ ^aJohn 13:13; Rom. 10:9;
 14:9

¹² ^aPhil. 1:5, 6; 4:15 ^bHeb.
 5:9 ^c2 Cor. 7:15

¹³ ^a1 Cor. 12:6; 15:10;
 Rom. 12:3; Heb. 13:21 ^bEph.
 1:5

¹⁴ ^a1 Cor. 10:10; 1 Pet. 4:9

¹⁵ ¹Or, *become* ²Or, *shine*
³Or, *luminaries, stars*
^aLuke 1:6; Phil. 3:6 ^bMatt.
 5:45; Eph. 5:1 ^cActs 2:40
^dMatt. 24:27 ^eGen. 1:16

¹⁶ ¹Or, *forth*
^aPhil. 1:6 ^bGal. 2:2 ^cGal.
 4:11; 1 Thess. 3:5; Is. 49:4

¹⁷ ^a2 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 12:15
^bRom. 15:16; Num. 28:6, 7

¹⁹ ¹Or, *trusting in*
^aPhil. 2:23 ^bPhil. 1:1

²⁰ ^a1 Cor. 16:10; 2 Tim.
 3:10

²¹ ^a1 Cor. 10:24; 13:5; Phil.
 2:4

²² ^aRom. 5:4 [Gr.] ^b1 Cor.
 16:10; 2 Tim. 3:10 ^c1 Cor.
 4:17

²³ ^aPhil. 2:19

²⁴ ^aPhil. 1:25

²⁵ ¹Lit., *apostle*
^aPhil. 4:18 ^bRom. 16:3, 9, 21;
 Phil. 4:3; Philem. 1, 24
^cPhilem. 2 ^d2 Cor. 8:23; John
 13:16 ^ePhil. 4:18

²⁶ ¹Some ancient mss.
 read, *to see you all*

²⁹ ^aRom. 16:2 ^b1 Cor.
 16:18

³⁰ ¹Lit., *your deficiency of*
service
^aActs 20:24 ^b1 Cor. 16:17;
 Phil. 4:10

Himself by becoming ^bobedient to the point of death, even
^cdeath ¹on a cross.

⁹ ^aTherefore also God ^bhighly exalted Him, and bestowed
 on Him ^cthe name which is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus ^aevery knee should bow, of
^bthose who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ
 is ^aLord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² So then, my beloved, ^ajust as you have always obeyed,
 not as in my presence only, but now much more in my ab-
 sence, work out your ^bsalvation with ^cfear and trembling;

¹³ for it is ^aGod who ^bis at work in you, both to will and to
 work ^bfor His good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without ^agrumbling or disputing;

¹⁵ that you may ¹prove yourselves to be ^ablameless and
 innocent, ^bchildren of God above reproach in the midst of a
^ccrooked and perverse generation, among whom you ^{2d}appear
 as ^{3e}lights in the world,

¹⁶ holding ¹fast the word of life, so that in ^athe day of
 Christ I may have cause to glory because I did not ^brun in vain
 nor ^ctoil in vain.

¹⁷ But even if I am being ^apoured out as a drink offering
 upon ^bthe sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share
 my joy with you all.

¹⁸ And you too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and
 share your joy with me.

¹⁹ But I hope ¹in the Lord Jesus to ^asend ^bTimothy to
 you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of
 your condition.

²⁰ For I have no one *else* ^aof kindred spirit who will genu-
 inely be concerned for your welfare.

²¹ For they all ^aseek after their own interests, not those of
 Christ Jesus.

²² But you know ^aof his proven worth that ^bhe served with
 me in the furtherance of the gospel ^clike a child *serv*ing his
 father.

²³ ^aTherefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as
 I see how things go with me;

²⁴ and ^aI trust in the Lord that I myself also shall be
 coming shortly.

²⁵ But I thought it necessary to send to you ^aEpaphrodi-
 tus, my brother and ^bfellow-worker and ^cfellow-soldier, who is
 also your ^{1d}messenger and ^eminister to my need;

²⁶ because he was longing ¹for you all and was distressed
 because you had heard that he was sick.

²⁷ For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God
 had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, lest I
 should have sorrow upon sorrow.

²⁸ Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly in order
 that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less
 concerned *about you*.

²⁹ Therefore ^areceive him in the Lord with all joy, and
^bhold men like him in high regard;

³⁰ because he came close to death ^afor the work of Christ,
 risking his life to ^bcomplete ¹what was deficient in your service
 to me.

CHAPTER 3

FINALLY, my brethren, ^arejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

2 Beware of the ^adogs, beware of the ^bevil workers, beware of the ¹false circumcision;

3 for ^awe are the *true* ¹circumcision, who ^bworship in the Spirit of God and ^cglory in ^dChrist Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4 although ^aI myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

5 ^acircumcised the eighth day, of the ^bnation of Israel, of the ^ctribe of Benjamin, a ^bHebrew of Hebrews, as to the Law, ^aa Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, ^aa persecutor of the church, as to the ^brighteousness which is in the Law, found ^cblameless.

7 But ^awhatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of ^{1a}knowing ^bChrist Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ,

9 and may be found in Him, not having ^aa righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, ^bthe righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

10 that I may ^aknow Him, and ^bthe power of His resurrection and ^{1c}the fellowship of His sufferings, being ^dconformed to His death;

11 ¹ⁱⁿ order that I may ^aattain to the resurrection from among the dead.

12 Not that I have already ^aobtained *it*, or have already ^bbecome perfect, but I press on ¹ⁱⁿ order that I may ^clay hold of that ²for which also I ^dwas laid hold of by ^cChrist Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing I *do*: ^aforgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead.

14 I ^apress on toward the goal for the prize of the ^bupward call of God in ^cChrist Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are ^{1a}perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a ^bdifferent attitude, ^cGod will reveal that also to you;

16 however, let us keep ^{1a}living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

17 Brethren, ^ajoin in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the ^bpattern you have in us.

18 For ^amany walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even ^bwEEPING, *that they are* enemies of ^cthe cross of Christ,

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* ^{1a}appetite, and *whose* ^bglory is in their shame, who ^cset their minds on earthly things.

20 For ^aour ^{1c}citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly ^bwait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

1 ^aPhil. 4:4; Phil. 2:18

2 ¹Lit., *mutilation* (Gr., *katatomé*)
^aPs. 22:16, 20; Rev. 22:15;
Gal. 5:15 ^b2 Cor. 11:13

3 ¹Gr., *peritomé*
^aRom. 2:29; 9:6; Gal. 6:15
^bGal. 5:25 ^cRom. 15:17; Gal. 6:14 ^dPhil. 3:12; Phil. 1:1;
Rom. 8:39

4 ² Cor. 11:18; 5:16

5 ^aLuke 1:59 ^b2 Cor. 11:22; Rom. 11:1 ^cRom. 11:1
^dActs 22:3; 23:6; 26:5

6 ^aActs 8:3 ^bPhil. 3:9 ^cPhil. 2:15

7 ^aLuke 14:33

8 ¹Lit., *the knowledge of*
^aJohn 17:3; Eph. 4:13; 2 Pet. 1:3; Phil. 3:10; Jer. 9:23f.
^bPhil. 3:12; 1:1; Rom. 8:39

9 ^aRom. 10:5; Phil. 3:6
^bRom. 9:30; 1 Cor. 1:30

10 ¹Or, *participation in*
^aJohn 17:3; Eph. 4:13; 2 Pet. 1:3; Phil. 3:8; Jer. 9:23f.
^bRom. 6:5 ^cRom. 8:17
^dRom. 6:5; 8:36; Gal. 6:17

11 ¹Lit., *if somehow*
^a1 Cor. 15:23; Rev. 20:5f.;
Acts 26:7

12 ¹Lit., *if I may even* ²Or, *because also*
^a1 Cor. 9:24f.; 1 Tim. 6:12,
19 ^b1 Cor. 13:10 ^c1 Tim. 6:12, 19 ^dActs 9:5f. ^ePhil. 3:3,
8, Phil. 1:1; Rom. 8:39

13 ^aLuke 9:62

14 ^a1 Cor. 9:24; Heb. 6:1
^bRom. 11:29; 8:28; 2 Tim. 1:9 ^cPhil. 3:3

15 ¹Or, *mature*
^a1 Cor. 2:6; Matt. 5:48 ^bGal. 5:10 ^cEph. 1:17; 1 Thess. 4:9;
John 6:45

16 ¹Lit., *following in line*
^aGal. 6:16

17 ^a1 Cor. 4:16; Phil. 4:9
^b1 Pet. 5:3

18 ^a2 Cor. 11:13 ^bActs 20:31
^cGal. 6:14

19 ¹Lit., *belly*
^aRom. 16:18; Titus 1:12
marg. ^bRom. 6:21; Jude 13
^cRom. 8:5f.; Col. 3:2

20 ¹Lit., *commonwealth*
^aEph. 2:19; Phil. 1:27 marg.;
Col. 3:1; Heb. 12:22 ^b1 Cor. 1:7

21 ¹Or, our lowly body ²Or, His glorious body
^a1 Cor. 15:43-53 ^bRom. 8:29;
Col. 3:4 ^c1 Cor. 15:43, 49
^dEph. 1:19 ^e1 Cor. 15:28

1 ¹Lit., and longed for
^aPhil. 1:8 ^b1 Cor. 16:13; Phil.
1:27

2 ¹Or, be of the same
mind
^aPhil. 2:2

3 ^aPhil. 2:25 ^bLuke 10:20

4 ^aPhil. 3:1

5 ¹Or, at hand
^a1 Cor. 16:22 marg.; Heb.
10:37; James 5:8f.

6 ^aMatt. 6:25 ^bEph. 6:18;
1 Tim. 2:1; 5:5

7 ¹Lit., mind
^aIs. 26:3; Phil. 4:9; John
14:27; Col. 3:15 ^bPhil. 3:19
^c1 Pet. 1:5 ^d2 Cor. 10:5 ^ePhil.
1:1; 4:19, 21

8 ¹Or, attractive ²Lit.,
ponder these things
^aRom. 14:18; 1 Pet. 2:12

9 ^aPhil. 3:17 ^bRom. 15:33

10 ^a2 Cor. 11:9; Phil. 2:30

11 ¹Lit., according to ²Or,
self-sufficient
^a1 Tim. 6:6, 8; 2 Cor. 9:8;
Heb. 13:5

12 ^a1 Cor. 4:11 ^b2 Cor. 11:9

13 ¹Lit., in
^a2 Cor. 12:9; Eph. 3:16; Col.
1:11

14 ^aHeb. 10:33; Rev. 1:9, [in
Gr.]

15 ¹Lit., beginning of
^aPhil. 1:5 ^bRom. 15:26
^c2 Cor. 11:9

16 ^aActs 17:1; 1 Thess. 2:9

17 ¹Lit., fruit
^a2 Cor. 9:5; 1 Cor. 9:11f.

18 ¹Lit., made full
^aPhil. 2:25

21 who will ^atransform ¹the body of our humble state into
^bconformity with ²the ^cbody of His glory, ^dby the exertion of
the power that He has even to ^esubject all things to Himself.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, my beloved brethren ¹whom I ^along to see,
my joy and crown, so ^bstand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to ¹live in harmony
in the Lord.

3 Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these
women who have shared my struggle in *the cause of the gos-
pel*, together with Clement also, and the rest of my ^afellow-
workers, whose ^bnames are in the book in life.

4 ^aRejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your forbearing *spirit* be known to all men. ^aThe
Lord is ¹near.

6 ^aBe anxious for nothing, but in everthing by ^bprayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God.

7 And ^athe peace of God, which ^bsurpasses all ¹compre-
hension, shall ^cguard your hearts and your ^dminds in ^eChrist
Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, ^awhatever is true, whatever is honor-
able, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is ¹of good repute, if there is any excellence and if
anything worthy of praise, ²let your mind dwell on these
things.

9 The things you have learned and received and heard
and seen ^ain me, practice these things; and ^bthe God of peace
shall be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last ^ayou
have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned
before, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak ¹from want; for I have learned to be
^{2a}content in whatever circumstances I am.

12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also
know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I
have learned the secret of being filled and going ^ahungry, both
of having abundance and ^bsuffering need.

13 I can do all things ¹through Him who ^astrengthens me.
14 Nevertheless, you have done well to ^ashare with me in
my affliction.

15 And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the
^{1a}first preaching of the gospel, after I departed from ^bMacedo-
nia, no church ^cshared with me in the matter of giving and
receiving but you alone;

16 for even in ^aThessalonica you sent *a gift* more than
once for my needs.

17 ^aNot that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the ¹profit
which increases to your account.

18 But I have received everything in full, and have an
abundance; I am ¹amply supplied, having received from ^aEpa-

phroditus ²what you have sent, ^{3b}a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

19 And ^amy God shall supply ¹all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 Now to ^aour God and Father ^bbe the glory ¹forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every ¹saint in Christ Jesus. ^aThe brethren who are with me greet you.

22 ^aAll the ^{1b}saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus Christ ^bbe with your spirit.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE
COLOSSIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Attainments.

^aPAUL, ^ban apostle of Jesus Christ ^{1b}by the will of God, and ^dTimothy ²our brother,

2 to the ^{1a}saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* at Colossae: ^bGrace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 ^aWe give thanks to God, ^bthe Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *saying always* for you,

4 ^asince we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the ^blove which you have ¹for ^aall the ²saints;

5 because of the ^ahope ^blaid up for you in ¹heaven, of which you previously ^cheard in the word of truth, ²the gospel,

6 which has come to you, just as ^{1a}in all the world also it is constantly bearing ^bfruit and ²increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you ^cheard of it and ³understood the grace of God in truth;

7 just as you learned *it* from ^aEpaphras, our ^bbeloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on ¹our behalf,

8 and he also informed us of your ^alove in the Spirit.

9 For this reason also, ^asince the day we heard of *it*, ^bwe have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the ^{1c}knowledge of His will in all spiritual ^dwisdom and understanding,

10 so that you may ^awalk in a manner worthy of the Lord, ^bto please *Him* in all respects, ^cbearing fruit in every good work and ²increasing in the ¹knowledge of God;

11 ^astrengthened with all power, according to ¹His glorious might, ²for the attaining of all steadfastness and ³patience, ^bjoyously

12 giving thanks to ^athe Father, who has qualified us ¹to share in ^bthe inheritance of the ²saints in ^clight.

13 For He delivered us from the ^{1a}domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of ^{2b}His beloved Son,

14 ^ain whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

18 ²Lit., *the things from you* ¹Lit., *an odor of fragrance*
¹²Cor. 2:14; Eph. 5:2
19 ¹Or, *every need of yours*
²Cor. 9:8 ^bRom. 2:4
20 ¹Lit., *to the ages of the ages*
^aGal. 1:4 ^bRom. 11:36
21 ¹I.e., true believer; lit., *holy one*
^aGal. 1:2
22 ¹Note vs. 21
²Cor. 13:13 ^bActs 9:13
23 ^aRom. 16:20 ^{b2}Tim. 4:22

1 ¹Lit., *through* ²Lit., *the*
^aPhil. 1:1 ^{b2}Cor. 1:1 ^{c1}Cor. 1:1 ^{d2}Cor. 1:1; 1 Thess. 3:2; Philem. 1; Heb. 13:23
2 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aActs 9:13; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1
^bRom. 1:7; Col. 4:18
3 ^aRom. 1:8 ^bRom. 15:6; 2 Cor. 1:3
4 ¹Or, *toward* ²I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aEph. 1:15 ^bGal. 5:6 ^cEph. 6:18
5 ¹Lit., *the heavens* ²Or, *of the gospel*
^aCol. 1:23; Rom. 5:2; 1 Thess. 5:8; Titus 1:2; Acts 23:6 ^{b2}Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 1:4
^cEph. 1:13; Col. 1:6, 23
6 ¹Or, *it is in the world*
²Or, *spreading abroad* ³Or, *came really to know*
^aRom. 10:18; 1 Tim. 3:16; Col. 1:23 ^bRom. 1:13 ^cEph. 4:21; Col. 1:5
7 ¹Some later mss. read, *your*
^aCol. 4:12; Philem. 23 ^bCol. 4:7
8 ^aRom. 15:30
9 ¹Or, *real knowledge*
^aCol. 1:4 ^bEph. 1:16 ^cEph. 5:17; Phil. 1:9 ^dEph. 1:17
10 ¹Lit., *unto all pleasing*
²Or, *growing by the knowledge* ³Or, *real knowledge*
^aEph. 4:1; Col. 2:6 ^{b2}Cor. 5:9; Eph. 5:10 ^cRom. 1:13
11 ¹Lit., *the might of His glory* ²Lit., *unto all* ³Or, *patience with joy*
^aEph. 3:16; 1 Cor. 16:13
^bEph. 4:2
12 ¹Lit., *unto the portion of* ²I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aEph. 2:18 ^bActs 20:32 ^cActs 26:18; Eph. 6:12
13 ¹Lit., *authority* ²Lit., *the Son of His love*
^aActs 26:18; Eph. 6:12
^bMatt. 3:17; Eph. 1:6
14 ^aEph. 1:7; Rom. 3:24

15 ^a2 Cor. 4:4 ^b1 Tim. 1:17;
Heb. 1:127; John 1:18 ^cCol.
1:17f.; Rom. 8:29

16 ^aEph. 1:10 ^bEph. 1:20f.;
Col. 2:15 ^cJohn 1:3; Rom.
11:36; 1 Cor. 8:6

17 ¹Or, *has existed prior to*
²Or, *endure*
^aJohn 1:1; 8:58

18 ^aEph. 1:22 ^bEph. 1:23;
Col. 1:24; Col. 2:19 ^cRev.
3:14 ^dActs 26:23

19 ¹Or, *all the fullness was*
pleased to dwell ²i.e., fullness
of deity
^aEph. 1:5 ^bJohn 1:16

20 ¹Lit., *the heavens*
^a2 Cor. 5:18; Eph. 2:16
^bRom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14 ^cEph.
2:13 ^dCol. 1:16

21 ^aRom. 5:10; Eph. 2:3;
2:12

22 ^a2 Cor. 5:18; Eph. 2:16
^bRom. 7:4 ^cEph. 5:27; Col.
1:28 ^dEph. 1:4

23 ¹Or omit, *the* ²Lit.,
became ³Or, *servant*
^aEph. 3:17; Col. 2:7 ^bCol. 1:5
^cCol. 1:6; Mark 16:15; Acts
2:5 ^dCol. 1:25; Eph. 3:7
^e1 Cor. 3:5

24 ¹Or,
representatively . . . fill up
²Lit., *of* ³Phil. 2:17; Rom.
8:17; 2 Cor. 1:5; 12:15
^b2 Tim. 1:8; 2:10 ^cCol. 1:18

25 ¹Lit., *became* ²Lit.,
make full the word of God
^aCol. 1:23 ^bEph. 3:2

26 ¹i.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
^aEph. 3:3f.; Rom. 16:25f.;
Col. 2:2; 4:3

27 ^aMatt. 13:11 ^bEph. 1:18;
3:16; Eph. 1:7 ^cRom. 8:10
^d1 Tim. 1:1

28 ¹Lit., *in* ²Or, *perfect*
^aActs 20:31; Col. 3:16
^b1 Cor. 2:6f.; Col. 2:3 ^cCol.
1:22 ^dMatt. 5:48; Eph. 4:13

29 ¹Lit., *working* ²Lit., *in*
power
^a1 Cor. 15:10 ^bCol. 4:12; 2:1
^cEph. 1:19; Col. 2:12

¹ Lit., *in the flesh*
^aCol. 4:12; 1:29 ^bCol. 4:13;
15f.; Rev. 1:11

² Lit., *of the full*
assurance
^aEph. 6:22; Col. 4:8; 1 Cor.
14:31 ^bCol. 2:19 ^cEph. 1:18;
3:16; 1:7 ^dLuke 1:1 [Gr.]
^eMatt. 13:11 ^fEph. 3:3f.;
Rom. 16:25f.; Col. 1:26; 4:3

15 And He is the ^aimage of the ^binvisible God, the ^cfirst-born of all creation.

16 For ^ain Him all things were created, ^aboth in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether ^bthrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 And He ^ais before all things, and in Him all things ²hold together.

18 He is also ^ahead of ^bthe body, the church; and He is ^cthe beginning, ^dthe first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

19 For ¹it was ^athe *Father's* good pleasure for all ^bthe ²fullness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to ^areconcile all things to Himself, having made ^bpeace through ^cthe blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, ^dwhether things on earth or things in ^eheaven.

21 And although you were ^aformerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,

22 yet He has now ^areconciled you in His fleshly ^bbody through death, in order to ^cpresent you before Him ^dholy and blameless and beyond reproach—

23 if indeed you continue in ¹the faith firmly ^aestablished and steadfast, and not moved away from the ^bhope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed ^cin all creation under heaven, ^dand of which I Paul ²was made a ³minister.

24 ^aNow I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh ^bI do my share on behalf of ^cHis body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking ²in Christ's afflictions.

25 ^aOf *this church* I ¹was made a minister according to the ^bstewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might ²fully carry out the *preaching* of the word of God,

26 *that is*, ^athe mystery which has been hidden from the *past* ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His ¹saints,

27 to whom ^aGod willed to make known what is ^bthe riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is ^cChrist in you, the ^dhope of glory.

28 And we proclaim Him, ^aadmonishing every man and teaching every man ^bwith all ^cwisdom, that we may ^cpresent every man ^{2d}complete in Christ.

29 And for this purpose also I ^alabor, ^bstriving ^caccording to His ¹power, which ²mightily works within me.

CHAPTER 2

FOR I want you to know how great a ^astruggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at ^bLaodicea, and for all those who have not ¹personally seen my face,

2 that their ^ahearts may be encouraged, having been ^bknit together in love, and *attaining* to all ^cthe wealth ¹that comes from the ^dfull assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a ^ctrue knowledge of ^fGod's mystery, *that is*, *Christ Himself*,

3 in whom are hidden all ^athe treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 ^aI say this in order that no one may delude you with ^bpersuasive argument.

5 For even though I am ^aabsent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing ¹to see ²your ^bgood discipline and the ^cstability of your faith in Christ.

6 As you therefore have received ^aChrist Jesus the Lord, so ^bwalk in Him,

7 having been firmly ^arooted *and now* being ^bbuilt up in Him and ^cestablished ¹in your faith, just as you ^dwere instructed, *and overflowing* ²with gratitude.

8 ^aSee to it that no one take you captive through ^bphilosophy and ^cempty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the ^celementary principles of the world, ¹rather than according to Christ.

9 For in Him all the ^afulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

10 and in Him you have been ^amade ¹complete, and ^bHe is the head ²over all ^crule and authority;

11 and in Him ^ayou were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of ^bthe body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

12 having been ^aburied with Him in baptism, in which you were also ^braised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who ^craised Him from the dead.

13 And when you were ^adead ¹in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He ^bmade you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

14 having cancelled out ^athe certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and ^bHe has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 When He had ^{1a}disarmed the ^brulers and authorities, He ^cmade a public display of them, having ^dtriumphed over them through ²Him.

16 Therefore let no one ^{1a}act as your judge in regard to ^bfood or ^bdrink or in respect to a ^cfestival or a ^dnew moon or a ^eSabbath ²day—

17 things which are ^aa mere shadow of what is to come; but the ^{1b}substance ²belongs to Christ.

18 Let no one keep ^{1a}defrauding you of your prize by ^bdelighting in ²self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on *visions* he has seen, ^cinflated without cause by his ^dfleshly mind,

19 and not holding fast to ^athe Head, from whom ^bthe entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ¹ligaments, grows with a growth ²which is from God.

20 ^aIf you have died with Christ ¹to the ^belementary principles of the world, ^cwhy, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to ^ddecrees, such as,

21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

22 (which all *refer* ^ato things destined to perish ¹with the using)—in accordance with the ^bcommandments and teachings of men?

23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in ^{1a}self-made religion and self-abasement

3 ^aIs. 11:2; Rom. 11:33

4 ^aEph. 4:17 ^bRom. 16:18

5 ¹Lit., *and seeing* ²Or., *your ordered array*
¹Cor. 5:3 ¹Cor. 14:40
¹Pet. 5:9

6 ¹Or., *lead your life* ^aGal. 3:26 ^bCol. 1:10

7 ¹Or., *by* ²Some mss. read, *in it with*
^aEph. 3:17 ^bEph. 2:20; 1 Cor. 3:9 ¹Cor. 1:8 ^dEph. 4:21

8 ¹Lit., *and not*
¹Cor. 8:9; 10:12; Gal. 5:15; Heb. 3:12 ^bCol. 2:23; 1 Tim. 6:20; Eph. 5:6 ^cCol. 2:20; Gal. 4:3

9 ^aCol. 1:19; 2 Cor. 5:19

10 ¹Or., *full* ²Lit., *of*
^aEph. 3:19 ^bEph. 1:21f. ^cCol. 2:15; Eph. 3:10; 1 Cor. 15:24

11 ^aRom. 2:29; Eph. 2:11
^bRom. 6:6; 7:24; Gal. 5:24; Col. 3:5

12 ^aRom. 6:4f. ^bRom. 6:5; Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:13; 3:1 ^cActs 2:24

13 ¹Or., *by reason of*
^aEph. 2:1 ^bEph. 2:1; 5; Col. 2:12

14 ^aEph. 2:15; Col. 2:20
¹Pet. 2:24

15 ¹Or., *divested Himself of* ²Or., *it, i.e., the cross*.
^aEph. 4:8 ^bCol. 2:10; Eph. 3:10; 1 Cor. 15:24 ^cIs. 53:12; Matt. 12:29; Luke 10:18; John 12:31; Eph. 4:8 ^d2 Cor. 2:14 [Gr.]

16 ¹Lit., *judge you* ²Or., *days*
^aRom. 14:3 ^bMark 7:19; Rom. 14:17; Heb. 9:10 ^cLev. 23:2; Rom. 14:5 ¹Chr. 23:31; 2 Chr. 31:3; Neh. 10:33; ^aMark 2:27f.; Gal. 4:10f.

17 ¹Lit., *body* ²Lit., *of Christ*
^aHeb. 8:5; 10:1

18 ¹Or., *giving judgment against you* ²Or., *humility*
¹Cor. 9:24; Phil. 3:14 ^bCol. 2:23 ¹Cor. 4:6 ^aRom. 8:7

19 ¹Lit., *bonds* ²Lit., *of God*
^aEph. 1:22 ^bEph. 1:23; 4:16

20 ¹Lit., *from*
^aRom. 6:2 ^bCol. 2:8 ^cGal. 4:9 ^dCol. 2:14, 16

22 ¹Or., *by being consumed*
¹Cor. 6:13 ^bIs. 29:13; Matt. 15:9; Titus 1:14

23 ¹Or., *delight in religiousness*
^aCol. 2:18

23^{b1} Tim. 4:3 ^cRom. 13:14;
1 Tim. 4:8

1 ^aCol. 2:12 ^bMark 16:19

2 ¹Or, *Be intent on*
^aPhil. 3:19, 20; ^bMatt. 16:23

3 ^aRom. 6:2; 2 Cor. 5:14;
Col. 2:20

4 ^aGal. 2:20; John 11:25
^{b1} Cor. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:13;
1 John 2:28; 3:2; Phil. 3:21

5 ¹Lit., *put to death the members which are upon the earth* ²Lit., *fornication*
³Lit., *is*
^aRom. 8:13 ^bCol. 2:11 ^cMark 7:21f.; Gal. 5:19; 1 Cor. 6:9f.; 18; 2 Cor. 12:21; Eph. 4:19; 5:3, 5

6 ¹Some early mss. add, *upon the sons of disobedience*
^aRom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6

7 ^aEph. 2:2

8 ^aEph. 4:22 ^bEph. 4:31
^cEph. 4:29

9 ¹Or, *Stop lying* ²Lit., *man*
^aEph. 4:25 ^bEph. 4:22

10 ¹Lit., *man* ²Lit., *renovated*
^aEph. 4:24 ^bRom. 12:2;
2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:23 ^cRom. 8:29 ^dEph. 2:10

11 ^aRom. 10:12; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28 ^{b1} Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:6 ^cActs 28:2 ^dEph. 6:8
^eEph. 1:23

12 ¹i.e., *forbearance toward others*
^aLuke 18:7 ^bEph. 4:24 ^cGal. 5:22f.; Phil. 2:1; Luke 1:78 marg. ^dEph. 4:2; Phil. 2:3
^{e2} Cor. 6:6; 1 Cor. 13:4

13 ^aEph. 4:2 ^bEph. 4:32;
Rom. 15:7

14 ¹Lit., *the uniting bond of perfectness*
^aEph. 4:3 ^bHeb. 6:1; John 17:23

15 ¹Or, *act as arbiter* ²Lit., *also* ³Or, *show yourselves thankful*
^aJohn 14:27 ^bEph. 2:16

16 ¹Some mss. read, *the Lord*; others read, *God* ²Or, *in* ³Or, *by lit. in His grace*
^aRom. 10:17; Eph. 5:25;
1 Thess. 1:8 ^bEph. 5:19; Col. 1:28 ^cEph. 5:19 ^{d1} Cor. 14:15

17 ^{a1} Cor. 10:31 ^bEph. 5:20;
Col. 3:15

18 ^aCol. 3:18 to 4:1; Eph. 5:22 to 6:9 ^bEph. 5:22

19 ^aEph. 5:25

20 ¹Lit., *in*
^aEph. 6:1

and ^bsevere treatment of the body, *but are* of no value against ^cfleshly indulgence.

CHAPTER 3

IF then you have been ^araised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, ^bseated at the right hand of God.

2 ^{1a}Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

3 For you have ^adied and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, ^awho is our life, is revealed, ^bthen you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 ^aTherefore ¹consider ^bthe members of your earthly body as dead to ²immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which ³amounts to idolatry.

6 For it is on account of these things that ^athe wrath of God will come¹,

7 and ^ain them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

8 But now you also, ^aput them all aside: ^banger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* ^cabusive speech from your mouth.

9 ^{1a}Do not lie to one another, since you ^blaid aside the old ²self with its *evil* practices,

10 and have ^aput on the new ¹self who is being ²renewed to a true knowledge ^caccording to the image of the One who ^dcreated him,

11 —*a renewal* in which ^athere is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, ^bcircumcised and uncircumcised, ^cbarbarian, Scythian, ^dslave and freeman, but ^eChrist is all, and in all.

12 And so, as those who have been ^achosen of God, holy and beloved, ^bput on a ^cheart of compassion, kindness, ^dhumility, gentleness and ^{1e}patience;

13 ^abearing with one another, and ^bforgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against any one; ^bjust as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

14 And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is ^{1a}the perfect bond of ^bunity.

15 And let ^athe peace of Christ ¹rule in your hearts, to which ²indeed you were called in ^bone body; and ³be thankful.

16 Let ^athe word of ¹Christ richly dwell within you; ²with all wisdom ^bteaching and admonishing one another ^cwith psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, ^dsinging ³with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 And ^awhatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, ^bgiving thanks through Him to God the Father.

18 ^aWives, ^bbe subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 ^aHusbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.

20 ^aChildren, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing ¹to the Lord.

**Domestic Responsibilities,¹
Witnessing to Outsiders. Personal Matters.**

Colossians 3, 4

21 ^aFathers, do not ¹exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.

22 ^aSlaves, in all things obey those who are your masters ¹on earth, ^bnot with ²external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

23 Whatever you do, do your work ¹heartily, ^aas for the Lord ²rather than for men;

24 ^aknowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward ¹of ^bthe inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you ^cserve.

25 For ^ahe who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and ^{1b}that without partiality.

CHAPTER 4

MASTERS, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

2 ^aDevote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*;

3 praying at the same time ^afor us as well, that God may open up to us a ^bdoor for ^cthe word, so that we may speak forth ^dthe mystery of Christ, for which I have also ^ebeen imprisoned;

4 in order that I may make it clear ^ain the way I ought to speak.

5 ^{1a}Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward ^boutsiders, ^{2c}making the most of the opportunity.

6 ^aLet your speech always be ¹with grace, seasoned, *as it were*, with ^bsalt, so that you may know how you should ^crespond to each person.

7 ^aAs to all my affairs, ^bTychicus, *our* ^cbeloved brother and faithful servant and fellow-bondslave in the Lord, will bring you information.

8 ^aFor I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know *about* our circumstances and that he may ^bencourage your hearts;

9 ¹and with him ^aOnesimus, *our* faithful and ^bbeloved brother, ^cwho is one of your *number*. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

10 ^aAristarchus, my ^bfellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and *also* ^cBarnabas' cousin Mark (about whom you received ¹instructions: ^dif he comes to you, welcome him);

11 and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only ^afellow-workers for the kingdom of God ^bwho are from the circumcision; and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.

12 ^aEpaphras, ^bwho is one of your number, a bondslave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always ^claboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may ¹stand ^{2d}perfect and ^{3c}fully assured in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him witness that he has ^{1a}a deep concern for you and for those who are in ^aLaodicea and Hierapolis.

14 ^aLuke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and *also* ^bDemas.

15 Greet the brethren who are in ^aLaodicea and also ¹Nympha and ^bthe church that is in ²her house.

21 ¹Some early mss. read, *provoke to anger*
²Eph. 6:4

22 ¹Lit., *according to the flesh* ²Lit., *eye-service*
³Eph. 6:5 ⁴Eph. 6:6

23 ¹Lit., *from the soul* ²Lit., *and not*
³Eph. 6:7

24 ¹I.e., consisting of
²Eph. 6:8 ³Acts 20:32; 1 Pet. 1:4 ⁴1 Cor. 7:22

25 ¹Lit., *there is no partiality*
²Eph. 6:8 ³Acts 10:34; Eph. 6:9

²Acts 1:14; Eph. 6:18

³1 Eph. 6:19 ⁴Acts 14:27
⁵2 Tim. 4:2 ⁶Eph. 3:3, 4; 6:19
⁷Eph. 6:20

⁴Eph. 6:20

⁵1 Lit., *Walk* ²Lit., *redeeming the time*
³Eph. 5:15 ⁴Mark 4:11 ⁵Eph. 5:16

⁶1 Or, *gracious* ²Eph. 4:29
³Mark 9:50 ⁴1 Pet. 3:15

⁷2 Col. 4:7; Eph. 6:21, 22
³Acts 20:4 ⁴Eph. 6:21; Col. 1:7

⁸Eph. 6:22 ²Col. 2:2

⁹1 Lit., *along with Onesimus*
²Philem. 10 ³Col. 1:7 ⁴Col. 4:12

¹⁰1 Or, *orders*
²Acts 19:29 ³Rom. 16:7 ⁴Acts 12:12; 15:37, 39; 4:36 ⁵2 Tim. 4:11

¹¹1 Rom. 16:3 ⁴Acts 11:2

¹²1 Or, *stand firm* ²Or, *complete*; or, *mature* ³Or, *made complete*
⁴Col. 1:7 ⁵Col. 4:9 ⁶Rom. 15:30 ⁷Col. 1:28 ⁸Luke 1:1 and marg.

¹³1 Or, *much toil*; or, *great pain*
²Col. 2:1; 4:15f.

¹⁴2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24
³2 Tim. 4:10; Philem. 24

¹⁵1 Or, *Nymphas* (masc.)
²Some ancient mss. read, *their*
³Col. 2:1; 4:13, 16 ⁴Rom. 16:5

16 ¹Lit., *the*
^a1 Thess. 5:27; 2 Thess. 3:14
^bCol. 2:1; 4:13, 15

17 ¹Or, *continually fulfill*
^aPhil. 2:2 ^b2 Tim. 4:5

18 ¹Lit., *the greeting by my hand of Paul* ²Lit., *bonds*
^a1 Cor. 16:21 ^bHeb. 13:3
^cPhil. 1:7; Col. 4:3 ^d1 Tim. 6:21; 2 Tim. 4:22; Titus 3:15; Heb. 13:25

1 ^a2 Thess. 1:1 ^b2 Cor. 1:19 ^cActs 16:1 [2 Thess. 1:1] ^d2 Thess. 1:1; Acts 17:1 ^eRom. 1:7

2 ^a2 Thess. 1:3; Rom. 1:8; Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 2:13 ^bRom. 1:9

3 ¹Or, *perseverance* ²Lit., *of*
^a2 Thess. 1:11; John 6:29; Gal. 5:6 ^b1 Thess. 3:6; 2 Thess. 1:3f.; 1 Cor. 13:13 ^cRom. 8:25; 15:4 ^dGal. 1:4

4 ^a2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 1:7 ^b2 Pet. 1:10; Rom. 9:11

5 ¹Lit., *became*
^a2 Cor. 2:12; 1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Thess. 2:2, 4, 8f.; 3:2; 2 Thess. 2:14 ^bRom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 2:4; 2 Cor. 6:6 ^cCol. 2:2; Luke 1:1 [Cr.] ^d1 Thess. 2:10

6 ¹Lit., *inspired by*
^a1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1f. ^bActs 17:5-10 ^c2 Tim. 4:2 ^dActs 13:52; 2 Cor. 6:10; Gal. 5:22

7 ^aRom. 15:26 ^bActs 18:12

8 ^a2 Thess. 3:1; Col. 3:16 ^bRom. 10:18 ^cRom. 15:26 ^dActs 18:12 ^eRom. 1:8; 2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 16:19

9 ¹Lit., *entrance* ²Lit., *to*
³Or, *the idols* ⁴Or, *the*
^a1 Thess. 2:1 ^bActs 14:15 ^c1 Cor. 12:2 ^dMatt. 16:16

10 ¹Lit., *the heavens*
^aMatt. 16:27f.; 1 Cor. 1:7 ^bActs 2:24 ^cRom. 5:9 ^dMatt. 3:7; 1 Thess. 2:16; 5:9

1 ¹Lit., *entrance*
^a1 Thess. 1:9 ^b2 Thess. 1:10

2 ¹Or, *struggle, conflict*
^aPhil. 1:30; Acts 14:5 ^bActs 16:22-24 ^cActs 17:1-9 ^dRom. 1:1 ^ePhil. 1:30

3 ¹Lit., *in deceit*
^aActs 13:15 ^b2 Thess. 2:11 ^c1 Thess. 4:7 ^d2 Cor. 4:2

16 And ^awhen ¹this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part ^aread ¹my letter *that is coming* from ^bLaodicea.

17 And say to ^aArchippus, "Take heed to the ^bministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may ¹fulfill it."

18 ¹I, Paul, ^awrite this greeting with my own hand. ^bRemember my ^{2c}imprisonment. ^dGrace be with you.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Reception of the Gospel.

^aPAUL and ^bSilvanus and ^cTimothy to the ^dchurch of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ^eGrace to you and peace.

2 ^aWe give thanks to God always for all of you, ^bmaking mention of you in our prayers;

3 constantly bearing in mind your ^awork of faith and labor of ^blove and ^{1c}steadfastness of hope ²in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of ^dour God and Father;

4 knowing, ^abrethren beloved by God, ^bHis choice of you,

5 for our ^agospel did not come to you in word only, but also ^bin power and in the Holy Spirit and with ^cfull conviction; just as you know ^dwhat kind of men we ¹proved to be among you for your sake.

6 You also became ^aimitators of us and of the Lord, ^bhaving received ^cthe word in much tribulation with the ^djoy ¹of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in ^aMacedonia and in ^bAchaia.

8 For ^athe word of the Lord has ^bsounded forth from you, not only in ^cMacedonia and ^dAchaia, but also ^ein every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a ^{1a}reception we had ²with you, and how you ^bturned to God ^cfrom ³idols to serve ^{4d}a living and true God,

10 and to ^await for His Son from ¹heaven, whom He ^bbraised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who ^cdelivers us from ^dthe wrath to come.

CHAPTER 2

FOR you yourselves know, brethren, that our ^{1a}coming to you ^bwas not in vain,

2 but after we had already suffered and been ^amistreated in ^bPhilippi, as you know, we had the ^bboldness in our God ^cto speak to you the ^dgospel of God amid much ^{1c}opposition.

3 For our ^aexhortation does not *come* from ^berror or ¹simplicity or ^{1b}by way of ^ddeceit;

4 ^abut just as we have been approved by God to be ^bentrusted with the gospel, ^cso we speak; ^dnot as pleasing men but God, who ^eexamines our hearts.

5 For we never came ¹with flattering speech, as you know, nor with ^{2a}pretext for greed—^bGod is witness—

6 nor did we ^aseek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as ^bapostles of Christ we might have ¹asserted our authority.

7 But we ¹proved to be ^{2a}gentle ³among you, ^{4a}as a nursing mother ⁴tenderly cares for her own children.

8 Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well pleased to ^aimpart to you not only the ^bgospel but also our own ¹lives, because you had become ²very dear to us.

9 For you recall, brethren, our ^alabor and hardship, ^{how} ^bworking night and day so as not to be a ^cburden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the ^dgospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and so is ^aGod, ^bhow devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we ¹behaved toward you ²believers;

11 just as you know how we ^{were} ^aexhorting and encouraging and ^bimploring each one of you as ^ca father would his own children,

12 so that you may ^awalk in a manner worthy of the God who ^bcalls you into His own kingdom and ^cglory.

13 And for this reason we also constantly ^athank God that when you received from us the ^bword of God's message, you accepted it ^cnot as the word of men, but ^dfor what it really is, the word of God, ^ewhich also performs its work in you who believe.

14 For you, brethren, became ^aimitators of ^bthe churches of God in Christ Jesus that are ^cin Judea, for ^dyou also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, ^eeven as they ^{did} from the Jews,

15 ^awho both killed the Lord Jesus and ^bthe prophets, and ¹drove us out; ²they are not pleasing to God, ³but hostile to all men,

16 ^ahindering us from speaking to the Gentiles ^bthat they might be saved; with the result that they always ^cfill up the measure of their sins. But ^dwrath has come upon them ¹to the utmost.

17 But we, brethren, having been bereft of you for a ¹short while—^ain ²person, not in ³spirit—were all the more eager with great desire ^bto see your face.

18 ¹For ^awe wanted to come to you—I, Paul, ^{2b}more than once—and yet ^cSatan ^dthwarted us.

19 For who is our hope or ^ajoy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His ^{1b}coming?

20 For you are ^aour glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

THEREFORE ^awhen we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at ^bAthens alone;

2 and we sent ^aTimothy, our brother and God's fellow-worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith;

4 ¹Or, *approves*
²Cor. 2:17 ^bGal. 2:7 ^cGal. 1:10 ^dRom. 8:27

5 ¹Lit., in a word of flattery
^aActs 20:33; 2 Pet. 2:3
^b1 Thess. 2:10; Rom. 1:9

6 ¹Or, *been burdensome*
^aJohn 5:41, 44; 2 Cor. 4:5
^b1 Cor. 9:1f.

7 ¹Lit., *became gentle*
²Some ancient mss. read, *babes* ³Lit., in the midst of you ⁴Or, *cherishes*
^a2 Tim. 2:24 ^b1 Thess. 2:11; Gal. 4:19

8 ¹Or, *selves, lit., souls*
²Lit., *beloved*
^a2 Cor. 12:5; 1 John 3:16
^bRom. 1:1

9 ^a2 Thess. 3:8; Phil. 4:16
^bActs 18:3 ^c2 Cor. 11:9;
¹Cor. 9:4f. ^dRom. 1:1

10 ¹Lit., *became* ²Or, *who believe*
^a1 Thess. 2:5 ^b1 Thess. 1:5;
²Cor. 1:12

11 ¹Or, *testifying*
^a1 Thess. 5:14 ^bLuke 16:28;
¹Thess. 4:6 ^c1 Cor. 4:14;
¹Thess. 2:7

12 ^aEph. 4:1 ^b1 Thess. 5:24;
²Thess. 2:14; Rom. 8:28
^c1 Pet. 5:10; 2 Cor. 4:6

13 ^aRom. 1:8; 1 Thess. 1:2
^bHeb. 4:2; Rom. 10:17 ^cGal. 4:14; Matt. 10:20 ^dHeb. 4:12

14 ^a1 Thess. 1:6 ^b1 Cor. 7:17; 10:32 ^cGal. 1:22 ^dActs 17:5; 1 Thess. 3:4; 2 Thess. 1:4f. ^eHeb. 10:33f.

15 ¹Or, *persecuted us* ²Lit., and ³Lit., and
^aLuke 24:20; Acts 2:23 ^bActs 7:52; Matt. 5:12

16 ¹Or, *forever; or, altogether*
^aActs 9:23; 13:45, 50; 14:2, 5, 19; 17:5, 13; 18:12; 21:21f., 27; 25:2, 7 ^b1 Cor. 10:33
^cGen. 15:16; Dan. 8:23;
^dMatt. 23:32 ^e1 Thess. 1:10

17 ¹Lit., *occasion of an hour* ²Lit., *face* ³Lit., *heart*
^a1 Cor. 5:3 ^b1 Thess. 3:10

18 ¹Or, *because* ²Lit., *both once and twice*
^aRom. 15:22 ^bPhil. 4:16
^cMatt. 4:10 ^dRom. 15:22;
¹1:13

19 ¹Or, *presence*
^aPhil. 4:1 ^b1 Thess. 3:13;
⁴1:5; 5:23; Matt. 16:27; Mark 8:38; John 21:22

20 ^a2 Cor. 1:14

1 ^a1 Thess. 3:5; Phil. 2:19
^bActs 17:15f.

2 ^a2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1

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3 ¹Or, *deceived*
^aActs 9:16; 14:22

4 ¹Lit., *just as* ²Lit., *and*
Thess. 2:14

5 ¹Or, *to know, to ascertain*
^a1 Thess. 3:1; Phil. 2:19
^b1 Thess. 3:2; ^cMatt. 4:3
^dPhil. 2:16; 2 Cor. 6:1

6 ^aActs 18:5 ^b1 Thess. 1:3
^c1 Cor. 11:2

8 ^a1 Cor. 6:13

9 ^a1 Thess. 1:2

10 ^a2 Tim. 1:3 ^b1 Thess.
2:17 ^c2 Cor. 13:9

11 ^a2 Thess. 2:16 ^bGal. 1:4;
1 Thess. 3:13 ^c1 Thess. 4:16;
5:23; 2 Thess. 2:16; 3:16;
Rev. 21:3 ^d2 Thess. 3:5

12 ^aPhil. 1:9; 1 Thess. 4:1;
10; 2 Thess. 1:3

13 ¹Or, *presence* ²I.e., *true
believers; lit., holy ones*
^a1 Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 3:2
^bLuke 1:6 ^cGal. 1:4; 1 Thess.
3:11 ^d1 Thess. 2:19 ^eMatt.
25:31; Mark 8:38; 2 Thess.
1:7; 1 Thess. 4:17

1 ¹Or, *conduct yourselves*
²Thess. 3:1; 2 Cor. 13:11
^b1 Thess. 5:12; 2 Thess. 1:3;
2:1; 3:1, 13; Gal. 6:1 ^cEph.
4:1 ^d2 Cor. 5:9 ^ePhil. 1:9;
1 Thess. 3:12; 4:10; 2 Thess.
1:3

2 ¹Lit., *through the Lord*

3 ¹Or, *fornication*
^a1 Cor. 6:18

4 ¹Or, *acquire* ²I.e., *body,
or possibly, wife*
^a1 Cor. 7:2, 9 ^b1 Pet. 3:7;
2 Cor. 4:7 ^cRom. 1:24

5 ¹Lit., *passion of lust*
^aRom. 1:26 ^bGal. 4:8

6 ^a1 Cor. 6:8 ^b2 Cor. 7:11
^cHeb. 13:4; Rom. 12:19; 13:4
^dLuke 16:28; 1 Thess. 2:11;
Heb. 2:6

7 ¹I.e., *in the state or
sphere of*
^a1 Pet. 1:15 ^b1 Thess. 2:3

8 ^aRom. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:22;
Gal. 4:6; 1 John 3:24

9 ^aJohn 13:34; Rom. 12:10
^b1 Thess. 5:1; 2 Cor. 9:1
^c1 John 6:45; 1 John 2:27; Jer.
31:33f.

10 ^a1 Thess. 1:7

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3 so that no man may be ¹disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that ^awe have been destined for this.

4 For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; ^{1a}and so it came to pass, ^{2a}as you know.

5 For this reason, ^awhen I could endure it no longer, I also ^bsent to ¹find out about your faith, for fear that ^cthe tempter might have tempted you, and ^dour labor should be in vain.

6 But now that ^aTimothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of ^byour faith and love, and that you always ^cthink kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you,

7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;

8 for now we *really* live, if you ^astand firm in the Lord.

9 For ^awhat thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account,

10 as we ^anight and day keep praying most earnestly that we may ^bsee your face, and may ^ccomplete what is lacking in your faith?

11 ^aNow may ^bour God and Father ^cHimself and Jesus our Lord ^ddirect our way to you;

12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and ^aabound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also *do* for you;

13 so that He may ^aestablish your hearts ^bunblamable in holiness before ^cour God and Father at the ^{1d}coming of our Lord Jesus ^cwith all His ²saints.

CHAPTER 4

^aFINALLY then, ^bbrethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to ^{1c}walk and ^dplease God (just as you actually do ¹walk), that you may ^cexcel still more.

2 For you know what commandments we gave you ^{1b}by *the authority* of the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you ^aabstain from ¹sexual immorality;

4 that ^aeach of you know how to ¹possess his own ^{2b}vessel in sanctification and ^chonor,

5 not in ^{1a}lustful passion, like the Gentiles who ^bdo not know God;

6 *and* that no man transgress and ^adefraud his brother ^bin the matter because ^cthe Lord is *the avenger* in all these things, just as we also ^dtold you before and solemnly warned you.

7 For ^aGod has not called us for ^bthe purpose of impurity, but ¹in sanctification.

8 Consequently, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who ^agives His Holy Spirit to you.

9 Now as to the ^alove of the brethren, you ^bhave no need for *any one* to write to you, for you yourselves are ^ctaught by God to love one another;

10 for indeed ^ayou do practice it toward all the brethren

who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to ^bexcel still more,

11 and to make it your ambition ^ato lead a quiet life and ^battend to your own business and ^cwork with your hands, just as we commanded you;

12 so that you may ^{1a}behave properly toward ^boutsiders and ^{2c}not be in any need.

13 But ^awe do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who ^bare asleep, that you may not grieve, as do ^cthe rest who have ^dno hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, ^aeven so God will bring with Him ^bthose who have fallen asleep ¹in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you ^aby the word of the Lord, that ^bwe who are alive, ¹and remain until ^cthe coming of the Lord, shall not precede ^dthose who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord ^aHimself ^bwill descend from heaven with a ^{1c}shout, with the voice of ^dthe archangel, and with the ^etrumpet of God; and ^fthe dead in Christ shall rise first.

17 Then ^awe who are alive ¹and remain shall be ^bcaught up together with them ^cin the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always ^bbe with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

CHAPTER 5

NOW as to the ^atimes and the epochs, brethren, you ^bhave no need of anything to be written to you.

2 For you yourselves know full well that ^athe day of the Lord ¹will come ^bjust like a thief in the night.

3 While they are saying, "aPeace and safety!" then ^{1b}destruction ²will come upon them suddenly like ^cbirth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in ^adarkness, that the day should overtake you ^{1b}like a thief;

5 for you are all ^asons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of ^bdarkness;

6 so then let us not ^asleep as ^{1b}others do, but let us be alert and ^{2c}sober.

7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get ^adrunk at night.

8 But since ^awe are of ^dthe day, let us ^bbe ¹sober, having put on the ^cbreastplate of ^dfaith and love, and as a ^chelmet, the ^dhope of salvation.

9 For God has not destined us for ^awrath, but for ^bobtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 ^awho died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

11 Therefore ¹encourage one another, and ^abuild up one another, just as you also are doing.

12 But we request of you, brethren, that you ^{1a}appreciate those ^bwho diligently labor among you, and ^chave charge over you in the Lord and give you ²instruction,

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. ^aLive in peace with one another.

14 And we urge you, brethren, ^aadmonish ^bthe ¹unruly, en-

10^{b1} Thess. 3:12

11^{a2} Thess. 3:12 ^{b1} Pet. 4:15 ^cEph. 4:28; 2 Thess. 3:10-12; Acts 18:3

12¹ Lit., *walk* ² Lit., *have need of nothing*
^aRom. 13:13; Col 4:5 ^bMark 4:11 ^cEph. 4:28

13^aRom. 1:13 ^bActs 7:60
^{c1} Thess. 5:6; Eph. 2:3 ^dEph. 2:12

14¹ Lit., *through*
^aRom. 14:9; 2 Cor. 4:14
^{b1} Cor. 15:18; 1 Thess. 4:13

15¹ Lit., *who*
^{a1} Kin. 13:17f.; 20:35; Gal. 1:12; 2 Cor. 12:1 ^{b1} Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 5:10
^{c1} Thess. 2:19 ^{d1} Cor. 15:18; 1 Thess. 4:13

16¹ Or, *cry of command*
^{a1} Thess. 3:11 ^{b2} Thess. 1:7; 1 Thess. 1:10 ^cJoel 2:11
^dJude 9 ^eMatt. 24:31 ^{f1} Cor. 15:23; 2 Thess. 2:1; Rev. 14:13

17¹ Lit., *who*
^{a1} Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 5:10
^{b2} Cor. 12:2 ^cDan. 7:13; Acts 1:9; Rev. 11:12 ^dJohn 12:26

1^a Acts 1:7 ^{b1} Thess. 4:9

2¹ Lit., *is coming*
^{a1} Cor. 1:8 ^bLuke 21:34; 1 Thess. 5:4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15

3¹ Or, *sudden destruction*
² Lit., *is at hand*
^aJer. 6:14; 8:11; Ezek. 13:10
^{b2} Thess. 1:9 ^cJohn 16:21

4¹ Some early mss. read, *like thieves*
^{a1} John 2:8; Acts 26:18
^{b1} Luke 21:34; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15

5^a Luke 16:8 ^{b1} John 2:8; Acts 26:18

6¹ Lit., *the remaining ones* ² Or, *self-controlled*
^aRom. 13:11; 1 Thess. 5:10
^bEph. 2:3; 1 Thess. 4:13
^{c1} Pet. 1:13

7^a Acts 2:15; 2 Pet. 2:13

8¹ Or, *self-controlled*
^{a1} Thess. 5:5 ^{b1} Pet. 1:13
^cEph. 6:14 ^dEph. 6:23 ^eEph. 6:17 ^fRom. 8:24

9^{a1} Thess. 1:10 ^{b2} Thess. 2:13f.

10^aRom. 14:9

11¹ Or, *comfort*
^aEph. 4:29

12¹ Lit., *know* ² Or, *admonition*
^{a1} Cor. 16:18; 1 Tim. 5:17; Ps. 144:3 ^{b1} Cor. 16:16; Rom. 16:6; 12:1; 1 Cor. 15:10
^cLeb. 13:17
The Original
13^a-Mark 9:50

14¹ Or, *undisciplined*
^{a2} Thess. 3:6; 7, 11

14 bIs. 35:4 [Sept.] cRom. 14:1f.; 1 Cor. 8:7ff. [Rom. 15:1] d1 Cor. 13:4

15 aRom. 12:17; 1 Pet. 3:9; Matt. 5:44 bRom. 12:9; 1 Thess. 5:21; Gal. 6:10

16 aPhil. 4:4

17 aEph. 6:18

18 aEph. 5:20

19 aEph. 4:30

20 ¹Or, *gifts*
aActs 13:1; 1 Cor. 14:31

21 a1 Cor. 14:29; 1 John 7:1
bRom. 12:9; 1 Thess. 5:15; Gal. 6:10

22 ¹Or, *appearance*

23 aRom. 15:33 b1 Thess. 3:11 cLuke 1:46f.; Heb. 4:12
d2 Pet. 3:14; James 1:4
e1 Thess. 2:19

24 a1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Thess. 3:3
b1 Thess. 2:12

25 [Some mss. add, also
aEph. 6:19; 2 Thess. 3:1;
Heb. 13:18

26 aRom. 16:16

27 aCol. 4:16 bActs 1:15

28 aRom. 16:20; 2 Thess. 3:18

1 a1 Thess. 1:1 b2 Cor. 1:19 cActs 16:1 [1 Thess. 1:1]
d1 Thess. 1:1; Acts 17:1

2 aRom. 1:7

3 a1 Thess. 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 1:8; Eph. 5:20
b1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:1
c1 Thess. 3:12

4 ¹Or, *steadfastness*
a2 Cor. 7:4; 1 Thess. 2:19
b1 Thess. 2:14; 1 Cor. 7:17

5 aPhil. 1:28 bLuke 20:35;
2 Thess. 1:11

6 ¹Lat., *if indeed* ²Or, *in the sight of*
aEx. 23:22; Col. 3:25; Heb. 6:10

7 ¹Lit., *along with us* ²Lit., *at the revelation of the Lord Jesus* ³Lit., *the angels of His power*

aLuke 17:30 b1 Thess. 4:16
cJude 14 d1 Cor. 3:13; Heb. 10:27; 12:29; 2 Pet. 3:7; Jude 7; Rev. 14:10; Ex. 3:2; 19:18; Is. 66:15; Ezek. 1:13f.; Dan. 7:9; Matt. 25:41

courage bthe fainthearted, help cthe weak, be dpatient with all men.

15 See that a**no** one repays another with evil for evil, but always bseek after that which is good for one another and for all men.

16 aRejoice always;

17 apray without ceasing;

18 in everything a**give thanks**; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 aDo not quench the Spirit; *to the church*

20 do not despise a**prophetic** utterances.

21 But a**examine everything carefully**; bhold fast to that which is good;

22 abstain from every ¹form of evil.

23 Now a**may the God of peace** bHimself sanctify you entirely; and may your cspirit and soul and body be preserved complete, dwithout blame at ethe coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 aFaithful is He who bcalls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

25 Brethren, apray for us¹.

26 aGreet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I adjure you by the Lord to a**have this letter read to all the brethren**.

28 aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Faith and Perseverance.

a PAUL and bSilvanus and cTimothy to the dchurch of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 aGrace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We ought always a**to give thanks to God for you**, bbrethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the clove of each one of you all toward one another grows ever greater;

4 therefore, we ourselves a**speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your ¹perseverance and faith** bin the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

5 This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be bconsidered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

6 ¹For after all a**it is only just** ²for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted ¹and to us as well ²when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed bfrom heaven cwith ³His mighty angels d**in flaming fire**,

8 dealing out retribution to those who ^ado not know God and to those who ^bdo not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 And these will pay the penalty of ^aeternal destruction, ^baway from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when He comes to be ^aglorified ¹in His ²saints on that ^bday, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our ^ctestimony to you was believed.

11 To this end also we ^apray for you always that our God may ^bcount you worthy of your ^ccalling, and fulfill every desire for ^dgoodness and the ^ework of faith with power;

12 in order that the ^aname of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and ¹the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 2

NOW we request you, ^abrethren, with regard to the ^bcoming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our ^cgathering together to Him,

2 that you may not be quickly shaken from your ¹composure or be disturbed either by a ^aspirit or a ²message or a ^cletter as if from us, to the effect that ^dthe day of the Lord ^ehas come.

3 ^aLet no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the ^bapostasy comes first, and the ^cman of ²lawlessness is revealed, the ^dson of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above ¹every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, ^bdisplaying himself as being God.

5 Do you not remember that ^awhile I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

6 And you know ^awhat restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed.

7 For ^athe mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only ^bhe who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

8 And then that lawless one ^awill be revealed whom the Lord will slay ^bwith the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the ^cappearance of His ¹coming;

9 *that is*, the one whose ¹coming is in accord with the activity of ^aSatan, with all power and ²signs and false wonders,

10 and with ¹all the deception of wickedness for ^athose who perish, because they did not receive the love of ^bthe truth so as to be saved.

11 And for this reason ^aGod ¹will send upon them ²a ^bdecluding influence so that they might believe ³what is false,

12 in order that they all may be ¹judged who ^adid not believe the truth, but ²took pleasure in wickedness.

13 ^aBut we should always give thanks to God for you, ^bbrethren beloved by the Lord, because ^cGod has chosen you ¹from the beginning ^dfor salvation ²through sanctification ³by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

14 And it was for this He ^acalled you through ^bour gospel, ¹that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, ^astand firm and ^bhold to the tradi-

8 ^aGal. 4:8 ^bRom 2:8

9 ^a1 Thess. 5:3; Phil. 3:19
b1s. 2:10, 19, 21; 2 Thess. 2:8

10 ¹Or, *in the persons of*
²Lit., true believers; lit., *holy ones*

^aJohn 17:10; 1 Thess. 2:12; 1s. 49:3 ^b1 Cor. 3:13; 1s. 2:11ff. ^c1 Thess. 2:1; 1 Cor. 1:6

11 ¹Or, *make*
^aCol. 1:9 ^b2 Thess. 1:5
^cRom. 11:29 ^dRom. 15:14
^e1 Thess. 1:3

12 ¹Or omit, *the*
^aPhil. 2:9ff.; 1s. 24:15; 66:5; Mal. 1:11

13 ¹Or, *presence*
^a2 Thess. 1:3 ^b1 Thess. 2:19
^cMark 13:27; 1 Thess. 4:15-17

2 ¹Lit., *mind* ²Lit., *word*
^a1 Cor. 14:32; 1 John 4:1
^b2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5:2
^c2 Thess. 3:17 ^d1 Cor. 1:8
^e1 Cor. 7:26

3 ¹Or, *falling away from the faith* ²Some early mss. read, *sin*
^aEph. 5:6 ^b1 Tim. 4:1
^c2 Thess. 2:8; Dan. 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; Rev. 13:5ff.
^dJohn 17:12

4 ¹Or, *all that is called God*
^a1 Cor. 8:5 b1s. 14:14; Ezek. 28:2

5 ¹ Thess. 3:4

6 ² Thess. 2:7

7 ^aRev. 17:5; 7 ^b2 Thess. 2:6

8 ¹Or, *presence*
^a2 Thess. 2:3; Dan. 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; Rev. 13:5ff. b1s. 11:4; Rev. 2:16; 19:15
^c1 Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 1:10; 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13

9 ¹Or, *presence* ²Or, *attesting miracles*
^aMatt. 4:10 ^bMatt. 24:24; John 4:48

10 ¹Or, *every deception*
^a1 Cor. 1:18 ^b2 Thess. 2:12; 2:13

11 ¹Lit., *sends* ²Lit., *an activity of error* ³Or, *the lie*
^aRom. 1:28; 1 Kin. 22:22
^b1 Thess. 2:3; 2 Tim. 4:4

12 ¹Or, *condemned* ²Or, *approved*
^aRom. 2:8 ^bRom. 1:32; 1 Cor. 13:6

13 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *first fruits* ²Lit., *in*
³Lit., *of*
^a2 Thess. 1:3 ^b1 Thess. 1:4
^cEph. 1:4ff. ^d1 Thess. 5:9; 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:5; 1 Cor. 1:21
^e1 Pet. 1:2; 1 Thess. 4:7

14 ¹Lit., *to the gaining of*
^a1 Thess. 2:12 ^b1 Thess. 1:5

15 ^a1 Cor. 16:13 ^b1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 3:6

15 ¹Lit., of
²Thess. 2:2

16 ¹Thess. 3:11 ^{b1}Thess. 3:11
^cJohn 3:16 ^dTitus 3:7;
¹Pet. 1:3

17 ¹Thess. 3:2, 13
^{b2}Thess. 3:3

¹Lit., run
^{a1}Thess. 4:1 ^{b1}Thess. 5:25
^{c1}Thess. 1:8

²Lit., improper ²Or, the
faith
 Rom. 15:31

³Lit., will ²Or, from evil
^{a1}Cor. 1:9; ¹Thess. 5:24
^bMatt. 5:37

⁴2 Cor. 2:3 ^{b1}Thess. 4:10

⁵a1 Thess. 3:11

⁶1 Or, avoid ²Lit., walks
 disorderly ³Or,
 undisciplined ⁴Many
 ancient mss. read, they
^{a1}Cor. 5:11; ^bRom. 16:17;
¹1 Cor. 5:11; ²Thess. 3:14
^{c1}Thess. 5:14; ²Thess. 3:7;
¹¹1 Cor. 11:2; ²Thess. 2:15

⁷Lit., imitate us
^{a1}Thess. 1:6; ²Thess. 3:9

⁸Lit., from any one ²Lit.,
 freely
^{a1}Cor. 9:4 ^{b1}Thess. 2:9
^cActs 18:3; Eph. 4:28

⁹Lit., imitate us
^{a1}Cor. 9:4ff. ^{b2}Thess. 3:7

¹⁰a1 Thess. 3:4 ^{b1}Thess. 4:11

¹¹2 Thess. 3:6 ^{b1}Tim. 5:13; ¹Pet. 4:15

¹²a1 Thess. 4:1 ^{b1}Thess. 4:11

¹³a1 Thess. 4:1 ^bGal. 6:9;
²Cor. 4:1

¹⁴Lit., word ²Lit.,
 through ³Lit., not to
 associate
^aCol. 4:16 ^bThess. 3:6
^{c1}Cor. 4:14

¹⁵1 Or, keep admonishing
^aGal. 6:1 ^{b1}Thess. 5:14
^{c2}Thess. 3:6, 13

¹⁶Lit., way
^aRom. 15:33 ^{b1}Thess. 3:11
^cRuth 2:4

¹⁷Lit., the greeting by my
 hand of Paul
^{a1}Cor. 16:21

¹⁸aRom. 16:20; ¹Thess. 5:28

tions which you were taught, whether ^cby word of mouth or ^bby letter ¹from us.

16 ^aNow may our Lord Jesus Christ ^bHimself and God our Father, who has ^cloved us and given us eternal comfort and ^dgood hope by grace,

17 ^acomfort and ^bstrengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

CHAPTER 3

FINALLY, brethren, ^bpray for us that ^cthe word of the Lord may ¹spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you;

2 and that we may be ^adelivered from ¹perverse and evil men; for not all have ²faith.

3 But ^athe Lord is faithful, and ¹He will strengthen and protect you ²from ^bthe evil one.

4 And we have ^aconfidence in the Lord concerning you, that you ^bare doing and will continue to do what we command.

5 And may the Lord ^adirect your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, ^ain the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you ^{1b}keep aloof from every brother who ²leads an ³unruly life and not according to ⁴the tradition which ⁴you received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to ^{1a}follow our example; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,

8 nor did we ^aeat ¹anyone's bread ²without paying for it, but with ^blabor and hardship we *kept* ^cworking night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you;

9 not because we do not have ^athe right to *this*, but in order to offer ourselves ^bas a model for you, that you might ¹follow our example.

10 For even ^awhen we were with you, we used to give you this order: ^bIf anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

11 For we hear that some among you are ^aleading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like ^bbusybodies.

12 Now such persons we command and ^aexhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to ^bwork in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

13 But as for you, ^abrethren, ^bdo not grow weary of doing good.

14 And if anyone does not obey our ¹instruction ^{2a}in this letter, take special note of that man ^{3b}and do not associate with him, so that he may be ^cput to shame.

15 And *yet* ^ado not regard him as an enemy, but ^{1b}admonish him as a ^cbrother. *And of last things...*

16 Now ^amay the Lord of peace ^bHimself continually grant you peace in every ¹circumstance. ^cThe Lord be with you all!

17 ¹I Paul write this greeting ^awith my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter: this is the way I write.

18 ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO
TIMOTHY A.D. 66-68

Salutation. Charge Respecting Misuse of the Law.
Personal Thanksgiving.

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^caccording to the commandment of ^dGod our Savior, and of ^bChrist Jesus, *who is our hope;*

2 to ^aTimothy, ^bmy true child in *the* faith: ^cGrace, mercy and peace from God the Father and ^dChrist Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you ¹upon my departure for ^aMacedonia, ²remain on at ^bEphesus, in order that you may instruct certain men not to ^cteach strange doctrines,

4 nor to ¹pay attention to ^amyths and endless ^bgenealogies, which give rise to mere ^cspeculation rather than ^dfurthering ²God's provision which is by faith.

5 But the goal of our ¹instruction is love ^bfrom a pure heart and a ^cgood conscience and a sincere ^dfaith.

6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to ^afruitless discussion,

7 ^awanting to be ^bteachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

8 But we know that ^athe Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

9 realizing the fact that ^alaw is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and ^brebellious, for the ^cungodly and sinners, for the unholy and ^dprofane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers

10 ¹and ²immoral men ¹and ^bhomosexuals ¹and ^ckidnappers ¹and ^dliars ¹and ^eperjurers, and whatever else is contrary to ^fsound teaching,

11 according to ^athe glorious gospel of ^bthe blessed God, with which I have been ^centrusted.

12 I thank ^aChrist Jesus our Lord, who has ^bstrengthened me, because He considered me faithful, ^cputting me into service;

13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a ^apersecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was ^bshown mercy, because ^cI acted ignorantly in unbelief;

14 and the ^agrace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the ^bfaith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

15 ^aIt is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that ^bChrist Jesus came into the world to ^csave sinners, among whom ^dI am foremost of *all*.

16 And yet for this reason I ^afound mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might ^bdemonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those ¹who would believe in Him for eternal life.

17 Now to the King ¹eternal, ^bimmortal, ^cinvisible, the ^donly God, ^ebe honor and glory ²forever and ever. Amen.]

18 This ^acommand I entrust to you, Timothy, ^bmy son, in

¹ 2 Cor. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1
^{b1} Tim. 1:12 ^cTitus 1:2
^dLuke 1:47; Titus 1:3 ^eCol. 1:27

² Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:2
^{b2} Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4
^{c2} Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4; Rom. 1:7 ^{d1} Tim. 1:12

³ Lit., *while departing*

² Lit., *to remain*
^aRom. 15:26 ^bActs 18:19
^{c1} Tim. 6:3; Rom. 16:17;
² Cor. 11:4; Gal. 1:6f.

⁴ Or, *occupy themselves*
with ² Lit., *the administration of God*
which

²¹ Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:4;
Titus 1:14; 2 Pet. 1:16 ^bTitus 3:9 ^{c1} Tim. 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:23;
Titus 3:9 ^dEph. 3:2

⁵ Lit., *commandment*
^{a1} Tim. 1:18 ^{b2} Tim. 2:22
^{c1} Pet. 3:16, 21; 1 Tim. 1:19;
3:9; 2 Tim. 1:3 ^{d2} Tim. 1:5

⁶ Titus 1:10

⁷ James 3:1 ^bLuke 2:46

⁸ Rom. 7:12, 16

⁹ Gal. 5:23 ^bTitus 1:6, 10
^{c1} Pet. 4:18; Jude 15 ^{d1} Tim. 4:7; 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16; Heb. 12:16

¹⁰ Lit., *for* ² Or,
fornicators

^{a1} Cor. 6:9 ^bLev. 18:22 ^cEx. 21:16; Rev. 18:13 ^dRev. 21:8, 27; 22:15 ^eMatt. 5:33; 23:16
^{f2} Tim. 4:3; Titus 1:9; 2:1;
1 Tim. 4:6; 6:3; 2 Tim. 1:13;
Titus 1:13; 2:2

¹¹ 2 Cor. 4:4 ^{b1} Tim. 6:15
^cGal. 2:7

¹² ^{a1} Tim. 1:1, 2, 15; 2:5;

^b13; Titus 1:4; Gal. 3:26

^bPhil. 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:17; Acts 9:22 ^cActs 9:15

¹³ ^aActs 8:3; Phil. 3:6

^{b1} Tim. 1:16; 1 Cor. 7:25

^cActs 26:9

¹⁴ ^aRom. 5:20; 2 Cor. 4:15;
1 Cor. 3:10; 1:13-16 ^{b2} Tim. 1:13; 1 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 2:15; 4:12; 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22;
Titus 2:2

¹⁵ ^{a1} Tim. 3:1; 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:11; Titus 3:8 ^bMark 2:17;
Luke 15:2f.; 19:10 ^cRom. 11:14 ^{d1} Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8

¹⁶ Or, *destined to*

^{a1} Tim. 1:13; 1 Cor. 7:25

^bEph. 2:7

¹⁷ Lit., *of the ages* ² Lit.,
the ages of the ages

^aRev. 15:3 [Cr.] ^{b1} Tim. 6:16
^cCol. 1:15 ^{d1} Tim. 6:15; Jude 25; John 5:44 ^eRom. 11:36;
2:7, 10; Heb. 2:7

¹⁸ Lit., *child*

^{a1} Tim. 1:5 ^{b1} Tim. 1:2

6 *and* not a new convert, lest he become ^aconceited and fall into the ^bcondemnation ^lincurred by the devil.

7 And he must ^ahave a good reputation with ^bthose outside *the church*, so that he may not fall into reproach and ^cthe snare of the devil.

8 ^aDeacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not ^ldouble-tongued, ^{2b}or addicted to much wine ^{2c}or fond of sordid gain, ⁹*abut* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

10 And ^alet these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. - 1/10/67

11 ^lWomen *must* likewise *be* dignified, ^anot malicious gossips, but ^btemperate, faithful in all things.

12 Let ^adeacons be ^bhusbands of *only one wife*, and ^lgood managers of *their* children and their own households.

13 For those who have served well as deacons ^aobtain for themselves a ^lhigh standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

14 I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;

15 but ^lin case I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how ²one ought to conduct himself in ^athe household of God, which is the ^bchurch of ^cthe living God, the ^dpillar and support of the truth.

16 [And by common confession great is ^athe mystery of godliness:

¹He who was ^brevealed in the flesh,
Was ^{2c}vindicated ³in the Spirit,
^dBeheld by angels,
^eProclaimed among the nations,
^fBelieved on in the world,
^gTaken up in glory.]

CHAPTER 4

BUT ^athe Spirit explicitly says that ^bin later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to ^cdeceitful spirits and ^ddoctrines of demons, SUMMARY

2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars ^aseared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

3 *men* who ^aforbid marriage *and advocate* ^babstaining from foods, which ^cGod has created to be ^dgratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

4 For ^aeverything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is ^breceived with gratitude:

5 for it is sanctified by means of ^athe word of God and prayer.

6 In pointing out these things to ^athe brethren, you will be a good ^bservant of Christ Jesus, *constantly* nourished on the words of the faith and of the ^lsound doctrine which you ^dhave been following.

7 But have nothing to do with ^aworldly ^bfables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of ^cgodliness;

8 for ^abodily discipline is only little profit, but ^bgodliness

6 ¹Lit., *of the devil*
^{a1} Tim. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:4
^{b1} Tim. 3:7

7 ^{a2} Cor. 8:21 ^bMark 4:11
^{c2} Tim. 2:26; 1 Tim. 6:9

8 ¹Or, *given to double-talk* ²Lit., *not* ³ACTS
^aPhil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:12 ^bTitus 2:3; 1 Tim. 5:23 ^cTitus 1:7; 1 Tim. 3:3; 1 Pet. 5:2
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9 ^{a1} Tim. 1:19; 1 Tim. 1:5

10 ^{a1} Tim. 5:22

11 ¹I.e., either deacons' wives or deaconesses'
^{a2} Tim. 3:3; Titus 2:3
^{b1} Tim. 3:2

12 ¹Lit., *managing well*
^aPhil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8 ^{b1} Tim. 3:2 ^{c1} Tim. 3:4

13 ¹Lit., *good*
^aMatt. 25:21

15 ¹Lit., *if I delay* ²Or, *you ought to conduct yourself*
^aEph. 2:21f.; 1 Cor. 3:16;
² Cor. 6:16; 1 Pet. 2:3; 4:17
^{b1} Tim. 3:5 ^cMatt. 16:16;
1 Tim. 4:10 ^dGal. 2:9; 2 Tim. 2:19

16 ¹Some later mss. read, *God* ²Or, *justified* ³Or, *by*
^aRom. 16:25 ^bJohn 1:14;
1 Pet. 1:20; 1 John 3:5, 8
^cRom. 3:4 ^dLuke 2:13; 24:4;
1 Pet. 1:12 ^eRom. 16:26;
2 Cor. 1:19; Col. 1:23
^{f2} Thess. 1:10 ^gMark 16:19;
Acts 1:9

¹ John 16:13; Acts 20:23;
21:11; 1 Cor. 2:10f. ^{b2} Thess. 2:3ff.; 2 Tim. 3:1; 2 Pet. 3:3;
Jude 18 ^{c1} John 4:6 ^dJames 3:15

2 ^aEph. 4:19

3 ^aHeb. 13:4 ^bCol. 2:16;
2:23 ^cGen. 1:29; 9:3 ^{d1} Tim. 4:4; Rom. 14:6; 1 Cor. 10:30f.

4 ^{a1} Cor. 10:26 ^{b1} Tim. 4:3; Rom. 14:6; 1 Cor. 10:30f.

5 ^aGen. 1:25, 31; Heb. 11:3

6 ¹Lit., *good*
^aActs 1:15 ^{b2} Cor. 11:23
^{c1} Tim. 1:10 ^dLuke 1:3 [Gr.];
2 Tim. 3:10; Phil. 2:20, 22

7 ^{a1} Tim. 1:9 ^{b1} Tim. 1:4
^{c1} Tim. 4:8; 6:3, 5f.; 2 Tim. 3:5

8 ^aCol. 2:23 ^{b1} Tim. 4:7;
6:3, 5f.; 2 Tim. 3:5

8 ^cPs. 37:9, 11; Prov. 19:23; 22:4; Matt. 6:33 ^dMatt. 12:32; 6:33; Mark 10:30

9 ^{a1} Tim. 1:15

10 ^{a2} Cor. 1:10; 1 Tim. 6:17
^{b1} Tim. 3:15 ^{c1} Tim. 2:4;
John 4:42

11 ¹Or, *Keep commanding and teaching*
^{a1} Tim. 5:7; 6:2

12 ¹Or, *to*
^{a1} Cor. 16:11; Titus 2:15
^{b1} Tim. 1:14 ^cTitus 2:7;
1 Pet. 5:3

13 ^{a1} Tim. 3:14 ^{b2} Tim. 3:15f.

14 ¹Or else, *board of elders*
^{a1} Tim. 1:18 ^{b1} Tim. 5:22;
2 Tim. 1:6; Acts 6:6 ^c[in Gr.]
Acts 11:30

16 ¹Lit., *save both yourself and those . . .*
^aActs 20:28 ^{b1} Cor. 1:21

1 ^aLev. 19:32 ^bTitus 2:2
^cTitus 2:6

3 ^{a1} Tim. 5:5, 16; Acts 6:1; 9:39, 41

4 ¹Lit., *give back recompenses*
^aEph. 6:2 ^{b1} Tim. 2:3

5 ^{a1} Tim. 5:3, 16; Acts 6:1; 9:39, 41 ^{b1} Pet. 3:5; 1 Cor. 7:34 ^cLuke 2:37; 1 Tim. 2:1; 2 Tim. 1:3

6 ^aJames 5:5 ^bRev. 3:1;
Luke 15:24; 2 Tim. 3:6

7 ¹Or, *Keep commanding*
^{a1} Tim. 4:11

8 ^{a2} Tim. 2:12; Titus 1:16;
2 Pet. 2:1; Jude 4

9 ^{a1} Tim. 5:16 ^{b1} Tim. 3:2

10 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aActs 9:36; 1 Tim. 6:18;
1 Pet. 2:12; Titus 2:7; 3:8
^{b1} Tim. 3:2 ^cLuke 7:44; John 13:14 ^{d1} Tim. 5:16

11 ^aRev. 18:7

12 ¹Lit., *faith*

is profitable for all things, since it ^cholds promise for the ^dpresent life and *also* for the *life* to come.

9 ^{a1}It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

10 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed ^aour hope on ^bthe living God, who is ^cthe Savior of all men, especially of believers.

11 ^{1a}Prescribe and teach these things.

12 ^aLet no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, ^blove, faith *and* purity, show yourself ^can example ¹of those who believe.

13 ^aUntil I come, give attention to the *public* ^breading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.

14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through ^aprophetic utterance with ^bthe laying on of hands by the ^{1c}presbytery.

15 Take pains with these things; *be absorbed* in them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

16 ^aPay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will ^{1b}insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

CHAPTER 5

^a**D**O not sharply rebuke an ^bolder man, *but rather* appeal to him as a father; ^cthe younger men as brothers,

2 the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

3 Honor widows who are ^awidows indeed;

4 but if any widow has children or grandchildren, ^alet them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family, and to ¹make some return to their parents; for this is ^bacceptable in the sight of God.

5 Now she who is a ^awidow indeed and who has been left alone ^bhas fixed her hope on God, and continues in ^centreaties and prayers night and day.

6 But she who ^agives herself to wanton pleasure is ^bdead even while she lives.

7 ^{1a}Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach.

8 But if any one does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has ^adenied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

9 Let a widow be ^aput on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* ^bthe wife of one man,

10 having a reputation for ^agood works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has ^bshown hospitality to strangers, if she ^chas washed the ¹saints' feet, if she has ^dassisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work.

11 But refuse to *put* younger widows *on the list*, for when they feel ^asensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married,

12 *thus* incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous ¹pledge.

13 And at the same time they also learn to *be* idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also

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^agossips and ^bbusybodies, talking about ^cthings not proper to mention.

14 Therefore, ^aI want younger widows to get ^bmarried, bear children, ^ckeep house, and ^dgive the enemy no occasion for reproach;

15 for some ^ahave already turned aside to follow ^bSatan.

16 If any woman who is a believer ^ahas *dependent* widows, let her ^bassist them, and let not the church be burdened, so that it may assist those who are ^cwidows indeed.

17 Let ^athe elders who ^brule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who ^cwork hard ¹at preaching and teaching.

18 For the Scripture says, "^aYOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "^bThe laborer is worthy of his wages."

19 Do not receive an accusation against an ^aelder except on the basis of ^btwo or three witnesses.

20 Those who continue in sin, ^arebuke in the presence of all, ^bso that the rest also may be fearful of *sinning*.

21 ^aI solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these *principles* without bias, doing nothing in a *spirit* of partiality.

22 ^aDo not lay hands upon any one too hastily and ¹thus share ^bresponsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself ²free from sin.

23 No longer drink water *exclusively*, but ^ause a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

24 The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their *sins* ^afollow after.

25 Likewise also, deeds that are good are quite evident, and ^athose which are otherwise cannot be concealed.

CHAPTER 6

^aLET all who are under the yoke as slaves regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so ^bthat the name of God and our doctrine may not be spoken against.

2 And let those who have believers as their masters not be disrespectful to them because they are ^abrethren, but let them serve them all the more, because those who ¹partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. ^aTeach and ²preach these *principles*.

3 If any one ^aadvocates a different doctrine, and does not ¹agree with ^bsound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine ^cconforming to godliness,

4 he is ^aconceited and understands nothing; but he ¹has a morbid interest in ^bcontroversial questions and ^cdisputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,

5 and constant friction between ^amen of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who ^bsuppose that ¹godliness is a means of gain.

6 ^aBut godliness *actually* is a means of ^bgreat gain, when accompanied by ^ccontentment.

7 For ^awe have brought nothing into the world, ¹so we cannot take anything out of it either.

13 ^aJohn 10 [Cr.]
^b2Thess. 3:11 ^cTitus 1:11

14 ^a1 Tim. 2:8 ^b1 Cor. 7:9;
1 Tim. 4:3 ^cTitus 2:5 ^d1 Tim. 6:1

15 ^a1 Tim. 1:20 ^bMatt. 4:10

16 ^a1 Tim. 5:4 ^b1 Tim. 5:10
^c1 Tim. 5:3

17 ^aLit., *in word*
^bActs 11:30; 1 Tim. 5:19;
4:14 [Cr.]; ^bRom. 12:8
^c1 Thess. 5:12

18 ^aDeut. 25:4; 1 Cor. 9:9
^bMatt. 10:10; Luke 10:7;
1 Cor. 9:14; Lev. 19:13;
Deut. 24:15

19 ^aActs 11:30; 1 Tim. 5:17;
4:14 [Cr.] ^bMatt. 18:16

20 ^aEph. 5:11; Gal. 2:14;
2 Tim. 4:2 ^b2 Cor. 7:11

21 ^a1 Tim. 6:13; 2 Tim. 4:1;
2:14; Luke 9:26

22 ^aLit., *do not share* ^bLit.,
pure
^c1 Tim. 4:14; 3:10 ^bEph.
5:11; 1 Tim. 3:2-7

23 ^a1 Tim. 3:8

24 ^aRev. 14:13

25 ^aProv. 10:9

1 ^aTitus 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:18;
Eph. 6:5 ^bTitus 2:5

2 ^aOr, *benefit by their service* ^bLit., *exhort, urge*
^cActs 1:15; Gal. 3:28;
Philem. 16 ^b1 Tim. 4:11

3 ^aLit., *come to, or, come with*
^b1 Tim. 1:3 ^b1 Tim. 1:10
^cTitus 1:1

4 ^aLit., *is sick about*
^b1 Tim. 3:6 ^b1 Tim. 1:4 ^c2
Tim. 2:14; Acts 18:15

5 ^aOr, *religion*
^b2 Tim. 3:8; Titus 1:15
^cTitus 1:11; 2 Pet. 2:3

6 ^a1 Tim. 6:6-10; Luke
12:15-21 ^b1 Tim. 4:8 ^c8 Phil.
4:11; Heb. 13:5

7 ^aLater mss. read, *it is clear that*
^bJob 1:21; Eccl. 5:15

8 *Prov. 30:8

9 *Prov. 15:27; 23:4; 28:20;
1 Tim. 6:17; Luke 12:21
b1 Tim. 3:7

10 ¹Lit., *the evils*
*1 Tim. 6:9, 3:3; Col. 3:5
bRom. 11:16ff. cJames 5:19

11 ¹Or, *steadfastness*
*2 Tim. 2:22 b2 Tim. 3:17
c1 Tim. 1:14 d2 Tim. 3:10

12 *1 Cor. 9:25f.; Phil. 1:30;
1 Tim. 1:18 b1 Tim. 1:19
cPhil. 3:12; 1 Tim. 6:19 dCol.
3:15 e2 Cor. 9:13; 1 Tim.
6:13 f2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Tim. 4:14

13 ¹Or, *preserves alive*
*1 Tim. 5:21 b1 Tim. 1:12,
15:2-5; Gal. 3:26 c2 Cor.
9:13; 1 Tim. 6:12 dJohn
18:37; Matt. 27:2

14 *2 Thess. 2:8

15 ¹Lit., *show* ²Lit., *those
who reign as kings* ³Lit.,
those who rule as lords
*1 Tim. 2:6 b1 Tim. 1:11
c1 Tim. 1:17 dRev. 19:16;
17:14; Deut. 10:17 ePs. 136:3

16 *1 Tim. 1:17 bPs. 104:2;
1 John 1:5; James 1:17 cJohn
1:18 d1 Tim. 1:17

17 *2 Tim. 4:10; Titus 2:12;
Matt. 12:32 bPs. 62:10; Luke
12:20; 1 Tim. 6:9; Rom.
11:20 c1 Tim. 4:10 dActs
14:17

18 ¹Or, *deeds*
*1 Tim. 5:10 bRom. 12:8;
Eph. 4:28

19 *Matt. 6:20 b1 Tim. 6:12

20 *1 Tim. 1:2 b2 Tim. 1:12,
14 c2 Tim. 2:16; 1 Tim. 1:9

21 ¹Lit., *concerning*
*2 Tim. 2:18 b1 Tim. 1:19
cCol. 4:18

8 And if we ^ahave food and covering, with these we shall be content.

9 ^aBut those who want to get rich fall into temptation and ^ba snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For ^athe love of money is ^ba root of all ¹sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have ^cwandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

11 But ^aflee from these things, you ^bman of God; and pursue after righteousness, godliness, ^cfaith, ^dlove, ¹perseverance and gentleness.

12 ^aFight the good fight of ^bfaith; ^ctake hold of the eternal life ^dto which you were called, and you made the good ^econfession in the presence of ^fmany witnesses.

13 ^aI charge you in the presence of God, who ¹gives life to all things, and of ^bChrist Jesus, who testified the ^cgood confession ^dbefore Pontius Pilate;

14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach, until the ^aappearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 which He will ¹bring about at ^athe proper time. ^fHe who is ^bthe blessed and ^conly Sovereign, ^dthe King of ²kings and ^eLord of ³lords;

16 ^awho alone possesses immortality and ^bdwells in unapproachable light; ^cwhom no man has seen or can see. ^f[To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.]

17 Instruct those who are rich in ^athis present world ^bnot to be conceited or to ^cfix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, ^dwho richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in ^agood ¹works, ^bto be generous and ready to share,

19 ^astoring up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may ^btake hold of that which is life indeed.

20 O ^aTimothy, ^bguard ^cwhat has been entrusted to you, avoiding ^cworldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge'—

21 which some have professed and thus ^agone astray ¹from ^bthe faith.

^cGrace be with you.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO
TIMOTHY

Salutation. Timothy Charged to Guard His Trust.

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^{1c}by the will of God, according to the promise of ^dlife in Christ Jesus,

2 to ^aTimothy, my beloved ^{1b}son: ^cGrace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 ^aI thank God, whom I ^bserve with a ^cclear conscience ¹the way my forefathers did, ^{das} I constantly remember you in my ²prayers night and day,

4 ^alonging to see you, ^beven as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.

5 ¹For I am mindful of the ^asincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and ^byour mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh ^athe gift of God which is in you through ^athe laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a ^aspirit of timidity, but of power and love and ¹discipline.

8 Therefore ^ado not be ^ashamed of the ^btestimony of our Lord, or of me ^cHis prisoner; but join with *me* in ^dsuffering for the ^egospel according to the power of God;

9 who has ^asaved us, and ^bcalled us with a holy ^ccalling, ^dnot according to our works, but ^aaccording to His own ^bpurpose; and grace which was granted us in ^cChrist Jesus from ¹all eternity,

10 but ^anow has been revealed by the ^bappearing of our Savior ^cChrist Jesus, who ^dabolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

11 ^afor which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but ^aI am not ashamed; for I know ^bwhom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to ^cguard what I have entrusted to Him ¹until ^dthat day.

13 ^{1a}Retain the ^bstandard of ^csound words ^dwhich you have heard from me, in the ^efaith and love which are in ^fChrist Jesus.

14 Guard through the Holy Spirit who ^adwells in us, the ^{1b}treasure which has been entrusted to you.

15 You are aware of the fact that all who are in ^{1a}Asia ^bturned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord grant mercy to ^athe house of Onesiphorus for he often refreshed me, and ^bwas not ashamed of my ^{1c}chains;

17 but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me, and found me—

18 the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on ^athat day—and you know very well what services he rendered at ^bEphesus.

1 ¹Lit., *through*
²Cor. 1:1 ²Tim. 1:2, 9, 13;
2:1, 3, 10; 3:12, 15; 1 Tim.
1:12; Gal. 3:26 ¹Cor. 1:1
³Tim. 6:19

2 ¹Lit., *child*
^aActs 16:1; 1 Tim. 1:2
^b1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:1;
Titus 1:4 ¹Tim. 1:2

3 ¹Lit., *from my forefathers* ¹Or, *petitions*
^aRom. 1:8 ^bActs 24:14 ^cActs 23:1; 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:5
^dRom. 1:9

4 ²Tim. 4:9, 21 ^bActs 20:37

5 ¹Lit., *Receiving remembrance of*
^a1 Tim. 1:5 ^bActs 16:1;
2 Tim. 3:15

6 ^a1 Tim. 4:14

7 ¹Or, *sound judgment*
^aRom. 8:15; John 14:27

8 ²Tim. 1:12, 16; Mark 8:38; Rom. 1:16 ^b1 Cor. 1:6
^cEph. 3:1; 2 Tim. 1:16
^d2 Tim. 2:3, 9; 4:5 ²Tim. 1:10; 2:8

9 ^aRom. 11:14 ^bRom. 8:28f. ^cRom. 11:29 ^dEph. 2:9
^e2 Tim. 1:1 ^fTitus 1:2; Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:4

10 ^aRom. 16:26 ^bTitus 2:11;
2 Thess. 2:8; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8
^c2 Tim. 1:1 ^d1 Cor. 15:26;
Heb. 2:14f.

11 ^a1 Tim. 2:7

12 ¹Or, *for*
^a2 Tim. 1:8; 1:16 ^bTitus 3:8
^c2 Tim. 1:14; 1 Tim. 6:20
^d2 Tim. 1:18; 4:8; 1 Cor. 3:13; 1:8

13 ¹Or, *Hold the example*
^a2 Tim. 3:14; Titus 1:9
^bRom. 2:20; 6:17 ¹Tim. 1:10 ^d2 Tim. 2:2 ^e1 Tim. 1:14
^f2 Tim. 1:1

14 ¹Lit., *good deposit*
^aRom. 8:9 ^b2 Tim. 1:12;
1 Tim. 6:20

15 ¹i.e., the province of Asia
^aActs 2:9 ^b2 Tim. 4:10, 11, 16

16 ¹Lit., *chain*
^a2 Tim. 4:19 ^b2 Tim. 1:8
^cEph. 6:20

18 ^a2 Tim. 1:12; 4:8; 1 Cor. 3:13; 1:8 ^bActs 18:19; 1 Tim. 1:3

¹Lit., *child*
²Tim. 1:2 ^bEph. 6:10
^cTim. 1:1

²2 Tim. 1:13 ^{b1} Tim.
 6:12 ^{c1} Tim. 1:18 ^{d1} Tim.
 1:12 [*in Cr.*] 2 Cor. 2:16; 3:5

³2 Tim. 1:8 ^{b1} Cor. 9:7;
 1 Tim. 1:18 ² Tim. 1:1

⁴2 Pet. 2:20

⁵Lit., *not crowned*
^{a1} Cor. 9:25

⁶1 Cor. 9:10

⁸Acts 2:24 ^bMatt. 1:1
^cRom. 2:16

⁹Lit., *in which*
² Tim. 1:8; 2:3 ^bPhil. 1:7
^cLuke 23:32 ^{d1} Thess. 1:8
^eActs 28:31; 2 Tim. 4:17

¹⁰Col. 1:24 ^bLuke 18:7;
 Titus 1:1 ^{c2} Cor. 1:6;
 1 Thess. 5:9 ^{d1} Cor. 1:21
^{e2} Tim. 2:1; 3; 2 Tim. 1:1
^{f2} Cor. 4:17; 1 Pet. 5:10

¹¹1 Tim. 1:15 ^bRom. 6:8;
 1 Thess. 5:10

¹²Lit., *shall deny*
^aLuke 22:29; Matt. 19:28;
 Rom. 5:17; 8:17 ^bMatt.
 10:33; 1 Tim. 5:8

¹³1 Cor. 1:9; Rom. 3:3
^bNum. 23:19; Titus 1:2

¹⁴1 Tim. 5:21; 2 Tim. 4:1
^{b1} Tim. 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:23;
 Titus 3:9

¹⁵Rom. 6:13; James 1:12
^bEph. 1:13; James 1:18
 LIT FEE DENY CROSS

¹⁶Lit., *they will make
 further progress in
 ungodliness*
^aTitus 3:9 ^{b1} Tim. 6:20; 1:9

¹⁷Lit., *word* ²Or., *cancer*
^{a1} Tim. 1:20

¹⁸1 Cor. 15:12 ^{b1} Tim.
 1:19; Titus 1:11

¹⁹1 Tim. 3:15; Is. 28:16f.
^bJohn 3:33 ^cJohn 10:14;
 1 Cor. 8:3 ^dLuke 13:27;
 1 Cor. 1:2

²⁰Rom. 9:21

²¹2 Tim. 2:16-18; 1 Tim.
 6:11 ^{b2} Tim. 3:17; 2 Cor. 9:8;
 Eph. 2:10

²²1 Tim. 6:11

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YOU therefore, my ¹son, ^bbe strong in the grace that is in ^cChrist Jesus.

2 And the things ^awhich you have heard from me in the presence of ^bmany witnesses, these ^centrust to ^dfaithful men, who will be ^eable to teach others also.

3 ^aSuffer hardship with *me*, as a good ^bsoldier of ^cChrist Jesus.

4 No soldier in active service ^aentangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

5 And also if any one ^acompetes as an athlete, he ¹does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

6 ^aThe hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.

7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

8 Remember Christ, ^arisen from the dead, ^bdescendant of David, ^caccording to my gospel;

9 ¹for which I ^asuffer hardship even to ^bimprisonment as a ^ccriminal, but ^dthe word of God ^eis not imprisoned.

10 For this reason ^aI endure all things for ^bthe sake of those who are chosen, ^cthat they also may obtain the ^dsalvation which is in ^eChrist Jesus *and* with *it* ^feternal glory.

11 ^aIt is a trustworthy statement: *if you*

For ^bif we died with Him, we shall also live with Him;

12 If we endure, ^awe shall also reign with Him;
 If we ¹deny Him, He also will deny us;

13 If we are faithless, ^aHe remains faithful; for ^bHe cannot deny Himself.

14 Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly ^acharge *them* in the presence of God not to ^bwrangle about words, which is useless, *and leads* to the ruin of the hearers.

15 Be diligent to ^apresent yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately ^bthe word of truth.

16 But ^aavoid ^bworldly *and* empty chatter, for ¹it will lead to further ungodliness,

17 and their ¹talk will spread like ²gangrene. Among them are ^aHymenaeus and Philetus,

18 *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that ^athe resurrection has already taken place, and thus they upset ^bthe faith of some.

19 Nevertheless, the ^afirm foundation of God stands, having this ^bseal, "^cThe Lord knows those who are His," and, "^dLet every one who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness."

20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and ^asome to honor and some to dishonor.

21 Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from ^athese *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, ^bprepared for every good work.

22 Now ^aflee from youthful lusts, and ^apursue after

righteousness, ^bfaith, love *and* peace, with those who ^ccall on the Lord ^dfrom a pure heart.

23 But refuse foolish and ignorant ^aspeculations, knowing that they ^bproduce ¹quarrels.

24 And ^athe Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, ^bable to teach, patient when wronged,

25 ^awith gentleness correcting those who are in opposition; ^bif perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to ^cthe knowledge of the truth,

26 and they may come to their senses *and escape* from ^athe snare of the devil, having been ^bheld captive ¹by him to do his will.

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BUT realize this, that ^ain the last days difficult times will come.

2 For men will be ^alovers of self, ^blovers of money, ^cboastful, ^darrogant, ^erevilers, ^fdisobedient to parents, ^gungrateful, ^hunholy,

3 ^aunloving, irreconcilable, ^bmalicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, ^{1c}haters of good,

4 ^atreacherous, ^breckless, ^cconceited, ^dlovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

5 holding to a ^aform of ^{1b}godliness, although they have ^cdenied its power; and ^davoid such men as these.

6 For among them are those who ^{1a}enter into households and captivate ^bwreak women weighed down with sins, led on by ^cvarious impulses,

7 always learning and never able to ^acome to the ¹knowledge of the truth.

8 And just as ^aJannes and Jambres ^bopposed Moses, so these *men* also oppose the truth, ^cmen of depraved mind, rejected as regards the faith.

9 But they will not make further progress; for their ^afolly will be obvious to all, ^bas also that of those *two* came to be.

10 But you ^afollowed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, ^blove, ¹perseverance,

11 ^apersecutions, ^bsufferings, such as happened to me at ^cAntioch, at ^dIconium *and* at ^eLystra; what ^fpersecutions I endured, and out of them all ^athe Lord delivered me!

12 And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus ^awill be persecuted.

13 But evil men and impostors ^awill proceed *from bad* to worse, ^bdeceiving and being deceived.

14 You, however, ^acontinue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*;

15 and that ^afrom childhood you have known ^bthe sacred writings which are able to ^cgive you the wisdom that leads to ^dsalvation through faith which is in ^eChrist Jesus.

16 ^{1a}All Scripture is ²inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for ³training in righteousness;

17 that ^athe man of God may be adequate, ^bequipped for every good work.

22 ^{b1} Tim. 1:14 ^cActs 7:59
^{d1} Tim. 1:5

23 ¹Lit., *fightings*
^{a1} Tim. 6:4; Titus 3:9;
² Tim. 2:14 ^bTitus 3:9;
James 4:1

24 ^{a1} Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7
^{b1} Tim. 3:2

25 ^aTitus 3:2; Gal. 6:1;
¹ Pet. 3:15 ^bActs 8:22
^{c1} Tim. 2:4

26 ¹Or possibly, *by him, to do His will*
^{a1} Tim. 3:7 ^bLuke 5:10

1 ^{a1} Tim. 4:1

2 ^aPhil. 2:21 ^bLuke 16:14;
¹ Tim. 3:3; 6:10 ^cRom. 1:30
^{d2} Pet. 2:10-12 ^eLuke 6:35
^{f1} Tim. 1:9

3 ¹Lit., *not loving good*
^aRom. 1:31 ^{b1} Tim. 3:11
^cTitus 1:8

4 ^aActs 7:52 [Gr.] ^bActs 19:36 [Gr.] ^{c1} Tim. 3:6 ^dPhil. 3:19

5 ¹Or, *religion*
^aRom. 2:20 ^{b1} Tim. 4:7
^{c1} Tim. 5:8 ^{d2} Thess. 3:6;
Matt. 7:15

6 ¹Or, *creep into*
^aJude 4 ^{b1} Tim. 5:6; Titus 3:3
^{c3} Titus 3:3

7 ¹Or, *recognition*
^{a2} Tim. 2:25

8 ^aEx. 7:11 ^bActs 13:8
^{c1} Tim. 6:5

9 ^aLuke 6:11 [Gr.] ^bEx. 7:12, 8:18; 9:11

10 ¹Or, *steadfastness*
^{a1} Tim. 4:6; Luke 1:3 [Gr.];
Phil. 2:20, 22 ^{b1} Tim 6:11

11 ^{a2} Cor. 12:10 ^{b2} Cor. 1:5, 7 ^cActs 13:14, 45, 50
^dActs 14:5 ^eActs 14:19
^{f2} Cor. 11:23-27 ^gRom. 15:31

12 ^aJohn 15:20; Acts 14:22;
² Cor. 4:9f.

13 ^{a2} Tim. 2:16 ^bTitus 3:3

14 ^a Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:9

15 ^{a2} Tim. 1:5 ^bJohn 5:47;
Rom. 2:27 ^cPs. 119:98f.
^{d1} Cor. 1:21 ^{e2} Tim. 1:1

16 ¹Or, possibly, *Every Scripture inspired by God is also . . .* ²Lit., *God-breathed*
¹Lit., *training which is in*
^aRom. 4:23f.; 15:4; 2 Pet. 1:20f.

17 ^{a1} Tim. 6:11 ^{b2} Tim. 2:21; Heb. 13:21

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1 ^a2 Tim. 2:14; 1 Tim.
5:21 ^bActs 10:42 ^c2 Thess.
2:8; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1:10

2 ^aLit., *all*
^aGal. 6:6; Col. 4:3; 1 Thess.
1:6 ^b1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:13;
2:15 ^c2 Tim. 3:10

3 ^a2 Tim. 3:1 ^b1 Tim. 1:10;
2 Tim. 1:13

4 ^a2 Thess. 2:11; Titus
1:14 ^b1 Tim. 1:4

5 ^a1 Pet. 1:13 ^b2 Tim. 1:8
^cActs 21:8 ^dLuke 1:1 ^eCol.
4:17; Eph. 4:12

6 ^aPhil. 2:17 ^bPhil. 1:23;
2 Pet. 1:14

7 ^a1 Tim. 6:12; 1 Cor.
9:25f.; Phil. 1:30; 1 Tim. 1:18
^b1 Cor. 9:24; Acts 20:24
^c2 Tim. 3:10

8 ^aCol. 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:4
^b1 Cor. 9:25; 2 Tim. 2:5
^c2 Tim. 1:12 ^dPhil. 3:11
^e2 Tim. 4:1

9 ^a2 Tim. 1:4; 4:21; Titus
3:12

10 ^aOr, *age* ^bSome ancient
ms. read, *Gaul*
^cCol. 4:14 ^b1 Tim. 6:17 ^cActs
17:1 ^dActs 16:6 ^e2 Cor. 2:13

11 ^a2 Tim. 1:15 ^bCol. 4:14
^cActs 12:12 ^dCol. 4:10;
2 Tim. 2:21

12 ^aActs 20:4 ^bActs 18:19

13 ^aActs 16:8

14 ^a1 Tim. 1:20; Acts 19:33
^bRom. 12:19; 2:6

15 ^aLit., *words*

16 ^aActs 7:60; 1 Cor. 13:5

17 ^aOr, *be fulfilled*
^b2 Tim. 2:1; 1 Tim. 1:12
^cTitus 1:3 ^d2 Tim. 4:5 ^eActs
9:15; Phil. 1:12ff. ^f2 Tim.
3:11; Rom. 15:31 ^gPs. 22:21;
1 Sam. 17:37

18 ^aOr, *save me for* ^bLit.,
whom
^c1 Cor. 1:21 ^b2 Tim. 4:1;
1 Cor. 15:50; Heb. 11:16;
12:22 ^cRom. 11:36; 2 Pet.
3:18

19 ^aActs 18:2 ^b2 Tim. 1:16

20 ^aActs 19:22 ^bActs 18:1
^cActs 20:15

21 ^a2 Tim. 4:9 ^bTitus 3:12

22 ^aGal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23;
Philem. 25 ^bCol. 4:18

I SOLEMNLY charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to ^bjudge the living and the dead, and by His ^aappearing and His kingdom:

2 ^aPreach ^athe word; be ready in season *and* out of season; ^breprove, rebuke, exhort, with ¹great ^cpatience and instruction.

3 For ^athe time will come when they will not endure ^bsound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;

4 and ^awill turn away their ears from the truth, and ^bwill turn aside to myths.

5 But you, ^abe sober in all things, ^bendure hardship, do the work of an ^cevangelist, ^dfulfill your ^eministry.

6 For I am already being ^apoured out as a drink offering, and the time of ^bmy departure has come.

7 ^aI have fought the good fight, I have finished ^bthe course, I have kept ^cthe faith;

8 in the future there ^ais laid up for me ^bthe crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on ^cthat day; and not only to me, but also to ^dall who have loved His ^eappearing.

9 ^aMake every effort to come to me soon;

10 for ^aDemas having loved ^bthis present ¹world, has deserted me and gone to ^cThessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to ^{2d}Galatia, ^eTitus to Dalmatia.

11 ^aOnly ^bLuke is with me. Pick up ^cMark and bring him with you, ^dfor he is useful to me for service.

12 But ^aTychicus I have sent to ^bEphesus.

13 When you come bring the cloak which I left at ^aTroas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

14 ^aAlexander the coppersmith did me much harm; ^bthe Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

15 **Be on guard** against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our ¹teaching.

16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; ^amay it not be counted against them.

17 But the Lord stood with me, and ^astrengthened me, in order that through me ^bthe proclamation might ¹be ^cfully accomplished, and that all ^dthe Gentiles might hear; and I was ^edelivered out of ^fthe lion's mouth.

18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will ^{1a}bring me safely to His ^bheavenly kingdom; ^cto ²Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

19 Greet Prisca and ^aAquila, and ^bthe household of Onesiphorus.

20 ^aErastus remained at ^bCorinth; but Trophimus I left sick at ^cMiletus.

21 ^aMake every effort to come before ^bwinter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

22 ^aThe Lord be with your spirit. ^bGrace be with you.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO
TITUS

Salutation. Qualifications of an Elder.
Disorderly Teachers to be Reproved.

PAUL, ^aa bond-servant of God, and an ^bapostle of Jesus Christ, ¹for the faith of those ^cchosen of God and ^dthe knowledge of the truth which is ^eaccording to godliness,

2 in ^athe hope of eternal life, which God, ^bwho cannot lie, ^cpromised ^dlong ages ago,

3 but ^aat the proper time manifested, *even* His word, in ^bthe proclamation ^cwith which I was entrusted ^daccording to the commandment of ^eGod our Savior

4 to ^aTitus, ^bmy true child ¹in a ^ccommon faith: ^dGrace and peace from God the Father and ^eChrist Jesus our Savior

5 For this reason I left you in ^aCrete, that you might set in order what remains, and ^bappoint ^celders in every city as I directed you,

6 namely, ^aif any man be above reproach, the ^bhusband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of ^cdissipation or ^drebellion.

7 For the ^aoverseer must be above reproach as ^bGod's steward, not ^cself-willed, not quick-tempered, not ^daddicted to wine, not pugnacious, ^enot fond of sordid gain,

8 but ^ahospitable, ^bloving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

9 ^aholding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both ^bto exhort ^cin ^dsound doctrine and ^eto refute those who contradict.

10 ^aFor there are many ^brebellious men, ^cempty talkers and deceivers, especially ^dthose of the circumcision,

11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting ^awhole families, teaching ^bthings they should not *teach*, ^cfor the sake of sordid gain.

12 ^aOne of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, ^b"Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

13 This testimony is true. For this cause ^areprove them ^bseverely that they may be ^csound in the faith,

14 not paying attention to Jewish ^amyths and ^bcommandments of men who ^cturn away from the truth.

15 ^aTo the pure, all things are pure; but ^bto those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their ^cmind and their conscience are defiled.

16 ^aThey profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they ^bdeny *Him*, being ^cdetestable and ^ddisobedient, and ^eworthless ^ffor any good deed.

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BUT as for you, speak the things which are fitting for ^asound doctrine.

2 ^aOlder men are to be ^btemperate, dignified, ^csensible, ^dsound ^ein faith, in love, in ^fperseverance.

¹ Or, according to
^a James 1:1; Rev. 1:1; Rom. 1:1
^{b2} Cor. 1:1 ^c Luke 18:7
^{d1} Tim. 2:4 ^{e1} Tim. 6:3

² Lit., before times eternal

^a Titus 3:7; 2 Tim. 1:1
^{b2} Tim. 2:13 ^c Rom. 1:2
^{d2} Tim. 1:9

³ ^{a1} Tim. 2:6 ^{b2} Tim. 4:17; Rom. 16:25 ^{c1} Tim. 1:11
^{d1} Tim. 1:1; ^{e1} Tim. 1:1;
^f Titus 2:10; 3:4; Luke 1:47

⁴ Lit., according to

^{a2} Cor. 2:13 ^{b2} Tim. 1:2
^{c2} Pet. 1:1 ^d Rom. 1:7
^{e1} Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1

⁵ ^a Acts 27:7; Titus 1:12
^b Acts 14:23 ^c Acts 11:30

⁶ ^a Titus 1:6-8; 1 Tim. 3:2-4
^{b1} Tim. 3:2 ^c Eph. 5:16
^d Titus 1:10

⁷ Or, bishop

^{a1} Tim. 3:2 ^{b1} Cor. 4:1
^{c2} Pet. 2:10 ^{d1} Tim. 3:3
^{e1} Tim. 3:3, 8

⁸ ^{a1} Tim. 3:2 ^{b2} Tim. 3:3

⁹ ^{a1} Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 1:13; 2 Thess. 2:15 ^{b1} Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:1

¹⁰ ^{a2} Cor. 11:13 ^b Titus 1:6
^{c1} Tim. 1:6 ^d Acts 11:2

¹¹ ^{a1} Tim. 5:4 (in Gr.); 2 Tim. 3:6 ^{b1} Tim. 5:13
^{c1} Tim. 6:5

¹² ^a Acts 17:28. The Gr. hexameter is said to be taken from a work by the Cretan poet Epimenides ^b Acts 2:11; 27:7

¹³ ^{a1} Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 2:15 ^{b2} Cor. 13:10
^c Titus 2:2

¹⁴ ^{a1} Tim. 1:4 ^b Col. 2:22
^{c2} Tim. 4:4

¹⁵ ^a Luke 11:41; Rom. 14:20
^b Rom. 14:14, 23 ^{c1} Tim. 6:5

¹⁶ ^{a1} John 2:4 ^{b1} Tim. 5:8
^c Rev. 21:8 ^d Titus 3:3 ^{e2} Tim. 3:8 ^{f2} Tim. 3:17; Titus 3:1

¹ ^a Titus 1:9

² Or, steadfastness
^a Philen. 9 ^{b1} Tim. 3:2
^c Titus 1:13 ^{d1} Tim. 1:2, 14

3^a 1 Tim. 3:11^b 1 Tim. 3:8

4¹ Or, *train*

5¹ 1 Tim. 5:14^b Eph. 5:22
c 1 Tim. 6:1

6¹ Or, *sensible in all things; show*
1 Tim. 5:1^b 1 Tim. 3:2

7¹ Or, *soundness, lit., uncorruptness*
1 Tim. 4:12

8¹ 1 Pet. 2:12; 2 Thess. 3:14

9¹ Lit., *contradicting*
Eph. 6:5; 1 Tim. 6:1

10¹ Titus 1:3

11¹ Or, *to all men, bringing*
2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 3:4
b 1 Tim. 2:4

12¹ Or, *disciplining*
1 Tim. 6:9; Titus 3:3
b 2 Tim. 3:12 c 1 Tim. 6:17

13¹ Or, *the great God and our Savior*
2 Thess. 2:8^b 2 Pet. 1:1;
1 Tim. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4

14¹ 1 Tim. 2:6^b 1 Pet. 1:18f.
c Heb. 1:3; 9:14; 1 John 1:7
d Ex. 19:5; Deut. 14:2; 1 Pet. 2:9; Eph. 1:11 e Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8; 1 Pet. 3:13

15¹ Lit., *command*
1 Tim. 4:13; 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2^b 1 Tim. 4:12

1^a 2 Tim. 2:14^b Rom. 13:1
c 2 Tim. 2:21

2¹ 1 Tim. 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:18
b 2 Tim. 2:25

3¹ Rom. 11:30; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 3:7^b Titus 1:16
c 2 Tim. 3:13^d Rom. 6:6, 12
e 2 Tim. 3:6; Titus 2:12
f Rom. 1:29

4¹ Eph. 2:7; Rom. 2:4;
1 Pet. 2:3^b Titus 2:10^c Titus 2:11

5² 1 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:14
b Eph. 2:9^c 1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 2:4^d Eph. 5:26; John 3:5;
1 Pet. 3:21^e Rom. 12:2

6¹ Rom. 5:5^b Rom. 2:4;
1 Tim. 6:17^f

7¹ Or, *of eternal life according to hope*
Rom. 8:17, 24; Titus 1:2;
Matt. 25:34; Mark 10:17

8¹ 1 Tim. 1:15^b 1 Tim. 2:8
c 2 Tim. 1:12^d Titus 3:14; 2:7, 14

9² 2 Tim. 2:16^b 2 Tim. 2:23; 1 Tim. 1:4^c 1 Tim. 1:4^d
f James 4:1^e 2 Tim. 2:14

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, ^anot malicious gossips, nor ^benslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 that they may ¹encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 ¹to be sensible, pure, ^aworkers at home, kind, being ^bsubject to their own husbands, ^cthat the word of God may not be dishonored.

6 Likewise urge ^athe young men to be ^{1b}sensible;

7 ¹in all things show yourself to be ^aan example of good deeds, with ¹purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 ¹sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order ^athat the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

9 Urge ^abond-slaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well pleasing, not ¹argumentative,

10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of ^aGod our Savior in every respect.

11 For the grace of God has ^aappeared, ^{1b}bringing salvation to all men,

12 ¹instructing us to deny ungodliness and ^aworldly desires and ^bto live sensibly, righteously and godly ^cin the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and the ^aappearing of the glory of ^{1b}our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

14 who ^agave Himself for us, ^bthat HE MIGHT REDEEM US FROM EVERY LAWLESS DEED AND ^cPURIFY FOR HIMSELF A ^dPEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, ^ezealous for good deeds.

15 These things speak and ^aexhort and ^areprove with all ¹authority. ^bLet no one disregard you.

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^a REMIND them ^bto be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ^cready for every good deed,

2 to malign no one, ^ato be uncontentious, ^agentle, ^bshowing every consideration for all men.

3 ^aFor we also once were foolish ourselves, ^bdisobedient, ^cdeceived, ^denslaved to ^evarious lusts and pleasures, spending our life in ^fmalice and ^fenvy, hateful, hating one another.

4 But when the ^akindness of ^bGod our Savior and His love for mankind ^cappeared,

5 ^aHe saved us, ^bnot on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but ^caccording to His mercy, by the ^dwashing of regeneration and ^erenewing by the Holy Spirit,

6 ^awhom He poured out upon us ^brichly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 that being justified by His grace we might be made ^aheirs ¹according to *the* hope of eternal life.

8 ^aThis is a trustworthy statement, and concerning these things I ¹want you to speak confidently, so that those who have ^cbelieved God may be careful to ^dengage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for a man.

9 But ^ashun ^bfoolish controversies and ^cgenealogies and strife and ^ddisputes about the Law; for they are ^eunprofitable and worthless.

10 ^aReject a ^bfacious man ^cafter a first and second warning,

11 knowing that such a man is ^aperverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

12 When I send Artemas or ^aTychicus to you, ^bmake every effort to come to me at ^cNicopolis, for I have decided to ^dspend the winter there.

13 ^aDiligently help Zenas the ^blawyer and ^cApollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

14 And let ^aour *people* also learn to ^bengage in good ^ddeeds to meet ^cpressing needs, that they may not be ^dunfruitful.

15 ^aAll who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us ^bin the faith.

^cGrace be with you all.

10 ^{a2} John 10 ^bRom. 16:17 ^cMatt. 18:15f.

11 ^aTitus 1:14

12 ^aActs 20:4; 2 Tim. 4:12 ^{b2} Tim. 4:9 ^{c2} Tim. 4:10 ^{d2} Tim. 4:21

13 ^aActs 15:3 ^bMatt. 22:35 ^cActs 18:24

14 ¹Or, *occupations* ^aTitus 2:8 ^bTitus 3:8 ^cRom. 12:13; Phil. 4:16 ^dMatt. 7:19; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:10

15 ^aActs 20:34 ^{b1} Tim. 1:2 ^cCol. 4:18

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

Salutation. Thanksgiving for Philemon's Love and Fellowship.

^aPAUL, ^{ba} prisoner of ^cChrist Jesus, and ^dTimothy ¹our brother, to Philemon our beloved *brother* and ^cfellow-worker,

2 and to Apphia ^{1a}our sister, and to ^bArchippus our ^cfellow-soldier, and to ^dthe church in your house:

3 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 ^aI thank my God always, ^bmaking mention of you in my prayers,

5 because I ^ahear of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the ¹saints;

6 and I *pray* that the fellowship of your faith may become effective ¹through the ^aknowledge of every good thing which is in ²you ³for Christ's sake.

7 For I have come to have much ^ajoy and comfort in your love, because the ¹hearts of the ²saints have been ^{2b}refreshed through you, brother.

8 Therefore, ^athough I have ¹enough confidence in Christ to order you *to do that which is* ^bproper,

9 yet for love's sake I rather ^aappeal *to you*—since I am such a person as Paul ¹the ^baged, and now also ^{ca} a prisoner of ^dChrist Jesus—

10 I ^aappeal to you for my ^bchild, whom I have begotten in my ¹imprisonment, ^{2c}Onesimus,

11 who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

12 And I have sent him back to you in person, that is, *sending* my very heart;

13 whom I wished to keep with me, that in your behalf he might minister to me in my ^{1a}imprisonment for the gospel;

14 but without your consent I did not want to do anything,

1 ¹Lit., *the* ^aPhil. 1:1 ^bPhilem. 9, 23; Eph. 3:1 ^cPhilem. 9, 23; Gal. 3:26; 1 Tim. 1:12 ^{d2} Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1 ^ePhilem. 24; Phil. 2:25

2 ¹Lit., *the* ^aRom. 16:1 ^bCol. 4:17 ^cPhil. 2:25; 2 Tim. 2:3 ^dRom. 16:5

3 ^aRom. 1:7

4 ^aRom. 1:8 ^bRom. 1:9

5 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* ^aEph. 1:15; Col. 1:4; 1 Thess. 3:6

6 ¹Or, *in* ²Some ancient mss. read, *us* ³Lit., *toward Christ* ^aPhil. 1:9; Col. 1:9; 3:10

7 ¹Lit., *inward parts* ²I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* ²Cor. 7:4, 13 ^bPhilem. 20; 1 Cor. 16:18; 2 Cor. 7:13

8 ¹Lit., *much* ^{a2} Cor. 3:12; 1 Thess. 2:6 ^bEph. 5:4

9 ¹Or, *an ambassador* ^aRom. 12:1 ^bTitus 2:2 ^cPhilem. 1 ^dPhilem. 1, 23; Gal. 3:26; 1 Tim. 1:12

10 ¹Lit., *bonds* ²I.e., Useful ^aRom. 12:1 ^{b1} Cor. 4:14f. ^cCol. 4:9

13 ¹Lit., *bonds* ^aPhilem. 10; Phil. 1:7

14 #1 Pet. 5:2; 2 Cor. 9:7

15 #Gen. 45:5, 8

16 #1 Cor. 7:22 #Matt. 23:8; 1 Tim. 6:2 #Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22

17 #2 Cor. 8:23; Philem. 6

19 #Lit., say

#1 Cor. 16:21; 2 Cor. 10:1; Gal. 5:2 #2 Cor. 9:4

20 #Philem. 7

21 #2 Cor. 2:3

22 #Acts 28:23 #Phil. 1:25; 2:24 #2 Cor. 1:11 #Acts 27:24; Heb. 13:19

23 #Col. 1:7 #Rom. 16:7; Philem. 1 #Philem. 1

24 #Acts 12:12 #Acts 19:29; Col. 4:10 #Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:10 #Philem. 1

25 #Some ancient mss. add. Amen #Gal. 6:18 #2 Tim. 4:22

that your goodness should not be as it were by compulsion, but of your own free will.

15 For perhaps he was for this reason parted from you for a while, that you should have him back forever,

16 no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 If then you regard me a partner, accept him as you would me.

18 But if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account;

19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (blessed I should mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).

20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say.

22 And at the same time also prepare me a lodging; for I hope that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

23 Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you;

24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow-workers.

25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

God's Final Word spoken through His Son.

1 #Heb. 2:2f.; 3:5; 4:8; 5:5; 11:18; 12:25; John 9:29; 16:13 #Acts 2:30; 3:21 #Num. 12:6; 8; Joel 2:28

2 #Or, at the end of these days #Lit., ages #Heb. 9:26; 1 Pet. 1:20; Matt. 13:39 #Heb. 2:2f.; 3:5; 4:8; 5:5; 11:18; 12:25; John 9:29; John 16:13 #Heb. 3:6; 5:8; 7:28; John 5:26, 27 #Ps. 2:8; Matt. 28:18; Mark 12:7; Rom. 8:17; Heb. 2:8 #John 1:3; Col. 1:16; 1 Cor. 8:6 #Heb. 11:3; 1 Cor. 2:7

3 #Lit., who being #Lit., upholding #2 Cor. 4:4 #Col. 1:17 #Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:14 #Heb. 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; Mark 16:19 #2 Pet. 1:17

4 #Eph. 1:21; Phil. 2:9 #Ps. 2:7; Acts 13:15 #Heb. 5:5 #2 Sam. 7:14

6 #Or, again when He brings #Lit., the inhabited earth #Heb. 10:5 #Matt. 24:14

GOD, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "THOU ART MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE"?

And again, "I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM, AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

6 And [when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says,

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7 "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."
And of the angels He says,
[^aWHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS [KJV-SPIRITS]
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."
8 But of the Son He says,
"THY ^bTHRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER [immutable]
AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF ¹HIS
KINGDOM.
9 "THOU HAST LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED
LAWLESSNESS;
^bTHEREFORE GOD, THY GOD, HATH ^cANointed THEE
WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE THY COMPANIONS."
10 And,
"THOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING DIDST LAY THE FOUN-
DATION OF THE EARTH,
AND THE [HEAVENS] ARE THE WORKS OF THY HANDS;
11 ^aTHEY WILL PERISH, BUT THOU REMAINEST;
^bAND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD AS A GARMENT,
12 ^aAND AS A MANTLE THOU WILT ROLL THEM UP;
AS A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.
BUT THOU ART ^bTHE SAME,
AND THY YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END."
13 But to which of the angels has He ever said,
"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
^bUNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES
A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET"?

14 Are they not all ^aministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will ^binherit ^csalvation?

CHAPTER 2

FOR this reason we must pay much closer attention to ¹what we have heard, lest ^awe drift away from it. [to destruction] →

2 For if the word ^aspoken through ^bangels proved ¹unalterable, and ^cevery transgression and disobedience received a just ^drecompense,

3 ^aHow shall we escape if we neglect so great a ^bsalvation? ¹After it was at the first ^cspoken through the [Lord], it was ^dconfirmed to us by those who heard. *Apostles*

4 [God] also bearing witness with them, both by ^asigns and ^bwonders and by ^cvarious ¹miracles and by ²gifts of the [Holy Spirit] ^daccording to His own will.

5 ^aFor He did not subject to angels ^bthe world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

6 But one has ^atestified ^bsomewhere, saying, *Not a Man*
^aWHAT IS MAN THAT THOU REMEMBEREST HIM?
^bOR THE SON OF MAN, THAT THOU ART CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

7 ^aTHOU HAST MADE HIM ¹FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;

^bTHOU HAST CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR,
²AND HAST APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF THY HANDS;

8 ^aTHOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not

6¹Deut. 32:43 Sept.: Ps. 97:7
7^aPs. 104:4
8¹Some mss. read, Thy ^aPs. 45:6^bDeut. 33:27; Ps. 71:3; 90:1; 91:2, 9
9^aPs. 45:7^bPhil. 2:9; John 10:17; Heb. 2:9^cIs. 61:1, 3
10^aPs. 102:25
11^aPs. 102:26^bIs. 51:6; Heb. 8:13
12^aPs. 102:26, 27^bHeb. 13:8
13^aPs. 110:1; Matt. 22:44; Heb. 1:3^bHeb. 10:13; Josh. 10:24
14^aDan. 7:10; Ps. 103:20f.^bMatt. 25:34; Mark 10:17; Titus 3:7; Heb. 6:12^cHeb. 2:3; 5:9; 9:28; Rom. 11:14; 1 Cor. 1:21
1¹Lit., the things that have been heard
²Prov. 3:21 [Sept.]
2¹Or, steadfast
²Heb. 1:1^bActs 7:53^cHeb. 10:28^dHeb. 10:35; 11:26
3¹Lit., which was
²Heb. 10:29; 12:25^bHeb. 1:14; 5:9; 9:28; Rom. 11:14; 1 Cor. 1:21^cHeb. 1:1^dMark 16:20; Luke 1:2; John 1:1
4¹Or, works of power
²Lit., distributions
³John 4:48^bMark 6:14
⁴1 Cor. 12:4, 11; Eph. 4:7
⁵Eph. 1:5
5¹Lit., the inhabited earth
²Heb. 6:5; Matt. 24:14; Heb. 1:6
6^a1 Thess. 4:6^bHeb. 4:4
^cPs. 8:4
7¹Or, a little lower²Some ancient mss. omit, And... hands
³Ps. 8:5, 6
8^aPs. 8:6; 1 Cor. 15:27

8¹ ¹Cor. 15:25/
Ro. 15:12-21

9¹ ¹Or, a little lower
*Heb. 2:7 ²Phil. 2:9; Heb. 1:9
*Acts 2:33; 3:13; 1 Pet. 1:21
*John 3:16 *Matt. 16:28;
John 8:52 *Heb. 6:20; 7:25

10¹ ¹Or, leader
*Luke 24:26 ²Rom. 11:36
*Heb. 5:9; 7:28; Luke 13:32
*Acts 3:15; 5:31
³Rom. 2:29

11¹ ¹Or, being sanctified
*Heb. 13:12 ²Heb. 10:10
*Acts 17:28 *Matt. 25:40;
Mark 3:34f.; John 20:17

12¹ ¹Lit., church
*Ps. 22:22

13¹ ¹Is. 8:17 ²Is. 8:18

14¹ ¹Lit., blood and flesh
*Matt. 16:17 ²John 1:14;
Heb. 7:13 marg. ³1 Cor.
15:54-57; 2 Tim. 1:10
⁴1 John 3:8; John 12:31

15¹ ¹Rom. 8:15

16¹ ¹Lit., take hold of
angels, but He takes hold of
²i.e., offspring

17¹ ¹Lit., was obligated to
be
*Heb. 2:14; Phil. 2:7 ²Heb.
4:15f.; 5:2 *Heb. 3:1; 4:14f.;
5:5, 10; 6:20; 7:26, 28; 8:1, 3;
9:11; Heb. 10:21 *Heb. 5:1;
Rom. 15:17 ³1 John 2:2;
4:10; Dan. 9:24

18¹ ¹Heb. 4:15

1¹ ¹Heb. 2:11; 3:12; 10:19;
13:22; Acts 1:15 ²Phil. 3:14
³John 17:3 *Heb. 2:17; 4:14f.;
5:5, 10; 6:20; 7:26, 28; 8:1, 3;
9:11; Heb. 10:21 *Heb. 4:14;
10:23; 2 Cor. 9:13

2¹ ¹Lit., being faithful ²Or,
made
*Heb. 3:5; Num. 12:7; Ex.
40:16

3¹ ¹2 Cor. 3:7-11

5¹ ¹Heb. 3:2; Num. 12:7;
Ex. 40:16 ²Ex. 14:31; Num.
12:7 *Deut. 18:18f. ³Heb. 1:

6¹ ¹Heb. 1:2 ²1 Tim. 3:15;
1 Cor. 3:16 ³Rom. 11:22;
Heb. 3:14; 4:14 *Heb. 4:16;
10:19, 35; Eph. 3:12 *Rom.
5:2 marg. ⁴Heb. 6:11; 7:19;
10:23; Heb. 11:1; 1 Pet. 1:3

7¹ ¹Heb. 9:8; 10:15; Acts
28:25

subject to him. But now ^bwe do not yet see all things subjected to him.

9 But we do see Him who has been ^amade ¹for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, ^bbecause of the suffering of death; ^ccrowned with glory and honor, that ^dby the grace of God He might ^etaste death ^ffor every one.

10¹ For ^ait was fitting for Him, ^bfor whom are all things, and ^cthrough whom are all things, ^din bringing many sons to glory, ^eto perfect the ^fauthor of their salvation through sufferings.

11 For both He who ¹sanctifies and those who ²are ³sanctified are all ⁴from one *Father*; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them ⁵brethren.

12 saying,
"I WILL PROCLAIM THY NAME TO MY BRETHREN,
IN THE MIDST OF THE ¹CONGREGATION I WILL SING THY PRAISE."

13 And again,
"I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM."

And again,
"¹BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."

14 Since then the children share in ¹flesh and blood, ²He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that ³through death He might render powerless ⁴him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; ⁵and ⁶might deliver those who through ⁷fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

16 For assuredly He does not ¹give help to angels, but He gives help to the ²seed of Abraham.

17 Therefore, He ¹had ²to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might ³become a merciful and faithful ⁴high priest in ⁵things pertaining to God, to ⁶make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For since He Himself was ¹tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

CHAPTER 3

THEREFORE, ^aholy brethren, partakers of a ^bheavenly calling, ^cconsider Jesus, ^dthe Apostle and ^eHigh Priest of our ^fconfession.

2 ¹He was faithful to Him who ²appointed Him, as ³Moses also was in all ⁴His house.

3 ¹For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is ¹God.

5 Now ¹Moses was faithful in all His house as ²a servant, ³for a testimony of those things ⁴which were to be spoken later;

6 but ¹Christ was faithful as ²a Son over His house ³whose house we are, ⁴if we hold fast our ⁵confidence and the ⁶boast of our ⁷hope firm until the end.

7 Therefore just as ¹the Holy Spirit says,

8 ^bTODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, [O.T. - Jehovah / N.F. - Jesus]
^aDO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS ¹WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME. [unbelief [denying the presence]]

9 AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,
^aWHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me,
 AND SAW My WORKS FOR ^bFORTY YEARS.

10 ^aTHEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION,
 AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART;
 AND THEY DID NOT KNOW My WAYS';

11 ^aAS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.' "

12 ^aTake care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away [from] ^bthe living God.

13 But ^aencourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the ^bdeceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, ^aif we hold fast [the beginning] of our ^bassurance firm until the end;

15 while it is said,
 "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS ¹WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

16 For who ^aprovoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, ^bdid not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses?

17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, ^awhose bodies fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear ^athat they should not enter His rest; but to those who were ^bdisobedient?

19 And so we see that they were not able to enter because of ^aunbelief.

7 ^bPs. 95:7; Heb. 3:15; 4:7
 EX 17:1-7

8 ¹Lit., in the provocation
^aPs. 95:8

9 ^aPs. 95:9, 10 ^bActs 7:36

10 ^aPs. 95:10
They shall not enter

11 ^aPs. 95:11; Heb. 4:3, 5
 Num. 13 & 14

12 ^aHeb. 12:25; Col. 2:8
^bHeb. 9:14; 10:31; 12:22;
 Matt. 16:16
cannot be saved
 because will not

13 ^aHeb. 10:24f. ^bEph. 4:22

14 ^aHeb. 3:6 ^bHeb. 11:1
 [Gr.]

15 ¹Lit., in the provocation
^aPs. 95:7f.

16 ^aJer. 32:29; 44:3, 8
^bNum. 14:2, 11; Deut. 1:35;
 Num. 14:30; Deut. 1:36, 38

17 ^aNum. 14:29; 1 Cor. 10:5

18 ^aNum. 14:23; Deut. 1:34f.; Heb. 4:2 ^bHeb. 4:6,
 11; Rom. 11:30-32

19 ^aJohn 3:36

1 ^aHeb. 12:15

2 ¹Lit., of hearing ²Or,
 they were... faith with those
 who heard
^a1 Thess. 2:13
^bAlva, 1:1

3 ¹Some ancient mss.
 read, Therefore
^aPs. 95:11; Heb. 3:11 ^bMatt.
 25:34

4 ^aHeb. 2:6 ^bGen. 2:2 ^cEx.
 20:11; 31:17

5 ^aPs. 95:11; Heb. 3:11

6 ^aHeb. 3:18; 4:11

CHAPTER 4 PS. 73
 Post day Heb. 3, 12 & 15, 11

^aTherefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have ^acome short of it.

2 For indeed we have had ^agood news preached to us, just as they also; but ^athe word ¹they heard did not profit them, because ²it was not united by faith in those who heard.

3 ¹For we who have believed enter that rest; just as He has said,
 "AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
 THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,"
 although His works were finished ^bfrom the foundation of the world.

4 For He has thus said ^asomewhere concerning the seventh day, ^b"AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS"; ^aAnd the ultimate REST of Heb. 12:25

5 and again in this *passage*, ^a"THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of ^adisobedience,

7¹Or, in
^aPs. 95 title in Sept. ^bHeb.
3:7f. ^cPs. 95:7f.

8 ^aJosh. 22:4 ^bHeb. 1:1

10 ^aRev. 14:13 ^bHeb. 4:4

11 ^a2 Pet. 2:6 ^bHeb. 3:18;
4:6

12 ^a1 Pet. 1:23; Jer. 23:29;
Heb. 6:5; Eph. 5:26 ^bActs
7:38 ^c1 Thess. 2:13 ^dEph.
6:17 ^e1 Thess. 5:23 ^fJohn
12:48; 1 Cor. 14:24f. *κατα*

13 ^a2 Chr. 16:9; Ps. 33:13-15
^bJob 26:6

14 ^aHeb. 2:17 ^bEph. 4:10;
Heb. 6:20; 8:1; 9:24 ^cHeb.
6:6; 7:3; 10:29; Matt. 4:3;
Heb. 1:2 ^dHeb. 3:1

15 ^aHeb. 2:17 ^bHeb. 2:18
^c2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26

16 ^aHeb. 7:19 ^bHeb. 3:6

17 ^aEx. 28:1 ^bHeb. 2:17
^cHeb. 8:3f; 9:9; 7:27; 10:11
^dHeb. 7:27; 10:12; 1 Cor.
15:3

2 ¹Lit., being able to ²Or,
subject to weakness
^aHeb. 2:18; 4:15 ^bHeb. 9:7
marg.; Eph. 4:18 ^cJames
5:19; 1 Pet. 2:25 ^dHeb. 7:28

3 ^aHeb. 7:27; 10:12; 1 Cor.
15:3 ^bHeb. 7:27; 9:7; Lev. 9:7;
16:6

4 ^aNum. 16:40; 18:7;
2 Chr. 26:18 ^bEx. 28:1;
1 Chr. 23:13

5 ^aJohn 8:54 ^bHeb. 2:17;
5:10 ^cHeb. 1:1; 5 ^dPs. 2:7

6 ^aPs. 110:4; Heb. 7:17
^bHeb. 5:10; 6:20; 7:11, 17

7 ¹Or, out of
^aMatt. 26:39; 42, 44; Mark
14:36, 39; Luke 22:41, 44
^bMatt. 27:46, 50; Mark
15:34, 37; Luke 23:46 ^cMark
14:36 ^dHeb. 12:28 marg.;
Heb. 11:7

8 ^aHeb. 1:2 ^bPhil. 2:8

9 ^aHeb. 2:10

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7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying ¹through David after so long a time just ²as has been said before.

"^cTODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

8 For ^aif Joshua had given them rest, He would not have ^bspoken of another day after that.

9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also ^arested from his works, as ^bGod did from His.

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest; lest anyone fall through *following* the same ^aexample of ^bdisobedience.

→12 For ¹the word of God is ^bliving and ^cactive and sharper than any two-edged ^dsword, and piercing as far as the division of ^esoul and ^fspirit, of both joints and marrow, and ^gable to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And ^athere is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are ^bopen and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

14 Since then we have a great ^ahigh priest who has ^bpassed through the heavens, Jesus ^cthe Son of God, let us hold fast our ^dconfession.

→15 For we do not have ^aa high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been ^btempted in all things *as we are, yet* ^cwithout sin.

16 Let us therefore ^adraw near with ^bconfidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need. *G. Luse, 1918, p. 102*

CHAPTER 5

FOR every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in ^bthings pertaining to God in order to ^coffer both gifts and sacrifices ^dfor sins;

2 ¹he can deal gently with the ^bignorant and ^cmisguided, since he himself also is ²beset with weakness;

3 and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* ^afor sins, ^bas for the people, so also for himself.

4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even ^bas Aaron was.

5 ²So also Christ ^adid not glorify Himself so as to become a ^bhigh priest, but He who ^csaid to Him,

"^dTHOU ART MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE";

6 just as He says also in another *passage*,
"^aTHOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO ^bTHE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

7 ¹In the days of His flesh, ^awhen He offered up both prayers and supplications with ^bbloud crying and tears to Him who was ^cable to save Him ¹from death, and who was heard because of His ^dpiety,

8 although He was ^aa Son, He learned ^bobedience from the things which He suffered;

9 and having been made ^aperfect; He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation;

10 being designated by God as ^aa high priest according to ^bthe order of Melchizedek.

11 Concerning ¹him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

12 For though ¹by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for some one to teach you ^athe ²elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need ^amilk and not solid food.

13 For every one who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a ^ababbe.

14 But solid food is for ^athe mature, who because of practice have their senses ^btrained) to ^cdiscern good and evil.

CHAPTER 6

THEREFORE ^aleaving ^bthe ¹elementary teaching about the ²Christ, let us press on to ³maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from ^ddead works and of faith toward God,

2 of ^ainstruction about ^cwashings, and ^dlaying on of hands, and the ^eresurrection of the dead, and ^feternal judgment.

3 And this we shall do, if God permits.

4 For in the case of those who have ¹once been ^aenlightened and have ²tasted of ^bthe heavenly gift and have been ^cmade ^dpartakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and ^ahave ^btasted the good ^cword of God and the powers of ^dthe age to come,

6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance; ¹since they again ²crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

7 For ground that drinks the rain which often ¹falls upon it and brings forth vegetation useful to those ^afor whose sake it is also tilled, receives a ^bblessing from God;

8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and ^aclose ¹to being cursed, and ^bitself ends up being burned.

9 But, ¹beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that ¹accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.

10 For ^aGod is not unjust so as to forget ^byour work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ^cministered and in still ministering to the ¹saints.

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence ¹so as to realize the ^afull assurance of ^bhope until the end,

12 that you may not be sluggish, but ^aimitators of those who through ^bfaith and patience ^cinherit the promises.

13 For ^awhen God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU, AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."

15 And thus, ^ahaving patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

16 ^aFor men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them ^ban oath ^cgiven as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

17 ¹In the same way God, desiring even more to show to

10 ^aHeb. 2:17; 5:5 ^bHeb. 5:6

11 ¹Or, Him; or, this

12 ¹Lit., because of the time ²Lit., elements of the beginning ³Gal. 4:3 ⁴Heb. 6:1 ⁵Acts 7:38 ⁶1 Cor. 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:2

13 ¹1 Cor. 3:1; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

14 ¹1 Cor. 2:6; Eph. 4:13; Heb. 6:1 marg. ²1 Tim. 4:7 ³Rom. 14:1

1 ¹Lit., word of the beginning ²Lit., Messiah ³Or, perfection ⁴Phil. 3:13f. ⁵Heb. 5:12 ⁶Heb. 5:14 and marg. ⁷Heb. 9:14; John 8:21

2 ^aActs 19:3f.; John 3:25 ^bActs 6:6 ^cActs 17:31f.

3 ^aActs 18:21 ^b1 Cor. 3:6, 10

4 ^aHeb. 10:32; 2 Cor. 4:4, 6 ^bEph. 2:8; John 4:10 ^cHeb. 2:4; Gal. 3:2

5 ¹1 Pet. 2:3 ²Eph. 6:17 ³Heb. 2:5

6 ¹Or, while ²Heb. 10:26f.; 1 John 5:16; 2 Pet. 2:21; Matt. 19:26 ³Heb. 10:29

7 ¹Lit., comes ²1 Tim. 2:6

8 ¹Lit., to a curse ²Lit., its end is for burning ³Deut. 29:22ff.

9 ¹Or, belong to ²1 Cor. 10:14; 2 Cor. 7:1; 12:19; 1 Pet. 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:1; 1 John 2:7; Jude 3

10 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones ²Prov. 19:17; Matt. 10:42; 25:40; Acts 10:4 ³1 Thess. 1:3 ⁴Heb. 10:32-34; Rom. 15:25

11 ¹Lit., to the full ²Heb. 10:22; Luke 1:1 ³Heb. 3:6

12 ^aHeb. 13:7 ^b2 Thess. 1:4; James 1:3; Rev. 13:10 ^cHeb. 1:14

13 ^aGal. 3:15, 18 ^bGen. 22:16; Luke 1:73

14 ^aGen. 22:16f.

15 ^aGen. 12:4; 21:5

16 ^aGal. 3:15 ^bEx. 22:11

17 ¹Or, Therefore God

17 ²Or, *guaranteed*
^aHeb. 11:9 ^bPs. 110:4; Prov. 19:21; Heb. 6:18

18 ^aTitus 1:2; Num. 23:19
^bHeb. 3:6; 7:19

19 ¹Lit., *which we have*
²Or, *inside*
^aLev. 16:2; Heb. 9:2f.

20 ^aHeb. 4:14; John 14:2
^bHeb. 5:6; 2:17

1 ^bGen. 14:18-20; Heb. 7:6
^bMark 5:7

3 ^aHeb. 7:6 ^bHeb. 7:28;
 7:1; Matt. 4:3

4 ^aActs 2:29

5 ¹Lit., *according to* ²Or, *tithes* ³Lit., *have come out of the loins of*
^aNum. 18:21, 26; 2 Chr. 31:4f.

6 ¹Or, *tithes*
^aHeb. 7:3 ^bHeb. 7:1f. ^cRom. 4:13

8 ^aHeb. 5:6; 6:20

11 ^aHeb. 7:18f.; 8:7 ^bHeb. 9:6; 10:1 ^cHeb. 7:17; 5:6

13 ^aHeb. 7:14 ^bHeb. 7:11

14 ¹Lit., *rose from*
^aRev. 5:5; Matt. 2:6 [Mic. 5:2]; Is. 11:1; Num. 24:17

^athe heirs of the promise; ^bthe unchangeableness of His purpose; ²interposed with an oath;

18 in order that by two unchangeable things, in which ^ait is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of ^bthe hope set before us.

19 ¹This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which ^aenters ²within the veil,

20 ^awhere Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a ^bhigh priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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CHAPTER 7

FOR this ^aMelchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the ^bMost High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all ~~the spoils~~, was first of all, by the translation of ~~his name~~, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

3 Without father, without mother, ^awithout genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like ^bthe Son of God, he abides a priest perpetually.

4 Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the ^apatriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

5 And those indeed of ^athe sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment ¹in the Law to collect ²a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these ³are descended from Abraham.

6 But the one ^awhose genealogy is not traced from them ^bcollected ¹a tenth from Abraham, and blessed the one who ^chad the promises.

7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.

8 And in this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, ^aof whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

9 And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes.

10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

11 ^aNow if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it ^bthe people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise ^caccording to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

13 For ^athe one concerning whom ^bthese things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord ¹was ^adescended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

15 And this is clearer still, if [another] priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, [et cetera; continue]

16 who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

17 For it is witnessed of Him,
"A THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness

19 (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath

21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath) but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,

"THE LORD HAS SWORN
AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,
"THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER";

22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

23 And the former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers, because they were prevented by death from continuing,

24 but He, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

25 Hence also He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

CHAPTER 8

NOW the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

2 a minister in the sanctuary, and in the true tabernacle; which the Lord pitched, not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.

4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses is warned by God when he was about to erect

16^a Heb. 9:10^b Heb. 9:14

17^a Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:21; 5:6

18^a Heb. 7:11; Rom. 8:3; Gal. 3:21

19^a Heb. 9:9; 10:1; Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:20; 7:7; Gal. 2:16; 3:21^b Heb. 3:6^c Heb. 7:25; 4:16; 10:1; 22; Lam. 3:57; James 4:8

20^a Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:17; Heb. 5:6^b Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Rom. 11:29^c Heb. 7:23f., 28

21^a Ps. 119:122; Is. 38:14^b Heb. 8:6

22^a Or, completely^b 1 Cor. 1:21^c Heb. 7:19^d Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24

23^a Heb. 2:17^b 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15^c 1 Pet. 2:22^d Heb. 4:14

24^a Heb. 5:1^b Heb. 5:3^c Heb. 9:12; 10:10; 9:28^d Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:14, 28; 10:10, 12

25^a Heb. 2:10^b Heb. 1:2^c Heb. 2:10

1^a Heb. 2:17^b Heb. 1:3

2^a Or, of^b Or, sacred tent^c Heb. 10:11^d Heb. 9:11, 24^e Ex. 33:7

3^a Heb. 2:17^b Heb. 5:1; 8:4

4^a Heb. 5:1; 8:3

5^a Heb. 9:23^b Col. 2:17; Heb. 10:1^c Heb. 11:7; 12:25; Matt. 2:12;

⁵Or, *sacred tent*
^dEx. 25:40

⁶1 Tim. 2:5 ^bHeb. 7:22;
 8:8; 9:15; 12:24; Luke 22:20

⁷Heb. 7:11

⁸Lit., and
^fJer. 31:31 ^bHeb. 8:13; 9:15;
 12:24; 2 Cor. 3:6; Luke
 22:20; Heb. 7:22; 8:6

⁹Jer. 31:32 ^bHeb. 2:16
 marg.; Ex. 19:5f.

¹⁰Jer. 31:33 ^bHeb. 10:16;
 Rom. 11:27 ^c2 Cor. 3:3

¹¹Jer. 31:34 ^bIs. 54:13;
 Jobn 6:45; 1 Jobn 2:27

¹²Jer. 31:34 ^bHeb. 10:17

¹³Or, *In His saying* ²Or,
near
^aHeb. 8:8; 9:15; 12:24; 2 Cor.
 3:6; Luke 22:20; Heb. 7:22;
 8:6 ^bHeb. 1:11; 2 Cor. 5:17

¹Heb. 9:10 ^bEx. 25:8;
 Heb. 9:11, 24; 8:2

²Or, *sacred tent* ²Lit.,
first ¹Lit., *loaves of*
presentation
^aEx. 25:8; 9 ^bEx. 25:31-39
^cEx. 25:23-29 ^dEx. 25:30;
 Lev. 24:5ff. [Matt. 12:4]

³Or, *sacred tent*
^aEx. 26:31-33 ^bEx. 26:33

⁴Or, *censer*
^aEx. 30:1-5; 37:25f. ^bEx.
 25:10ff.; 37:1ff. ^cEx. 16:32f.
^dNum. 17:10 ^eEx. 31:18;
 32:15; Deut. 9:9, 11, 15

⁵Ex. 25:18ff. ^bEx. 25:17;
 20

⁶Lit., *first* ²Or, *sacred*
tent
^aNum. 28:3 ^bEx. 25:8, 9

the ¹tabernacle; for, "dSEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the ^amediator of ^ba better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

7 For ^aif that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

8 For finding fault with them He says, "aBEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT ^bA NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;

9 ^aNOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS

ON THE DAY WHEN I ^bTOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

10 ^aFOR ^bTHIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ^cUPON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

11 ^aAND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERY ONE HIS FELLOW-CITIZEN, AND EVERY ONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ^bALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

12 ^aFOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, ^bAND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."

13 ¹When He said, "aA new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. ^bBut whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ²ready to disappear.

CHAPTER 9

NOW even the first *covenant* had ^aregulations of divine worship and ^bthe earthly sanctuary.

2 For there was ^aa ¹tabernacle prepared, the ²outer one, in which *were* ^bthe lampstand and ^cthe table and ^dthe ³sacred bread; this is called the holy place.

3 And behind ^athe second veil, there was a ¹tabernacle which is called the ^bHoly of Holies,

4 having a golden ¹altar of incense and ^bthe ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which *was* ^aa golden jar holding the manna, and ^dAaron's rod which budded, and ^cthe tables of the covenant.

5 And above it *were* the ^acherubim of glory ^bovershadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

6 Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests ^aare continually entering ^bthe ¹outer ²tabernacle, performing the divine worship,

**The Blood of the New Covenant.
Superior to the Old.**

7 but into ^athe second only ^bthe high priest *enters*, ^conce a year, ^dnot without *taking* blood, which he ^eoffers for himself and for the ^fsins of the people committed in ignorance.

8 ^aThe Holy Spirit ^bsignifying this, ^cthat the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed, while the ^douter tabernacle is still standing;

9 which ^ais a symbol for the time ^bthen present, according to which both gifts and sacrifices are ^coffered which cannot ^dmake the worshiper perfect ^ein conscience;

10 since they ^arelate only to ^bfood and ^cdrink and various ^dwashings, ^eregulations for the ^fbody imposed until ^ga time of reformation!

11 But when Christ appeared ^aas a ^bhigh priest of the ^cgood things ^dto come, *He entered* through ^ethe greater and more perfect ^ftabernacle; ^gnot made with hands, that is to say, ^hnot of this creation;

12 and not through ^athe blood of goats and calves, but ^bthrough His own blood; ^cHe ^dentered the holy place ^eonce for all, ^fhaving obtained ^geternal redemption.

13 For if ^athe blood of goats and bulls and ^bthe ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the ^ccleansing of the flesh;

14 how much more will ^athe blood of Christ, who through ^bthe eternal Spirit ^coffered Himself without blemish to God, ^dcleanse ^eyour conscience from ^fdead works to serve ^gthe living God?

15 And for this reason ^aHe is the ^bmediator of a ^cnew covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the ^dredemption of the transgressions that were ^ecommitted under the first covenant, those who have been ^fcalled may ^greceive the promise of ^hthe eternal inheritance.

16 For where a ^acovenant is, there must of necessity ^bbe the death of the one who made it.

17 For a ^acovenant is valid ^bonly when ^cmen are dead, ^dfor it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

18 Therefore even the first ^acovenant was not inaugurated without blood.

19 For when every commandment had been ^aspoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, ^bhe took the ^cblood of the calves and the goats, with ^dwater and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both ^ethe book itself and all the people,

20 saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."

21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the ^atabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with ^bthe blood!

22 And according to the ^aLaw, ^bone may ^calmost say, all things are cleansed with blood; and ^dwithout shedding of blood there is no forgiveness!

23 Therefore it was necessary for the ^acopies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but ^bthe heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ ^adid not enter a holy place made with hands, a ^bmere copy of ^cthe true one, but into ^dheaven itself, now ^eto appear in the presence of God ^ffor us;

25 nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as ^athe

7 ¹Lit., *ignorance of the people*
²Heb. 9:3 ³Lev. 16:12ff. ⁴Ex. 30:10; Lev. 16:34; Heb. 10:3
⁵Lev. 16:11, 14 ⁶Heb. 5:3
⁷Num. 15:25; Heb. 5:2
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8 ¹Lit., *first*
²Heb. 3:7 ³Heb. 10:20; John 14:6

9 ¹Heb. 11:19; 10:1 ²Heb. 5:1 ³Heb. 7:19

10 ¹Lit., *flesh*
²Lev. 11:2ff.; Col. 2:16
³Num. 6:3 ⁴Lev. 11:25;
Num. 19:13; Mark 7:4 ⁵Heb. 7:16 ⁶Heb. 7:12

11 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *that have come* ²Or, *sacred tent*
³Heb. 2:17 ⁴Heb. 10:1 ⁵Heb. 9:24; 8:2 ⁶Mark 14:58; 2 Cor. 5:1 ⁷2 Cor. 4:18; Heb. 12:27; 13:14

12 ¹Or, *obtaining*
²Lev. 4:3; 16:6, 15; Heb. 9:19
³Heb. 9:14; 13:12 ⁴Heb. 9:24
⁵Heb. 7:27 ⁶Heb. 9:15; 9:9

13 ¹Lit., *purity*
²Heb. 9:19; 10:4 ³Num. 19:9; 17:1

14 ¹Or, *His eternal spirit*
²Some ancient mss. read, *our*
³Heb. 9:12; 13:12 ⁴1 Cor. 15:45; 1 Pet. 3:18 ⁵Eph. 5:2; Heb. 7:27; 10:10; 12:2 ⁶Acts 15:9; Titus 2:14; Heb. 10:2, 22; 1:3 ⁷Heb. 6:1 ⁸Matt. 16:16; Heb. 3:12

15 ¹Rom. 3:24 ²1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 12:24 ³Heb. 8:8
⁴Rom. 8:28f.; Heb. 3:1; Matt. 22:3ff. ⁵Heb. 6:15; 10:36; Heb. 11:39 ⁶Acts 20:32

16 ¹Or, *testament* ²Lit., *be brought*

17 ¹Note vs. 16 ²Lit., *over the dead* ³Some ancient mss. read, *for is it then . . . lives?*

19 ¹Heb. 1:1 ²Ex. 24:6ff. ³Heb. 9:12 ⁴Lev. 14:4, 7; Num. 19:6, 18 ⁵Ex. 24:7

20 ¹Ex. 24:8; Matt. 26:28

21 ¹Or, *sacred tent*
²Ex. 40:9; 24:6; Lev. 8:15, 19; 16:14-16

22 ¹Or, *Law, almost all things*
²Lev. 5:11f. ³Lev. 17:11

23 ¹Heb. 8:5 *Lev. 1:9*

24 ¹Heb. 9:12; 4:14 ²Heb. 8:2 ³Heb. 9:12 ⁴Heb. 7:25; Matt. 18:10

25 ¹Heb. 9:7

25^a Heb. 9:7^b Heb. 9:2: 10:19

26¹ Or, by His sacrifice
^aMatt. 25:34; Heb. 4:3^b Heb. 9:12; 7:27^c Matt. 13:39; Heb. 1:2^d John 3:5, 8^e Heb. 9:12, 14

27¹ Lit., laid up
^aGen. 3:19^b Cor. 5:10; 1 John 4:17

28¹ Lit., without sin
^aHeb. 7:27^b 1 Pet. 2:24^c Acts 1:11^d Heb. 4:15^e 1 Cor. 1:7; Titus 2:13^f Heb. 5:9

1¹ Lit., image² Some ancient mss. read, they can
^aHeb. 8:5^b Heb. 9:11^c Heb. 10:4, 11; 9:9; Rom. 8:3^d Heb. 7:19

2^a 1 Pet. 2:19 marg.

3¹ Lit., them there is
^aHeb. 9:7

4^a Heb. 10:1, 11^b Heb. 9:12f.

5^a Heb. 1:6^b Ps. 40:6
^c 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 2:14; 5:7

6^a Ps. 40:6

7^a Ps. 40:7, 8^b Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 2:9; 3:1f.; Ezra 6:2 [Sept.]

8^a Ps. 40:6; Heb. 10:5f.
^b Mark 12:33^c Rom. 8:3 marg.

9^a Ps. 40:7, 8; Heb. 10:7

10¹ Lit., which
^aEph. 5:26; Heb. 10:14, 29; 2:11; 13:12; John 17:19
^b Heb. 7:27; 9:14, 28; 10:12; Eph. 5:2; John 6:51^c 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 2:14; 5:7^d Heb. 7:27

11^a Heb. 5:1^b Heb. 10:1, 4; Mic. 6:6-8

12¹ Or, sins, forever sat down
^aHeb. 5:1^b Heb. 10:14^c Heb. 1:3

13^a Ps. 110:1; Heb. 1:13

14¹ Or, being sanctified
^aHeb. 10:1^b Heb. 10:12

15^a Heb. 3:7

16^a Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10

high priest enters ^bthe holy place ^ayear by year with blood not his own.

26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since ^athe foundation of the world; but now ^bonce at ^cthe consummation He has been ^dmanifested to put away sin ^{1b}by the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And inasmuch as ^ait is ^{1a}appointed for men to die once, and after this ^bcomes judgment;

28 so Christ also, having been ^aoffered once to ^bbear the sins of many, shall appear ^aa second time, ^{1d}not to bear sin, to those who ^ceagerly await Him, for ^fsalvation.

CHAPTER 10

FOR the Law, since it has ^aonly ^aa shadow of ^bthe good things to come ^{and} not the very ^{1b}form of things, ^{2c}can ^cnever by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, ^dmake perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had ^aconsciousness of sins?

3 But ^ain ¹those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.

4 For it is ^aimpossible for the ^bblood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, ^awhen He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING THOU HAST NOT DESIRED,

BUT ^aA BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME;

6 ^aIN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN THOU HAST TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

7 "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN ^bTHE ROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO THY WILL, O GOD.'

8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND ^bWHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS ~~AND~~ sacrifices ^cFOR SIN THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, NOR HAST THOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*" (which are offered according to the Law),

9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL." He takes away the ¹first in order to establish the ²second.

10 By ¹this will we have been ^asanctified through ^bthe offering of ^cthe body of Jesus Christ ^donce for all.

11 And every priest stands daily ministering and ^aoffering time after time the same sacrifices, which ^bcan never take away sins;

12 but He, having offered one sacrifice ^afor ¹sins ^bfor all time, ^csat down at the right hand of God,

13 waiting from that time onward ^aUNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

14 For by one offering He has ^aperfected ^bfor all time those who are ¹sanctified.

15 And ^athe Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND UPON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,"

He then says,

17 "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS

I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our body washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

33 partly, by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one.

35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,

HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;

AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

17 Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12

19 Heb. 10:35; 3:6 Heb. 9:25

20 Heb. 9:8 Heb. 6:19; 9:3

21 Heb. 2:17 Heb. 3:6; 1 Tim. 3:15

22 Lit., true Heb. 10:1; 7:19 Heb. 6:11 Heb. 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2; Heb. 9:19; Ezek. 36:25 Acts 22:16; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21

23 Heb. 3:1 Heb. 3:6 Heb. 11:11; 1 Cor. 1:9; 10:13

24 Heb. 13:1 Titus 3:8

25 Acts 2:42 Heb. 3:13 1 Cor. 3:13

26 Heb. 5:2; 6:4-8; 2 Pet. 2:20; Num. 15:30 1 Tim. 2:4

27 John 5:29; Heb. 9:27 Ps. 26:11; 2 Thess. 1:7

28 Deut. 17:2-6; Matt. 18:16; Heb. 2:2

29 Heb. 2:3 Heb. 6:6 Heb. 13:20; Matt. 26:28, Eph. 5:26; Rev. 1:5; Heb. 9:13; Heb. 6:4; Eph. 4:30; 1 Cor. 6:11

30 Deut. 32:35; Rom. 12:19 Deut. 32:36

31 2 Cor. 5:11 Matt. 16:16; Heb. 3:12

32 Lit., in which Heb. 5:12 Heb. 6:4 Phil. 1:30

33 1 Cor. 4:9; Heb. 12:4 Phil. 4:14 [Gr.]; 1 Thess. 2:14

34 Heb. 13:3 Matt. 5:12 Heb. 9:15; 11:16; 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:4f.

35 Heb. 10:19 Heb. 2:2

36 Lit., the promise Heb. 12:1; Luke 21:19 Heb. 9:15

37 Hab. 2:3; Heb. 10:25; Rev. 22:20 Matt. 11:3

38 Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11

39 Lit., we are not of shrinking back... but of faith Or, possessing

CHAPTER 11

1 ¹Or, *substance* ²Or, *evidence*
^aHeb. 3:14 [Gr.] ^bHeb. 3:6
^cRom. 8:24; 2 Cor. 4:18; 5:7;
 Heb. 11:7, 27

2 ¹Lit., *obtained a testimony*
^aHeb. 1:1 ^bHeb. 11:4, 39

3 ¹Lit., *ages*
^aHeb. 1:2 ^bGen. 1, Heb. 1:2
^cHeb. 6:5; 2 Pet. 3:5 ^dRom. 4:17

4 ¹I.e., by receiving his gifts ²Lit., *it*
^aGen. 4:4; Matt. 23:35;
^b1 John 3:12 ^cHeb. 11:2
^dHeb. 5:1 ^eGen. 4:8-10; Heb. 12:24

5 ^aGen. 5:21-24 ^bLuke 2:26; John 8:51; Heb. 2:9

6 ^aHeb. 7:19

7 ¹Lit., *having become reverent*
^aGen. 6:13-22 ^bHeb. 8:5
^cHeb. 11:1 ^dHeb. 5:7 ^e1 Pet. 3:20 ^fGen. 6:9; Ezek. 14:14, 20; Rom. 4:13; 9:30

8 ^aGen. 12:1-4; Acts 7:2-4
^bGen. 12:7

9 ^aActs 7:5 ^bGen. 12:8; 13:3, 18; 18:1, 9 ^cHeb. 6:17

10 ^aHeb. 12:22; 13:14 ^bRev. 21:14f. ^cHeb. 11:16

11 ¹Lit., *power for the laying down of seed*
^aGen. 17:19; 18:11-14; 21:2
^bHeb. 10:23

12 ¹Lit., *in these things*
^aRom. 4:19 ^bGen. 15:5;
 22:17; 32:12

13 ^aMatt. 13:17 ^bHeb. 11:39 ^cJohn 8:56; Heb. 11:27
^dGen. 23:4; 47:9; Ps. 39:12;
 Eph. 2:19; 1 Pet. 1:1; 2:11

15 ¹Or, *remembering*
^aGen. 24:6-8

16 ¹Lit., *ashamed of them, to be*
^a2 Tim. 4:18 ^bMark 8:38;
 Heb. 2:11 ^cGen. 26:24;
 28:13; Ex. 3:6, 15; 4:5 ^dHeb. 11:10; Rev. 21:2

17 ^aGen. 22:1-10; James 2:21 ^bHeb. 11:13

18 ^aGen. 21:12; Rom. 9:7

Now faith is the ¹assurance of *things* ^bhoped for, the ²conviction of ^cthings not seen.

2 For by it the ^amen of old ^bgained approval.

3 By faith we understand that the ¹worlds were prepared by the ²sword of God; so that what is seen ^dwas not made out of ^ethings which are visible.

4 By faith ^aAbel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he ^bobtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying ¹about his ^cgifts, and through ²faith, though ^dhe is dead, he still speaks.

5 By faith ^aEnoch was taken up so that he should not ^bsee death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who ^acomes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

7 By faith ^aNoah, being ^bwarned by God about ^cthings not yet seen, ^din reverence ^eprepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of ^fthe righteousness which is according to faith.

8 By faith ^aAbraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to ^breceive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he lived as an alien in ^athe land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, ^bdwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, ^cfellow-heirs of the same promise;

10 for he was looking for ^athe city which has ^bfoundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith even ^aSarah herself received ^bability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered *Him* ^bfaithful who had promised;

12 therefore also there was born of one man, and ^ahim as good as dead ¹at that, *as many descendants* ^bAS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

13 ^aAll these died in faith, ^bwithout receiving the promises, but ^chaving seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and ^dhaving confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.

15 And indeed if they had been ¹thinking of that *country* from which they went out, ^athey would have had opportunity to return.

16 But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is a ^aheavenly one. Therefore ^bGod is not ¹ashamed to be ^ccalled their God; for ^dHe has prepared a city for them.

17 By faith ^aAbraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had ^breceived the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

18 *it was he* to whom it was said, ^a"IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED."

19 ¹He considered that ^aGod is able to raise *men* even from the dead; from which he also received him back ²as a ^btype.

20 By faith ^aIsaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

21 By faith ^aJacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and ^bworshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

22 By faith ^aJoseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

23 By faith ^aMoses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the ^bking's edict.

24 By faith Moses, ^awhen he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 choosing rather to ^aendure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin;

26 ^aconsidering the reproach of ¹Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the ^breward.

27 By faith he ^aleft Egypt, not ^bfearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as ^cseeing Him who is unseen.

28 By faith he ^akept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that ^dhe who destroyed the first-born might not touch them.

29 By faith they ^apassed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were ¹drowned.

30 By faith ^athe walls of Jericho fell down, ^bafter they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith ^aRahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies ¹in peace.

32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of ^aGideon, ^bBarak, ^cSamson, ^dJephthah; of ^eDavid and ^fSamuel and the prophets;

33 who by faith ^aconquered kingdoms, ^bperformed *acts of* righteousness, ^cobtained promises, ^dshut the mouths of lions,

34 ^aquenched the power of fire, ^bescaped the edge of the sword, ^cfrom weakness were made strong, ^dbecame mighty in war, ^eput foreign armies to flight.

35 ^aWomen received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their ¹release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection;

36 and others ¹experienced mockings and scourings, yes, also ^achains and imprisonment.

37 They were ^astoned, they were ^bsawn in two, ¹they were tempted, they were ^cput to death with the sword; they went about ^din sheepskins, in goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, ^eill-treated

38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), ^awandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes ¹in the ground.

39 And all these, having ¹gained approval through their faith, ^bdid not receive ²what was promised,

40 because God had ¹provided ^asomething better for us, so that ^bapart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *Considering* ²Or., *figuratively speaking*; lit., *in a parable*.

²Rom. 4:21 ^bHeb. 9:9

²⁰ ^aGen. 27:27-29, 39f.

²¹ ^aGen. 48:1, 5, 16, 20
^bGen. 47:31 [Sept.]; 1 Kin. 1:47

²² ^aGen. 50:24f.; Ex. 13:19

²³ ^aEx. 2:2 [Sept.] ^bEx. 1:16, 22

²⁴ ^aEx. 2:10, 11ff.

²⁵ ^aHeb. 11:37

²⁶ ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aLuke 14:33; Phil. 3:7f.
^bHeb. 2:2

²⁷ ^aEx. 12:50f.; 13:17f.; Ex. 2:15 ^bEx. 10:28f.; Ex. 2:14
^cHeb. 11:1, 13; Col. 1:15

²⁸ ^aEx. 12:21ff. ^bEx. 12:23, 29f.; 1 Cor. 10:10

²⁹ ¹Lit., *swallowed up*
^aEx. 14:22-29

³⁰ ^aJosh. 6:20 ^bJosh. 6:15f.

³¹ ¹Lit., *with*
^aJosh. 2:9ff.; 6:23; James 2:25

³² ¹Judg. 6-8 ^bJudg. 4-5
^cJudg. 13-16 ^dJudg. 11-12
^e1 Sam. 16:1, 13 ^f1 Sam. 1:20

³³ ^aJudg. 4, 7, 11, 14; 2 Sam. 5:17; 8:2, 10; 12 ^b1 Sam. 12:4; 2 Sam. 8:15 ^c2 Sam. 7:11f.
^dDan. 6:22; Judg. 14:6;
^e1 Sam. 17:34

³⁴ ^aDan. 3:23ff. ^bEx. 18:4; 1 Sam. 18:11; 19:10; Ps. 144:10; 1 Kin. 19; 2 Kin. 6
^cJudg. 7:21; 15:8, 15f.; 1 Sam. 17:51f.; 2 Sam. 8:1-6; 10:15f.

³⁵ ¹Lit., *redemption*
^a1 Kin. 17:23; 2 Kin. 4:36f.

³⁶ ¹Lit., *received the trial of*
^aGen. 39:20; Jer. 20:2; 37:15

³⁷ ¹Some mss. omit, *they were tempted*
^a2 Chr. 24:21; 1 Kin. 21:13
^b2 Sam. 12:31; 1 Chr. 20:3
^c1 Kin. 19:10; Jer. 26:23
^d1 Kin. 19:13, 19; 2 Kin. 2:8, 13f.; Zech. 13:4 ^eHeb. 11:25; 13:3

³⁸ ¹Lit., *of*
^a1 Kin. 18:4, 13; 19:9

³⁹ ¹Lit., *obtained a testimony* ²Lit., *the promise*
^aHeb. 11:2 ^bHeb. 11:13; 10:36

⁴⁰ ¹Or, *foreseen*
^aHeb. 11:16 ^bRev. 6:11

¹Heb. 10:39 ^bEph. 4:22
 [Cr.]; Rom. 13:12 ^c1 Cor.
 9:24; Gal. 2:2 ^dHeb. 10:36

²Lit., *looking to* ²Or,
leader
^aHeb. 2:10 ^bHeb. 2:9; Phil.
 2:46 ^c1 Cor. 1:18, 23; Heb.
 13:13 ^dHeb. 1:3

³Lit., *fainting in your
 souls*
^aMatt. 10:24; Rev. 2:3 ^bGal.
 6:9; Heb. 12:5

⁴Lit., *as far as blood*
^aHeb. 10:32ff.; 13:13 ^bPhil.
 2:8

⁵Prov. 3:11 ^bHeb. 12:3

⁶Prov. 3:12 ^bPs. 119:75;
 Rev. 3:19

⁷Deut. 8:5; 2 Sam. 7:14;
 Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 23:13f.

⁸1 Pet. 5:9

⁹Lit., *fathers of our flesh*
²Or, *our spirits*
^aLuke 18:2 ^bNum. 16:22;
 27:16; Rev. 22:6 ^cIs. 38:16

¹⁰Lit., *were disciplining*
²Pet. 1:4

¹¹1 Pet. 1:6 ^bJames 3:17f.;
 Is. 32:17; 2 Tim. 4:8

¹²Lit., *make straight*
^aIs. 35:3

¹³Prov. 4:26; Gal. 2:14
^bJames 5:16; Gal. 6:1

¹⁴Rom. 14:19 ^bRom.
 6:22; Heb. 12:10 ^cMatt. 5:8;
 Heb. 9:28

¹⁵Heb. 4:1; 2 Cor. 6:1;
 Gal. 5:4 ^bDeut. 29:18 ^cTitus
 1:15

¹⁶Heb. 13:4 ^b1 Tim. 1:9
^cGen. 25:33f.

¹⁷Gen. 27:30-40

¹⁸Heb. 12:18ff.; 2 Cor.
 3:7-13 ^bEx. 19:12, 16ff.;
 20:18; Deut. 4:11, 5:22

¹⁹Ex. 19:16, 19, 20:18;
 Matt. 24:31 ^bDeut. 4:12; Ex.
 19:19

THEREFORE, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let ^aus also ^blay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us ^crun with ^dendurance the race that is set before us,

² ¹fixing our eyes on Jesus the ^{2a}author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him ^bendured the cross, ^cdespising the shame, and has ^dsat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For ^aconsider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary ^{1b}and lose heart.

⁴ ^aYou have not yet resisted ^{1b}to the point of shedding blood, in your striving against sin;

⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

“^aMY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD,

NOR ^bFAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

⁶ ^aFOR THOSE ^bWHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; ^aGod deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

⁸ But if you are without discipline, ^aof which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

⁹ Furthermore, we had ¹earthly fathers to discipline us, and we ^arespected them; shall we not much rather be subject to ^bthe Father of ²spirits, and ^clive?

¹⁰ For they ¹disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for *our* good, ^athat we may share His holiness.

¹¹ All discipline ^afor the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the ^bpeaceful fruit of righteousness.

¹² Therefore, ^{1a}strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,

¹³ and ^amake straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather ^bbe healed.

¹⁴ ^aPursue after peace with all men, and after the ^bsanctification without which no one will ^csee the Lord.

¹⁵ See to it that no one ^acomes short of the grace of God; that no ^broot of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by it may be ^cdefiled;

¹⁶ that *there be* no ^aimmoral or ^bgodless person like Esau, ^cwho sold his own birthright for a single meal.

¹⁷ For you know that even afterwards, ^awhen he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

¹⁸ ^aFor you have not come ¹to ^{ba}a mountain that may be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,

¹⁹ and to the ^ablast of a trumpet and the ^bsound of words

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which *sound was such that* those who heard ^cbegged that no further word should be spoken to them.

20 For they could not bear the command, "a**IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED.**"

21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, "a**I AM FULL OF FEAR AND TREMBLING.**"

22 But ^ayou have come to Mount Zion and to ^bthe city of ^cthe living God, ^dthe heavenly Jerusalem; and to ^emyriads of ^fangels,

23 to the general assembly and ^achurch of the first-born who ^bare enrolled in heaven, and to ^cGod ^dthe Judge of all; and to the ^espirits of righteous men made perfect;

24 and to Jesus the ^amediator of a new covenant and to the ^bsprinkled blood, which speaks better than ^cthe blood of Abel.

25 ^aSee to it that you do not refuse him who is ^bspeaking. For if those ¹did not escape when they ^drefused him who ^ewarned them on earth, much ²less shall we *escape* who turn away from Him who ^ewarns from heaven.

26 And ^aHis voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "b**YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.**"

27 And this *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes ^athe removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we receive a ^akingdom which cannot be shaken, let us ¹show gratitude, by which we may ^boffer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

29 for ^aour God is a consuming fire.

CHAPTER 13

LET ^alove of the brethren continue.

2 Do not neglect to ¹show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have ^bentertained angels without knowing it.

3 ^aRemember ^bthe prisoners, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

4 ^aLet marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; ^bfor fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 Let your way of life be ^afree from the love of money, ^bbeing content with what you have; for ^cHe Himself has said, "c**I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,**"

6 so that we confidently say} **"aTHE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.**

WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?"

7 Remember ^athose who led you, who spoke ^bthe word of God to you; and considering the ¹outcome of their way of life, ^cimitate their faith.

8 ^aJesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, *yes* and forever.

9 ^aDo not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to ^bbe strengthened by grace,

19 ^cEx. 20:19; Deut. 5:25; 18:16

20 ^cEx. 19:12f.

21 ^cDeut. 9:19

22 ¹Or, *angels in festal assembly, and to the church*
²Rev. 14:1 ^bHeb. 11:10; Eph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20; Rev. 21:2
^cHeb. 3:12 ^dGal. 4:26; Heb. 11:16 ^eRev. 5:11

23 ^cHeb. 2:12 marg.; Ex. 4:22 ^bLuke 10:20 ^cGen. 18:25; Ps. 50:6; 94:2 ^dRev. 6:9, 11; Heb. 11:40

24 ^a1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15 ^bHeb. 9:19; 10:22; 1 Pet. 1:2 ^cHeb. 11:4

25 ¹Lit., *were not escaping*
²Lit., *more*
^aHeb. 3:12 ^bHeb. 1:1 ^cHeb. 2:2f.; 10:28f. ^dHeb. 12:19 [Gr.] ^eHeb. 8:5; 11:7

26 ^cEx. 19:18; Judg. 5:4f. ^bHag. 2:6

27 ^a1 Cor. 7:31; Rom. 8:19, 21; Heb. 1:10ff.; Is. 34:4; 54:10; 65:17

28 ¹Lit., *have*
^aDan. 2:4 ^bHeb. 13:15, 21

29 ^aDeut. 4:24; 9:3; Is. 33:14; 2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 10:27, 31

1 ^aRom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22

2 ^aMatt. 25:35; Rom. 12:13; 1 Pet. 4:9 ^bGen. 18:3; 19:2

3 ^aCol. 4:18 ^bHeb. 10:34; Matt. 25:36

4 ^a1 Cor. 7:38; 1 Tim. 4:3 ^b1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:19, 21; 1 Thess. 4:6

5 ^a1 Tim. 3:3; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5 ^bPhil. 4:11 ^cDeut. 31:6; Josh. 1:5

6 ^aPs. 118:6

7 ¹Or, *end of their life*
^aHeb. 13:17, 24 ^bLuke 5:1; ^cHeb. 6:12

8 ^a2 Cor. 1:19; Heb. 1:12

9 ^aEph. 4:14; Jude 12 ^b2 Cor. 1:21; Col. 2:7

⁹ ¹Lit., *walked*
^cCol. 2:16 ^dHeb. 9:10

¹⁰ ¹Or, *sacred tent*
^a1 Cor. 10:18 ^bHeb. 8:5

¹¹ ^aEx. 29:14; Lev. 4:12, 21;
 9:11; 16:27; Num. 19:3, 7

¹² ^aEph. 5:26; Heb. 2:11
^bHeb. 9:12 ^cJohn 19:17

¹³ ^aHeb. 11:26; 12:2; Luke
 9:23

¹⁴ ^aHeb. 10:34; 12:27 ^bHeb.
 11:10, 16; 12:22; 2:5; Eph.
 2:19

¹⁵ ¹Lit., *confess*
^a1 Pet. 2:5 ^bLev. 7:12 ^cIs.
 57:19; Hos. 14:2 marg.

¹⁶ ^aRom. 12:13 ^bPhil. 4:18
Keep it!

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *in order that they
 may do this* ²Lit., *groaning*
^aHeb. 13:7, 24; 1 Cor. 16:16
^bIs. 62:6; Ezek. 3:17; Acts
 20:28

¹⁸ ^a1 Thess. 5:25 ^bActs
 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:5

¹⁹ ^aPhilem. 22

²⁰ ¹Or, *in*
^aRom. 15:33 ^bActs 2:24;
 Rom. 10:7 ^cIs. 63:11 marg.:
 John 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:25
^dZech. 9:11; Heb. 10:29 ^eIs.
 55:3; Jer. 32:40; Ezek. 37:26

²¹ ^a1 Pet. 5:10 ^bPhil. 2:13
^c1 John 3:22; Heb. 12:28
^dRom. 11:36

²² ¹Or, *listen to* ²Lit., *the*
^aHeb. 13:19; 3:13; 10:25;
 12:5; Acts 13:15 ^bHeb. 3:1
^c1 Pet. 5:12

²³ ^aActs 16:1; Col. 1:1

²⁴ ¹E., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
^aHeb. 13:7, 17; 1 Cor. 16:16
^bActs 9:13 ^cActs 18:2

²⁵ ^aCol. 4:18

not by ^cfoods, ^dthrough which those who ^lwere thus occupied
 were not benefited.

10 We have an altar, ^afrom which those ^bwho serve the
^ltabernacle have no right to eat.

11 For ^athe bodies of those animals whose blood is
 brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for
 sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, ^athat He might sanctify the
 people ^bthrough His own blood, suffered ^coutside the gate.

13 Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, ^abearing
 His reproach.

14 For here ^awe do not have a lasting city, but we are
 seeking ^bthe city which is to come.

15 ^aThrough Him then let us continually offer up a ^bsacri-
 fice of praise to God, that is, ^cthe fruit of lips that ^lgive thanks
 to His name.

16 And do not neglect doing good and ^bsharing; for ^bwith
 such sacrifices God is pleased.

17 ^aObeys your leaders, and submit *to them*; for ^bthey keep
 watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. ^lLet
 them do this with joy and not ²with grief, for this would be
 unprofitable for you.

18 ^aPray for us, for we are sure that we have a ^bgood
 conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all
 things.

19 And I urge you all the more to do this, ^athat I may be
 restored to you the sooner.

20 Now ^athe God of peace, who ^bbrought up from the
 dead the ^cgreat Shepherd of the sheep ^lthrough ^dthe blood of
 the ^eeternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,

21 ^aequip you in every good thing to do His will, ^bworking
 in us that ^cwhich is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ;
^dto whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 But ^aI urge you, ^bbrethren, ^lbear with ²this ^bword of
 exhortation, for ^cI have written to you briefly.

23 Take notice that ^aour brother Timothy has been re-
 leased; with whom, if he comes soon, I shall see you.

24 Greet ^aall of your leaders and all the ^lsaints. Those
 from ^cItaly greet you.

25 ^aGrace be with you all.

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Address and Greeting. Pray in Faith.
Rejoice in Lowliness.
Temptation not from God.

^{1a}**J**AMES, a ^bbond-servant of God and ^cof the Lord Jesus Christ, to ^dthe twelve tribes who are ^{2e}dispersed abroad, ^fgreetings.

2 ^aConsider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter ^bvarious ¹trials;

3 knowing that ^athe testing of your ^bfaith produces ^{1c}endurance.

4 And let ^{1a}endurance have *its* perfect ²result, that you may be ^{3b}perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you ^alacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and ¹without reproach, and ^bit will be given to him.

6 But let him ^aask in faith ^bwithout any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea ^cdriven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

8 *being* a ^{1a}double-minded man, ^bunstable in all his ways.

9 ^aBut let the ¹brother of humble circumstances glory in his high position;

10 and *let* the rich man ^aglory in his humiliation, because ^alike ¹flowering grass he will pass away.

11 For the sun rises with ^{1a}a scorching wind, and ^bwithers the grass; and its flower falls off, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

12 ^aBlessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has ^{1b}been approved, he will receive ^bthe crown of life, which *the Lord* ^chas promised to those who ^dlove Him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted ^{1b}by God"; for God cannot be tempted ^{2b}by evil, and He Himself does not tempt any one.

14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

15 Then ^awhen lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when ^bsin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

16 ^aDo not be deceived, ^bmy beloved brethren.

17 Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is ^afrom above, coming down from ^bthe Father of lights, ^cwith whom there is no variation, or ¹shifting shadow.

18 In the exercise of ^aHis will He ^bbrought us forth by ^cthe word of truth, so that we might be ^{1a}as it were the ^dfirst fruits ²among His creatures.

19 ¹This ^ayou know, ^bmy beloved brethren. But let every one be quick to hear, ^cslow to speak *and* ^dslow to anger;

20 for ^athe anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

¹ ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Lit., *in the Dispersion*

^aActs 12:17; ² ^bTitus 1:1
^cRom. 1:1; ² ^dPet. 1:1; ^eJude 1
^fLuke 22:30; Acts 26:7
¹ ¹ ^dPet. 1:1; ^ePhil. 3:20; ^fHeb. 13:14; ² ^gJohn 7:35 ^fActs 15:23

² ¹Or, *temptations*

^aMatt. 5:12; ^bJames 1:12; ^c5:11
^b1 ^dPet. 1:6

³ ¹Or, *steadfastness*

^a1 ^dPet. 1:7 ^bHeb. 6:12 ^cLuke 21:19

⁴ ¹Note vs. 3 ²Lit., *work*

¹Or, *mature*

^aLuke 21:19 ^bJames 3:2;
Matt. 5:48; ^cCol. 4:12;
1 ^dThess. 5:23

⁵ ¹Lit., *does not reproach*

^a1 ^dKin. 3:9ff.; ^bProv. 2:3-6;
James 3:17 ^cMatt. 7:7

⁶ ^aMatt. 21:21 ^bMark 11:23; ^cActs 10:20 ^dEph. 4:14
[^eMatt. 14:28-31]

⁸ ¹Or, *doubting,*

^aJames 4:8 ^b2 ^dPet. 2:14

⁹ ¹Lit., *church member*

^aLuke 14:11

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *the flower of the grass*

^a1 ^dPet. 1:24; ¹ ^eCor. 7:31

¹¹ ¹Lit., *the*
^aMatt. 20:12 ^bIs. 40:7f.; ^cPs. 102:4, 11

¹² ¹Or, *passed the test*

^aJames 5:11; ^bLuke 6:22;
¹ ^cPet. 3:14; ^d4:14 ^b1 ^dCor. 9:25
^aJames 2:5; ^eEx. 20:6 ^d1 ^dCor. 2:9; 8:3

¹³ ¹Lit., *from* ²Lit., *of evil things*

^aGen. 22:1

¹⁵ ^aJob 15:35; ^bPs. 7:14; ^cIs. 59:4 ^bRom. 5:12; 6:23

¹⁶ ^a1 ^dCor. 6:9 ^bJames 1:2; 19:2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10; 4:11; 5:12, 19; ^cActs 1:15

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *shadow of turning*
^aJames 3:15, 17; ^bJohn 3:3 ^bPs. 136:7; ¹ ^cJohn 1:5 ^cMal. 3:6

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *a certain first fruits* ²Lit., *of*

^aJohn 1:13 ^bJames 1:15;
¹ ^cPet. 1:3, 23 ^c2 ^dCor. 6:7;
Eph. 1:13; ² ^dTim. 2:15 ^dJer. 2:3; ^eRev. 14:4

¹⁹ ¹Or, *Know this*

^a1 ^dJohn 2:21 ^bJames 1:2, 16; 2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10; 4:11; 5:12, 19; ^cActs 1:15 ^cProv. 10:19; 17:27 ^dProv. 16:32; ^eEccl. 7:9

²⁰ ^aMatt. 5:22; ^bEph. 4:26

21 ¹Lit., *abundance of malice* ²Or, *gentleness*
^aEph. 4:22; 1 Pet. 2:1 ^b1 Pet. 1:22f.; Eph. 1:13

22 ^aJames 1:22-25; Matt. 7:24-27 [Luke 6:46-49]; Rom. 2:13; James 2:14-20

23 ¹Lit., *the face of his birth, or, nature*
^a1 Cor. 13:12

24 ¹Lit., *and he*

25 ¹Lit., *a doer of a work*
²Lit., *his doing*
^aJames 2:12; Gal. 2:4; John 8:32; Rom. 8:2; Gal. 6:2; 1 Pet. 2:16 ^bJohn 13:17

26 ^aJames 3:2-12; Ps. 39:1; 141:3

27 ¹Lit., *from*
^aRom. 2:13; Gal. 3:11 ^bMatt. 25:36 ^cDeut. 14:29; Job 31:16, 17, 21; Ps. 146:9; Is. 1:17, 23 ^dJames 4:4; Titus 2:12, 2 Pet. 1:4; 2:20; Eph. 2:2; Matt. 12:32; 1 John 2:15-17

¹James 1:16 ^bHeb. 12:2 ^c1 Cor. 2:8; Acts 7:2 ^dJames 2:9; Acts 10:34

2 ¹Or, *synagogue* ²Or, *bright*
^aLuke 23:11; James 2:3 ^bZech. 3:3f.

3 ¹Lit., *look upon*
^aLuke 23:11; James 2:3

4 ¹Lit., *reasonings*
^aLuke 18:6 marg.; John 7:24

5 ¹Lit., *to the*
^aJames 1:16 ^b1 Cor. 1:27f.; Job 34:19 ^cLuke 12:21; Rev. 2:9 ^dMatt. 5:3; 25:34 ^eJames 1:12

6 ¹Lit., *they themselves*
²Lit., *courts*
^aActs 8:3; 16:19

7 ¹Lit., *which has been called upon you*
^a1 Pet. 4:16; Acts 11:26

8 ¹Or, *of our King*
^aMatt. 7:12 ^bLev. 19:18

9 ¹Or, *Law*
^aJames 2:1; Acts 10:34 ^bDeut. 1:17

10 ¹Or, *Law*
^aJames 3:2; 2 Pet. 1:10; Jude 24 ^bGal. 5:3; Matt. 5:19

11 ¹Or, *Law*
^aEx. 20:14; Deut. 5:18 ^bEx. 20:13; Deut. 5:17

12 ^aJames 1:25

13 ¹Lit., *boasts against*
^aMatt. 5:7; 18:32-35; Luke 6:37f.; Prov. 21:13

21 Therefore ^aputting aside all filthiness and *all* ¹that remains of wickedness, in ²humility receive ^bthe word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

22 ^aBut prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

23 For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his ¹natural face ^ain a mirror;

24 for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, ¹he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, ^athe law of liberty and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but ¹an effectual doer, this man shall be ^bblessed in ²what he does.

26 If any one thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not ^abridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless.

27 This is pure and undefiled religion ^ain the sight of *our* God and Father, to ^bvisit ^corphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained ¹by ^dthe world.

CHAPTER 2

MY brethren, ^bdo not hold your faith in our ^cglorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* ^dpersonal favoritism.

2 For if a man comes into your ¹assembly with a gold ring and dressed in ²fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in ^bdirty clothes,

3 and you ¹pay special attention to the one who is wearing the ^afine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool";

4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges ^awith evil ¹motives?

5 Listen, ^amy beloved brethren: did not ^bGod choose the poor ¹of this world *to be* ^crich in faith and ^dheirs of the kingdom which He ^epromised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and ¹personally ^adrag you into ²court?

7 ^aDo they not blaspheme the fair name ¹by which you have been called?

8 If, however, you ^aare fulfilling the ¹royal law, according to the Scripture, "^bYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

9 But if you ^ashow partiality, you are committing sin and are ^bconvicted by the ¹law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole ¹law and yet ^astumbles in one *point*, he has become ^bguilty of all.

11 For He who said, "^aDO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "^bDO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the ¹law.

12 So speak and so act, as those who are to be judged by ^athe law of liberty.

13 For ^ajudgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy ¹triumphs over judgment.

Faith and Works. The Tongue Is a Fire.

14 ^aWhat use is it, ^bmy brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can ¹that faith save him?

15 ^aIf a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, “^aGo in peace, be warmed and be filled”; and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body; what use is that?

17 Even so ^afaith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

18 ^aBut someone ¹may well say, “You have faith, and I have works; show me your ^bfaith without the works, and I will ^cshow you my faith ^dby my works.”

19 You believe that ^{1a}God is one. ^bYou do well; ^cthe demons also believe, and shudder.

20 But are you willing to recognize, ^ayou foolish fellow, that ^bfaith without works is useless?

21 ^aWas not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

22 You see that ^afaith was working with his works, and ¹as a result of the ^bworks, faith was ²perfected;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “^aAND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called ^bthe friend of God.

24 You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.

25 And in the same way was not ^aRahab the harlot also justified by works, ^bwhen she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

26 For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also ^afaith without works is dead.

14 ¹Lit., *the*
^aJames 1:22ff. ^bJames 1:16

15 ^aMatt. 25:35ff.; Luke 3:11

16 ^a1 John 3:17f.

17 ^aGal. 5:6; James 2:20, 26

18 ¹Lit., *will*
^aRom. 9:19 ^bRom. 3:28; 4:6; Heb. 11:33 ^cJames 3:13
^dMatt. 7:16f.; Gal. 5:6

19 ¹Or, *there is one God*
^aDeut. 6:4; Mark 12:29
^bJames 2:8 ^cMatt. 8:29; Mark 1:24; 5:7; Luke 4:34; Acts 19:15

20 ^aRom. 9:20; 1 Cor. 15:36
^bGal. 4:6; James 2:17, 26

21 ^aGen. 22:9, 10, 12, 16-18

22 ¹Or, *by the deeds* ²Or, *completed*
^aHeb. 11:17; John 6:29
^b1 Thess. 1:3

23 ^aGen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3 ^bIJs. 41:8; 2 Chr. 20:7

25 ^aHeb. 11:31 ^bJosh. 2:4, 6, 15

26 ^aGal. 5:6; James 2:17, 20

1 ¹Or, *greater condemnation*
^aMatt. 23:8; Rom. 2:20f.; 1 Tim. 1:7 ^bJames 1:16; 3:10

2 ¹Lit., *word*
^aJames 2:10 ^bJam. 3:2-12; Matt. 12:34-37 ^cJames 1:4
^dJames 1:26

3 ^aPs. 32:9

5 ^aPs. 12:3f.; 73:8f. ^bProv. 26:20f.

6 ¹Or, *existence, origin*
²Gr., *Gehenna*
^aPs. 120:3, 4; Prov. 16:27
^bMatt. 15:11, 18f.; 12:36f.
^cMatt. 5:22

7 ¹Lit., *nature*; Gr., *genos*

8 ^aPs. 140:3; Rom. 3:13; Eccles. 10:11 marg.

CHAPTER 3

^aLET not many of you become teachers, ^bmy brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a ¹stricter judgment.

2 For we all ^astumble in many ways. ^bIf any one does not stumble in ¹what he says, he is a ^cperfect man, able to ^dbridle the whole body as well.

3 Now ^aif we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it ^aboasts of great things. ^bBehold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

6 And ^athe tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which ^bdefiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of *our* ¹life, and is set on fire by ²hell.

7 For every ¹species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human ¹race.

8 But no one can tame the tongue; *it is a restless evil and full of* ^adeadly poison.

9 ^aJames 1:27 ^{b1} Cor. 11:7

11 ¹Lit., *sweet*

12 ¹Note vs. 11
^aMatt. 7:16

13 ^aJames 2:18 ^{b1} Pet. 2:12

14 ¹Or, *strife*
^aJames 3:16; Rom. 2:8;
2 Cor. 12:20 ^bJames 5:19;
1:18; 1 Tim. 2:4

15 ¹Or, *unspiritual*
^aJames 1:17 ^{b1} Cor. 2:6; 3:19
^{c2} Cor. 1:12; Jude 19
^{d2} Thess. 2:9; 1 Tim. 4:1;
Rev. 2:24

16 ¹Note vs. 14
^aJames 3:14; Rom 2:8; 2 Cor.
12:20

17 ¹Or, *willing to yield*
^aJames 1:17 ^bJames 4:8;
2 Cor. 7:11 ^cMatt. 5:9; Heb.
12:11 ^dTitus 3:2; Phil. 4:5
marg. ^eLuke 6:36; James 2:13
^fJames 2:4 [Cr.] ^gRom. 12:9;
2 Cor. 6:6

18 ¹Lit., *fruit of
righteousness* ²Or, *for*
^aProv. 11:18; Is. 32:17; Hos.
10:12; Amos 6:12; Phil. 1:11;
Gal. 6:8

¹ Lit., *Whence wars and
whence fightings* ²Lit., *Are
they not hence, from
your ...*
^aTitus 3:9 ^bRom. 7:23

2 ^{a1} John 3:15; James 5:6

3 ¹Lit., *wickedly* ²Lit., *in*
^{a1} John 3:22; 5:14

4 ^aIs. 54:5; Jer. 2:2; Ezek.
16:32; Matt. 12:39 ^bJames
1:27 ^cRom. 8:7; 1 John 2:15
^dJohn 15:19; Matt. 6:24

5 ¹Or, *The Spirit which
He has made to dwell in us
jealously desires us* ²Lit.,
desires to jealousy
^aNum. 23:19 ^{b1} Cor. 6:19;
2 Cor. 6:16

6 ^aIs. 54:7f.; Matt. 13:12
^bProv. 3:34; 1 Pet. 5:5; Ps.
138:6; Matt. 23:12

7 ^{a1} Pet. 5:6 ^{b1} Pet. 5:8f.;
Eph. 4:27; 6:11f.

8 ^{a2} Chr. 15:2; Zech. 1:3;
Mal. 3:7; Heb. 7:19 ^{b1}s. 1:16;
Job 17:9; 1 Tim. 2:8 ^cJer.
4:14; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 3:3;
James 3:17 ^dJames 1:8

9 ^aLuke 6:25; Prov. 14:13;
Neh. 8:9

10 ^aJames 4:6; Job 5:11;
Ezek. 21:26; Luke 1:52

11 ^{a2} Cor. 12:20; 1 Pet. 2:1;
James 5:9 ^bJames 5:7, 9, 10;
1:16 ^cMatt. 7:1; Rom. 14:4
^dJames 2:8 ^eJames 1:22

12 ^aIs. 33:22; James 5:9

9 With it we bless ^aour Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, ^bwho have been made in the likeness of God;

10 from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening *both* ¹fresh and bitter *water*?

12 ^aCan a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither *can* salt water produce ¹fresh.

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? ^aLet him show by his ^bgood behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter ^ajealousy and ¹selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against ^bthe truth.

15 This wisdom is not that which comes down ^afrom above, but is ^bearthly, ^{1c}natural, ^ddemonic.

16 For where ^ajealousy and ¹selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

17 But the wisdom ^afrom above is first ^bpure, then ^cpeaceable, ^dgentle, ^ereasonable, ^ffull of mercy and good fruits, ^gunwavering, without ^hhypocrisy.

18 And the ^{1a}seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace ^{2b}by those who make peace.

CHAPTER 4

WHAT is the source of quarrels and ^aconflicts among you? ²Is not the source your pleasures that wage ^bwar in your members?

2 You lust and do not have; so you ^acommit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask ¹with wrong motives, so that you may spend it ²on your pleasures.

4 You ^aadulteresses, do you not know that friendship with ^bthe world is ^chostility toward God? ^dTherefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think that the Scripture ^aspeaks to no purpose: “¹He ²jealously desires ^bthe spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

6 But ^aHe gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, “^bGOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

7 ^aSubmit therefore to God. ^bResist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 ^aDraw near to God and He will draw near to you. ^bCleanse your hands, you sinners; and ^cpurify your hearts, you ^ddouble-minded.

9 ^aBe miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom.

10 ^aHumble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

11 ^aDo not speak against one another, ^bbrethren. He who speaks against a brother, or ^cjudges his brother, speaks against ^dthe law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not ^ea doer of the law, but a judge of it.

12 There is *only* one ^aLawgiver and Judge, the One who is

able to save and to destroy; but ^cwho are you who judges your neighbor?

13 ^aCome now, you who say, ^b“Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.”

14 ¹Yet you do not know ²what your life will be like tomorrow. ^aYou are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

15 ¹Instead, you *ought* to say, ^a“If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that.”

16 But as it is, you boast in your ¹arrogance; ^aall such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, ^ato one who knows *the* ¹right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

CHAPTER 5

^aCOME now, ^byou rich, ^cweep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you.

2 ^aYour riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is ^ain the Last Days that you have stored up your treasure!

4 Behold, ^athe pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, ^{and} which has been withheld by you, cries out *against* you; and ^bthe outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of ^cthe Lord of ¹Sabaoth.

5 You have ^alived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have ¹fattened your hearts in ^aday of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and ¹aput to death ^bthe righteous man; he does not resist you.

7 Be patient, therefore, ^abrethren, ^buntil the coming of the Lord. ^cBehold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until ¹it gets ^dthe early and late rains.

8 ^aYou too be patient; ^bstrengthen your hearts, for ^cthe coming of the Lord is ^dat hand.

9 ^aDo not ¹complain, ^bbrethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, ^cthe Judge is standing ²right at the ³door.

10 As an example, ^abrethren, of suffering and patience, take ^bthe prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 Behold, we count those ^ablessed who endured. You have heard of ^bthe ¹endurance of Job and have seen ^cthe ²outcome of the Lord's dealings, that ^dthe Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

12 But above all, ^amy brethren, ^bdo not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but ¹let your yes be yes, and your no, no; so that you may not fall under judgment.

13 Is anyone among you ^asuffering? ^bLet him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him ^csing praises.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for ^athe elders

12 ^bMatt. 10:28 ^cRom. 14:4

13 ^aJames 5:1 ^bProv. 27:1; Luke 12:18-20

14 ¹Lit., *who do not . . .* ²Some mss. read, *the morrow; for what kind of life is yours* ³Ps. 102:3; Job 7:7; Ps. 39:5; 144:4

15 ¹Lit., *instead of your saying* ²Acts 18:21

16 ¹Or, *pretensions* ²1 Cor. 5:6

17 ¹Or, *good* ²Luke 12:47; 2 Pet. 2:21; John 9:41

1 ^aJames 4:13 ^bLuke 6:24; 1 Tim. 6:9 ^cIs. 13:6; 15:3; Ezek. 30:2

2 ^aJob 13:28; Is. 50:9; Matt. 6:19f.

3 ^aJames 5:7, 8

4 ¹i.e., *Hosts* ²Lev. 19:13; Job 24:10f.; Jer. 22:13; Mal. 3:5 ^bDeut. 24:15; Job 31:38f.; Ex. 2:23 ^cRom. 9:29

5 ¹Lit., *nourished* ²Luke 16:19; 2 Pet. 2:13; Ezek. 16:49; 1 Tim. 5:6 ^bJer. 12:3; 25:34

6 ¹Or, *murdered* ²James 4:2 ^bHeb. 10:38; 1 Pet. 4:18

7 ¹Or, *he* ²James 4:11; 5:9, 10 ^bJohn 21:22; 1 Thess. 2:19 ^cGal. 6:9 ^dDeut. 11:14; Jer. 5:24; Joel 2:23

8 ^aLuke 21:19 ^b1 Thess. 3:13 ^cJohn 21:22; 1 Thess. 2:19 ^dRom. 13:11, 12; 1 Pet. 4:7

9 ¹Lit., *groan* ²Lit., *before* ³Lit., *doors* ⁴James 4:11 ^bJames 4:11; 5:7, 10 ^cJames 4:12; 1 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 10:25; 1 Pet. 4:5 ^dMatt. 24:33; Mark 13:29

10 ^aJames 4:11; 5:7, 9 ^bMatt. 5:12

11 ¹Or, *steadfastness* ²Lit., *end of the Lord* ³Matt. 5:10; 1 Pet. 3:14 ^bJob 1:21f.; 2:10 ^cJob 42:10, 12 ^dEx. 34:6; Ps. 103:8

12 ¹Lit., *let yours be the yes, yes, and the no, no* ²James 1:16 ^bMatt. 5:34-37

13 ^aJames 5:10 ^bPs. 50:15 ^cCol. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15

14 ^aActs 11:30

14 ¹Lit., *having anointed*
^bMark 6:13; 16:18

15 ¹Lit., *of* ²Or., *save* ³Lit., *it*
^aJames 1:6 ^{b1} Cor. 1:21;
James 5:20 ^cJohn 6:39;
² Cor. 4:14

16 ¹Lit., *supplication*
^aMatt. 3:6; Mark 1:5; Acts
19:18 ^bHeb. 12:13; 1 Pet.
2:24 ^cGen. 18:23-32; John
9:31

17 ¹Lit., *with prayer*
^aActs 14:15 ^{b1} Kin. 17:1; 18:1
^cLuke 4:25

18 ¹Lit., *heaven* ²Lit., *gave*
^{a1} Kin. 18:42 ^{b1} Kin. 18:45
19 ^aMatt. 18:15; Gal. 6:1
^bJames 1:14

20 ^aRom. 11:14; 1 Cor.
1:21; James 1:21 ^{b1} 1 Pet. 4:8

1 ^{a2} Pet. 1:1 ^{b1} 1 Pet. 2:11
^cJames 1:1 ^dActs 2:9 ^eActs
2:6 ^fActs 16:7 ^gMatt. 24:22;
Luke 18:7

2 ¹Lit., *unto obedience*
and sprinkling ²Lit., *be*
multiplied for you
^aRom. 8:29; 1 Pet. 1:20
^{b2} Thess. 2:13 ^{c1} 1 Pet. 1:14;
22; Rom. 1:5; 6:16; 16:19
^dHeb. 10:22; 12:24 ^{e2} Pet.
1:2

3 ^{a2} Cor. 1:3 ^bTitus 3:5;
Gal. 6:16 ^{c1} 1 Pet. 1:23; James
1:18 ^{d1} 1 Pet. 1:13, 21; 3:5, 15;
Heb. 3:6; 2 Thess. 2:16;
1 John 3:3 ^{e1} 1 Pet. 3:21;
1 Cor. 15:20

4 ^aActs 20:32; Rom. 8:17;
Col. 3:24 ^{b1} 1 Pet. 5:4 ^{c2} Tim.
4:8; Heb. 11:16

5 ^aPhil. 4:7; John 10:28
^bEph. 2:8 ^{c1} Cor. 1:21;
2 Thess. 2:13 ^{d1} 1 Pet. 4:13;
5:1; Rom. 8:18

6 ¹Or., *temptations*
^aRom. 5:2 ^{b1} 1 Pet. 5:10
^{c1} 1 Pet. 3:17 ^dJames 1:2;
1 Pet. 4:12

7 ¹Or., *genuineness* ²Lit.,
perishes
^aJames 1:3 ^bJob 23:10; Ps.
66:10; Prov. 17:3; Is. 48:10;
Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:3; 1 Cor.
3:13 ^cRom. 2:7, 10; 2 Cor.
4:17; Heb. 12:11 ^{d1} 1 Pet. 1:13;
4:13; Luke 17:30

8 ¹Lit., *glorified*
^aJohn 10:29 ^bEph. 3:19

9 ¹Some ancient mss.
omit, *your*
^aRom. 6:22

of the church, and let them pray over him, ^{1b}anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

15 and the ^aprayer ¹offered in faith will ^{2b}restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will ^craise him up, and if he has committed sins, ³they will be forgiven him.

16 Therefore, ^aconfess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be ^bhealed. ^cThe effective ¹prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

17 Elijah was ^aa man with a nature like ours, and ^bhe prayed ¹earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for ^cthree years and six months.

18 And he ^aprayed again, and ^bthe ¹sky ²poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

19 My brethren, ^aif any among you strays from ^bthe truth, and one turns him back;

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will ^asave his soul from death, and will ^bcover a multitude of sins.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

Salutation. Our Living Hope through
Christ's Resurrection.

^a
PPETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as ^baliens, ^cscattered throughout ^dPontus, ^eGalatia, ^dCappadocia, ^dAsia, and ^fBithynia, ^gwho are chosen

2 according to the ^aforeknowledge of God the Father, ^bby the sanctifying work of the Spirit, ¹that you may ^cobey Jesus Christ and be ^dsprinkled with His blood: ^eMay grace and peace ²be yours in fullest measure.

3 ^aBlessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ^baccording to His great mercy ^chas caused us to be born again to ^da living hope through the ^eresurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to *obtain* an ^ainheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and ^bwill not fade away, ^creserved in heaven for you,

5 who are ^aprotected by the power of God ^bthrough faith for ^ca salvation ready ^dto be revealed in the last time.

6 ^aIn this you greatly rejoice, even though now ^bfor a little while, ^cif necessary, you have been distressed by ^dvarious ¹trials,

7 that the ^{1a}proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which ²is perishable, ^beven though tested by fire, ^cmay be found to result in praise and glory and honor at ^dthe revelation of Jesus Christ;

8 and ^athough you have not seen Him, you ^blove Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and ¹full of glory,

9 obtaining as ^athe outcome of your faith the salvation of ¹your souls.

10 ^aAs to this salvation, the prophets who ^bprophesied of the ^cgrace that *would come* to you made careful search and inquiry,

11 ¹seeking to know what person or time ^athe Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He ^bpredicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories ²to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you in these things which now have been announced to you through those who ^apreached the gospel to you by ^bthe Holy Spirit sent from heaven,—things into which ^cangels long to ¹look.

13 Therefore, ^agird ¹your minds for action, ^{2b}keep sober *in spirit*, fix your ^chope completely on the ^dgrace ³to be brought to you at ^ethe revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As ^{1a}obedient children, do not ^{2b}be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ^cignorance,

15 but ^{1a}like the Holy One who called you, ^{2b}be holy yourselves also ^cin all *your* behavior;

16 because it is written, “**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**”

17 And if you ^aaddress as Father the One who ^bimpartially judges according to each man’s work, conduct yourselves ^din fear during the time of your ^estay *upon earth*;

18 knowing that you were not ^{1a}redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your ^bfruitless way of life inherited from your forefathers,

19 but with precious ^ablood, as of a ^blamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

20 For He was ^aforeknown before ^bthe foundation of the world, but has ^cappeared ¹in these last times ^dfor the sake of you

21 who through Him are ^abelievers in God, who raised Him from the dead and ^bgave Him glory, so that your faith and ^chope are in God.

22 Since you have ^ain obedience to the truth ^bpurified your souls for a ^{1c}sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from ²the heart,

23 for you have been ^aborn again ^bnot of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and abiding ^cword of God.

24 For,

“**ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,
AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS.
THE GRASS WITHERS,
AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,**

25 ^aBUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER.”

And this is ^bthe word which was ¹preached to you.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE, ^aputting aside all ¹malice and all guile and ²hypocrisy and ²envy and all ^{2b}slander,

2 ^alike newborn babes, long for the ^{1b}pure milk ²of the word, that by it you may ^cgrow ³in respect to salvation,

3 if you have ^atasted ^{1b}the kindness of the Lord.

10 ^a1 Pet. 1:10-12; Matt. 13:17; Luke 10:24 ^bMatt. 26:24; Luke 24:27, 44 ^c1 Pet. 1:13; Col. 3:4

11 ¹Lit., *inquiring* ²Lit., *after these* ^aRom. 8:9; 2 Pet. 1:21 ^bMatt. 26:24; Luke 24:27, 44

12 ¹Or, *gain a clear glimpse* ^a1 Pet. 1:25; 4:6 ^bActs 2:2-4 ^cLuke 2:13; Eph. 3:10; 1 Tim. 3:16

13 ¹Lit., *the loins of your mind* ²Lit., *be sober* ³Or, *which is announced* ^aEph. 6:14 ^b1 Pet. 4:7; 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:6, 8; 2 Tim. 4:5; Rom. 12:3; Titus 2:6 ^c1 Pet. 1:3 ^d1 Pet. 1:10; Col. 3:4 ^e1 Pet. 1:7; 4:13; Luke 17:30

14 ¹Lit., *children of obedience* ²Or, *conform yourselves* ^a1 Pet. 1:2 ^bRom. 12:2; 1 Pet. 4:2f. ^cEph. 4:18

15 ¹Lit., *according to* ²Or, *become* ^a1 Thess. 4:7; 1 John 3:3 ^b2 Cor. 7:1 ^cJames 3:13

16 ^aLev. 11:44f.; 19:2; 20:7

17 ^aPs. 89:26; Jer. 3:19; Mal. 1:6; Matt. 6:9 ^bActs 10:34 ^cMatt. 16:27 ^d1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:28 ^e1 Pet. 2:11; Eph. 2:19

18 ¹Or, *ransomed* ^aIs. 52:3; 1 Cor. 6:20; Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:12; 2 Pet. 2:1; Matt. 20:28 ^bEph. 4:17

19 ^aActs 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:2 ^bJohn 1:29; Heb. 9:14

20 ¹Lit., *at the end of the times* ^aActs 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4; Rev. 13:8 ^bMatt. 25:34 ^cHeb. 9:26 ^dHeb. 2:14

21 ^aRom. 4:24; 10:9 ^bHeb. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; John 17:5, 24 ^c1 Pet. 1:3

22 ¹Lit., *unhypocritical* ²Some mss. read, *a clean heart* ^a1 Pet. 1:2 ^bJames 4:8 ^cJohn 13:34; Rom. 12:10; Heb. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; 3:8

23 ^a1 Pet. 1:3; John 3:3 ^bJohn 1:13 ^cHeb. 4:12

24 ^aIs. 40:6ff.; James 1:10f.

25 ¹Lit., *preached as good news to you* ^aIs. 40:8 ^bHeb. 6:5

1 ¹Or, *wickedness* ²plural nouns ^aEph. 4:22, 25, 31; James 1:21 ^bJames 4:11

2 ¹Or, *unadulterated* ²Or, *spiritual* (Gr., *logikos*) *milk* ³Or, *up to salvation* ^aMatt. 18:3; 19:14; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20 ^b1 Cor. 3:2 ^cEph. 4:15f.

3 ¹Lit., *that the Lord is kind* ^aHeb. 6:5 ^bPs. 34:8; Titus 3:4

⁴ Lit., *chosen*; or, *elect*
^a 1 Pet. 2:7

⁵ Or, *allow yourselves to be built up*; or, *build yourselves up*

^a 1 Cor. 3:9 b1 Tim. 3:15;
 Gal. 6:10 c1 Pet. 2:9; Is. 61:6;
 66:21; Rev. 1:6 dHeb. 13:15;
 Rom. 15:16 | *etc.*

⁶ Or, *a scripture* ² Or, *it*

^a Is. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6, 8; Rom.
 9:32, 33; 10:11 bEph. 2:20

⁷ 1 Pet. 2:7, 8; 2 Cor. 2:16
 bPs. 118:22; Matt. 21:42;
 Luke 2:34 c1 Pet. 2:4

⁸ Is. 8:14 b1 Cor. 1:23;
 Gal. 5:11 cRom. 9:22

⁹ Deut. 10:15; Is. 43:20f.
 b1 Pet. 2:5; Is. 61:6; 66:21;
 Rev. 1:6 cEx. 19:6; Deut. 7:6
 dTitus 2:14 eActs 26:18; Is.
 42:16; 2 Cor. 4:6

¹⁰ Hos. 1:10; 2:23; Rom.
 9:25; Rom. 10:19

¹¹ Heb. 6:9; 1 Pet. 4:12
 bRom. 12:1 cLev. 25:23; Ps.
 39:12; 1 Pet. 1:17; Heb.
 11:13; Eph. 2:19 dRom.
 13:14; Gal. 5:16, 24 eJames
 4:1

¹² Or, *as a result of* i.e.,
 Christ's coming again in
 judgment
^a 1 Pet. 2:15; 3:16; 2 Cor.
 8:21; Phil. 2:15; Titus 2:8
 bActs 28:22 c1 Pet. 4:11, 16;
 Matt. 5:16; Matt. 9:8; John
 13:31 dIs. 10:3; Luke 19:44

¹³ Rom. 13:1

¹⁴ Lit., *through*
^a Rom. 13:4 bRom. 13:3

¹⁵ 1 Pet. 3:17 b1 Pet. 2:12

¹⁶ John 8:32; James 1:25
 b1 Cor. 7:22; Rom. 6:22

¹⁷ Or, *emperor*
^a Rom. 12:10; 13:7 b1 Pet.
 1:22 cProv. 24:21 dProv.
 24:21; Matt. 22:21; 1 Pet.
 2:13

¹⁸ Or, *pervasive*
^a Eph. 6:5 bJames 3:17

¹⁹ Or, *grace*
^a 1 Pet. 3:14, 17; Rom. 13:5

²⁰ Note vs. 19
^a 1 Pet. 3:17

²¹ 1 Pet. 3:9; Acts 14:22
 b1 Pet. 3:18; 4:1, 13 cMatt.
 11:29; 16:24

²² Is. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21

4 And coming to Him as to a living stone, ^arejected by men, but ¹choice and precious in the sight of God,
 5 ^ayou also, as living stones, ¹are being built up as a ^bspiritual house for a holy ^cpriesthood; to ^doffer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For *this* is contained in ¹Scripture:

^a"BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A ^bPRECIOUS CORNERSTONE,

AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN ²HIM SHALL NOT BE ³DISAPPOINTED."

7 ^aThis precious value, then, is for you who believe, but for those who disbelieve,

^b"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS ^cREJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNERSTONE,"

8 and,

^a"A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE";

^bfor they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, ^cand to this *doom* they were also appointed.

9 But you are ^aA CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL ^bPRIESTHOOD, A ^cHOLY NATION, ^dA PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you ^eout of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 ^afor you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

11 ^aBeloved, ^bI urge you as ^caliens and strangers to abstain from ^dfleshly lusts, which wage ^ewar against the soul.

12 ^aKeep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they ^bslander you as evildoers, they may ¹on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, ^cglorify God ^din the day of ²visitation.

13 ^aSubmit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution: whether to a king as the one in authority;

14 or to governors as sent ¹by him ^afor the punishment of evildoers and the ^bpraise of those who do right.

15 For ^asuch is the will of God that by doing right you may ^bsilence the ignorance of foolish men.

16 *Act* as ^afree men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as ^bbondslaves of God.

17 ^aHonor all men; ^blove the brotherhood, ^cfear God, ^dhonor the ¹king.

18 ^aServants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and ^bgentle, but also to those who are ¹unreasonable.

19 For this *finds* ¹favor, if for the sake of ^aconscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if ^awhen you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* ¹favor with God.

21 For ^ayou have been called for this purpose, ^bsince Christ also suffered for you, leaving you ^can example for you to follow in His steps,

22 WHO ^aCOMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

23 ¹and while being ^areviled, He ²did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

24 and He Himself ^{1a}bore our sins in His body on the ^{2b}cross, that we ^cmight die to ³sin and live to righteousness; for ^dby His ⁴wounds you were ^ehealed.

25 For you were ^acontinually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the ^bShepherd and ¹Guardian of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

^a**I**N the same way, you wives, ^bbe submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of *them* are disobedient to the word they may be ^cwon without a word by the behavior of their wives,

2 as they observe your chaste and ¹respectful behavior.

3 ^aAnd let not your adornment be external *only*—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, and putting on dresses;

4 but *let it be* ^athe hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, ^awho hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.

6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, ^acalling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right ^{1b}without being frightened by any fear.

7 ^aYou husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker ^bvessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow-*heir* of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

8 ¹To sum up, ^alet all be harmonious, sympathetic, ^bbrotherly, ^ckind-hearted, and ^dhumble in spirit;

9 ^anot returning evil for evil, or ^binsult for insult, but ¹giving a ^cblessing instead; for ^dyou were called for the very purpose that you might ^einherit a blessing.

10 For

“^aLET HIM WHO MEANS TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS
REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM
SPEAKING GUILE.

11 “^aAND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD;
LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

12 “^aFOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS,
AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER,
BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO
EVIL.”

13 And ^awho is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

14 But even if you should ^asuffer for the sake of righteousness, ^byou *are* blessed. ^cAND DO NOT FEAR THEIR ¹INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

15 but ¹SANCTIFY ^aChrist as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready ^bto make a defense to every one who asks you to give an account for the ^chope that is in you, yet ^dwith gentleness and ²reverence;

23 ¹Lit., who ²Lit., was not reviling
^a1 Pet. 3:9; Is. 53:7; Heb. 12:3

24 ¹Or, carried . . . up to the cross ²Lit., wood ³Lit., sins ⁴Lit., wound, or walt
^aIs. 53:4, 11; 1 Cor. 15:3; Heb. 9:28 ^bActs 5:30 ^cRom. 6:2, 13 ^dIs. 53:5 ^eHeb. 12:13; James 5:16

25 ¹Or, Bishop, Overseer
^aIs. 53:6 ^bJohn 10:11; 1 Pet. 5:4

1 ^a1 Pet. 2:18; 3:7 ^bEph. 5:22 ^c1 Cor. 9:19

2 ¹Lit., with fear

3 ^a1 Tim. 2:9; Is. 3:18ff.

4 ^aRom. 7:22

5 ^a1 Tim. 5:5; 1 Pet. 1:3

6 ¹Lit., and are not
^aGen. 18:12 ^b1 Pet. 3:14

7 ^aEph. 5:25; Col. 3:19
^b1 Thess. 4:4

8 ¹Or, Finally
^aRom. 12:16 ^b1 Pet. 1:22
^cEph. 4:32 ^dEph. 4:2; Phil. 2:3; 1 Pet. 5:5

9 ¹Lit., blessing instead
^aRom. 12:17; 1 Thess. 5:15
^b1 Pet. 2:23; 1 Cor. 4:12
^cLuke 6:28; Rom. 12:14;
1 Cor. 4:12 ^d1 Pet. 2:21 ^eGal. 3:14; Heb. 6:14; 12:17

10 ^aPs. 34:12, 13

11 ^aPs. 34:14

12 ^aPs. 34:15, 16

13 ^aProv. 16:7

14 ¹Lit., fear
^a1 Pet. 2:19ff.; 4:15f. ^bJames 5:11 ^cIs. 8:12f.; 1 Pet. 1:3f.

15 ¹i.e., set apart ²Or, fear
^a1 Pet. 1:3 ^bCol. 4:6 ^c1 Pet. 1:3 ^d2 Tim. 2:25 ^e1 Pet. 1:17

16 ¹Lit., *having a good* . . .
^a1 Pet. 3:21; ¹Tim. 1:5;
 Heb. 13:18 ^b1 Pet. 2:12, 15

17 ¹Lit., *the will of God*
^a1 Pet. 2:20; 4:15f; ^b1 Pet.
 1:6; 2:15; 4:19; Acts 18:21

18 ¹Or, *Spirit*
^a1 Pet. 2:21 ^bHeb. 9:26, 28;
 10:10 ^cRom. 5:2; Eph. 3:12
^d1 Pet. 4:1; Col. 1:22 ^e1 Pet.
 4:6

19 ¹Or, *which*
^a1 Pet. 4:6

20 ^aRom. 2:4 ^bGen. 6:3, 5,
 13f. ^cHeb. 11:7 ^d2 Pet. 2:5;
 Gen. 8:18 ^eActs 2:41; 1 Pet.
 1:9, 22; 2:25; 4:19

21 ^aTitus 3:5; Acts 16:33
^bHeb. 9:14; 10:22 ^c1 Pet.
 3:16; 1 Tim. 1:5; Heb. 13:18
^d1 Pet. 1:3

22 ^aMark 16:19 ^bHeb. 4:14;
 6:20 ^cRom. 8:38f.; Heb. 1:6

1 ¹Lit., *suffered death*
^a1 Pet. 2:21 ^bEph. 6:13
^cRom. 6:7

2 ^aRom. 6:2; Col. 3:3
^b1 Pet. 3:14

3 ¹Lit., *lawless*
^a1 Cor. 12:2 ^bRom. 13:13;
 Eph. 2:2; 4:17ff.

4 ^aEph. 5:18 ^b1 Pet. 3:16

5 ^aActs 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:1;
 Rom. 14:9

6 ^a1 Pet. 1:12; 3:19

7 ¹Lit., *has come near*
²Lit., *prayers*
^aRom. 13:11; James 5:8;
 Heb. 9:26; 1 John 2:18
^b1 Pet. 1:13

8 ^a1 Pet. 1:22 ^bProv. 10:12;
 James 5:20; 1 Cor. 13:4ff.

9 ^a1 Tim. 3:2; Heb. 13:2
^bPhil. 2:14

10 ^aRom. 12:6f. ^b1 Cor. 4:1

11 ¹Lit., *from*
^a1 Thess. 2:4; Titus 2:1, 15;
 Heb. 13:7 ^bActs 7:38 ^cEph.
 6:10; 1:19 ^d1 Cor. 10:31;
 1 Pet. 2:12

16 ¹and keep a ^agood conscience so that in the thing in which ^byou are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For ^ait is better, ^bif ¹God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

18 For ^aChrist also died for sins ^bonce for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, in order that He might ^cbring us to God, having been put to death ^din the flesh, but made alive ^ein the ¹spirit;

19 in ¹whom also He went and ^amade proclamation to the ^sspirits now in prison;

20 who once were disobedient; when the ^apatience of God ^bkept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of ^cthe ark, in which a few, that is, ^deight ^epersons, were brought safely through *the* water.

21 ^aAnd corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—^bnot the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a ^cgood conscience—through ^dthe resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 ^awho is at the right hand of God, ^bhaving gone into heaven, ^cafter angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, since ^aChrist has ¹suffered in the flesh, ^barm yourselves also with the same purpose, because ^che who has ¹suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 ^aso as to live ^bthe rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

3 For ^athe time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, ^bhaving pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties and ¹abominable idolatries.

4 And in *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excess of ^adissipation, and they ^bma-lign you;

5 but they shall give account to Him who is ready to judge ^athe living and the dead.

6 For ^athe gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to *the will of* God.

7 ^aThe end of all things ¹is at hand; therefore, ^bbe of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of ²prayer.

8 Above all, ^akeep fervent in your love for one another, because ^blove covers a multitude of sins.

9 ^aBe hospitable to one another without ^bcomplaint.

10 ^aAs each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another, as good ^bstewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 ^aWhoever speaks, *let him speak*, as it were, the ^bbutter-ances of God; whoever serves, *let him do so* as ¹by the strength which God supplies; so that ^din all things God may be

glorified through Jesus Christ, ^cto whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 ^aBeloved, do not be surprised at the ^bfiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you ^ashare the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the ^brevelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

14 ^aFor you are reviled ^{1a}for the name of Christ, ^byou are blessed, ^cbecause the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

15 By no means ^alet any of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evil-doer, or a ^{1b}troublesome meddler;

16 but if *anyone suffers* as a ^aChristian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him ^bglorify God.

17 For *it is time for judgment* ^ato begin ¹with ^bthe household of God; and if it ^cbegins with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those ^dwho do not obey the ^egospel of God?

18 ^aAND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, ¹WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE ^bGODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

19 Therefore, let those also who suffer according to ^athe will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

CHAPTER 5

^aTHEREFORE, I exhort the elders among you, as your ^b fellow-elder and ^cwitness of the sufferings of Christ, and a ^dpartaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 shepherd ^athe flock of God among you, ^bnot under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and ^cnot for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

3 nor yet as ^alording it over ¹those allotted to your charge, but ²proving to be ^bexamples to the flock.

4 And when the Chief ^aShepherd appears, you will receive the ^bunfading ^{1c}crown of glory.

5 ^aYou younger men, likewise, ^bbe subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with ^chumility toward one another, for ^dGOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

6 ^aHumble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

7 casting all your ^aanxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

8 ^aBe of sober *spirit*, ^bbe on the alert. Your adversary, ^cthe devil, prowls about like a roaring ^dlion, seeking someone to devour.

9 ^{1a}But resist him, ^bfirm in your faith, knowing that ^cthe same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your ²brethren who are in the world.

10 And after you have suffered ^afor a little, the ^bGod of all grace, who ^ccalled you to His ^deternal glory in Christ, will Himself ^eperfect, ^fconfirm, strengthen *and* ¹establish you.

11 ^aTo Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.

11 ¹Rev. 1:6; 5:13; 1 Pet. 5:11; Rom. 11:36

12 ^{a1} Pet. 2:11 ^{b1} Pet. 1:6f.

13 ¹Phil. 3:10; 2 Cor. 1:5; 4:10; Rom. 8:17 ^{b1} Pet. 1:7; 5:1 ^{c2} Tim. 2:12

14 ¹Lit., *in*
^aJohn 15:21; 1 Pet. 4:16; Heb. 11:26 ^bMatt. 5:11; Luke 6:22; Acts 5:41 ^{c2} Cor. 4:10f., 16

15 ¹Lit., *one who oversees others' affairs*
^{a1} Pet. 2:19f.; 3:17 ^{b1} Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:11; 1 Tim. 5:13

16 ¹Acts 5:41; 28:22; James 2:7 ^{b1} Pet. 4:11

17 ¹Lit., *from*
^aJer. 25:29; Ezek. 9:6; Amos 3:2 ^{b1} Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 2:5 ^cRom. 2:9
^{d2} Thess. 1:8 ^cRom. 1:1

18 ¹Lit., *where will appear*
^aProv. 11:31; Luke 23:31
^{b1} Tim. 1:9

19 ^{a1} Pet. 3:17

1 ^aActs 11:30 ^{b2} John 1; 3 John 1 ^cLuke 24:48; Heb. 12:1 ^{d1} Pet. 1:5; 7; 4:13; Rev. 1:9

2 ^aJohn 21:16; Acts 20:28 [Gr.] ^bPhilcm. 14 ^{c1} Tim. 3:8

3 ¹Lit., *the allotments*
²Or, *becoming*
^aEzek. 34:4; Matt. 20:25f.
^bPhil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:7; 2 Thess. 3:9; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7; John 13:15

4 ¹Lit., *wreath*
^{a1} Pet. 2:25 ^{b1} Pet. 1:4
^{c1} Cor. 9:25

5 ^aLuke 22:26; 1 Tim. 5:1
^bEph. 5:21 ^{c1} Pet. 3:8 ^dProv. 3:34; James 4:6

6 ^aJames 4:10

7 ^aMatt. 6:25

8 ^{a1} Pet. 1:13 ^bMatt. 24:42
^cJames 4:7 ^{d2} Tim. 4:17

9 ¹Lit., *whom resist* ²Lit., *brotherhood*
^aJames 4:7 ^bCol. 2:5 ^cActs 14:22; Heb. 12:8

10 ¹Omitted by some ancient mss.

^{a1} Pet. 1:6 ^{b1} Pet. 4:10
^{c1} Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 2:12
^{d2} Cor. 4:17; 2 Tim. 2:10
^{e1} Cor. 1:10; Heb. 13:21
^fRom. 16:25; 2 Thess. 2:17; 3:3

11 ^aRom. 11:36; 1 Pet. 4:11

12 ¹Lit., (as I consider)
²2 Cor. 1:19 ^bHeb. 13:22
^c1 Pet. 1:13; 4:10; Acts 11:23
^d1 Cor. 15:1

13 ¹Some mss. read, *The church which*
 Acts 12:12

14 ^aRom. 16:16 ^bEph. 6:23

1 ¹Most early mss. read, *Simon* ²Or, *value* ³Or, *in*
^aRom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Jude 1;
 James 1:1 ^b1 Pet. 1:1 ^cRom.
 1:12; 2 Cor. 4:13; Titus 1:4
^dRom. 3:21-26 ^eTitus 2:13

2 ^a1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 1:7
^b2 Pet. 1:3, 8; 2:20; 3:18;
 John 17:3; Phil. 3:8

3 ¹Or possibly, *to* ²Or,
virtue
^a1 Pet. 1:5 ^b2 Pet. 1:2, 8;
 2:20; 3:18; John 17:3; Phil.
 3:8 ^c1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess.
 2:14; 1 Pet. 5:10

4 ¹Lit., *through which*
 (things)
²2 Pet. 3:9, 13 ^bEph. 4:13, 24;
 Heb. 12:10; 1 John 3:2
^c2 Pet. 2:18, 20 ^d2 Pet. 2:19
^eJames 1:27

5 ¹Or, *virtue*
^a2 Pet. 1:11 ^b2 Pet. 1:3 ^cCol.
 2:3; 2 Pet. 1:2

6 ^aActs 24:25 ^bLuke 21:19
^c2 Pet. 1:3

7 ^aRom. 12:10; 1 Pet. 1:22

8 ^aCol. 1:10 ^b2 Pet. 1:2, 3;
 2:20; 3:18; John 17:3; Phil.
 3:8

9 ^a1 John 2:11 ^bEph. 5:26;
 Titus 2:14

10 ^aRom. 11:29; 2 Pet. 1:3;
 Matt. 22:14 ^b1 Thess. 1:4
^cJude 24; 2 Pet. 3:17; James
 2:10

11 ^a2 Tim. 4:18 ^b2 Pet.
 2:20; 3:18 ^cRom. 2:4; 1 Tim.
 6:17 ^d2 Pet. 1:5

12 ^aJude 5; Phil. 3:1; 1 John
 2:21 ^bCol. 1:5f.; 2 John 2

13 ^aPhil. 1:7 ^b2 Cor. 5:1, 4;
 2 Pet. 1:14 ^c2 Pet. 3:1

14 ^a2 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 5:1
^bJohn 13:36; 21:19

12 Through ^aSilvanus, our faithful brother (^for so I regard *him*), ^bI have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is ^cthe true grace of God. ^dStand firm in it!

13 ¹She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, ^aMark.

14 ^aGreet one another with a kiss of love.

^bPeace be to you all who are in Christ.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

Salutation. Growth in Christian Virtue.

¹**SIMON PETER**, a ^abond-servant and ^bapostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received ^aa faith of the same ²kind as ours, ³by ^dthe righteousness of ^cour God and Savior, Jesus Christ;

2 ^aGrace and peace be multiplied to you in ^bthe knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that His ^adivine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true ^bknowledge of Him who ^ccalled us ¹by His own glory and ²excellence.

4 ¹For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent ^apromises, in order that by them you might become ^bpartakers of *the* divine nature, having ^cescaped the ^dcorruption that is in ^ethe world by lust.

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith ^asupply ^bmoral ¹excellence, and in your moral excellence, ^cknowledge;

6 and in your knowledge, ^aself-control, and in your self-control, ^bperseverance, and in your perseverance, ^cgodliness;

7 and in your godliness, ^abrotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, *Christian* love.

8 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor ^aunfruitful in the true ^bknowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is ^ablind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* ^bpurification from his former sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His ^acalling and ^bchoosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never ^cstumble; *2 J. 1:1*

11 for in this way the entrance into ^athe eternal kingdom of our ^bLord and Savior Jesus Christ will be ^cabundantly ^dsupplied to you.

12 Therefore, ^aI shall always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in ^bthe truth which is present with you.

13 And I consider it ^aright, as long as I am in ^bthis *earthly* dwelling, to ^cstir you up by way of reminder,

14 knowing that ^athe laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, ^bas also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

15 And I will also be diligent that at any time after my ^adeparture you may be able to call these things to mind.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised ^atales when we made known to you the ^bpower and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were ^ceyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an ^{1a}utterance as this was ²made to Him by the ^bMajestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased,"—

18 and we ourselves heard this ¹utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the ^aholy mountain.

19 ¹And ~~we~~ we have ^athe prophetic word *made* more ^bsure, to which you do well to pay attention as to ^alamp shining in a dark place, until the ^dday dawns and the ^emorning star arises ^fin your hearts.

20 But ^aknow this first of all, that ^bno prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,

21 for ^ano prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men ^bmoved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

(*hōi nē zōria*)

CHAPTER 2

BUT ^afalse prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be ^bfalse teachers ^camong you, who will ^dsecretly introduce ^edestructive heresies, even ^fdenying the ^gMaster who ^bbought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 And many will follow their ^asensuality, and because of them ^bthe way of the truth will be ^cmaligned;

3 and in *their* ^aagreed they will ^bexploit you with ^cfalse words; ^dtheir judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For ^aif God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and ^bcommitted them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare ^athe ancient world, but preserved ^bNoah, a ^cpreacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a ^dflood upon the world of the ^eungodly;

6 and *if* He ^acondemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an ^bexample to those who would ^clive ungodly thereafter;

7 and if He ^arescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the ^bsensual conduct of ^cunprincipled men

8 (for by what he saw and heard *that* ^arighteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day with *their* lawless deeds),

9 ^athen the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from ¹temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the ^bday of judgment,

10 and especially those who ^{1a}indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and ^bdespise authority. Daring, ^cself-willed, they do not tremble when they ^brevile ²angelic majesties,

11 ^awhereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But ^athese, like unreasoning animals, ^bborn as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have

15 ^aLuke 9:31

16 ^a1 Tim. 1:4; 2 Pet. 2:3
^bMark 13:26; 14:62; 1 Thess. 2:19
^cMatt. 17:1ff.; Mark 9:2ff.; Luke 9:28ff.

17 ¹Lit., *voice* ²Lit., *borne*
^aMatt. 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35
^bHeb. 1:3

18 ¹Lit., *voice borne*
^aEx. 3:5; Josh. 5:15

19 ¹Or, *And we have the even surer prophetic word*
^a1 Pet. 1:10f.; ^bHeb. 2:2
^cPs. 119:105
^dLuke 1:78
^eRev. 22:16
^f2 Cor. 4:6

20 ^a2 Pet. 3:3
^bRom. 12:6

21 ^aJer. 23:26; 2 Tim. 3:16
^b1 Pet. 1:11; 2 Sam. 23:2; Luke 1:70; Acts 1:16; 3:18

1 ^aDeut. 13:1ff.; Jer. 6:13
^b2 Cor. 11:13
^c1 Tim. 4:1; Matt. 7:15
^dGal. 2:4; Jude 4
^e1 Cor. 11:19; Gal. 5:20
^fJude 4
^gRev. 6:10
^h1 Cor. 6:20

2 ^aGen. 19:5ff.; Jude 4; 2 Pet. 2:7, 18
^bActs 16:17; 22:4; 24:14
^c[Gr.] Rom. 2:24; 1 Tim. 6:1

3 ^a2 Pet. 2:14; 1 Tim. 6:5; Jude 16
^b2 Cor. 2:17
^cmargin; 1 Thess. 2:5
^dRom. 16:18; 2 Pet. 1:16
^eDeut. 32:35

4 ^aGen. 6; Jude 6
^bRev. 20:1f.

5 ¹Or, *herald*
^a2 Pet. 3:6; Ezek. 26:20
^b1 Pet. 3:20
^c2 Pet. 3:6

6 ^aGen. 19:24; Jude 7
^bJude 7; Matt. 10:15; 11:23; Rom. 9:29 [Is. 1:9]
^cJude 15

7 ^aGen. 19:16, 29
^bGen. 19:5f.; Jude 4; 2 Pet. 2:2, 18
^c2 Pet. 3:17

8 ^aHeb. 11:4

9 ¹Or, *trial*
^a1 Cor. 10:13; Rev. 3:10
^bMatt. 10:15; Jude 6

10 ¹Lit., *go after* ²Lit., *glories*
^a2 Pet. 3:3; Jude 16, 18
^bJude 8; Ex. 22:28
^cTitus 1:7

11 ^aJude 9

12 ^aJude 10
^bJer. 12:3; Col. 2:22

12 ¹Lit., *their destruction also*

13 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *love-feasts*, cf. Jude 12
 2 Pet. 2:15 ¹Rom. 13:13
 1 Thess. 5:7 ²Jude 12;
 1 Cor. 11:21

14 ²2 Pet. 2:18 ^bJames 1:8;
 2 Pet. 3:16 ²2 Pet. 2:3 ^dEph.
 2:3

15 ^aActs 13:10 ^bNum. 22:5;
 7; Deut. 23:4; Neh. 13:2;
 Jude 11; Rev. 2:14 ²2 Pet.
 2:13

16 ^aNum. 22:21, 23, 28, 30f.

17 ¹Lit., *blackness of darkness*
^aJude 12 ^bJude 13

18 ^aJude 16 ^bEph. 4:17
²2 Pet. 2:14 ^d2 Pet. 2:2
^c2 Pet. 2:20; 1:4

19 ^aRom. 6:16; John 8:34

20 ²2 Pet. 2:18 ^b2 Pet. 1:2
^c2 Pet. 1:11; 3:18 ^d2 Tim. 2:4
^eMatt. 12:45; Luke 11:26

21 ^aEzek. 18:24; Heb. 6:4ff.;
 10:26f.; James 4:17 ^b2 Pet.
 3:2; Gal. 6:2; 1 Tim. 6:14
^cJude 3

22 ^aProv. 26:11

1 ²2 Pet. 3:8, 14, 17; 1 Pet.
 2:11 ^b2 Pet. 1:13

2 ^aJude 17 ^bLuke 1:70;
 Acts 3:21; Eph. 3:5 ²2 Pet.
 2:21; Gal. 6:2; 1 Tim. 6:14

3 ²2 Pet. 1:20 ^b1 Tim. 4:1;
 Heb. 1:2 ^cJude 18 ^d2 Pet.
 2:10

4 ¹Is. 5:19; Jer. 17:15;
 Ezek. 11:3; 12:22, 27; Mal.
 2:17; Matt. 24:48 ^b2 Pet.
 3:12; 1 Thess. 2:19 ^cActs 7:60
^dMark 10:6

5 ¹Or, *they are willfully ignorant of this fact, that*
^aGen. 1:6, 9; Heb. 11:3 ^bCol.
 1:17 [Gr.]; Ps. 24:2; 136:6

6 ²2 Pet. 2:5 ^bGen. 7:21f.

7 ²2 Pet. 3:10, 12 ^bIs.
 66:15; Dan. 7:9f.; 2 Thess.
 1:7; Heb. 12:29 ^cMatt. 10:15;
 1 Cor. 3:13; Jude 7

no knowledge, will in ¹the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

13 suffering wrong as ^athe wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to ^brevel in the ^cdaytime. They are stains and blemishes, ^brevelling in their ¹deceptions, as they ^dcarouse with you;

14 having eyes full of adultery and that never cease from sin; ^aenticing ^bunstable souls, having a heart trained in ^cgreed, ^daccursed children;

15 forsaking ^athe right way they have gone astray, having followed ^bthe way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved ^cthe wages of unrighteousness,

16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression; ^afor a dumb donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These are ^asprings without water, and mists driven by a storm, ^bfor whom the ¹black darkness has been reserved.

18 For speaking out ^aarrogant words of ^bvanity they ^centice by fleshly desires, by ^dsensuality, those who barely ^eescape from the ones who live in error,

19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for ^aby what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

20 For if after they have ^aescaped the defilements of the world by ^bthe knowledge of the ^cLord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again ^dentangled in them and are overcome, ^ethe last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 ^aFor it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from ^bthe holy commandment ^cdelivered to them.

22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, ^a“A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,” and, ^b“A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.”

CHAPTER 3

THIS is now, ^abeloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am ^bstirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

2 that you should ^aremember the words spoken beforehand by ^bthe holy prophets and ^cthe commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

3 ^aKnow this first of all, that ^bin the last days ^cmockers will come with *their* mocking, ^dfollowing after their own lusts,

4 and saying, ^a“Where is the promise of His ^bcoming?” For ever since the fathers ^cfell asleep, all continues just as it was ^dfrom the beginning of creation.

5 For ¹when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that ^aby the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was ^bformed out of water and by water,

6 through which ^athe world at that time was ^bdestroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But ^athe present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for ^bfire, kept for ^cthe day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice,

^abeloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and ^{ba} thousand years as one day.

9 ^aThe Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but ^{bis} patient toward you, ^cnot wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

10 But ^athe day of the Lord ^bwill come like a thief, in which ^cthe heavens ^dwill pass away with a roar and the ^eelements will be destroyed with intense heat, and ^fthe earth and ^lits works will be ²burned up.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 ^alooking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which ^bthe heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the ^eelements will melt with intense heat.

13 But according to His ^apromise we are looking for ^bnew heavens and a new earth, ^cin which righteousness dwells.

14 ^aTherefore, ^bbeloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be ^cfound by Him in peace, ^dspotless and blameless,

15 and regard the ^apatience of our Lord *to be* salvation; just as also ^bour beloved brother Paul, ^caccording to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of ^athese things, ^bin which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and ^cunstable distort, as *they do* also ^dthe rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, ^abeloved, knowing this beforehand, ^bbe on your guard lest, being carried away by ^cthe error of ^dunprincipled men, you ^efall from your own steadfastness, *ὑποστήσεσθε*

18 but grow in the grace and ^aknowledge of our ^bLord and Savior Jesus Christ. ^cTo Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF
JOHN

Introduction. Our Joy Complete.

WHAT was ^afrom the beginning, what we have ^bheard, what we have ^cseen with our eyes, what we ^dbeheld and our hands ^ehandled, concerning the ^fWord of life—

2 and ^athe life was manifested, and we have ^bseen and ^cbear witness and proclaim to you ^dthe eternal life, which was ^ewith the Father and was ^amanifested to us—

3 what we have ^aseen and ^bheard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our ^cfellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 And ^athese things we write, so that our ^bjoy may be made complete.

8^a 2 Pet. 3:1 ^bPs. 90:4

9^a Hab. 2:3; Heb. 10:37; Rom. 13:11 ^bRom. 2:4; Rev. 2:21^c 1 Tim. 2:4; Rev. 2:21

10¹ Lit., *the works in it*
²Some ancient mss. read, *discovered*
^a1 Cor. 1:8 ^b1 Thess. 5:2; Matt. 24:43; Rev. 3:3; 16:15
^c2 Pet. 3:7; 12^d Matt. 24:35; Rev. 21:1 ^eIs. 34:4; 24:19; Mic. 1:4; Cal. 4:3 marg.
^f2 Pet. 3:7

12^a 1 Cor. 1:7 ^b2 Pet. 3:7, 10^c Is. 34:4; 24:19; Mic. 1:4; Gal. 4:3 marg.

13^a Is. 65:17; 66:22 ^bRev. 21:1; Rom. 8:21 ^cIs. 60:21; 65:25; Rev. 21:27

14^a 2 Pet. 1:10; 1 Cor. 15:58
^b2 Pet. 3:11 ^c1 Pet. 1:7 ^dPhil. 2:15; 1 Tim. 6:14; James 1:27; 1 Thess. 5:23

15^a 2 Pet. 3:9 ^bActs 9:17; 15:25; 2 Pet. 3:2 ^c1 Cor. 3:10; Eph. 3:3

16^a 2 Pet. 3:14 ^bHeb. 5:11
^c2 Pet. 2:14 ^dIs. 28:13; 2 Pet. 3:2

17^a 2 Pet. 3:1 ^b1 Cor. 10:12
^c2 Pet. 2:18 ^d2 Pet. 2:7 ^eRev. 2:5

18^a 2 Pet. 1:2 ^b2 Pet. 1:11; 2:20 ^cRom. 11:36; 2 Tim. 4:18; Rev. 1:6

1^a John 1:1f.; 1 John 2:13, 14 ^b1 John 1:3; Acts 4:20
^c1 John 1:2; John 19:35;
2 Pet. 1:16 ^dJohn 1:14;
1 John 4:14 ^eLuke 24:39;
John 20:27 ^fJohn 1:1, 4

2^a John 1:4; Rom. 16:26;
1 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:20;
1 John 3:5, 8; 5:20 ^b1 John 1:1; John 19:35 ^c1 John 4:14;
John 15:27 ^d1 John 2:25;
5:11, 13, 20; John 10:28; 17:3
^eJohn 1:1

3^a 1 John 1:1; John 19:35;
2 Pet. 1:16 ^b1 John 1:1; Acts 4:20 ^cJohn 17:3, 21; 1 Cor. 1:9

4^a 1 John 2:1 ^bJohn 3:29

5^a 1 John 3:11; John 1:19
b¹ Tim. 6:16; James 1:17

6^a John 8:12; 2 Cor. 6:14;
Eph. 5:8; 1 John 2:11 b¹ John
8:55; 1 John 2:4; 4:20 c¹ John
3:21

7^a Is. 2:5 b¹ Tim. 6:16
c¹ Heb. 9:14; Rev. 7:14; Titus
2:14

8^a Job 15:14; Prov. 20:9;
Rom. 3:10ff.; James 3:2
b¹ John 2:4; John 8:44

9^a Ps. 32:5; Prov. 28:13
b¹ Heb. 9:14; Rev. 7:14; Titus
2:14

10^a Job 15:14; Prov. 20:9;
Rom. 3:10ff.; James 3:2
b¹ John 5:10; John 3:33
c¹ John 2:14

1¹ Gr., *Paracletos*, one
called alongside to help
a¹ 1 John 2:12, 26; 3:7, 18; 4:4;
5:21; John 13:33; Gal. 4:19
b¹ John 1:4 c¹ Rom. 8:34;
1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25; 9:24
d¹ John 14:16

2¹ Or, *satisfaction*
a¹ 1 John 4:10; Rom. 3:25;
Heb. 2:17 b¹ John 4:14; John
4:42; 11:51f.

3^a 1 John 2:5; 3:24; 4:13;
5:2 b¹ John 2:4; 3:6; 4:7f.
c¹ 1 John 3:22, 24; 5:3; John
14:15; 15:10; Rev. 12:17;
14:12

4^a Titus 1:10 b¹ John 3:6;
4:7f. c¹ John 1:6 d¹ John 1:8

5^a John 14:23 b¹ John 4:12
c¹ John 2:3; 3:24; 4:13; 5:2

6^a John 15:4 b¹ John 13:15;
15:10; 1 Pet. 2:21

7¹ Lit., *were having*
a¹ 1 John 3:2, 21; 4:1, 7, 11;
Heb. 6:9 b¹ John 3:11, 23;
4:21; 2 John 5 c¹ 1 John 2:24;
3:11; 2 John 5; 6

8¹ Lit., *Again*
a¹ John 13:34 b¹ Eph. 5:8;
1 Thess. 5:4f.; Rom. 13:12
c¹ John 1:9

9^a 1 John 2:11; 3:15; 4:20
b¹ John 3:10, 16; 4:20f.; Acts
1:15

10^a 1 John 2:10, 11; John
11:9 and ref.

11^a 1 John 2:9; 3:15; 4:20
b¹ John 12:35; 1 John 1:6
c² Cor. 4:4; 2 Pet. 1:9

12^a 1 John 2:1 b¹ Cor. 6:11;
Acts 13:38

13^a 1 John 1:1 b¹ John 2:14;
1 John 4:4; 5:4f.; Rev. 2:7;
John 16:33 c¹ Matt. 5:37;
1 John 2:14; 3:12; 5:18f.
d¹ 1 John 2:3; John 14:7

14^a 1 John 1:1 b¹ Eph. 6:10
c¹ John 1:10; John 5:38; 8:37
d¹ John 2:13

5 And ^athis is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that ^bGod is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

6 ^aIf we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we ^blie and ^cdo not practice the truth;

7 but if we ^awalk in the light as ^bHe Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and ^cthe blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 ^aIf we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the ^btruth is not in us.

9 ^aIf we confess ^bour sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us ^cour sins and ^dto cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 ^aIf we say that we have not sinned, we ^bmake Him a liar, and ^cHis word is not in us.

CHAPTER 2

^aMY little children, I am writing ^bthese things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, ^cwe have an ^dAdvocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2 and He Himself is ^athe ^bpropitiation for our sins; and ^cnot for ours only, but also ^dfor ^ethose of the whole world.

3 And ^aby this we know that we have come to ^bknow Him, if we ^ckeep His commandments.

4 The one who says, "I have come to ^bknow Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a ^cliar, and ^dthe truth is not in him;

5 but whoever ^akeeps His word, in him the ^blove of God has truly been perfected. ^cBy this we know that we are in Him:

6 the one who says he ^aabides in Him ^bbought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

7 ^aBeloved, I am ^bnot writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you ¹have had ^cfrom the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard.

8 ¹On the other hand, I am writing ^aa new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because ^bthe darkness is passing away, and ^cthe true light is already shining.

9 The one who says he is in the light and yet ^ahates his ^bbrother is in the darkness until now.

10 ^aThe one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

11 But the one who ^ahates his brother is in the darkness and ^bwalks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has ^cblinded his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, ^alittle children, because ^byour sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him ^awho has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because ^byou have overcome ^cthe evil one. I have written to you, children, because ^dyou know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him ^awho has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are ^bstrong, and the ^cword of God abides in you, and ^dyou have overcome the evil one.

“Do Not Love the World.”
The Promise: Eternal Life.

15 Do not love ^athe world, nor the things in the world. ^bIf any one loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, ^athe lust of the flesh and ^bthe lust of the eyes and ^cthe boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17 And ^athe world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

18 Children, ^ait is the last hour; and just as you heard that ^bantichrist is coming, ^ceven now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.

19 ^aThey went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, ^bin order that ¹it might be shown that they ²all are not of us.

20 ¹But you have an ^aanointing from ^bthe Holy One, and ²you all know.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but ^abecause you do know it, and ¹because no lie is ^bof the truth.

22 Who is the liar but ^athe one who denies that Jesus is the ¹Christ? This is ^bthe antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

23 ^aWhoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard ^afrom the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also ^bwill abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And ^athis is the promise which He Himself ¹made to us, the eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to ^adeceive you.

27 And as for you, the ^aanointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for any one to teach you; but as His anointing ^bteaches you about all things, and is ^ctrue and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, ¹you abide in Him.

28 And now, ^alittle children, abide in Him, so that if He ^bshould appear, we may have ^cconfidence and ^dnot ¹shrink away from Him in shame ²at His ^ccoming.

29 If you know that ^aHe is righteous, you know that every one also who practices righteousness ^bis ¹born of Him.

CHAPTER 3

SEE ¹how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called ^bchildren of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because ^cit did not know Him.

2 ^aBeloved, now we are ^bchildren of God, and ^cit has not appeared as yet that we shall be. We know that, if He ^dshould appear, we shall be ^elike Him, because we shall ¹see Him just as He is.

3 And every one who has this ^ahope *fixed* on Him ^bpurifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Every one who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and ^asin is lawlessness.

¹⁵ ^aJames 1:27; Rom. 12:2
^bJames 4:4

¹⁶ ^aRom. 13:14; Eph. 2:3;
¹ Pet. 2:11 ^bProv. 27:20
^cJames 4:16

¹⁷ ¹ Cor. 7:31

¹⁸ ^aRom. 13:11; 1 Tim. 4:1;
¹ Pet. 4:7 ^b1 John 2:22; 4:3;
² John 7; Matt. 24:5, 24
^c1 John 4:1, 3; Mark 13:22

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *they might be made manifest*
²Acts 20:30 ^b1 Cor. 11:19

²⁰ ¹Lit., *And* ²Some ancient mss. read, *you know all things*

^a1 John 2:27; 2 Cor. 1:21
^bMark 1:24; Acts 10:38
^c1 John 2:27; Prov. 28:5;
Matt. 13:11; John 14:26;
¹ Cor. 2:15f.

²¹ ¹Or, *know that*
^aJames 1:19; 2 Pet. 1:12;
Jude 5 ^b1 John 3:19; John 8:44; 18:37

²² ¹i.e., *Messiah*
^a1 John 4:3; 2 John 7 ^b1 John 2:18; 4:3; 2 John 7; Matt. 24:5, 24

²³ ¹ John 4:15; 5:1; 2 John 9; John 8:19; 16:3; 17:3

²⁴ ^a1 John 2:7 ^b1 John 1:3; John 14:23; 2 John 9

²⁵ ¹Lit., *promised us*
^aJohn 3:15; 6:40; 1 John 1:2

²⁶ ¹ John 3:7; 2 John 7

²⁷ ¹Or, *abide in Him*
^a1 John 2:20; John 14:16
^bJohn 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:12;
¹ Thess. 4:9 ^cJohn 14:17

²⁸ ¹Lit., *be put to shame from Him* ²Or, *in His presence*

^a1 John 2:1 ^b1 John 3:2; Col. 3:4; Luke 17:30 ^c1 John 3:21; 4:17; 5:14; Eph. 3:12 ^dMark 8:38 ^e1 Thess. 2:19

²⁹ ¹Or, *begotten*
^a1 John 3:7; John 7:18
^b1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18
³ John 11; John 1:13; 3:3

¹ ¹Lit., *what kind of love*
^a1 John 4:10; John 3:16
^b1 John 3:2, 10; John 1:12;
11:52; Rom. 8:16 ^cJohn 15:21; 16:3; 15:18

² ¹ John 2:7 ^b1 John 3:1, 10; John 1:12; 11:52; Rom. 8:16 ^cRom. 8:19, 23f.
^d1 John 2:28; Col. 3:4; Luke 17:30 ^eRom. 8:29; 2 Pet. 1:4
^fJohn 17:24; 2 Cor. 3:18

³ ^aRom. 15:12; 1 Pet. 1:3
^b2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Pet. 3:13f.;
¹ John 2:6; John 17:19

⁴ ¹ John 5:17; Rom. 4:15

5^a 1 John 1:2; 3:8^b John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; 1 John 2:2-2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 2:29

6^a Or, *has known*
1 John 3:9^b 1 John 2:3;
3 John 11

7^a 1 John 2:1^b 1 John 2:26
1 John 2:29

8^a Lit., *sins*
1 John 3:10; Matt. 13:38;
John 8:44^b Matt. 4:3^c 1 John 3:5^d John 16:11; John 12:31

9^a Or, *begotten*
1 John 2:29; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18
(3 John 11); John 1:13; 3:3
1 John 3:6; 5:18; James 1:18;
1 Pet. 1:23

10^a 1 John 3:1, 2; John 1:12;
11:52; Rom. 8:16^b 1 John 3:8; Matt. 13:38; John 8:44
1 John 4:8; Rom. 13:8ff.;
Col. 3:14; 1 Tim. 1:5^d 1 John 2:9

11^a 1 John 1:5^b 1 John 2:7
1 John 13:34f.; 15:12; 1 John 4:7, 11f.; 21:2 John 5

12^a Gen. 4:8^b 1 John 2:13f.;
Matt. 5:37^c Ps. 38:20; Prov.
29:10; John 8:40, 41

13^a John 15:18; 17:14

14^a John 5:24^b 1 John 2:10;
John 13:35

15^a Matt. 5:21f.; John 8:44
Gal. 5:20f.; Rev. 21:8

16^a John 15:13; John 10:11
Phil. 2:17; 1 Thess. 2:8
1 John 2:9

17^a Lit., *inward parts* ²Lit.,
from
James 2:15f. Deut. 15:7
1 John 4:20

18^a 1 John 3:7; 1 John 2:1
2 John 1:3 John 1

19^a Or, *persuade* ²Or,
before Him, because of our
heart . . .
1 John 2:21

21^a Lit., *toward*
1 John 2:7^b 1 John 5:14;
2:28

22^a Job 22:26f.; Matt.
21:22; 7:7; John 9:31^b 1 John 2:3
John 8:29; Heb. 13:21

23^a Or, *believe the name*
Or, gave us a
commandment
John 6:29^b John 1:12; 2:23;
3:18^c John 13:34; 15:12;
1 John 2:8

24^a 1 John 2:3^b 1 John 2:6;
24:4-15; John 6:56; 10:38
1 John 4:13; John 14:17;
Rom. 8:9, 14, 16; 1 Thess. 4:8
1 John 2:5

1^a 1 John 2:7^b Jer. 29:8;
1 Cor. 12:10; 2 Thess. 2:2;
1 Thess. 5:20f. 1 John 2:18;
Jer. 14:14; 2 Pet. 2:1

2^a 1 Cor. 12:3^b 1 John 2:23
1 John 1:2; John 1:14

5 And you know that He ^aappeared in order to ^btake away sins; and ^cin Him there is no sin.—

6 No one who abides in Him ^asins; no one who sins has seen Him or ^bknows Him.

7 ^aLittle children, let no one ^bdeceive you; ^cthe one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

8 the one who practices sin is ^aof the devil; for the devil ¹has sinned from the beginning. ^bThe Son of God ^cappeared for this purpose, ^dthat He might destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one who is ¹born of God ^bpractices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is ¹born of God.

10 By this the ^achildren of God and the ^bchildren of the devil are obvious; any one who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who ^cdoes not love his ^dbrother.

11 ^aFor this is the message ^bwhich you have heard from the beginning, ^cthat we should love one another;

12 not as ^aCain *who* was of ^bthe evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because ^chis deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

13 Do not marvel, brethren, if ^athe world hates you.

14 We know that we have ^apassed out of death into life, ^bbecause we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

15 Every one who ^ahates his brother is a murderer; and you know that ^bno murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 We know love by this, that ^aHe laid down His life for us; and ^bwe ought to lay down our lives for the ^cbrethren.

17 But ^awhoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and ^bcloses his ¹heart ²against him, ^chow does the love of God abide in him?

18 ^aLittle children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and ^btruth.

19 We shall know by this that we are ^aof the truth, and shall ¹assure our heart ²before Him,

20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 ^aBeloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have ^bconfidence ¹before God;

22 and ^awhatever we ask we receive from Him, because we ^bkeep His commandments and do ^cthe things that are pleasing in His sight.

23 And this is His commandment, that we ¹believe in ^bthe name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as ^cHe ²commanded us.

24 And the one who ^akeeps His commandments ^babides in Him, and He in him. And ^cwe know by this that ^dHe abides in us, by the Spirit which He has given us.

CHAPTER 4

BELOVED, do not believe every ^bspirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because ^cmany false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: ^aevery spirit that ^bconfesses that ^cJesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

The Spirit of Error.

God Is Love. No Fear In Love.

1 John 4, 5

3 and every spirit that ^adoes not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the *spirit* of the ^bantichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and ^cnow it is already in the world.

4 You are from God, ^alittle children, and ^bhave overcome them; because ^cgreater is He who is in you than ^dhe who is in the world.

5 ^aThey are from the world; therefore they speak *as* from the world, and the world listens to them.

6 ^aWe are from God; ^bhe who knows God listens to us; ^che who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know ^dthe spirit of truth and ^ethe spirit of error.

7 ^aBeloved, let us ^blove one another, for love is from God; and ^cevery one who loves is ^dborn of God and ^eknows God.

8 The one who does not love does not know God, for ^aGod is love.

9 By this the love of God was manifested ^{1a}in us, that ^bGod has sent His ²only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, ^anot that we ¹loved God, but that ^bHe loved us and sent His Son *to be* ^cthe propitiation for our sins.

11 ^aBeloved, if God so loved us, ^bwe also ought to love one another.

12 ^aNo one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His ^blove is perfected in us.

13 ^aBy this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 And we have beheld and ^abear witness that the Father has ^bsent the Son ~~to be~~ the Savior of the world.¹

15 ^aWhoever confesses that ^bJesus is the Son of God, God ^cabides in him, and he in God.

16 And ^awe have come to know and have believed the love which God has ^{1b}for us. ^cGod is love, and the one who ^dabides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 By this, ^alove is perfected with us, that we may have ^bconfidence in ^cthe day of judgment; because ^das He is, so also are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but ^aperfect love casts out fear, because fear ¹involves punishment, and the one who fears is not ^bperfected in love.

19 ^aWe love, because He first loved us.

20 ^aIf some one says, "I love God," and ^bhates his brother, he is a ^cliar; for ^dthe one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, ^{1c}cannot love God whom he has not seen.

21 And ^athis commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God ^bshould love his brother also.

³ ^{a2} John 7; ¹ John 2:22
^{b1} John 2:22; 2:18 ^{c1} John 2:18; 2 Thess. 2:3-7

⁴ ^{a1} John 2:1 ^{b1} John 2:13
^{c1} John 3:20; 2 Kin. 2:16;
Rom. 8:31 ^dJohn 12:31

⁵ John 15:19; 17:14, 16

⁶ ^{a1} John 4:4; John 8:23
^bJohn 8:47; 10:3ff.; 18:37
^{c1} Cor. 14:37 ^dJohn 14:17
^{e1} Tim. 4:1

⁷ ¹Or, *begotten*
^{a1} John 2:7 ^{b1} John 3:11
^{c1} John 5:1 ^{d1} John 2:29
^{e1} John 2:3; 1 Cor. 8:3

⁸ ^{a1} John 4:16; 1 John 4:7

⁹ ¹Or, *in our case* ²Or, *unique, only one of His kind*
^{a1} John 4:16; John 9:3 ^bJohn 3:16f.; 1 John 4:10; 5:11

¹⁰ ¹Some mss. read, *had loved*
^aRom. 5:8, 10; 1 John 4:19
^bJohn 3:16f.; 1 John 4:9; 5:11
^{c1} John 2:2

¹¹ ^{a1} John 2:7 ^{b1} John 4:7

¹² ^{a1} John 1:18; 1 Tim. 6:16;
^{b1} John 4:20 ^{b1} John 2:5;
4:17f.

¹³ ^{a1} John 3:24; Rom. 8:9

¹⁴ ^{a1} John 1:2; John 15:27
^bJohn 3:17; 4:42; 1 John 2:2

¹⁵ ^{a1} John 2:23 ^{b1} John 5:5;
3:23; 4:2; 5:1; Rom. 10:9
^{c1} John 2:24; 3:24

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *in*
^aJohn 6:69 ^{b1} John 4:9; John 9:3 ^{c1} John 4:8; 4:7 ^{d1} John 4:12f.

¹⁷ ^{a1} John 2:5; 4:12 ^{b1} John 2:28
^cMatt. 10:15 ^{d1} John 2:6; 3:1, 7, 16; John 17:22

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *has*
^aRom. 8:15; Gal. 4:30f.
^{b1} John 4:12

¹⁹ ^{a1} John 4:10

²⁰ ¹Some mss. read, *how can he love God . . . seen?*
^{a1} John 1:6, 8, 10; 2:4
^{b1} John 2:9, 11 ^{c1} John 1:6
^{d1} John 3:17 ^{e1} John 4:12;
1 Pet. 1:8

²¹ ^aMatt. 5:43f.; 22:37f.;
John 13:34; Lev. 19:18
^{b1} John 3:11

¹ I.e., Messiah ²Or, *begotten* ³Lit., *one who begets*

^{a1} John 4:2; 4:15; 2:22f.
^{b1} John 5:4, 18; 2:29; John 1:13; 3:3 marg. ^cJohn 8:42

² Lit., *do*
^{a1} John 2:5 ^{b1} John 3:14

CHAPTER 5

^a **W**HOEVER believes that Jesus is the ¹Christ is ^{2b}born of God; and whoever loves the ³Father ^cloves the *child* ²born of Him.

2 ^aBy this we know that ^bwe love the children of God, when we love God and ¹observe His commandments.

3 ^aJohn 14:15; 2 John 6
^{b1} John 2:3 ^cMatt. 11:30;
 23:4

4 ¹Or, *begotten*
^{a1} John 5:1, 18; 2:29; John
 1:13; 3:3 marg. ^{b1} John 2:13;
 4:4

5 ^{a1} John 4:15; 1 John 5:1

6 ¹Lit., *in*
^aJohn 19:34

7 ^aJohn 15:26; 16:13-15
 [Matt. 3:16f.]

8 ¹Lit., *for the one thing*
^aMatt. 18:16

9 ^aJohn 5:34, 37; 8:18
^bMatt. 3:17; John 5:32, 37

10 ^aRom. 8:16; Gal. 4:6;
 Rev. 12:17 ^{b1} John 1:10;
 John 3:18, 33

11 ^{a1} John 5:13, 20; 1:2;
 2:25; 4:9 ^bJohn 1:4

12 ^aJohn 3:15f., 36

13 ^aJohn 20:31 ^{b1} John 3:23
^{c1} John 5:11, 20; 1:2; 2:25;
 4:9

14 ¹Lit., *toward*
^{a1} John 3:21f.; 2:28 ^{b1} John
 3:22; Matt. 7:7; John 14:13

15 ^{a1} John 5:18, 19, 20

16 ¹Lit., *sinning*
^aJames 5:15 ^bHeb. 6:4-6;
 10:26; Num. 15:30 ^cJer. 7:16;
 [14:11]

17 ^{a1} John 3:4 ^{b1} John 2:1f.;
 5:16

18 ¹Or, *begotten*
^{a1} John 5:15, 19, 20 ^{b1} John
 3:9 ^cJames 1:27; Jude 21
^{d1} John 2:13 ^eJohn 14:30

19 ^{a1} John 5:15, 18, 20
^{b1} John 4:6 ^cJohn 12:31;
 17:15; Gal. 1:4

20 ^{a1} John 5:15, 18, 19
^{b1} John 5:5; John 8:42 ^cLuke
 24:45 ^dJohn 17:3; Rev. 3:7
^eJohn 1:18; 14:9; 1 John 2:23;
 Rev. 3:7 ^{f1} John 1:2 ^{g1} John
 5:11

21 ^{a1} John 2:1 ^{b1} Cor. 10:7;
 14; 1 Thess. 1:9

3 For ^athis is the love of God, that we ^bkeep His com-
 mandments; and ^cHis commandments are not burdensome.

4 For whatever is ¹born of God ^bovercomes the world;
 and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he
 who ^abelieves that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came ^aby water and blood, Jesus
 Christ; not ¹with the water only, but ¹with the water and ¹with
 the blood.

7 And it is ^athe Spirit who bears witness, because the
 Spirit is the truth.

8 For there are ^athree that bear witness, the Spirit and
 the water and the blood; and the three are ¹in agreement.

9 ^aIf we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is
 greater; for the witness of God is this, that ^bHe has borne
 witness concerning His Son.

10 The one who believes in the Son of God ^ahas the wit-
 ness in himself; the one who does not believe God has ^bmade
 Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God
 has borne concerning His Son.

11 And the witness is this, that God has given us ^aeternal
 life, and ^bthis life is in His Son.

12 ^aHe who has the Son has the life; he who does not have
 the Son of God does not have the life.

13 ^aThese things I have written to you who ^bbelieve in the
 name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you
 have ^ceternal life.

14 And this is ^athe confidence which we have ¹before Him,
 that, ^bif we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us *in whatever we ask*,
^awe know that we have the requests which we have asked from
 Him.

16 If any one sees his brother ¹committing a sin not *lead-*
ing to death, ^ahe shall ask and God will for him give life to
 those who commit sin not *leading to death*. ^bThere is a sin
leading to death; ^cI do not say that he should make request for
 this.

17 ^aAll unrighteousness is sin, and ^bthere is a sin not *lead-*
ing to death.

18 ^aWe know that ^bno one who is ¹born of God sins; but
 He who was ¹born of God ^ckeeps him and ^dthe evil one does
 not ^etouch him.

19 ^aWe know that ^bwe are of God, and ^cthe whole world
 lies *in the power of the evil one*.

20 And ^awe know that ^bthe Son of God has come, and has
^cgiven us understanding, in order that we might know ^dHim
 who is true, and we ^eare in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus
 Christ. ^fThis is the true God and ^geternal life.

21 ^aLittle children, guard yourselves from ^bidols.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF
JOHN

Salutation. "Walk According to His Commandments."
"Abide in the Teachings of Christ." Farewell.

^a**T**HE elder to the ^bchosen ^clady and her children, whom I ^dlove in truth; and not only I, but also all who ^eknow the truth,

2 for ^athe sake of the truth which abides ^bin us and will be ^cwith us forever:

3 ^aGrace, mercy *and* peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 ^aI was very glad to find *some* of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to *do* from the Father.

5 And now I ask you, lady, ^anot as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had ^afrom the beginning, that we ^blove one another.

6 And ^athis is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, ^bjust as you have heard ^cfrom the beginning, that you should walk in it.

7 For ^amany deceivers have ^bgone out into the world, those who ^cdo not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is ^athe deceiver and the ^dantichrist.

8 ^aWatch yourselves, ^bthat you might not lose what ^lwe have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

9 Any one who ^lgoes too far and ^adoes not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

10 If any one comes to you and does not bring this teaching, ^ado not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting;

11 for the one who gives him a greeting ^aparticipates in his evil deeds.

12 ^aHaving many things to write to you, I do not want to *do* so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that ^lyour ^bjoy may be made full.

13 The children of your ^achosen sister greet you.

¹ ^{a3} John 1:1 Pet. 5:1; Acts 11:30 ^{b2} John 13; Rom. 16:13 [Cr.]; 1 Pet. 5:13
^{c2} John 5 ^{d1} John 3:18;
³ John 1; 2 John 3 ^c John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4

² ^{a2} Pet. 1:12 ^{b1} John 1:8
^c John 14:16

³ ^{a1} Tim. 1:2; Rom. 1:7

⁴ ^{a3} John 3f.

⁵ ^{a1} John 2:7 ^{b1} John 3:11

⁶ ^{a1} John 5:3; 2:5 ^{b1} John 2:24 ^{c1} John 2:7

⁷ ^{a1} John 2:26 ^{b1} John 4:1; 2:19 ^{c1} John 4:2f. ^{d1} John 2:18

⁸ ^a Some ancient mss. read, *you*
^{a2} Mark 13:9 ^b Heb. 10:35;
1 Cor. 3:8

⁹ ^a Lit., *goes on ahead*
^a John 8:31; 7:16; 1 John 2:23

¹⁰ ^a Rom. 16:17; 1 Kin. 13:16f.

¹¹ ^{a1} Tim. 5:22; Jude 23

¹² ^a Some ancient mss. read, *our*
^{a3} John 13, 14 ^{b1} John 1:4;
John 3:29

¹³ ^{a2} John 1

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF
JOHN

Address to Gaius. Prayer for His Prosperity.
"The One Who Does Good is of God."
"Peace be to You."

1 ^{a2} John 1 ^{b1} John 3:18;
2 John 1

3 ¹Or, *am very glad when brethren come and bear witness*
^{a2} John 4 ^{b3} John 5, 10; Acts 1:15; Gal. 6:10

4 ¹Lit., *these things, that I hear*
^{a1} John 2:1; 1 Cor. 4:14f.;
2 Cor. 6:13; Gal. 4:19;
1 Thess. 2:11; 1 Tim. 1:2;
2 Tim. 1:2; Philem. 10
^{b2} John 3

5 ^{a3} John 3, 10; Acts 1:15;
Gal. 6:10 ^bRom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2

6 ^aActs 15:3; Titus 3:13
^{b1} Thess. 2:12; Col. 1:10

7 ^aActs 5:41; John 15:21;
Phil. 2:9 ^bActs 20:33, 35

8 ¹Or, *receive such men as guests* ²Or, *for*

9 ¹Lit., *us*
^{a2} John 9 marg.

10 ^{a2} John 12 ^{b3} John 5;
2 John 10 ^{c3} John 3, 5; Acts 1:15; Gal. 6:10 ^aJohn 9:34

11 ^aPs. 34:14; 37:27;
^{b1} John 2:29; 3:10 ^{c1} John 3:6

12 ^aActs 6:3; 1 Tim. 3:7
^bJohn 21:24; John 19:35

13 ^{a2} John 12

14 ^{a1} Pet. 5:14; Eph. 6:23;
John 20:19, 21, 26 ^bJohn 10:3

^a**T**HE elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I ^blove in truth.
2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

3 For I ¹was very glad when ^bbrethren came and bore witness to your truth, *that is*, how you ^aare walking in truth.

4 I have no greater joy than ¹this, to hear of ^amy children ^bwalking in the truth.

5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the ^abrethren, and especially *when they are* ^bstrangers;

6 and they bear witness to your love before the church; and you will do well to ^asend them on their way in a manner ^bworthy of God.

7 For they went out for the sake of ^athe Name, ^baccepting nothing from the Gentiles.

8 Therefore we ought to ¹support such men, that we may be fellow-workers ²with the truth.

9 I wrote something to the church; but Diotrophes, who loves to ^abe first among them, does not accept ¹what we say.

10 For this reason, ^aif I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, neither does he himself ^breceive the ^cbrethren, and he forbids those who desire *to do so*, and ^aputs *them* out of the church.

11 Beloved, ^ado not imitate what is evil, but what is good. ^bThe one who does good is of God; ^cthe one who does evil has not seen God.

12 Demetrius ^ahas received a good testimony from every one, and from the truth itself; and we also bear witness, and ^byou know that our witness is true.

13 ^aI had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to write *them* to you with pen and ink;

14 but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. ^aPeace *be* to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends ^bby name.

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

General Salutation. "Contend Earnestly for the Faith."
The Warnings of History to the Ungodly.

1a

JUDE, a ^bbond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of ²James, to ^cthose who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and ^dkept for Jesus Christ:

2 ^aMay mercy and peace and love ^bbe multiplied to you.

3 ^aBeloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our ^bcommon salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you ^ccontend earnestly for ^dthe faith which was once for all ^edelivered to ^fthe ¹saints.

4 For certain persons have ^acrept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand ^bmarked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn ^cthe grace of our God into ^dlicentiousness and ^edeny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

5 Now I desire to ^aremind you, though ^byou know all things once for all, that ¹the Lord, ^cafter saving a people out of the land of Egypt, ²subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

6 And ^aangels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has ^bkept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

7 Just as ^aSodom and Gomorrah and the ^bcities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and ^cwent after strange flesh, are exhibited as an ¹dexample, in undergoing the ^cpunishment of eternal fire.

8 Yet in the same manner these men also by dreaming ^adefile the flesh, and ^areject authority, and ^arevile ¹angelic majesties.

9 But ^aMichael ^bthe archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about ^cthe body of Moses did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "dTHE LORD REBUKE YOU."

10 But ^athese men revile the things which they do not understand; and ^bthe things which they know by instinct, ^alike unreasoning animals, by these things they are ¹destroyed.

11 Woe to them! For they have gone ^athe way of Cain, and for pay ¹they have rushed headlong into ^bthe error of Balaam, and ^cperished in the rebellion of Korah.

12 These men are those who are ¹hidden reefs ^ain your love-feasts when they feast with you ^bwithout fear, caring for themselves; ^cclouds without water, ^dcarried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, ²doubly dead, ^euprooted;

13 ^awild waves of the sea, casting up ^btheir own ¹shame like foam; wandering stars, ^cfor whom the ²black darkness has been reserved forever.

14 And about these also ^aEnoch, *in the seventh generation* from Adam prophesied, saying, "^bBehold, the Lord came with ¹many thousands of His holy ones,

15 ^ato execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the

¹Cr. Judas ²Lit., Jacob
^aMatt. 13:55; Mark 6:3;
[Luke 6:16; John 14:22; Acts
1:13?]
^bRom. 1:1
^cRom. 1:6f.
^dJohn 17:11f.; Jude 21; 1 Pet.
1:5

²Gal. 6:16; 1 Tim. 1:2
^b1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:2

³I.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones

^aHeb. 6:9; Jude 1, 17, 20
^bTitus 1:4
^c1 Tim. 6:12
^dJude 20; Acts 6:7
^e2 Pet.
2:21 Acts 9:13

⁴Or, written about
^a2 Tim. 3:6; Gal. 2:4
^b1 Pet.
2:8
^cActs 11:23
^d2 Pet. 2:7
^e2 Pet. 2:1; 2 Tim. 2:12;
Titus 1:16; 1 John 2:22

⁵Some ancient mss.
read, Jesus ^aLit., the second
time
^a2 Pet. 1:12f.; 3:1f.
^b1 John
2:20
^c1 Cor. 10:5-10; Heb.
3:16f.

⁶2 Pet. 2:4
^b2 Pet. 2:9

⁷Or, example of eternal
fire, in undergoing
punishment
^a2 Pet. 2:6
^bDeut. 29:23;
Hos. 11:8
^c2 Pet. 2:2
^d2 Thess.
2:6
^eMatt. 25:41; 2 Thess.
1:8f.; 2 Pet. 3:7

⁸Lit., glories
^a2 Pet. 2:10

⁹Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1;
Rev. 12:7
^b1 Thess. 4:16;
2 Pet. 2:11
^cDeut. 34:6
^dZech. 3:2

¹⁰Lit., corrupted
^a2 Pet. 2:12
^bPhil. 3:19

¹¹Lit., they have poured
themselves out
^aGen. 4:8; Heb. 11:4;
1 John 3:12
^b2 Pet. 2:15;
Num. 31:16; Rev. 2:14
^cNum. 16:1-3, 31-35

¹²Or, stains ^aLit., twice
^a2 Pet. 2:13 and marg.;
1 Cor. 11:20ff.
^bEzek. 34:2,
8, 10
^cProv. 25:14; 2 Pet. 2:17
^dEph. 4:14
^eMatt. 15:13

¹³Or, shameless deeds
^aLit., blackness of darkness;
or, nether gloom
^aIs. 57:20
^bPhil. 3:19
^c2 Pet.
2:17; Jude 6

¹⁴Lit., His holy ten
thousands
^aGen. 5:18, 21ff.
^bDeut. 33:2;
Matt. 16:27; Dan. 7:10; Heb.
12:22

¹⁵2 Pet. 2:6ff.

15 ^{b1} Tim. 1:9

16 ¹Lit., *their mouth speaks*
^aNum. 16:11, 41; 1 Cor.
 10:10 ^{b2} Pet. 2:10; Jude 18
^{c2} Pet. 2:18 ^{c2} Pet. 2:3

17 ^aJude 3 ^{b2} Pet. 3:2 ^cHeb.
 2:3

18 ^{a2} Pet. 3:3; Acts 20:29;
 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1f.; 4:3
^bJude 4, 16

19 ¹Or, *merely natural*
²Lit., *not having*
^{a1} Cor. 2:14f.; James 3:15

20 ^aJude 3 ^bCol. 2:7;
 1 Thess. 5:11 ^cEph. 6:18

21 ^aTitus 2:13; Heb. 9:28;
 2 Pet. 3:12

22 ¹Some ancient mss.
 read, *convince*

23 ^aAmos 4:11; Zech. 3:2;
 1 Cor. 3:15 ^bRev. 3:4; Zech.
 3:3f.

24 ^aRom. 16:25 ^{b2} Cor.
 4:14 ^{c1} Pet. 4:13

25 ¹Lit., *to all the ages*
^aJohn 5:44; 1 Tim. 1:17
^bLuke 1:47 ^cRom. 11:36
^dHeb. 13:8

ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

16 These are ^agrumblers, finding fault, ^bfollowing after their own lusts, ¹they speak ^carrogantly, flattering people ^dfor the sake of *gaining an advantage*.

17 But you, ^abeloved, ^bought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by ^cthe apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 that they were saying to you, "In the last time there shall be mockers, ^bfollowing after their own ungodly lusts."

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, ^{1a}worldly-minded, ²devoid of the Spirit.

20 But you, ^abeloved, ^bbuilding yourselves up on your most holy ^afaith; ^cpraying in the Holy Spirit;

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, ^awaiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

22 And ¹have mercy on some, who are doubting;

23 save others, ^asnatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, ^bhating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

24 ^aNow to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to ^bmake you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with ^cgreat joy,

25 to the ^aonly ^bGod our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, ^cbe glory, majesty, dominion and authority, ^dbefore all time and now and ¹forever. Amen.

THE REVELATION OF JOHN

The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 ¹Or, *signified*
^aRev. 5:7; John 17:8 ^bRev.
 22:6 ^cRev. 1:19; Dan. 2:28f.
^dRev. 17:1; 19:9f.; 21:9; 22:16
^eRev. 1:4, 9; 22:8

2 ^aRev. 1:9; 6:9; 20:4;
 12:17; 1 Cor. 1:6 ^bRev. 12:17

3 ¹Or, *keep*
^aRev. 22:7; Luke 11:28 ^bRev.
 22:10; 3:11; 22:7, 12; Rom.
 13:11

4 ^aRev. 1:1, 9; 22:8 ^bRev.
 1:20; 1:11 ^cActs 2:9 ^dRom.
 1:7 ^eRev. 1:8; 4:8; Ex. 3:14;
 Rev. 16:5; 1:17; Heb. 13:8; Is.
 41:4 ^fRev. 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; Is.
 11:2; Rev. 8:2

5 ¹Or, *in*
^aRev. 3:14; John 8:14; 18:37;
 1 Tim. 6:13; Rev. 19:11
^{b1} Cor. 15:20; Col. 1:18
^cRev. 17:14; 19:16; 1 Tim.
 6:15; Dan. 2:47 ^dRom. 8:37

6 ¹Or, *God and His*
Father
^aRev. 20:6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Ex.
 19:6; Is. 61:6 ^bRom. 15:6
^cRom. 11:36

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which ^aGod gave Him to ^bshow to His bond-servants, ^cthe things which must shortly take place; and He sent and ¹communicated it ^dby His angel to His bond-servant ^eJohn;

2 who bore witness to ^athe word of God and to ^bthe testimony of Jesus Christ, *even to all that he saw*.

3 ^aBlessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and ¹heed the things which are written in it; ^bfor the time is near.

4 ^aJohn to ^bthe seven churches that are in ^cAsia: ^dGrace to you and peace, from ^eHim who is and who was and who is to come; and from ^fthe seven Spirits who are before His throne;

5 and from Jesus Christ, ^athe faithful witness, the ^bfirst-born of the dead, and the ^cruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who ^dloves us, and released us from our sins ¹by His blood,

6 and He has made us ~~to be~~ ^akingdom, ^apriests to ^{1b}His God and Father; ^cto Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 ^aBEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS,¹ and ^bevery eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; AND ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL ^cMOURN OVER HIM. Even so. Amen.

8 "I am ^athe Alpha and the Omega," says the ^bLord God, "^cwho is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

9 ^aI, John, your ^bbrother and ^cfellow-partaker in the tribulation and ^dkingdom and ^eperseverance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, ^fbecause of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was ^ain the Spirit on ^bthe Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice ^clike *the sound* of a trumpet,

11 saying, "^aWrite in a ^bbook what you see, and send it to the ^cseven churches: to ^dEphesus and to ^eSmyrna and to ^fPergamum and to ^gThyatira and to ^hSardis and to ⁱPhiladelphia and to ^jLaodicea."

12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw ^aseven golden lampstands;

13 and ^ain the middle of the lampstands one ^blike ^ason of man, ^cclothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and ^dgirded across His breasts with a golden girdle.

14 And His head and His ^ahair were white like white wool, like snow; and ^bHis eyes were like a flame of fire;

15 and His ^afeet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His ^bvoice was like the sound of many waters.

16 And in His right hand He held ^aseven stars; and out of His mouth came a ^bsharp two-edged sword; and His ^cface was like ^dthe sun ¹shining in its strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I ^afell at His feet as a dead man. And He ^blaid His right hand upon me, saying, "^cDo not be afraid; ^dI am the first and the last,

18 and the ^aliving One; and I ^bwas dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have ^cthe keys of death and of Hades.

19 "^aWrite therefore ^bthe things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place ^cafter these things.

20 "As for the ^amystery of the ^bseven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the ^cseven golden lampstands, the ^bseven stars are the angels of ^dthe seven churches, and the seven ^elampstands are the seven churches.

CHAPTER 2

"^TO the angel of the church in ^aEphesus write:

^{The One who holds ^bthe seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks ^{1c}among the seven golden lampstands, says this:}

2 ^aI know your deeds and your toil and ^{1b}perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you ^bput to the test those who call themselves ^capostles, and they are not, and you found them to *be false*;

3 and you have ^{1b}perseverance and have endured ^afor My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 ¹But I have *this* against you, that you have ^aleft your first love.

5 ¹Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and

⁷ Matt. 16:27f; 24:30; Dan. 7:13; Zech. 12:10; John 19:37; Luke 23:28

⁸ Rev. 21:6; 22:13; Is. 41:4; Rev. 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 21:22; 19:6; Rev. 1:4

⁹ ¹Or, *steadfastness*
^aRev. 1:1; ^bActs 1:15; ^cCor. 1:7; Phil. 4:14; Matt. 20:23; Acts 14:22; ^aRev. 1:6; 2 Tim. 2:12; ^aRev. 3:10; 2 Thess. 3:5; ¹Rev. 1:2

¹⁰ ¹Or, *in spirit*
^aRev. 4:2; 17:3; 21:10; Matt. 22:43; ^aActs 20:7; ^cRev. 4:1

¹¹ ¹Or, *scroll*
^aRev. 1:19; 1:2; ^bRev. 1:4, 20; ^cRev. 2:1; ^aRev. 2:8; ^cRev. 2:12; ¹Rev. 2:18, 24; Acts 16:14; ^aRev. 3:1, 4; ^bRev. 3:7; ^cRev. 3:14; Col. 2:1

¹² ^aRev. 1:20; 2:1; Ex. 25:37; 37:23; Zech. 4:2

¹³ ¹Or, *the Son of Man*
^aRev. 2:1; ^bRev. 14:14; Ezek. 1:26; Dan. 7:13; 10:16; ^aDan. 10:5; ^aRev. 15:6

¹⁴ ^aDan. 7:9; ^bRev. 2:18; 19:12; Dan. 7:9; 10:6

¹⁵ ^aRev. 2:18; Ezek. 1:7; Dan. 10:6; ^bRev. 14:2; 19:6; Ezek. 43:2

¹⁶ ¹Lit, *shines*
^aRev. 1:20; 2:1; 3:1; ^bRev. 2:12, 16; 19:15; Is. 49:2; Heb. 4:12; ^aMatt. 17:2; Rev. 10:1; ^dJudg. 5:31

¹⁷ ^aDan. 8:17; 10:9, 10, 15; ^bDan. 8:18; 10:10, 12; ^cMatt. 14:27; 17:7; ^aRev. 2:8; 22:13; Is. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12

¹⁸ ¹Lit, *became eye*
^aLuke 24:5; Rev. 4:9f; ^bRev. 2:8; Rom. 6:9; Rev. 10:6; 15:7; ^cRev. 9:1; 20:1; Job 38:17; Matt. 16:19; 11:23

¹⁹ ^aRev. 1:11; ^bRev. 1:12-16; ^cRev. 4:1

²⁰ ^aRom. 11:25; ^bRev. 1:16; 2:1; 3:1; ^cRev. 1:12; 2:1; Ex. 25:37; 37:23; Zech. 4:2; ^aRev. 1:4, 11; ^cMatt. 5:14f.

¹ ¹Lit, *in the middle of*
^aRev. 1:11; ^bRev. 1:16; ^cRev. 1:12f.

² ¹Or, *steadfastness*
^aRev. 2:19; 3:1, 8, 15; ^b1 John 4:1; John 6:6; ^cCor. 11:13

³ ¹Note vs. 2
^aJohn 15:21

⁴ ^aMatt. 24:12; Jer. 2:2

Revelation 2 To Churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum and Thyatira.

⁵ Lit., *first deeds*
^aRev. 2:16, 22; 3:3, 19 ^bRev. 2:2; Heb. 10:32 ^cRev. 1:20; Matt. 5:14ff.; Phil. 2:15

6 ^aRev. 2:15

7 ^aRev. 2:17; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:39; Matt. 11:15 ^bRev. 2:11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7 ^cRev. 22:2, 14; Gen. 2:9 (3:22); Prov. 3:18, 11:30; 13:12; 15:4 ^dEzek. 31:8 (Sept.); Luke 23:43

8 ¹ Lit., *became*
^aRev. 1:11 ^bRev. 1:17 ^cRev. 1:18

9 ^aRev. 1:9 ^{b2} Cor. 6:10; 8:9; James 2:5 ^cRev. 3:9 ^dRev. 2:13, 24; Matt. 4:10

10 ^aRev. 3:10; 13:14ff.
^bDan. 1:12, 14 ^cRev. 2:13; 17:14; 12:11 ^{d1} Cor. 9:25; Rev. 3:11

11 ^aRev. 2:7, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9; Matt. 11:15 ^bRev. 2:7, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7 ^cRev. 20:6, 14; 21:8

12 ^aRev. 1:11 ^bRev. 2:16; 1:16

13 ^aRev. 2:13, 24; Matt. 4:10 ^bRev. 14:12; 1 Tim. 5:8 ^cRev. 1:5, 11; 3; 17:6 marg.; Acts 22:20 ^dRev. 2:10; 17:14; 12:11 ^eRev. 2:9

14 ^aRev. 2:20 ^{b2} Pet. 2:15 ^cRev. 2:20; Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:20

15 ^aRev. 2:6

16 ^aRev. 2:5 ^bRev. 22:7, 20 ^cRev. 1:16; 2 Thess. 2:8

17 ^aRev. 2:7 ^bJohn 6:49f.; Is. 56:5; 62:2, 65:15 ^dRev. 19:12; Rev. 14:3

18 ¹ Lit., *His eyes*
^aRev. 2:24; 1:11 ^bMatt. 4:3 ^cRev. 1:14f.

19 ¹ Or, *steadfastness* ² Lit., *last deeds* ³ Lit., *the first*
^aRev. 2:2

20 ^aRev. 2:14 ^{b1} Kin. 16:31; 21:25; 2 Km. 9:7 ^cRev. 2:14; Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:20

21 ^aRom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9 ^bRev. 9:20f.; 16:9, 11; Rom. 2:5

22 ¹ Lit., *I cast* ² Lit., *into*

^arepent and ^bdo the ¹deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your ^clampstand out of its place — unless you repent.

6 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the ^aNicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ^bTo him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of ^cthe tree of life, which is in the ^dParadise of God.'

8 "And to the angel of the church in ^aSmyrna write:

^b'The first and the last, who ¹was dead, and has come to life, says this:

9 'I know your ^atribulation and your ^bpoverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who ^csay they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of ^dSatan.

10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be ^atested, and you will have tribulation ^bten days. Be ^cfaithful until death, and I will give you ^dthe crown of life.

11 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ^bHe who overcomes shall not be hurt by the ^csecond death.'

12 "And to the angel of the church in ^aPergamum write:

^b'The One who has ^bthe sharp two-edged sword says this:

13 'I know where you dwell, where ^aSatan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny ^bMy faith, even in the days of Antipas My ^cwitness, My ^dfaithful one, who was killed among you, ^ewhere Satan dwells.

14 'But ^aI have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the ^bteaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, ^cto eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit *acts of immorality*.

15 'Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the ^aNicolaitans.

16 ^aRepent therefore; or else ^bI am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with ^cthe sword of My mouth.

17 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ^aTo him who overcomes, to him I will give *some of the hidden* ^bmanna, and I will give him a white stone, and a ^cnew name written on the stone ^dwhich no one knows but he who receives it.'

18 "And to the angel of the church in ^aThyatira write:

^b'The Son of God, ^cwho has ¹eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

19 ^aI know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and ¹perseverance, and that your ²deeds of late are greater than ³at first.

20 'But ^aI have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman ^bJezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads my bond-servants astray, so that they ^ccommit *acts of immorality* and eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 'And ^aI gave her time to repent; and she ^bdoes not want to repent of her immorality.

22 'Behold, ^aI will cast her ²upon a bed of sickness, and

those who ^acommit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of ^bher deeds.

23 'And I will kill her children with ¹pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who ^asearches the ²minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in ^aThyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the ^bdeep things of Satan, as they call them — I ^cplace no other burden on you.

25 'Nevertheless ^awhat you have, hold fast ^buntil I come.

26 'And ^ahe who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds ^buntil the end, ^cTO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE ¹NATIONS;

27 AND HE SHALL. ^{1a}RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, ^bAS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;

28 and I will give him ^athe morning star.

29 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

CHAPTER 3

“AND to the angel of the church in ^aSardis write:

'He who has ^bthe seven Spirits of God, and ^cthe seven stars, says this: ^dI know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, and you are ^edead.

2 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

3 'Remember therefore ¹what you have received and heard; and keep *it*, and ^arepent. If therefore you will not wake up, ^bI will come ^clike a thief, and you will not know at ^dwhat hour I will come upon you.

4 'But you have a few ^{1a}people in ^bSardis who have not ^csoiled their garments; and they will walk with Me ^din white; for they are worthy.

5 'He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in ^bwhite garments; and I will not ^cerase his name from the book of life, and ^dI will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

6 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

7 "And to the angel of the church in ^aPhiladelphia write:

'He who is holy, ^cwho is true, who has ^dthe key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 'I know your ¹deeds. Behold, I have put before you ^ban open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and ^chave not denied My name.

9 'Behold, I ¹will cause *those* of ^athe synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie — behold, I will make them to ^bcome and bow down ²at your feet, and to know that ^cI have loved you.

10 'Because you have ^akept the word of ^bMy ¹perseverance, ^cI also will keep you from the hour of ^{2d}testing, that *hour*

22 ¹Some mss. read, *their*
^aRev. 17:2; 18:9

23 ¹Or, *death* ²Lit., *kidneys*, figurative for inner man
^aPs. 7:9; 26:2; 139:1; Jer. 11:20; 17:10; Luke 16:15; Acts 1:24; Rom. 8:27; Matt. 16:27

24 ^aRev. 2:18 ^b1 Cor. 2:10
^cActs 15:28

25 ^aRev. 3:11 ^bJohn 21:22

26 ¹Or, *Gentiles*
^aRev. 2:7 ^bMatt. 10:22; Heb. 3:6 ^cPs. 2:8; Rev. 3:21; 20:4

27 ¹Or, *shepherd*
^aRev. 12:5; 19:15 ^bIs. 30:14; Jer. 19:11

28 ^aRev. 22:16; 1 John 3:2

29 ^aRev. 2:7

1 ^aRev. 1:11 ^bRev. 1:4
^cRev. 1:16 ^dRev. 3:8, 15; 2:2
^e1 Tim. 5:6

3 ¹Lit., *how*
^aRev. 2:5 ^bRev. 2:5 ^cRev. 16:15; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10 ^dMatt. 24:43

4 ¹Lit., *names*
^aRev. 11:13 marg.; Acts 1:15 marg. ^bRev. 1:11 ^cJude 23
^dRev. 3:5; 18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9; 13f.; 19:14; 19:8; Eccles. 9:8

5 ^aRev. 2:7 ^bRev. 3:4 ^cRev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; ~~27:2~~
Luke 10:20 ^dMatt. 10:32; Luke 12:8

bibles

6 ^aRev. 2:7

7 ^aRev. 1:11 ^bRev. 6:10
^cRev. 3:14; 19:11; 1 John 5:20 ^dIs. 22:22; Matt. 16:19; Rev. 1:18; Job 12:14

8 ¹Or, *deeds* (*behold . . . shut*), that you
^aRev. 3:1 ^bActs 14:27 ^cRev. 2:13

9 ¹Lit., *give* ²Lit., *before*
^aRev. 2:9 ^bIs. 45:14; 49:23; 60:14 ^cIs. 43:4; John 17:23

10 ¹Or, *steadfastness* ²Or, *temptation*
^aRev. 3:8; John 17:6 ^bRev. 1:9 ^c2 Pet. 2:9; 2 Tim. 2:12
^dRev. 2:10

10 ³Lit., *inhabited earth*
⁴Or, *tempt*
⁵Rev. 16:14; Matt. 24:14
⁶Rev. 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 13:8;
 14:17:8

11 ^aRev. 22:7, 12, 20; 1:3
^bRev. 2:25 ^cRev. 2:10

12 ^aRev. 3:5 ^{b1} Kin. 7:21;
 Jer. 1:18; Gal. 2:9 ^cRev. 14:1;
 22:4 ^dRev. 21:2; Ezek. 48:35
^eRev. 21:2, 10; Gal. 4:26;
 Heb. 13:14 ^fRev. 2:17

13 ^aRev. 3:6

14 ¹i.e., origin or source
^aRev. 1:11 ^{b1s} Is. 65:16 marg.:
 2 Cor. 1:20 ^cRev. 1:5; 3:7
^dJohn 1:3; Col. 1:18; Rev.
 21:6; 22:13; Gen. 49:3; Deut.
 21:17; Prov. 8:22 marg.

15 ^aRev. 3:1 ^bRom. 12:11

16 ¹Lit., *vomit*

17 ^aHos. 12:8; Zech. 11:5;
 1 Cor. 4:8; Matt. 5:3

18 ^aIs. 55:1; Matt. 13:44
^{b1} Pet. 1:7 ^cRev. 3:4 ^dRev.
 16:15

19 ^aHeb. 12:6; 1 Cor. 11:32
^bRev. 2:5

20 ^aMatt. 24:33; James 5:9
^bLuke 12:36; John 10:3 ^cJohn
 14:23

21 ^aRev. 2:7 ^bRev. 20:4;
 2:26; Matt. 19:28; 2 Tim.
 2:12 ^cRev. 5:5; 6:2; 17:14;
 John 16:33

22 ^aRev. 2:7

1 ¹Lit., *saying*
^aRev. 1:12ff., 19 ^bRev. 19:11;
 Ezek. 1:1 ^cRev. 1:10 ^dRev.
 11:12 ^eRev. 1:19; 22:6

2 ¹Or, *in spirit*
^aRev. 1:10 ^bRev. 4:9f.; 1 Kin.
 22:19; Is. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26;
 Dan. 7:9 ^cRev. 4:9

3 ¹Or, *halo*
^aRev. 21:11 ^bRev. 21:20
^cEzek. 1:28; Rev. 10:1 ^dRev.
 21:19

4 ^aRev. 4:6; 5:11; 7:11
^bRev. 11:16 ^cRev. 4:10; 5:6, 8,
 14; 19:4 ^dRev. 20:4; 2:26;
 Matt. 19:28; 2 Tim. 2:12
^eRev. 3:18 ^fRev. 4:10

5 ^aRev. 8:5; 11:19; 16:18;
 Ex. 19:16 ^bZech. 4:2; Ex.
 25:37 ^cRev. 1:4

6 ^aRev. 15:2; 21:18, 21;
 Ezek. 1:22

which is about to come upon the whole ³world, to ⁴test ¹those who dwell upon the earth.

11 ^aI am coming quickly; ^bhold fast what you have, in order that no one take your ^ccrown.

12 ^aHe who overcomes, I will make him a ^bpillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it any more; and I will write upon him the ^cname of My God, and ^dthe name of the city of My God, ^ethe new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My ^fnew name.

13 ^aHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

14 "And to the angel of the church in ^aLaodicea write: ^bThe Amen, ^cthe faithful and true Witness, ^dthe ¹Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 ^aI know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; ^bI would that you were cold or hot.

16 "So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will ¹spit you out of My mouth.

17 "Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

18 "I advise you to ^abuy from Me ^bgold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and ^cwhite garments, that you may clothe yourself, and *that* ^dthe shame of your nakedness may not be revealed, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

19 ^aThose whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and ^brepent.

20 "Behold, I stand ^aat the door and ^bknock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, ^cI will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

21 ^aHe who overcomes, I will grant to him ^bto sit down with Me on My throne, as ^cI also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 ^aHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

CHAPTER 4

AFTER ^athese things I looked, and behold, ^ba door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, ^clike the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, ¹said, "dCome up here, and I will ^eshow you what must take place after these things."

2 Immediately I was ^{1a}in the spirit; and behold, ^ba throne was standing in heaven, and ^cOne sitting on the throne.

3 And He who was sitting *was* like a ^ajasper stone and a ^bsardius in appearance; and *there was* a ^{1c}rainbow around the throne, like an ^demerald in appearance.

4 And ^aaround the throne *were* ^btwenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* ^ctwenty-four elders ^dsitting, clothed in ^ewhite garments, and ^fgolden crowns on their heads.

5 And from the throne proceed ^aflashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* ^bseven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are ^cthe seven Spirits of God;

6 and before the throne *there was*, as it were, a ^asea of

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glass like crystal; and in the ¹center and ²around the throne, ³four living creatures ⁴full of eyes in front and behind.

7 ^aAnd the first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle.

8 And the ^afour living creatures, each one of them having ^bsix wings, are ^cfull of eyes around and within; and ^dday and night ¹they do not cease to say,

“^eHOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE ^fLORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, ^gwho was and who is and who is to come.”

9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who ^asits on the throne, to ^bHim who lives forever and ever,

10 the ^atwenty-four elders will ^bfall down before Him who ^csits on the throne, and will worship ^dHim who lives forever and ever, and will cast their ^ecrowns before the throne, saying,

11 “^aWorthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou ^bdidst create all things, and because of Thy will they ¹existed, and were created.”

CHAPTER 5

AND I saw ¹in the right hand of Him who ^asat on the throne a ^{2b}book written inside and on the back, ^csealed up with seven seals.

2 And I saw a ^astrong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the ¹book and to break its seals?”

3 And no one ^ain heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the ¹book, or to look into it.

4 And I *began* to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the ¹book, or to look into it;

5 and one of the elders ^asaid to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the ^aLion that is ^bfrom the tribe of Judah, the ^cRoot of David, has overcome so as to open the ¹book and its seven seals.”

6 And I saw ¹between the throne (with the four living creatures) and ^athe elders a ^bLamb standing, as if ^cslain, having seven ^dhorns and ^eseven eyes, which are ^fthe seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came, and He took ^ait out of the right hand of Him who ^asat on the throne.

8 And when He had taken the ¹book, the ^afour living creatures and the ^btwenty-four elders ^cfell down before the ^dLamb, having each one a ^eharp, and ^fgolden bowls full of incense, which are the ^gprayers of the ²saints.

9 And they ^asang a ^bnew song, saying, “^bWorthy art Thou to take the ¹book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast ^cslain, and didst ^dpurchase for God with Thy blood ^emen from ^eevery tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 “And Thou hast made them to *be* a ^akingdom and ^apriests to our God; and they will ^breign upon the earth.”

11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels

⁶ ¹Lit., *middle of the throne and around*. . . ^bRev. 4:4 ^cEzek. 1:5; Rev. 4:8f; 5:6; 6:1, 6; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4 ^dEzek. 1:18; 10:12

⁷ ¹Ezek. 1:10; 10:14

⁸ ¹Lit., *they have no rest, saying*. ^aEzek. 1:5; Rev. 4:6; 9; 5:6; 6:1, 6; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4 ^bIs. 6:2 ^cEzek. 1:18; 10:12 ^dRev. 14:11 ^eIs. 6:3 ^fRev. 1:8 ^gRev. 1:4

⁹ ^aRev. 4:2; Is. 6:1; Ps. 47:8 ^bRev. 10:6; 15:7; Deut. 32:40; Dan. 4:34; 12:7

¹⁰ ^aRev. 4:4 ^bRev. 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4 ^cRev. 4:2; Is. 6:1; Ps. 47:8 ^dRev. 10:6; 15:7; Deut. 32:40; Dan. 4:34; 12:7 ^eRev. 4:4

¹¹ ¹Lit., *were* ^aRev. 5:12; 1:6 ^bRev. 10:6; 14:7; Acts 14:15

¹ ¹Lit., *upon* ²Or, *scroll*: ^aRev. 5:7, 13; 4:9 ^bEzek. 2:9, 10 ^cIs. 29:11; Dan. 12:4

² ¹Or, *scroll* ^aRev. 10:1; 18:21

³ ¹Or, *scroll* ^aRev. 5:13; Phil. 2:10

⁴ ¹Or, *scroll*

⁵ ¹Or, *scroll* ^aGen. 49:9 ^bHeb. 7:14 ^cRev. 22:16; Is. 11:1, 10; Rom. 15:12

⁶ ¹Lit., *in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders* ^aRev. 5:8, 14; 4:4 ^bRev. 5:8, 12f.; 13:8; John 1:29 ^cRev. 5:9, 12; 13:8 ^dDan. 8:3f. ^eZech. 3:9; 4:10 ^fRev. 1:4

⁷ ^aRev. 5:1

⁸ ¹Or, *scroll* ²i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* ^aRev. 5:6, 11, 14; 4:6 ^bRev. 5:6, 14; 4:4 ^cRev. 4:10 ^dRev. 5:6, 12f.; 13:8; John 1:29 ^eRev. 14:2; 15:2 ^fRev. 15:7 ^gRev. 8:3f.; Ps. 141:2

⁹ ¹Or, *scroll* ^aRev. 14:3; 15:3; Ps. 40:3; 98:1; 149:1; Is. 42:10 ^bRev. 4:11 ^cRev. 5:6, 12; 13:8 ^dRev. 14:3f.; 1 Cor. 6:20 ^eRev. 7:9; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 10:11; 17:15; Dan. 3:4; 5:19

¹⁰ ^aRev. 1:6 ^bRev. 20:4; 3:21

11 ^aRev. 4:4 ^bRev. 5:6, 8, 14; 4:6 ^cRev. 5:6, 14; 4:4
^dDan. 7:10; Rev. 9:16;
Heb. 12:22; Jude 14

12 ^aRev. 1:6; 4:11; 5:9 ^bRev. 5:6, 13; 13:8; John 1:29

13 ^aPhil. 2:10; Rev. 5:3
^bRev. 5:1 ^cRev. 5:6, 12f. 13:8;
John 1:29 ^dRom. 11:36; Rev. 1:6

14 ^aRev. 5:6, 8, 11; 4:6
^b1 Cor. 14:16; Rev. 7:12; 19:4
^cRev. 5:6, 8; 4:4 ^dRev. 4:10

1 ¹Some mss. add. and see
^aRev. 5:6, 12f.; 13:8; John
1:29 ^bRev. 5:1 ^cRev. 5:6, 8,
11, 14; 4:6 ^dRev. 14:2; 19:6

2 ^aRev. 19:11; Zech. 1:8;
6:3f. ^bRev. 14:14; 9:7; 19:12;
Zech. 6:11 ^cRev. 3:21

3 ¹Some mss. add. and see
^aRev. 4:7

4 ^aZech. 1:8; 6:2 ^bMatt.
10:34

5 ¹Some mss. add. and see
^aRev. 4:7 ^bZech. 6:2 ^cEzek.
4:16

6 ¹Lit., *choenix*; a dry
measure almost equal to a
quart ²A denarius was worth
about 18 cents in silver,
equal to a day's wage
^aRev. 4:6f. ^bRev. 7:3; 9:4

7 ¹Some mss. add. and see
^aRev. 4:7

8 ¹Or, *sickly pale* ²Or,
death
^aZech. 6:3 ^bRev. 1:18;
20:13f.; Prov. 5:5; Hos.
13:14; Matt. 11:23 ^cJer.
15:2f.; 24:10; 29:17f. Ezek.
5:12, 17; 14:21

9 ^aEx. 29:12; Lev. 4:7;
John 16:2 ^bRev. 14:18; 16:7
^cRev. 20:4 ^dRev. 1:2, 9 ^eRev.
12:17

10 ¹Or, *Master* ²Lit., *dost
Thou not judge and avenge*
^aZech. 1:12 ^b2 Pet. 2:1; 16:7
2:29 ^cRev. 3:7 ^dRev. 19:2;
Deut. 32:43; Ps. 79:10; Luke
18:7 ^eRev. 3:10

11 ^aRev. 3:5; 7:9; 3:4 ^bRev.
14:13; 2 Thess. 1:7; Heb.
4:10 ^cHeb. 11:40

^aaround the throne and the ^bliving creatures and the ^celders; and the number of them was ^dmyriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands;

12 saying with a loud voice,

"^aWorthy is the ^bLamb that was ^bslain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And ^aevery created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who ^bsits on the throne, and to the ^cLamb, ^dbe blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

14 And the ^afour living creatures kept saying, "^bAmen." And the ^celders ^dfell down and worshipped.

CHAPTER 6

AND I saw when the ^aLamb broke one of the ^bseven seals, and I heard one of the ^cfour living creatures saying as with a ^dvoice of thunder, "Come.1"

2 And I looked, and behold, a ^awhite horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and ^ba crown was given to him; and he went out ^cconquering, and to conquer.

3 And when He broke the second seal, I heard the ^asecond living creature saying, "Come.1"

4 And another, ^aa red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to ^btake peace from the earth, and that ^{men} should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

5 And when He broke the third seal, I heard the ^athird living creature saying, "Come.1" And I looked, and behold, a ^bblack horse; and he who sat on it had a ^cpair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard as it were a voice in the center of the ^afour living creatures saying, "A ¹quart of wheat for a ²denarius, and three ¹quarts of barley for a ²denarius; and ^bdo not harm the oil and the wine."

7 And when He broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the ^afourth living creature saying, "Come.1"

8 And I looked, and behold, an ^aashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name "^bDeath"; and ^bHades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, ^cTO KILL WITH SWORD AND WITH FAMINE AND WITH ²PESTILENCE AND BY THE WILD BEASTS OF THE EARTH.

9 And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw ^aunderneath the ^baltar the ^csouls of those who had been slain ^dbecause of the word of God, and because of the ^etestimony which they had maintained;

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "^aHow long, O ^bLord, ^choly and true, ²wilt Thou refrain from ^djudging and avenging our blood on ^ethose who dwell on the earth?"

11 And ^athere was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should ^brest for a little while longer, ^cuntil the number of their fellow-servants and their brethren

who were to be killed even as they had been, should be ^dcompleted also.

12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great ^aearthquake; and the ^bsun became black as ^csackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

13 and ^athe stars of the sky fell to the earth, ^bas a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

14 And ^athe sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and ^bevery mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And ^athe kings of the earth and the great men and the ^lcommanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

16 and they ^asaid to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the ^lpresence of Him ^bwho sits on the throne, and from the ^cwrath of the Lamb;

17 for ^athe great day of their wrath has come; and ^bwho is able to stand?"

CHAPTER 7

A**F****T****E****R** this I saw ^afour angels standing at the ^bfour corners of the earth, holding back ^cthe four winds of the earth, ^dso that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending ^afrom the rising of the sun, having the ^bseal of ^cthe living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the ^dfour angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "^aDo not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have ^bsealed the bond-servants of our God on their ^cforeheads."

4 And I heard the ^anumber of those who were sealed, ^bone hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from ^aevery nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing ^bbefore the throne and ^cbefore the Lamb, clothed in ^dwhite robes, and ^epalm branches *were* in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "^aSalvation to our God ^bwho sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11 And all the angels were standing ^aaround the throne

11 ^dActs 20:24; 2 Tim. 4:7

12 ^aRev. 8:5; 11:13; 16:18; Matt. 24:7 ^bMatt. 24:29 ^cIs. 50:3; Matt. 11:21

13 ^aRev. 8:10; 9:1; Matt. 24:29 ^bIs. 34:4

14 ^aIs. 34:4; Rev. 20:11; 21:1; 2 Pet. 3:10 ^bRev. 16:20; Is. 54:10; Jer. 4:24; Ezek. 38:20; Nah. 1:5

15 ^lLit., *chiliarch*, in command of one thousand troops ^aIs. 2:10f., 19, 21; 24:21; Rev. 19:18

16 ^lLit., *face* ^aLuke 23:30; Rev. 9:6 ^bRev. 4:9; 5:1 ^cMark 3:5

17 ^aIs. 63:4; Jer. 30:7; Joel 1:15; 2:1f., 11, 31; Zeph. 1:14f.; Rev. 16:14 ^bPs. 76:7; Nah. 1:6; Mal. 3:2; Luke 21:36

1 ^aRev. 9:14 ^bRev. 20:8; Is. 11:12; Ezek. 7:2 ^cJer. 49:36; Zech. 6:5; Matt. 24:31; ^dRev. 7:3; 8:7; 9:4

2 ^aRev. 16:12; Is. 41:2 ^bRev. 9:4; 7:3 ^cMatt. 16:16 ^dRev. 9:14

3 ^aRev. 6:6 ^bRev. 7:3-8; John 3:33 ^cRev. 14:1; 22:4; Ezek. 9:4, 6; Rev. 13:16; 14:9; 20:4

4 ^aRev. 9:16 ^bRev. 14:1, 3

9 ^aRev. 5:9 ^bRev. 7:15 ^cRev. 22:3 ^dRev. 6:11; 7:14 ^eLev. 23:40

10 ^aRev. 12:10; 19:1; Ps. 3:8 ^bRev. 22:3

11 ^aRev. 4:4

11 ¹Rev. 4:4 ^bRev. 4:6 ^cRev. 4:10

12 ²Rev. 5:14 ^bRev. 5:12

13 ^aActs 3:12 ^bRev. 7:9

14 ¹Lit., *have said*
^aMatt. 24:21 ^bRev. 22:14;
^cZech. 3:3-5 ^cRev. 6:11; 7:9
^dHeb. 9:14; 1 John 1:7

15 ¹Or. *sanctuary*
^aRev. 7:9 ^bRev. 22:3; 4:8
^cRev. 11:19; 21:22 ^dRev. 4:9
^eRev. 21:3; Lev. 26:11; Ezek.
37:27; John 1:14

16 ¹Lit., *fall*
^aIs. 49:10; Ps. 121:5f.

17 ¹Lit., *waters*
^aPs. 23:1f.; Matt. 2:6; John
10:11 ^bRev. 21:6; 22:1; John
4:14 ^cRev. 21:4; Is. 25:8;
Matt. 5:4

1 ¹Rev. 5:1; 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9,
12 ^bRev. 5:9

2 ²Rev. 8:6-13; 9:1, 13;
11:15; 1:4; Matt. 18:10
^b1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16

3 ¹Lit., *give* ²I.e., true
believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aRev. 7:2 ^bRev. 6:9; Amos 9:1
^cHeb. 9:4 ^dRev. 5:8 ^eEx. 30:1,
3; Num. 4:11; Rev. 8:5; 9:13

4 ¹Or. *for* ²Note 2, v. 3
^aPs. 141:2

5 ¹Lev. 16:12 ^bEzek. 10:2
^cRev. 4:5 ^dRev. 6:12

6 ^aRev. 8:2

7 ^aEzek. 38:22; Is. 28:2;
Joel 2:30 ^bRev. 8:7-12; 9:15,
18; 12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9 ^cRev.
9:4

8 ^aJer. 51:25 ^bRev. 8:7-12;
9:15, 18; 12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9
^cRev. 16:3; 11:6; Ex. 7:17f.

9 ¹Lit., *those which had*
^aRev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18; 12:4;
Zech. 13:8, 9 ^bIs. 2:16

10 ^aRev. 9:1; 6:13; Is. 14:12;
^bRev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18; 12:4;
Zech. 13:8, 9 ^cRev. 14:7; 16:4

11 ^aRev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18;
12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9 ^bJer. 9:15;
23:15

12 ^aRev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18;
12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9 ^bRev.
6:12f.; Ex. 10:21f.

and *around* ^athe elders and the ^bfour living creatures; and they ^cfell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12 saying,
"Amen, ^b blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and
ever. Amen."

13 And one of the elders ^aanswered, saying to me, "These
who are clothed in the ^bwhite robes, who are they, and from
where have they come?"

14 And I ¹said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said
to me, "These are the ones who come out of the ^agreat tribula-
tion, and they have ^bwashed their robes and made them ^cwhite
in the ^dblood of the Lamb.

15 "For this reason, they are ^abefore the throne of God;
and they ^bserve Him day and night in His ^{1c}temple; and ^dHe
who sits on the throne shall spread His ^etabernacle over them.

16 "aThey shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;
neither shall the sun ^bbeat down on them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their
^ashepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the ^bwater of
life; and ^cGod shall wipe every tear from their eyes."

CHAPTER 8

AND when He broke the ^aseventh seal, there was ^bsilence in
heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw ^athe seven angels who stand before God; and
seven ^btrumpets were given to them.

3 And ^aanother angel came and stood at the ^baltar, hold-
ing a ^cgolden censer; and much ^dincense was given to him,
that he might ¹add it to the ^dprayers of all the ²saints upon the
^cgolden altar which was before the throne.

4 And ^athe smoke of the incense, ¹with the prayers of the
²saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer; and he ^afilled it with the
fire of the altar and ^bthrew it to the earth; and there followed
^cpeals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an
^dearthquake.

6 ^aAnd the seven angels who had the seven trumpets pre-
pared themselves to sound them.

7 And the first sounded, and there came ^ahail and fire,
mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and ^ba
third of the earth was burnt up, and ^ba third of the ^ctrees were
burnt up, and all the green ^cgrass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and *something* like a
great ^amountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and
^ba third of the ^csea became blood;

9 and ^aa third of the creatures, which were in the sea ¹and
had life, died; and a third of the ^bships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and a great star ^afell from
heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a ^bthird of the rivers
and on the ^csprings of waters;

11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood; and a
^athird of the waters became ^bwormwood; and many men died
from the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and a ^athird of the ^bsun

and a third of the ^bmoon and a ^athird of the ^bstars were smitten, so that a ^athird of them might be darkened and the day might not shine for a ^athird of it, and the night in the same way.

13 And I looked, and I heard ¹an eagle flying in ^amid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, "^bWoe, woe, woe, to ^cthose who dwell on the earth; because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the ^dthree angels who are about to sound!"

CHAPTER 9

AND the ^afifth angel sounded, and I saw a ^bstar from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the ^ckey of the ^{1d}bottomless pit was given to him.

2 And he opened the ¹bottomless pit; and ^asmoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and ^bthe sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

3 And out of the smoke came forth ^alocusts ¹upon the earth; and power was given them, as the ^bscorpions of the earth have power.

4 And they were told that they should not ^ahurt the ^bgrass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the ^cseal of God on their foreheads.

5 And ¹they were not permitted to kill ²anyone, but to torment for ^afive months; and their torment was like the torment of a ^bscorpion when it ³stings a man.

6 And in those days ^amen will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them.

7 And the ^{1a}appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

8 And they had hair like the hair of women, and their ^ateeth were like *the teeth* of lions.

9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the ^asound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.

10 And they have tails like ^ascorpions, and stings; and in their ^btails is their power to hurt men for ^cfive months.

11 They have as king over them, the angel of the ^aabyss; his name in ^bHebrew is ^{1c}Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name ²Apollyon.

12 ^aThe first Woe is past; behold, two Woes are still coming after these things.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard ^{1a}a voice from the ²four ^ahorns of the ^bgolden altar which is before God,

14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the ^afour angels who are bound at the ^bgreat river Euphrates."

15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were ^areleased, so that they might kill a ^bthird of ¹mankind.

16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was ^atwo hundred million; ^b1 heard the number of them.

17 And ¹this is how I saw ^ain the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color of* fire and of hyacinth and of ^{2b}brimstone; and the heads of the

12 ^aRev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18; 11:4; Zech. 13:8, 9 ^bRev. 6:12f.; Ex. 10:21ff.

13 ¹Lit., *one eagle* ^aRev. 14:6; 19:17 ^bRev. 9:12; 11:14; 12:12 ^cRev. 3:10 ^dRev. 8:2

¹Lit., *shaft of the abyss* ^aRev. 8:2 ^bRev. 8:10 ^cRev. 1:18 ^dLuke 8:31; Rev. 9:2, 11

²Note v. 1 ^aGen. 19:28; Ex. 19:18 ^bJoel 2:2, 10

³Lit., *into* ^aRev. 9:7; Ex. 10:12-15 ^bRev. 9:5, 10; 2 Chr. 10:11, 14; Ezek. 2:6

⁴Rev. 6:6 ^bRev. 8:7 ^cRev. 7:2, 3

⁵Lit., *it was given to them* ¹Lit., *them* ²Lit., *strikes* ^aRev. 9:10 ^bRev. 9:3, 10; 2 Chr. 10:11, 14; Ezek. 2:6

⁶Job 3:21; 7:15; Jer. 8:3; Rev. 6:16

⁷Lit., *appearances* ^aJoel 2:4

⁸Joel 1:6

⁹Joel 2:5; Jer. 47:3

¹⁰Rev. 8:3, 5; 2 Chr. 10:11, 14; Ezek. 2:6 ^bRev. 9:19 ^cRev. 9:5

¹¹Or, *Destruction* ²Or, *Destroyer* ^aLuke 8:31; Rev. 9:1, 2 ^bRev. 16:16; John 5:2 ^cJob 26:6; 28:22 marg.; 31:12 marg.; Ps. 88:11 marg.; Prov. 15:11

¹²Rev. 8:13; 11:14

¹³Lit., *one voice* ²Some ancient mss. omit, *four* ^aEx. 30:2f., 10 ^bRev. 8:3

¹⁴Rev. 7:1 ^bGen. 15:18; Deut. 1:7; Josh. 1:4; Rev. 16:12

¹⁵Lit., *men* ^aRev. 20:7 ^bRev. 9:18; 8:7

¹⁶Rev. 5:11 ^bRev. 7:4

¹⁷Lit., *thus I saw* ²Or, *sulphur* ^aDan. 8:2; 9:21 ^bRev. 9:18; 14:10; 19:20; 20:10; 21:8

17 ²Or, *sulphur*
^bRev. 9:18; 14:10; 19:20;
20:10; 21:8 ^cRev. 9:15

18 ¹Lit., *men* ²Or, *sulphur*
^aRev. 9:15; 8:7 ^bRev. 9:17

20 ¹Lit., *men*
^aRev. 2:21 ^bDeut. 4:28; Jer.
1:16; Mic. 5:13; Acts 7:41
^c1 Cor. 10:20 ^dPs. 115:4-7;
135:15-17; Dan. 5:23

21 ^aRev. 9:20 ^bIs. 47:9, 12;
Rev. 18:23 ^cRev. 17:2, 5

1 ^aRev. 5:2 ^bRev. 18:1;
20:1 ^cRev. 4:3 ^dRev. 1:16;
Matt. 17:2 ^eRev. 1:15

2 ^aRev. 10:8-10; Rev. 5:1
^bRev. 10:5, 8

3 ¹Or, *spoke*
^aIs. 31:4; Hos. 11:10 ^bRev.
4:5; Ps. 29:3-9

4 ^aRev. 1:11, 19 ^bRev. 10:8
^cDan. 8:26; 12:4, 9; Rev.
12:10

5 ^aGen. 14:22; Ex. 6:8;
Num. 14:30; Deut. 32:40;
Ezek. 20:5; Dan. 12:7

6 ^aRev. 4:9 ^bRev. 4:11
^cRev. 6:11; 12:12; 16:17; 21:6

7 ¹Lit., *preached the*
gospel
^aRev. 11:15 ^bAmos 3:7;
Rom. 16:25

8 ¹Or, *scroll*
^aRev. 10:4 ^bRev. 10:2

9 ^aEzek. 2:8; 3:1-3; Jer.
15:16

11 ^aRev. 11:1 ^bEzek. 37:4, 9
^cRev. 5:9 ^dRev. 17:10, 12

horses are like the heads of lions; and ^cout of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and ^{2b}brimstone.

18 A ^athird of ¹mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the ^bfire and the smoke and the ^{2b}brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths.

19 For the power of the horses is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they do harm.

20 And the rest of ¹mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, ^adid not repent of ^bTHE WORKS OF THEIR HANDS, SO AS NOT TO ^cWORSHIP DEMONS, AND ^dTHE IDOLS OF GOLD AND OF SILVER AND OF BRASS AND OF STONE AND OF WOOD, WHICH CAN NEITHER SEE NOR HEAR NOR WALK;

21 and they ^adid not repent of their murders nor of their ^bsorceries nor of their ^cimmorality nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

AND I saw another ^astrong angel ^bcoming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the ^crainbow was upon his head, and ^dhis face was like the sun, and his ^efeet like pillars of fire;

2 and he had in his hand a ^alittle book which was open. And he placed ^bhis right foot on the sea and his left on the land;

3 and he cried out with a loud voice, ^aas when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the ^bseven peals of thunder ¹uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven peals of thunder had spoken, ^aI was about to write; and I ^bheard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them."

5 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land ^aLIFTED UP HIS RIGHT HAND TO HEAVEN,

6 AND SWORE BY ^aHIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER, WHO ^bCREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that ^cthere shall be delay no longer,

7 but in the days of the voice of the ^aseventh angel, when he is about to sound, then ^bthe mystery of God is finished, as He ¹preached to His servants the prophets.

8 And ^athe voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take ^bthe ¹book which is open in the hand of the angel who ^bstands on the sea and on the land."

9 And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he ^asaid to me, "Take it, and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

11 And ^athey ^asaid to me, "You must ^bprophesy again concerning ^cmany peoples and nations and tongues and ^dkings."

CHAPTER 11

AND there was given me a ¹measuring rod like a staff; ²and ^bsomeone said, "Rise and measure the ³temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.

² "And ¹leave out the ^acourt which is outside the ²temple, and do not measure it, for ^bit has been given to the nations; and they will ^btread under foot ^cthe holy city for ^dforty-two months.

³ "And I will grant *authority* to my two ^awitnesses, and they will prophesy for ^btwelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in ^csackcloth."

⁴ These are the ^atwo olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

⁵ And if any one desires to harm them, ^afire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if any one would desire to harm them, ^bin this manner he must be killed.

⁶ These have the power to ^ashut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during ^bthe days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to ^cturn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

⁷ And when they have finished their testimony, ^athe beast ^bthat comes up out of the ^cabyss will ^dmake war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

⁸ And their dead ¹bodies will lie in the street of the ^agreat city which ²mystically is called ^bSodom and ^cEgypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

⁹ And those from ^athe peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead ¹bodies for three days and a half, and ²will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

¹⁰ And ^athose who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will ^bsend gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented ^athose who dwell on the earth.

¹¹ And after the three days and a half ^athe breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

¹² And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "^aCome up here." And they ^bwent up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them.

¹³ And in that hour there was a great ^aearthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and ¹seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and ^bgave glory to the ^cGod of heaven.

¹⁴ The second ^aWoe is past; behold, the third Woe is coming quickly.

¹⁵ And the ^aseventh angel sounded; and there arose ^bloud voices in heaven, saying,

"^cThe kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of ^dHis ¹Christ; and ^cHe will reign forever and ever."

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who ^asit on their thrones before God, ^bfell on their faces and worshiped God,

¹⁷ saying,

"We give Thee thanks, ^aO Lord God, the Almighty, who art

¹ Lit., *reed* ² Lit., *saying*
¹ Or, *sanctuary*
^a Rev. 21:15f.; Ezek. 40:3-42:20; Zech. 2:1 ^b Rev. 10:11

² Lit., *throw out* ² Or, *sanctuary*
^a Ezek. 40:17, 20 ^b Luke 21:24
^c Is. 52:1; Matt. 27:53;
4:5; Rev. 21:2, 10; 22:19
^d Rev. 12:6; 13:5; Dan. 7:25; 12:7

³ Rev. 2:13; 1:5 ^b Rev. 12:6; 13:5; Dan. 7:25; 12:7
^c Gen. 37:34; 2 Sam. 3:31;
1 Kin. 21:27; 2 Kin. 19:1f.;
Neh. 9:1; Esther 4:1; Ps. 69:11; Joel 1:13; Jonah 3:5, 8

⁴ Zech. 4:3, 11, 14; Ps. 52:8; Jer. 11:16

⁵ Rev. 9:17f.; 2 Kin. 1:10-12; Jer. 5:14 ^b Num. 16:29, 35

⁶ Luke 4:25 ^b Rev. 11:3
^c Rev. 8:8

⁷ Rev. 13:1f. ^b Rev. 13:1
^c Rev. 9:1 ^d Rev. 13:7; Dan. 7:21

⁸ Some ancient mss. read, *body* ² Lit., *spiritually*
^a Rev. 14:8; 16:19; 17:18; 18:2, 10, 16, 18, 19, 21 ^b Is. 1:9, 10; 3:9; Jer. 23:14; Ezek. 16:46, 49 ^c Ezek. 23:3, 8, 19, 27

⁹ Lit., *body* ² Lit., *do not permit*
^a Rev. 10:11; 5:9 ^b Ps. 79:2f.; 1 Kin. 13:22

¹⁰ Rev. 3:10 ^b Neh. 8:10, 12; Esther 9:19, 22

¹¹ Ezek. 37:5, 9, 10, 14

¹² Rev. 4:1 ^b 2 Kin. 2:11; Acts 1:9

¹³ Lit., *names of men, seven thousand*
^a Rev. 6:12; 8:5; 16:18; 11:19
^b Rev. 14:7; 16:9; 19:7; John 9:24 ^c Rev. 16:11

¹⁴ Rev. 9:12; 8:13

¹⁵ I.e., *Messiah*
^a Rev. 10:7; 8:2 ^b Rev. 16:17; 19:1 ^c Rev. 12:10 ^d Acts 4:26 marg. [Ps. 2:2] ^e Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 27; Luke 1:33

¹⁶ Rev. 4:4; Matt. 19:28
^b Rev. 4:10

¹⁷ Rev. 1:8

17 ¹Lit., *didst reign*
^bRev. 19:6

18 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aPs. 2:1 ^bRev. 20:12; Dan. 7:10 ^cRev. 10:7; 16:6 ^dRev. 13:16; 19:5; Ps. 115:13

19 ¹Or, *sanctuary* ²Lit., *hail*
^cRev. 15:5; 4:1 ^bHeb. 9:4
^dRev. 4:5 ^eRev. 16:21

1 ^aRev. 12:3; Matt. 24:30
^bRev. 11:19 ^cGal. 4:26 ^dPs. 104:2; Song of Sol. 6:10

2 ¹Is. 26:17; 66:6-9; Mic. 4:9, 10

3 ^aRev. 12:1; 15:1 ^bRev. 12:4, 7; 12:9, 13, 16f.; 13:2, 4, 11; 16:13; 20:2; Is. 27:1 ^cRev. 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9f. ^dRev. 13:1; 17:12, 16; Dan 7:7, 20, 24
^eRev. 13:1; 19:12

4 ^aRev. 8:7, 12 ^bDan. 8:10
^cRev. 12:3, 7; 12:9, 13, 16f.; 13:2, 4, 11; 16:13; 20:2; Is. 27:1 ^dMatt. 2:16

5 ¹Or, *shepherd* ²Or, *Gentiles*
^aRev. 2:27 ^bCor. 12:2

6 ¹Lit., *they may nourish her for*
^aRev. 11:3; Rev. 13:5

7 ^aJude 9 ^bRev. 12:3
^cMatt. 25:41

9 ¹Lit., *inhabited earth*
^aRev. 12:3 ^bRev. 12:15; 20:2; Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3 ^cMatt. 4:10; 25:41 ^dRev. 20:3, 8, 10; 13:14 ^eLuke 10:18; John 12:31

10 ^aRev. 11:15 ^bRev. 7:10
^cJob 1:11; 2:5; Zech. 3:1; Luke 22:31; 1 Pet. 5:8

11 ^aRev. 15:2; John 16:33; 1 John 2:13 ^bRev. 7:14 ^cRev. 6:9 ^dRev. 2:10; Luke 14:26

12 ¹Or, *tabernacle*
^aRev. 18:20; Ps. 96:11; Is. 44:23 ^bRev. 13:6 ^cRev. 8:13
^dRev. 12:9 ^eRev. 10:6

13 ^aRev. 12:3 ^bRev. 12:5

and who wast; because Thou hast taken Thy great power and ¹hast begun to ^breign.

18 "And ^athe nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and ^bthe time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to Thy ^cbond-servants the prophets and to the ¹saints and to those who fear Thy name, ^dthe small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

19 And ^athe ¹temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and ^bthe ark of His covenant appeared in His ¹temple, and there were flashes of ^clightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a ^dgreat ²hailstorm.

CHAPTER 12

AND a great ^asign appeared ^bin heaven: ^ca woman ^dclothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

2 and she was with child; and she ^acried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And ^aanother sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red ^bdragon having ^cseven heads and ^dten horns, and on his heads *were* ^eseven diadems.

4 And his tail ^aswept away a ^athird of the stars of heaven, and ^bthrew them to the earth. And the ^cdragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth ^dhe might devour her child.

5 And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to ¹rule all the ²nations with a rod of iron; and her child was ^bcaught up to God and to His throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness where she ^ahad a place prepared by God, so that there ¹she might be nourished for ^aone thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 And there was war in heaven, ^aMichael and his angels waging war with the ^bdragon. And the dragon and ^chis angels waged war,

8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

9 And the great ^adragon was thrown down, the ^bserpent of old who is called the Devil and ^cSatan, who ^ddeceives the whole ¹world; he was ^ethrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

10 And I heard ^aa loud voice in heaven, saying,

"Now the ^bsalvation, and the power, and the ^akingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the ¹accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

11 "And they ^aovercame him because of ^bthe blood of the Lamb and because of ^cthe word of their testimony, and they ^ddid not love their life even to death.

12 "For this reason, ^arejoice, O heavens and ^byou who ¹dwell in them. ^cWoe to the earth and the sea; because ^dthe devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* ^aa short time."

13 And when the ^adragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted ^bthe woman who gave birth to the male *child*.

14 And the ^atwo wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly ^binto the wilderness to her place, where she ^awas nourished for ^ca time and times and half a time, from the ¹presence of the serpent.

15 And the ^aserpent ¹poured water ^blike a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon ¹poured out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to ^amake war with the rest of her ^boffspring, who ^ckeep the commandments of God and ^dhold to the testimony of Jesus.

CHAPTER 13

AND ¹he stood on the sand of the ²seashore.

And I saw a ^abeast coming up out of the sea, having ^bten horns and ^bseven heads, and on his horns were ^cten diadems, and on his heads were ^dblasphemous names.

2 And the beast which I saw was ^alike a leopard, and his feet were ^blike ^bthose of ^aa bear, and his mouth like the mouth of ^ca lion. And the ^ddragon gave him his power and his ^ethrone and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been ¹slain, and his ^afatal wound was healed. And the whole earth ^bwas amazed and ^cfollowed after the beast;

4 and they worshiped the ^adragon, because he ^agave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ^b“Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?”

5 And there was given to him a mouth ^aspeaking ¹arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to ²act for ^bforty-two months was given to him.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, *that is*, ^athose who ¹dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given to him to ^amake war with the ¹saints and to overcome them; and authority over ^bevery tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

8 And all who ^adwell on the earth will worship him, *every one* ^bwhose name has not been ¹written ^cfrom the foundation of the world in the book of life of ^dthe Lamb who has been slain.

9 ^aIf any one has an ear, let him hear.

10 ^aIf any one ¹is *destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; ^bif any one kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is ^cthe ²perseverance and the faith of the ³saints.

11 And ^aI saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he ¹had ^btwo horns like a lamb, and he ²spoke as a ^cdragon.

12 And he ^aexercises all the authority of the first beast ¹in his presence. And he makes ^cthe earth and those who dwell in it to ^aworship the first beast, whose ^bfatal wound/ was healed.

13 And he ^aperforms great signs, so that he even makes

¹⁴ Lit., *face*
^aEx. 19:4; Deut. 32:11; Is. 40:31 ^bRev. 12:6 ^cDan. 7:25; 12:7

¹⁵ Lit., *threw*
^aRev. 12:9; 20:2; Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3 ^bHos. 5:10; Is. 59:19

¹⁶ Lit., *threw*

¹⁷ ^aRev. 11:7; 13:7 ^bGen. 3:15 ^cRev. 14:12; 1 John 2:3 ^dRev. 1:2; 6:9; [14:12]; 19:10

¹ Some mss. read, *I stood*
² Lit., *sea*
^aRev. 13:14, 15; 15:2; 16:13; ^bRev. 11:7; 17:8; Dan. 7:3 ^cRev. 12:3 ^dRev. 12:3; 17:12 ^eRev. 17:3; Dan. 7:8; 11:36

² ^aDan 7:6; Hos. 13:7f. ^bDan. 7:5 ^cDan. 7:4 ^dRev. 13:4, 12; 12:3 ^eRev. 2:13; 16:10

³ Lit., *smitten to death*
^aRev. 13:21; Rev. 13:14 ^bRev. 17:8

⁴ ^aRev. 13:2, 12; 12:3 ^bRev. 18:18; Ex. 15:11; Is. 46:5

⁵ Lit., *great things* ² Lit., *do*
^aDan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25; 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:3f. ^bRev. 11:2

⁶ Or, *tabernacle*
^aRev. 12:12; 7:15

⁷ *11.e.*, true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aRev. 11:7 ^bRev. 5:9

⁸ Or, *written in the book . . . slain from the foundation of the world*
^aRev. 13:12, 14; 3:10 ^bRev. 3:5 ^cRev. 17:8; Matt. 25:34 ^dRev. 5:6

⁹ ^aRev. 2:7

¹⁰ Or, *leads into captivity* ² Or, *steadfastness* ³ *e.*, true believers; lit., *holy ones*
^aIs. 33:1; Jer. 15:2; 43:11 ^bGen. 9:6; Matt. 26:52; Rev. 11:18 ^cHeb. 6:12; Rev. 14:12

¹¹ Lit., *was having* ² Lit., *was speaking*
^aRev. 13:1, 14; 16:13 ^bDan. 8:3 ^cRev. 13:4

¹² Or, *by his authority*
^aRev. 13:4 ^bRev. 13:14; 19:20 ^cRev. 13:8 ^dRev. 13:15; 14:9; 11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4 ^eRev. 13:3

¹³ ^aRev. 19:20; 16:14; Matt. 24:24

13 ^bRev. 20:9; 1 Kin. 18:38; Luke 9:54; Rev. 11:5

14 ¹Lit., *by the authority of*
^aRev. 12:9 ^bRev. 13:8
^c2 Thess. 2:9f. ^dRev. 13:12; 19:20 ^eRev. 13:3

15 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *speak, and he will cause*

^aDan. 3:38f. ^bRev. 13:12; 14:9, 11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4

16 ¹Lit., *that they give to them a mark*
^aRev. 11:18; 19:5, 18 ^bRev. 14:9; 20:4; Gal. 6:17; Rev. 7:3

17 ^aRev. 14:9; 20:4; Gal. 6:17; Rev. 7:3 ^bRev. 14:11
^cRev. 15:2

18 ¹Some mss. read, 616
^aRev. 17:9 ^bRev. 21:17

1 ^aRev. 5:6 ^bPs. 2:6; Heb. 12:22 ^cRev. 14:3; 7:4 ^dRev. 3:12 ^eRev. 7:3

2 ^aRev. 1:15 ^bRev. 6:1
^cRev. 5:8

3 ¹Some ancient mss. read, *sing, as it were, a new song*
^aRev. 5:9 ^bRev. 4:6 ^cRev. 4:4
^dRev. 2:17 ^eRev. 14:1; 7:4

4 ¹Or, *chaste men*, lit., *virgins*
^aMatt. 19:12; Rev. 3:4; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:27 ^bRev. 7:17; Rev. 3:4; 17:14 ^cRev. 5:9
^dJames 1:18; Heb. 12:23

5 ^aZeph. 3:13; Ps. 32:2; Mal. 2:6; John 1:47; 1 Pet. 2:22 ^bJude 24; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:19

6 ¹Lit., *sit*
^aRev. 8:13 ^bRev. 10:7; 1 Pet. 1:25 ^cRev. 3:10 ^dRev. 5:9

7 ^aRev. 15:4 ^bRev. 11:13
^cRev. 4:11 ^dRev. 8:10

8 ¹Or, *wrath*
^aRev. 18:2; Is. 21:9; Jer. 51:8
^bRev. 16:19; 17:5; 18:10; Dan. 4:30 ^cJer. 51:7 ^dRev. 18:3; 17:2, 4

9 ^aRev. 14:11; Rev. 13:12
^bRev. 14:11; 13:14f. ^cRev. 13:16

10 ^aRev. 16:19; 19:15; Is. 51:17; Jer. 25:15f., 27

^bfire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

14 And he ^adeceives ^bthose who dwell on the earth because of ^cthe signs which it was given him to perform ^din the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who ^ehad the ^cwound of the sword and has come to life.

15 And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even ¹speak and cause ^aas many as do not ^bworship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And he causes all, ^athe small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, ¹to be given a ^bmark on their right hand, or on their forehead,

17 and *he provides* that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the ^amark, *either* ^bthe name of the beast or ^cthe number of his name.

18 ^aHere is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that ^bof a man; and his number is ¹six hundred and sixty-six.

CHAPTER 14

AND I looked, and behold, ^athe Lamb was standing on ^bMount Zion, and with Him ^cone hundred and forty-four thousand, having ^dHis name and the ^ename of His Father written ^con their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like ^athe sound of many waters and like the ^bsound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like *the sound of* ^ccharpists playing on their harps.

3 And they ¹sang ^aa new song before the throne and before the ^bfour living creatures and the ^celders; and ^dno one could learn the song except the ^eone hundred and forty-four thousand who had been ^apurchased from the earth.

4 ^aThese are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they are ¹celibates. These *are* the ones who ^bfollow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been ^cpurchased from among men ^das first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And no lie was found ^ain their mouth; they are ^bblameless.

6 And I saw another angel flying in ^amidheaven, having ^ban eternal gospel to preach to ^cthose who ¹live on the earth, and to ^devery nation and tribe and tongue and people;

7 and He said with a loud voice, ^a"Fear God, and ^bgive Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who ^cmade the heaven and the earth and sea and ^dsprings of waters."

8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, ^a"Fallen, fallen is ^bBabylon the great, she who has ^cmade all the nations drink of the ^dwine of the ¹passion of her immorality."

9 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, ^a"If any one ^bworships the beast and his ^cimage, and receives a ^dmark on his forehead or upon his hand,

10 he also will drink of the ^awine of the wrath of God,

which is mixed ¹in full strength ²in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with ³fire and brimstone in the presence of the ⁴holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 "And the ⁵smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and ⁶they have no rest day and night, those who ⁷worship the beast and his ⁸image, and whoever receives the ⁹mark of his name."

12 Here is ¹⁰the ¹¹perseverance of the ¹²saints who ¹³keep the commandments of God and ¹⁴their faith in Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, ¹⁵Blessed are the dead who ¹⁶die in the Lord ¹⁷from now on!" "Yes," ¹⁸says the Spirit, "that they may ¹⁹rest from their labors, for their ²⁰deeds follow with them."

14 And I looked, and behold, a ²¹white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one ²²like ²³a son of man, having a golden ²⁴crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand.

15 And another angel ²⁵came out of the ²⁶temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "²⁷Put in your sickle—and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the ²⁸harvest of the earth ²⁹is ripe."

16 And He who sat on the cloud ³⁰swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel ³¹came out of the ³²temple which is in heaven, ³³and he also had a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel, ³⁴the one who has power over fire, came out from ³⁵the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "³⁶Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters ³⁷from the vine of the earth, ³⁸because her grapes are ripe."

19 And the angel ³⁹swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered ⁴⁰the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into ⁴¹the great wine press of the wrath of God.

20 And the wine press was trodden ⁴²outside the city, and ⁴³blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, ⁴⁴for a distance of ⁴⁵two hundred miles.

CHAPTER 15

AND I saw ¹another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, ²seven angels who had ³seven plagues, *which are* ⁴the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

2 And I saw, as it were, a ⁵sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had ⁶come off victorious from the ⁷beast and from ⁸his image and from the ⁹number of his name, standing on the ¹⁰sea of glass, holding ¹¹harps of God.

3 And they ¹²sang the ¹³song of Moses ¹⁴the bond-servant of God and the ¹⁵song of the Lamb, saying,
 "dGREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS,
 eO LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY;
 fRIGHTEOUS AND TRUE ARE THY WAYS,
 gTHOU fKING OF THE hNATIONS.

4 "aWHO WILL NOT FEAR, O LORD, AND GLORIFY THY NAME?
 bFOR THOU ALONE ART HOLY;
 cFOR bALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE
 THEE,
 dFor Thy ¹⁶righteous acts have been revealed."

¹⁰ Lit., *unmixed*
⁹ Rev. 18:6; Ps. 75:8 ⁸ Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14f.; 21:8; Ezek. 38:22; 2 Thess. 1:7 ⁷ Mark 8:38

¹¹ ⁶ Rev. 18:9, 18; 19:3; Is. 34:8-10 ⁵ Rev. 4:8 ⁴ Rev. 14:9; 13:12 ³ Rev. 13:17

¹² Or, *steadfastness* ²¹ e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*
¹ Lit., *the faith of*
⁴ Rev. 13:10 ³ Rev. 12:17
² Rev. 2:13

¹³ ² Rev. 20:6 ¹ Cor. 15:18; 1 Thess. 4:16 ⁶ Rev. 11:18
⁴ Rev. 2:7; 22:17 ³ Rev. 6:11; Heb. 4:9f. ¹ Tim. 5:25

¹⁴ Or, *the Son of Man*
² Matt. 17:5 ¹ Rev. 1:13 ⁶ Rev. 6:2; Ps. 2:13

¹⁵ Or, *sanctuary* ² Lit., *Send forth* ³ Lit., *has become dry*
⁴ Rev. 14:17; 15:6; 16:17; 11:19 ³ Rev. 14:18; Mark 4:29; Joel 3:13 ² Matt. 13:39-41; Jer. 51:33

¹⁶ Lit., *cast*

¹⁷ Or, *sanctuary* ² Lit., *having himself also*
⁴ Rev. 14:15; 15:6; 16:17; 11:19

¹⁸ Lit., *Send forth* ² Lit., *of*
⁴ Rev. 16:8 ³ Rev. 6:9; 8:3
² Rev. 14:15; Mark 4:29; Joel 3:13 ¹ Joel 3:13

¹⁹ Lit., *cast*
⁴ Rev. 19:15; Is. 63:2f.

²⁰ Lit., *from two hundred miles* ² Lit., *sixteen hundred stadia*. A stadion was about six hundred feet.
³ Heb. 13:12; Rev. 11:8 ² Gen. 49:11; Deut. 32:14

¹ ² Rev. 12:1, ³ ³ Rev. 15:6; 8:16; 17:1; 21:9 ² Lev. 26:21, ¹ Rev. 9:20

² ² Rev. 4:6 ¹ Rev. 12:11
⁶ Rev. 13:1 ⁴ Rev. 13:14f.
³ Rev. 13:17 ¹ Rev. 5:8

³ ¹ Some ancient mss. read, *ages*
² Ex. 15:1ff. ¹ Josh. 22:5; Heb. 3:5 ⁶ Rev. 5:9f., 12f. ⁴ Deut. 32:3f.; Ps. 111:2; 139:14; Hos. 14:9 ³ Rev. 1:8 ¹ Tim. 1:17 marg.

⁴ Or, *judgments*
² Rev. 14:7; Jer. 10:7 ¹ Ps. 86:9; Is. 66:23 ³ Rev. 19:8

⁵ *Or, sanctuary*
^aRev. 11:19 ^bEx. 38:21;
 Num. 1:50; Heb. 8:5; Rev.
 13:6

⁶ *Or, sanctuary* ²Some
 mss. read, *stone*
^aRev. 15:1 ^bRev. 14:15
^cEzek. 28:13 ^dRev. 1:13

⁷ ^aRev. 4:6 ^bRev. 15:1
^cRev. 5:8 ^dRev. 15:1; 14:10
^eRev. 4:9

⁸ *Or, sanctuary*
^aEx. 19:18; Is. 6:4; Ex.
 40:34f.; Lev. 16:2; 1 Kin.
 8:10f.; 2 Chr. 5:13f.

¹ *Or, sanctuary*
^aRev. 11:19 ^bRev. 15:1 ^cRev.
 16:2ff.; Ps. 79:6; Jer. 10:25;
 Ezek. 22:31; Zeph. 3:8 ^dRev.
 5:8

² ^aRev. 8:7 ^bRev. 16:11;
^cEx. 9:9-11; Deut. 28:35 ^dRev.
 13:15-17; 14:9

³ ¹Lit., *soul*. Some ancient
 mss. read, *thing, the things*
in the sea.
^aRev. 8:8f.; Ex. 7:17-21; Rev.
 11:6

⁴ ¹Some ancient mss.
 read, *it became*
^aRev. 8:10 ^bEx. 7:17-20; Rev.
 11:6

⁵ ^aJohn 17:25 ^bRev. 11:17
^cRev. 15:4 ^dRev. 6:10

⁶ ¹Lit., *are worthy*
^aRev. 18:24; Rev. 17:6 ^bIs.
 49:26; Luke 11:49-51

⁷ ^aRev. 6:9; 14:18 ^bRev.
 1:8 ^cRev. 19:2; 15:3

⁸ ^aRev. 6:12 ^bRev. 14:18

⁹ ¹Lit., *great*
^aRev. 16:11, 21 ^bRev. 2:21
^cRev. 11:13

¹⁰ ^aRev. 13:2 ^bRev. 8:12;
 9:2; Ex. 10:21f.; Is. 8:22

¹¹ ^aRev. 16:9, 21 ^bRev.
 11:13 ^cRev. 16:2 ^dRev. 2:21

¹² ¹Lit., *rising of the sun*
^aRev. 9:14 ^bIs. 11:15f.; 44:27;
 Jer. 51:32, 36 ^cIs. 41:2, 25;
 46:11 ^dRev. 7:2

¹³ ^aRev. 12:3 ^bRev. 13:1
^cRev. 19:20; 20:10; Rev.
 13:11, 14 ^dRev. 18:2 ^eEx. 8:6

¹⁴ ¹Lit., *inhabited earth*
^a1 Tim. 4:1 ^bRev. 13:13
^cRev. 3:10 ^dRev. 20:8;
 17:14; 19:19; 1 Kin. 22:21-23
^eRev. 6:17

¹⁵ ^aRev. 3:3, 11 ^bLuke
 12:37

⁵ After these things I looked, and ^athe ¹temple of the
^btabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,

⁶ and the ^aseven angels who had the seven plagues ^bcame
 out of the ¹temple, clothed ^cin ²linen, clean *and* bright, and
^dgirded around their breasts with golden girdles.

⁷ And one of the ^afour living creatures gave to the ^bseven
 angels seven ^cgolden bowls full of the ^dwrath of God, who
^elives forever and ever.

⁸ And the ¹temple was filled with ^asmoke from the glory
 of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the
¹temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were
 finished.

CHAPTER 16

AND I heard a loud voice from ^athe ¹temple, saying to the
^bseven angels, "Go and ^cpour out the ^dseven bowls of the wrath
 of God into the earth."

² And the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl ^ainto
 the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant ^bsores
 upon the men ^cwho had the mark of the beast and who wor-
 shipped his image.

³ And the second *angel* poured out his bowl ^ainto the
 sea, and it became blood like ^bthat of a dead man; and every
 living ¹thing in the sea died.

⁴ And the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the ^arivers
 and the springs of waters; and ^bthey ^bbecame blood.

⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "^aRighteous
 art Thou, ^bwho art and who wast, O ^cHoly One, because Thou
 didst ^djudge these things;

⁶ for they poured out ^athe blood of saints and prophets,
 and Thou hast given them ^bblood to drink. They ¹deserve it."

⁷ And I heard ^athe altar saying, "Yes, O ^bLord God, the
 Almighty, ^ctrue and righteous are Thy judgments."

⁸ And the fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon ^athe
 sun; ^band it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

⁹ And men were scorched with ¹fierce heat; and they
^ablasphemed the name of God who has the power over these
 plagues; and they ^bdid not repent, so as to ^cgive Him glory.

¹⁰ And the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the ^athrone
 of the beast; and his kingdom became ^bdarkened; and
 they gnawed their tongues because of pain.

¹¹ and they ^ablasphemed the ^bGod of heaven because of
 their pains and their ^csores; and they ^ddid not repent of their
 deeds.

¹² And the sixth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the
^agreat river, the Euphrates; and ^bits water was dried up, that
^cthe way might be prepared for the kings ^dfrom the ^eeast.

¹³ And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the ^adragon and
 out of the mouth of the ^bbeast and out of the mouth of the
^cfalse prophet, three ^dunclean spirits like ^efrogs;

¹⁴ for they are ^aspirits of demons, ^bperforming signs,
 which go out to the kings of the ^cwhole ¹world, to ^dgather them
 together for the war of the ^egreat day of God, the Almighty.

¹⁵ (Behold, ^aI am coming like a thief. ^bBlessed is the one

who stays awake and keeps his garments, ^clest he walk about naked and ¹men see his shame.)

16 And they ^agathered them together to the place which ^bin Hebrew is called ¹Har-^cMagedon.

17 And the seventh ^aangel poured out his bowl upon ^athe air; and a ^bloud voice came out of the ¹temple from the throne, saying, "^dIt is done."

18 And there were flashes of ^alightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was ^ba great earthquake, ^csuch as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty.

19 And ^athe great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the ¹nations fell. And ^bBabylon the great was ^cremembered before God, to give her ^dthe cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

20 And ^aevery island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And ^ahuge ¹hailstones, about ²one hundred pounds each, ^acame down from heaven upon men; and men ^bblasphemed God because of the ^cplague of the hail, because its plague ^awas extremely ³severe.

CHAPTER 17 [Ecclesiastical Party]

^aAND one of the ^bseven angels who had the ^cseven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I shall show you ^dthe judgment of the ^egreat harlot who ^fsits on many waters,

2 with whom ^athe kings of the earth committed *acts of* immorality, and ^bthose who dwell on the earth were ^cmade drunk with the wine of her immorality."

3 And ^ahe carried me away ¹in the Spirit ^cinto a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a ^dscarlet beast, full of ^eblasphemous names, having ^fseven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman ^awas clothed in purple and scarlet, and ¹adorned with gold and precious ²stones and pearls, having in her hand ^ba gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,

5 and upon her forehead a name was written, a ^amystery, "^bBABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF ^cTHE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

6 And I saw the woman drunk with the ^ablood of the ¹saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered ²greatly.

7 And the angel said to me, "Why ¹do you wonder? I shall tell you the ^amystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the ^bseven heads and the ten horns.

8 "The beast that you saw ^awas and is not, and is about to come up out of the ^cabyss and ¹to ^dgo to destruction. And ^ethose who dwell on the earth will ^fwonder, ^gwhose name has not been written in the book of life ^bfrom the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, that ^ahe was and is not and will come.

9 "^aHere is the mind which has wisdom. The ^bseven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,

10 and they are seven ^akings; five have fallen, one is, the

¹⁵ Lit., *they*
^cRev. 3:18

¹⁶ Some authorities read, *Armageddon*.
^aRev. 19:19 ^bRev. 9:11 ^cJudg. 5:19; 2 Kin. 23:29f.; 2 Chr. 35:22; Zech. 12:11

¹⁷ Or, *sanctuary*
^aEph. 2:2 ^bRev. 11:15 ^cRev. 14:15 ^dRev. 21:6; Rev. 10:6

¹⁸ ^aRev. 4:5 ^bRev. 6:12
^cDan. 12:1; Matt. 24:21

¹⁹ Or, *Gentiles*
^aRev. 17:18; 18:10, 18f., 21; 11:8 ^bRev. 14:8 ^cRev. 18:5
^dRev. 14:10

20 ^aRev. 6:14; 20:11

²¹ Lit., *hail* ²Lit., *the weight of a talent* ³Lit., *great*
^aRev. 11:19; 8:7 ^bRev. 16:9, 11
^cEx. 9:18-25

¹ ^aRev. 21:9; 1:1 ^bRev. 15:1 ^cRev. 15:7 ^dRev. 16:19
^eRev. 17:5, 15f.; 19:2; Nah. 3:4; Is. 1:21; Jer. 2:20 ^fRev. 17:15; Jer. 51:13

² ^aRev. 18:3, 9; 2:22 ^bRev. 17:8; 3:10 ^cRev. 14:8

³ Or, *in spirit*
^aRev. 21:10 ^bRev. 1:10 ^cRev. 12:6, 14; 21:10 ^dRev. 18:12, 16; Matt. 27:28 ^eRev. 13:1
^fRev. 17:7, 9, 12, 16; 12:3

⁴ Lit., *gilded* ²Lit., *stone*
^aRev. 18:16; 18:12; Ezek. 28:13 ^bJer. 51:7; Rev. 18:6

⁵ ^aRev. 17:7; 2 Thess. 2:7; Rev. 1:20 ^bRev. 14:8; 16:19
^cRev. 17:2

⁶ I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* ²Lit., *with great wonder*
^aRev. 16:6

⁷ Lit., *have you wondered*
^aRev. 17:5; 2 Thess. 2:7; Rev. 1:20 ^bRev. 17:3

⁸ Some ancient mss. read, *he goes*
^aRev. 17:11; 13:3, 12, 14
^bRev. 11:7; 13:1 ^cRev. 9:1; 13:1 ^dRev. 17:11; 13:10 ^eRev. 3:10 ^fRev. 13:3 ^gRev. 3:5
^hRev. 13:8; Matt. 25:34

⁹ ^aRev. 13:18 ^bRev. 17:3

10 ^aRev. 10:11

11 ^aRev. 17:8; 13:3, 12, 14
^bRev. 17:8; 13:10

12 ^aRev. 17:16; 12:3; 13:1
^bRev. 18:10, 17, 19

13 ¹Or, *mind*
^aRev. 17:17

14 ^aRev. 16:14 ^bRev. 3:21
^cRev. 19:16; 1 Tim. 6:15
^dRev. 2:10f. ^eMatt. 22:14

15 ^aRev. 17:1; Is. 8:7; Jer. 47:2 ^bRev. 5:9

16 ^aRev. 17:12 ^bRev. 18:17,
19 ^cEzek. 16:37, 39 ^dRev.
19:18 ^eRev. 18:8

17 ¹Or, *mind* ²Lat., *even to do one mind and to give*
²Cor. 8:16 ^aRev. 17:13
^cRev. 10:7

18 ¹Lat., *has a kingdom*
^aRev. 16:19; 11:8

1 ^aRev. 17:1, 7 ^bRev. 10:1
^cEzek. 43:2

2 ¹Or, *haunt*
^aRev. 14:8 ^bIs. 13:21f.; 34:11,
13:15; Jer. 50:39; 51:37;
Zeph. 2:14f. ^cRev. 16:13

3 ¹Many ancient mss.
read, *have fallen by* ²Lat.,
wrath ³Lat., *power* ⁴Or,
luxury
^aRev. 14:8 ^bRev. 18:9; 17:2
^cRev. 18:11, 15; 18:19, 23;
Ezek. 27:9-25 ^dRev. 18:7, 9;
1 Tim. 5:11

4 ^aIs. 52:11; Jer. 50:8; 51:6,
9, 45; 2 Cor. 6:17

5 ¹Lat., *joined together*
^aJer. 51:9 ^bRev. 16:19

6 ¹Lat., *double to her*
^aPs. 137:8; Jer. 50:15, 29
^bRev. 17:4

7 ¹Or, *luxuriously*
^aEzek. 28:2-8 ^bRev. 18:3, 9;
1 Tim. 5:11 ^cIs. 47:7f.; Zeph.
2:15

8 ¹Or, *death*
^aIs. 47:9; Jer. 50:31f.; Rev.
18:10 ^bRev. 17:16 ^cJer. 50:34;
Rev. 11:17f.

9 ¹Or, *luxuriously*
^aRev. 18:3; 17:2 ^bRev. 18:3,
7; 1 Tim. 5:11 ^cEzek. 26:16f.;
27:35 ^dRev. 18:18; 14:11;
19:3

other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

11 "And the beast which ^awas and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is *one* of the seven, and he ^bgoes to destruction.

12 "And the ^aten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast ^bfor one hour.

13 "These have ^aone ¹purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast.

14 "These will wage ^awar against the Lamb, and the Lamb will ^bovercome them, because He is ^cLord of lords and ^cKing of kings, and ^dthose who are with Him *are the* ^ecalled and chosen and faithful."

15 And he ^asaid to me, "The ^awaters which you saw where the harlot sits, are ^bpeoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

16 "And the ^aten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her ^bdesolate and ^cnaked, and will ^deat her flesh and will ^eburn her up with fire.

17 "For ^aGod has put it in their hearts to execute His ¹purpose ²by ^bhaving a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the ^cwords of God should be fulfilled.

18 "And the woman whom you saw is ^athe great city, which ¹reigns over the kings of the earth."

CHAPTER 18 [Commercial Part]

AFTER these things I saw ^aanother angel ^bcoming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was ^cilluminated with his glory.

2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "^aFallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she ^bhas become a dwelling place of demons and a ¹prison of every ^cunclean spirit, and a ¹prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 "For all the nations ¹have drunk of the ^awine of the ²passion of her immorality, and ^bthe kings of the earth have committed *acts of immorality* with her, and the ^cmerchants of the earth have become rich by the ³wealth of her ^dsensuality."

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "^aCome out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues;

5 for her sins have ¹piled up as high as heaven, and God has ^bremembered her iniquities.

6 "^aPay her back even as she has paid, and ¹give back to her double according to her deeds; in the ^bcup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her.

7 "^aTo the degree that she glorified herself and ^blived ¹sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, "I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning."

8 "For this reason ^ain one day her plagues will come, ¹pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be ^bburned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her ^cis strong.

9 "And ^athe kings of the earth, who committed *acts of immorality* and ^blived ¹sensuously with her, will ^cweep and lament over her when they ^dsee the smoke of her burning,

10 ^astanding at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ^bWoe, woe, ^cthe great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in ^done hour your judgment has come.'

II 11 "And the ^amerchants of the earth ^bweep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more;

12 cargoes of ^agold and silver and precious ¹stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and ²bronze and iron and marble,

13 and cinnamon and ¹spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargoes* of horses and chariots and ²slaves, and ³human lives.

14 "And the fruit ¹you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *men* will no longer find them.

15 "The ^amerchants of ^bthese things, who became rich from her, will ^cstand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,

16 saying, ^aWoe, woe, ^bthe great city, she who ^cwas clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and ¹adorned with gold and precious ²stones and pearls;

III 17 for in ^aone hour such great wealth has been laid ^bwaste.' And ^cevery shipmaster and every ¹passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, ^astood at a distance,

18 and were ^acrying out as they ^bsaw the smoke of her burning, saying, ^cWhat city is like ^dthe great city?

19 "And they threw ^adust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ^bWoe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea ^cbecame rich by her ¹wealth, for in ^bone hour she has been laid ^dwaste.'

20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you ¹saints and ^bapostles and prophets, because ^cGod has ²pronounced judgment for you against her."

21 And ¹a ^astrong angel ^btook up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus will Babylon, ^cthe great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer.

22 "And ^athe sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the ^bsound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer;

23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the ^avoice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your ^bmerchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived ^cby your sorcery.

24 "And in her was found the ^ablood of prophets and of ¹saints and of ^ball who have been slain on the earth."

CHAPTER 19

AFTER these things I heard, as it were, a ^aloud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

"^bHallelujah! ^cSalvation and ^dglory and power belong to our God;

2 ^aBECAUSE HIS ^bJUDGMENTS ARE ^cTRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for

10 ^aRev. 18:15, 17 ^bRev. 18:16, 19 ^cRev. 18:16, 18, 19, 21; 11:8; 16:19 ^dRev. 18:17, 19; 17:12; 18:8

11 ^aRev. 18:3, 15; 18:19, 23; Ezek. 27:9-25 ^bEzek. 27:27-34

12 ¹Lit., stone ²Or, brass ^aRev. 17:4; Ezek. 27:12-22

13 ¹Lit., amonium ²Lit., bodies ³Lit., souls of men ^aEzek. 27:13; 1 Chr. 5:21 marg.; 1 Tim. 1:10

14 ¹Lit., of your soul's desire

15 ^aRev. 18:3 ^bRev. 18:12, 13 ^cRev. 18:10

16 ¹Lit., gilded ²Lit., stone and pearl ^aRev. 18:10, 19 ^bRev. 18:10, 18, 19, 21 ^cRev. 17:4

17 ¹Lit., one who sails anywhere ^aRev. 18:10 ^bRev. 18:19; 17:16 ^cEzek. 27:28f.

18 ^aEzek. 27:30 ^bRev. 18:9 ^cEzek. 27:32; Rev. 13:4 ^dRev. 18:10

19 ¹Lit., costliness ^aJosh. 7:6; Job 2:12; Lam. 2:10 ^bRev. 18:10 ^cRev. 18:3, 15 ^dRev. 18:17; 17:16

20 ¹Lit., true believers, lit., holy ones ²Lit., judged your judgment of her ^aJer. 51:48; Rev. 12:12 ^bLuke 11:49f. ^cRev. 19:2; 18:6ff.; 6:10

21 ¹Lit., one ^aRev. 5:2; 10:1 ^bJer. 51:6ff. ^cRev. 18:10

22 ¹Is. 24:8; Ezek. 26:13; Matt. 9:23 ^bEccles. 12:4; Jer. 25:10

23 ^aJer. 7:34; 16:9 ^bIs. 23:8; Rev. 18:3; 6:15 ^cNah. 3:4; Rev. 9:21

24 ¹Lit., true believers, lit., holy ones ^aRev. 16:6; 17:6 ^bMatt. 23:35

1 ^aRev. 19:6; 11:15; Jer. 51:48 ^bRev. 19:3, 4, 6; Ps. 101:35 marg. ^cRev. 7:10 ^dRev. 4:11

2 ^aPs. 19:9 ^bRev. 6:10 ^cRev. 16:7

² ¹Lit., *from her hand*
⁴Rev. 17:1 ²Deut. 32:43;
 Rev. 18:20; 16:6; 2 Kin. 9:7

³ ¹Is. 34:10; Rev. 19:1, 4, 6;
 Ps. 104:35 ²Rev. 14:11

⁴ ¹Rev. 4:4, 10 ²Rev. 4:6
³Rev. 4:10 ⁴Rev. 5:14; Ps.
 106:48 and marg. ⁵Rev. 19:3,
 6, Ps. 104:35

⁵ ¹Ps. 115:13; 134:1; 135:1
²Rev. 11:18

⁶ ¹Rev. 19:1; 11:15; Jer.
 51:48 ²Rev. 1:15 ³Rev. 6:1
⁴Rev. 1:8

⁷ ¹Lit., *wife*
²Rev. 11:13 ³Rev. 19:9;
 Matt. 22:2; 25:10; Luke
 12:36; John 3:29; Eph. 5:23,
 32 ⁴Rev. 21:2; Matt. 1:20;
 Rev. 21:9

⁸ ¹i.e., true believers; lit.,
holy ones
²Rev. 19:14; Rev. 15:6 marg.
³Rev. 15:4

⁹ ¹Rev. 19:10; 17:1 ²Rev.
 1:19 ³Luke 14:15; 22:16
⁴Rev. 21:5; 22:6; 17:17

¹⁰ ¹Rev. 22:8 ²Rev. 22:9;
 Acts 10:26 ³Rev. 1:16 ⁴Rev.
 12:17

¹¹ ¹Rev. 4:1; John 1:51
²Rev. 19:19, 21; 6:2 ³Rev.
 3:14 ⁴Is. 11:4

¹² ¹Rev. 1:14 ²Rev. 6:2;
 12:3 ³Rev. 19:16; 2:17

¹³ ¹Is. 63:3 ²John 1:1

¹⁴ ¹Rev. 19:8 ²Rev. 3:4;
 19:8

¹⁵ ¹Or, *shepherd* ²Lit.,
*wine press of the wine of His
 fierce wrath*
³Rev. 1:16; 19:21 ⁴Is. 11:4;
 2 Thess. 2:8 ⁵Rev. 2:27 ⁶Rev.
 14:19, 20

¹⁶ ¹Rev. 19:12; 2:17 ²Rev.
 17:14

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *one*
²Rev. 19:21 ³Rev. 8:13 ⁴Jer.
 12:9; Ezek. 39:17; 1 Sam.
 17:44 ⁵Is. 34:6; Jer. 46:10

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *chiliarchs*, in
 command of one thousand
 troops
²Ezek. 39:18-20 ³Rev. 6:15
⁴Rev. 11:18; 13:16; 19:5

¹⁹ ¹Rev. 11:7; 13:1 ²Rev.
 16:14, 16 ³Rev. 19:11, 21

²⁰ ¹Or, *by his authority*
²Rev. 16:13 ³Rev. 13:13
⁴Rev. 13:12

He has judged the ^dgreat harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS ^{AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS} ¹ON HER."

3 And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! Her ^bSMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER."

4 And the ^atwenty-four elders and the ^bfour living creatures ^cfell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

5 And a voice came from the throne, saying, "GIVE PRAISE TO OUR GOD, ALL YOU HIS BOND-SERVANTS, ^bYOU WHO FEAR HIM, THE SMALL AND THE GREAT."

6 And I heard, as it were, ^athe voice of a great multitude and as ^bthe sound of many waters and as the ^csound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

"Hallelujah! For the ^dLord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and ^agive the glory to Him, for ^bthe marriage of the Lamb has come and His ^cbride has made herself ready."

8 And it was given to her to clothe herself in ^afine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the ^brighteous acts of the ¹saints.

9 And ^ahe ^{*}said to me, "Write, ^cBlessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he ^{*}said to me, "These are true words of God."

10 And ^aI fell at his feet to worship him. ^bAnd he ^{*}said to me, "Do not do that; I am a ^cfellow-servant of yours and your brethren who ^dhold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

11 And I saw ^aheaven opened; and behold, a ^bwhite horse, and He who sat upon it is called ^cFaithful and True; and in ^drighteousness He judges and wages war.

12 And His ^aeyes are a flame of fire; and upon His head are many ^bdiadems; and He has a ^cname written upon Him which no one knows except Himself.

13 And ^bHe is clothed with a ^arobe dipped in blood; and His name is called ^bThe Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in ^afine linen, ^bwhite *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

15 And ^afrom His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that ^bwith it He may smite the nations; and He will ¹rule them with a rod of iron; and ^dHe treads the ²wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has ^aa name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 And I saw ¹an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to ^aall the birds which fly in ^bmidheaven, "Come, assemble for the ^dgreat supper of God:

18 in order that you may ^aeat the flesh of kings and the flesh of ¹commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, ^bboth free men and slaves, and ^csmall and great."

19 And I saw ^athe beast and ^bthe kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who ^csat upon the horse, and against His army.

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the ^afalse prophet who ^bperformed the signs ¹in his presence, by which he

Satan Bound. The Millenium.
Satan Loosed. The Great White Throne.

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^ddeceived those who had received the ^emark of the beast and those who ^fworshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the ^glake of ^hfire which burns with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which ^acame from the mouth of him who ^bsat upon the horse, and ^call the birds were filled with their flesh.

CHAPTER 20

AND I saw ^aan angel coming down from heaven, having the ^bkey of the abyss and a great chain ⁱⁿ his hand.

2 And he laid hold of the ^adragon, the serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and ^bbound him for a thousand years,

3 and threw him into the ^aabyss, and shut *it* and ^bsealed *it* over him, so that he should ^cnot deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must ^dbe released for a short time.

4 And I saw ^athrones, and ^bthey sat upon them, and ^cjudgment was given to them. And I saw ^dthe souls of those who had been ^ebeheaded because of the ^ftestimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not ^gworshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the ^hmark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they ⁱcame to life and ^{reigned} with Christ for a thousand years.

5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. ^aThis is the first resurrection.

6 ^aBlessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the ^bsecond death has no power, but they will be ^cpriests of God and of Christ and will ^dreign with Him for a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be ^areleased from his prison,

8 and will come out to ^adeceive the nations which are in the ^bfour corners of the earth, ^cGog and Magog, to ^dgather them together for the war; the number of them is like the ^esand of the ^lseashore.

9 And they ^acame up on the ^lbroad plain of the earth and surrounded the ^bcamp of the ²saints and the ^cbeloved city, and ^dfire came down from heaven and devoured them.

10 And ^athe devil who ^adeceived them was thrown into the ^llake of fire and brimstone, where the ^cbeast and the ^cfalse prophet are also; and they will be ^dtormented day and night forever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white ^athrone and Him who sat upon it, from whose ^lpresence ^bearth and heaven fled away, and ^cno place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, the ^agreat and the small, standing before the throne, and ^bbooks were opened; and another ²book was opened, which is ^cthe book of life; and the dead ^dwere judged from the things which were written in the ^lbooks, ^eaccording to their deeds. I LEARNED FROM LIFE THAT THE DEAD

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and ^adeath and Hades ^bgave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of *them* ^caccording to their deeds.

²⁰ ^aRev. 13:14 ^bRev. 13:16f. ^cRev. 13:15 [12] ^dRev. 20:10, 14f.; 21:8 ^eRev. 14:10; Is. 30:33; Dan. 7:11

21 ^aRev. 19:15 ^bRev. 19:11, 19 ^cRev. 19:17

1 ^l Lit., upon ^aRev. 10:1 ^bRev. 1:18; 9:1

2 ^aRev. 12:9 ^bIs. 24:22; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6

3 ^aRev. 20:1 ^bDan. 6:17; Matt 27:66 ^cRev. 20:8, 10; 12:9

4 ^aDan. 7:9 ^bRev. 3:21; Matt. 19:28 ^cDan. 7:22; 1 Cor. 6:2 ^dRev. 6:9 ^eRev. 1:9 ^fRev. 13:15 [12] ^gRev. 13:16f. ^hJohn 14:19; Is. 26:14 ⁱRev. 20:6; 22:5; 3:21; 5:10

5 ^aLuke 14:14; Phil. 3:11; 1 Thess. 4:16

6 ^aRev. 14:13 ^bRev. 20:14; 2:11 ^cRev. 1:6 ^dRev. 20:4; 22:5; 3:21; 5:10

7 ^aRev. 20:2

8 ^l Lit., sea ^aRev. 20:3; 10; 12:9 ^bRev. 7:1 ^cEzek. 38:2; 39:1, 6 ^dRev. 16:14 ^eHeb. 11:12

9 ^l Lit., breadth of the earth ²¹ c., true believers; lit., holy ones ^aEzek. 38:9, 16; Hab. 1:6 ^bDeut. 23:14 ^cPs. 87:2 ^dEzek. 38:22; 39:6; Rev. 13:13

10 ^aRev. 20:2f. ^bRev. 20:14, 15; 19:20 ^cRev. 16:13 ^dRev. 14:10f.

11 ^l Lit., face ^aRev. 4:2 ^bRev. 6:14; 21:1 ^cDan. 2:35; Rev. 12:8

12 ^l Or, scrolls ² Or, scroll ^aRev. 11:18 ^bDan. 7:10; Jer. 17:1; 10 ^cRev. 20:15; 3:5 ^dRev. 11:18 ^eRev. 20:13; 2:23; Matt. 16:27

13 ^aRev. 6:8; Rev. 1:18; 21:4; 1 Cor. 15:26 ^bIs. 26:19 ^cRev. 20:12; 2:23; Matt. 16:27

14 ^aRev. 6:8; 1:18; 21:4;
1 Cor. 15:26 ^bRev. 20:10, 15;
19:20 ^cRev. 20:6

15 ¹Lit., anyone was
^aRev. 20:12; 3:5

1 ^aIs. 65:17; 66:22; 2 Pet.
3:13 ^bRev. 20:11; 2 Pet. 3:10

2 ^aRev. 21:10; 22:19; 11:2
^bRev. 3:12; 21:10 ^cRev.
21:10; Heb. 11:10, 16 ^dRev.
21:9; 22:17; 19:7; Is. 61:10

3 ¹Or, tabernacle ²Some
ancient ins. add, and be
their God
^aLev. 26:11f.; Ezek. 37:27;
48:35; Rev. 7:15; Heb. 8:2
^bJohn 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:16

4 ^aRev. 7:17 ^bRev. 20:14;
1 Cor. 15:26 ^cIs. 25:8; 35:10;
51:11; 65:19 ^d2 Cor. 5:17;
Heb. 12:27

5 ^aRev. 20:11; 4:9 ^b2 Cor.
5:17; Heb. 12:27 ^cRev. 22:6;
19:9

6 ¹Lit., They are
^aRev. 16:17; 10:6 ^bRev. 1:8;
22:13 ^cRev. 22:17; Is. 55:1;
John 4:10; Rev. 7:17 ^dRev.
7:17

7 ^aRev. 2:7 ^bRev. 21:3;
2 Sam. 7:14; 2 Cor. 6:16, 18

8 ¹Or, untrustworthy
^aRev. 21:27; 22:13; 1 Cor.
6:9; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 9:21
^bRev. 19:20 ^cRev. 2:11

9 ¹Lit., who were full
^aRev. 17:1 ^bRev. 15:7 ^cRev.
15:1 ^dRev. 17:1 ^eRev. 21:2;
19:7

10 ¹Or, in spirit
^aRev. 17:3; Ezek. 40:2 ^bRev.
1:10 ^cRev. 21:2

11 ¹Lit. luminary
^aRev. 15:8; 21:23; Is. 60:1f.;
Ezek. 43:2; Rev. 22:5 ^bRev.
21:18, 19; 4:3 ^cRev. 4:6

12 ¹Lit., having
^aEzek. 48:31-34 ^bRev. 21:15,
21:25; 22:14

14 ^aEph. 2:20; Heb. 11:10
^bActs 1:26

15 ¹Lit., measure, a gold
reed
^aRev. 11:1 ^bRev. 21:21, 25;
21:12

16 ¹Lit., reed

14 And ^adeath and Hades were thrown into ^bthe lake of fire. This is the ^csecond death, the lake of fire.

15 And if ¹anyone's name was not found written in ^athe book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

CHAPTER 21

AND I saw ^aa new heaven and a new earth; for ^bthe first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

2 And I saw ^athe holy city, ^bnew Jerusalem, ^ccoming down out of heaven from God, ^dmade ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, ^athe tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall ^bdwell among them, and they shall be His peoples, and God Himself shall be among them;²

4 and He shall ^awipe away every tear from their eyes; and ^bthere shall no longer be any death; ^cthere shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; ^dthe first things have passed away."

5 And ^aHe who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am ^bmaking all things new." And He ^csaid, "Write, for ^cthese words are faithful and true."

6 And He said to me, "¹It is done. I am the ^bAlpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. ^cI will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the ^dwater of life without cost.

7 ^aHe who overcomes shall inherit these things, and ^bhe will be his God and he will be My son.

8 ^aBut for the cowardly and ^bunbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part ^{will be} in ^bthe lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the ^csecond death."

9 ^aAnd one of the seven angels who had the ^bseven bowls ¹full of the ^cseven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "^dCome here, I shall show you the ^ebride, the wife of the Lamb."

10 And ^ahe carried me away ^bin the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me ^cthe holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 having ^athe glory of God. Her ¹brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a ^bstone of ^ccrystal-clear jasper.

12 ¹It had a great and high wall, ^{1a}with twelve ^bgates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names ^{were} written on them, which are ^{those of} the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

13 ^{There were} three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

14 And the wall of the city had ^atwelve foundation stones, and on them ^{were} the twelve names of the ^btwelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And the one who spoke with me had a ¹gold measuring ^arod to measure the city, and its ^bgates and its wall.

16 And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the ¹rod,

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²fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, ¹seventy-two yards, *according to* ^ahuman ²measurements, which are *also* ^bangelic measurements.

18 And the material of the wall was ^ajasper; and the city was ^bpure gold, like ¹clear ^cglass.

19 ^aThe foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was ^bjasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, ^cemerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, ^asardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chryso-
prase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve ^agates were twelve ^bpearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was ^cpure gold, like transparent ^dglass.

22 And I saw ^ano ¹temple in it, for the ^bLord God, the Almighty, and the ^cLamb, are its ¹temple.

23 And the city ^ahas no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for ^bthe glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the ^cLamb.

24 And ^athe nations shall walk by its light, and the ^bkings of the earth ¹shall bring their glory into it.

25 And in the daytime (for ^athere shall be no night there) ^bits gates ^cshall never be closed;

26 and ^athey shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

27 and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, ^ashall ever come into it, but only those ^bwhose names are ^cwritten in the Lamb's book of life.

CHAPTER 22

AND ^ahe showed me a ^briver of the ^cwater of life, ¹clear ^das crystal, coming from the throne of God and of ²the Lamb,

2 in the middle of ^aits street. And ^bon either side of the river was ^cthe tree of life, bearing twelve ¹kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the ^bleaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And ^athere shall no longer be any curse; and ^bthe throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall ^cserve Him;

4 and they shall ^asee His face, and His ^bname shall be on their ^cforeheads.

5 And ^athere shall no longer be *any* night; and they ¹shall not have need ^bof the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall ^creign forever and ever.

6 And ^ahe said to me, "^bThese words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the ^cGod of the spirits of the prophets, ^dsent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must shortly take place.

7 "And behold, ^aI am coming quickly. ^bBlessed is he who ¹heeds ^cthe words of the prophecy of this book."

8 And ^aI John am the one who heard and saw these

Revelation 21, 22

¹⁶ ¹Lit., *twelve thousand stadia*, a stadion was about 600 ft.

¹⁷ ¹Lit., *one hundred forty-four cubits* ²Lit., *measure* ³Deut. 3:11; Rev. 13:18 ⁴Rev. 21:9

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *pure* ²Rev. 21:11 ³Rev. 21:21 ⁴Rev. 4:6

¹⁹ ¹Is. 54:11f.; Rev. 21:19, 20; Ex. 28:17-20; Ezek. 28:13 ²Rev. 21:11 ³Rev. 4:3

²⁰ ²Rev. 4:3

²¹ ²Rev. 21:15, 25; 21:12 ³Rev. 17:4; Is. 54:12 ⁴Rev. 21:18 ⁵Rev. 4:6

²² ¹Or, *sanctuary* ²John 4:21; Matt. 24:2 ³Rev. 1:8 ⁴Rev. 5:6; 7:17; 14:4

²³ ¹Is. 60:19, 20; 24:23; Rev. 21:25; 22:5 ²Rev. 21:11 ³Rev. 5:6; 7:17; 14:4

²⁴ ¹Lit., *bring* ²Is. 60:3, 5; Rev. 22:2 ³Ps. 72:10f.; Is. 49:23; 60:16; Rev. 21:26

²⁵ ²Rev. 22:5; 21:23; Zech. 14:7 ³Rev. 21:15; 21:12 ⁴Is. 60:11

²⁶ ²Ps. 72:10f.; Is. 49:23; 60:16

²⁷ ¹Lit., *who are* ²Rev. 22:14f.; Is. 52:1; Ezek. 44:9; Zech. 14:21 ³Rev. 1:5

¹ ¹Lit., *bright* ²Or, *the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was* ³Rev. 21:9; 22:6; 1:1 ⁴Ps. 46:4; Ezek. 47:1 ⁵Rev. 22:17; 7:17 ⁶Rev. 4:6

² ¹Or, *crops of fruit* ²Rev. 21:21 ³Ezek. 47:12 ⁴Rev. 22:14, 19; 2:7

³ ²Zech. 14:11 ³Rev. 21:3; 2:3 ⁴Rev. 7:15

⁴ ²Matt. 5:8; Ps. 17:15; 42:2 ³Rev. 14:1 ⁴Rev. 7:3

⁵ ¹Lit., *do not have* ²Rev. 21:25; Zech. 14:7 ³Rev. 21:23 ⁴Dan. 7:18, 27; Rev. 20:4; Matt. 19:28; Rom. 5:17

⁶ ²Rev. 21:9; 1:1 ³Rev. 21:5; 19:9 ⁴Cor. 14:32; Heb. 12:9 ⁵Rev. 22:16; 1:1

⁷ ¹Or, *keeps* ²Rev. 22:12, 20; 3:11; 1:3; 3:3; 16:15 ³Rev. 1:3; 16:15 ⁴Rev. 22:10, 18f.; 22:9; 1:11

⁸ ²Rev. 1:1

⁸ ^bRev. 19:10

⁹ ¹Or, *keep*
^aRev. 19:10 ^bRev. 1:1 ^cRev. 22:10, 18f.; Rev. 1:11

¹⁰ ^aRev. 10:4; Dan. 8:26
^bRev. 22:18f.; 22:9; 1:11
^cRev. 1:3

¹¹ ^aEzek. 3:27; Dan. 12:10

¹² ¹Lit., *as his work is*
^aRev. 22:7 ^bIs. 40:10; 62:11
^cRev. 2:23; Jer. 17:10; Matt. 16:27

¹³ ^aRev. 1:8 ^bRev. 1:17
^cRev. 21:6

¹⁴ ^aRev. 7:14 ^bRev. 22:2
^cRev. 21:27 ^dRev. 21:12

¹⁵ ^aRev. 21:8; 1 Cor. 6:9f.;
Gal. 5:19ff.; Matt. 8:12
^bDeut. 23:18; Matt. 7:6; Phil. 3:2

¹⁶ ¹Or, *concerning*
^aRev. 1:1 ^bRev. 22:6; 1:1
^cRev. 1:4, 11; 3:22 ^dRev. 5:5
^eMatt. 1:1 ^fRev. 2:28; Matt. 2:2

¹⁷ ^aRev. 2:7; 14:13 ^bRev. 21:9; 21:2 ^cRev. 21:6 ^dRev. 7:17; 22:1

¹⁸ ^aRev. 22:7 ^bDeut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6 ^cRev. 15:6-16, 21 ^dRev. 22:7

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *out of*
^aDeut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6
^bRev. 22:7 ^cRev. 22:2 ^dRev. 21:10-22:5

²⁰ ^aRev. 1:2 ^bRev. 22:7
^c1 Cor. 16:22 marg.

²¹ ¹Some ancient mss.
read, *the saints*
^aRom. 16:20

things. And when I heard and saw, ^bI fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 And ^ahe ^ssaid to me, "Do not do that; I am a ^bfellow-servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who ¹heard the words of ^cthis book: worship God."

10 And he ^ssaid to me, "Do not seal up ^bthe words of the prophecy of this book, ^cfor the time is near.

11 "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and let the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and let the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.

12 "Behold, ^aI am coming quickly, and ^MMy ^bbreward is with Me, ^cto render to every man ¹according to what he has done.

13 "I am the ^aAlpha and the Omega, ^bthe first and the last, ^cthe beginning and the end."

14 Blessed are those who ^awash their robes, that they may have the right to ^bthe tree of life, and may ^center by the ^dgates into the city.

15 ^aOutside are the ^bdogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

16 "^aI, Jesus, have sent ^bMy angel to testify to you these things ¹for the churches. I am ^dthe root and the ^eoffspring of David, the bright ^fmorning star."

17 And the ^aSpirit and the ^bbride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And ^clet the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the ^dwater of life without cost.

18 I testify to everyone who hears ^athe words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone ^badds to them, God shall add to him ^cthe plagues which are written in ^dthis book;

19 and if anyone ^atakes away from the ^bwords of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from ^cthe tree of life and ¹from the holy city, ^dwhich are written in this book.

20 He who ^atestifies to these things says, "Yes, ^bI am coming quickly." Amen. ^cCome, Lord Jesus.

21 ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus be with ¹all. Amen.